

Patrick’s Pub & Eatery voted Best Irish Pub in NH

GILFORD — Patrick’s Pub & Eatery in Gilford has been selected by readers of the New Hampshire Magazine’s “Best of NH 2020” Readers Poll as the Best Irish Pub in New Hampshire. In addition, they were voted the Favorite Restaurant and Best Burger in the Lakes Region.

“Our managers and staff deserve this credit for their efforts and commitment to hospitality, and we are all very proud of this recognition,” said co-owner Allan Beetle. “There are many great restaurants in the Lakes Region, and we are very appreciative of our loyal customers who voted for us.”

General Manager Megan Page, Bar Manager Tracey Sopinsky, along with Kitchen Managers Rick Morten and Ethan Coble combine for more than 65 years working at Patrick’s. General Manager Megan Page began as a server in 2002 and is now responsible for the



A winning management team with over 75 years’ experience working at Patrick’s Pub & Eatery in Gilford, their management team includes (left to right) Ethan Coble, Tracey Sopinsky, Rick Morten, Becki Carmen and Kathryn Mckenna (both seated), General Manager Megan Page and Dana Lamothe.

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Public hearing scheduled on sewer rate change

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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Town sewer users could see a nearly \$4 increase in their bills with a proposed revision to the town’s sewer rate calculations.

The selectmen scheduled a public hearing for July 22 to review and take comment on amendments to the sewer rates fee schedule.

Finance Director Holly Burbank wrote a memo to Town Administrator Scott Dunn dated July 6 that her department working with Public Works had finished an annual review of the sewer rate calculations. The proposed changes to the rates are based on the estimated flow for the year 2020 as well as comparisons to the current rates.

The proposed changes are an over \$4 decrease to administrative fees, dropping from \$17.52 per quarter per living unit to \$13.51.

“This is a 23.5 percent decrease, due primarily to a decrease in the Winnepesaukee River Basin Project Administrative fees,” Burbank wrote.

Additionally, there will also be a 78 cent increase in usage rates from \$5.20 per thousand gallons to \$5.98. Burbank wrote this 15 percent increase was proposed because of a \$95,414 increase in state costs.

Burbank wrote that users could see a small increase in their quarterly bills overall of around \$3.50 to \$4 depending on total usage.

All other sewer rates will stay as they are. Currently there is a flow charge of \$5.98 per 1,000 gallons, a \$1,500 connection fee including the permit application, a \$25 meter inspection fee, (which is waived if the meter is defective and repaired or replaced), a \$25 disconnect/reconnect fee, and a late fee of 12 percent per year.

The hearing will take place during the selectmen’s meeting on Wednesday, July 22, starting at 7 p.m.

For the full hearing notice along with Burbank’s memo and attached data on the calculations and sewer system, visit the town Web site at gilfordnh.org.

Rafting for Wishes going virtual

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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REGION — Rafting for Wishes will go virtual this year with teams asked to raft for 10 hours in a place of their choosing to raise money for children’s wishes.

This year marks the 10th year of Rafting For Wishes, a major fundraiser for Make-A-Wish New Hampshire. Each year teams will float on rafts over a 24-hour period to raise money for Make-A-Wish. Proceeds go to help grant wishes for kids across the state with life threatening illnesses.

For the past several years the event has taken place in Meredith Bay with rafts cast off from Hesky Park in Meredith. With the pandemic, however, the Hesky Park is closed for events through the end of July. Now Make-A-Wish is organizing a new version of the event.

This year teams of one to 10 participants are asked to raft in any location of their choosing. According to the website this can be a swimming pool, lake cove,



This year’s Rafting for Wishes will take place online with teams taking to floats in a place of their choosing

or anything else. While the event usually takes place over 24 hours, this year the teams are asked to have representatives on rafts for 10 hours starting Saturday.

Rafting for Wishes will have a virtual kickoff on Zoom this Friday at 8 a.m. and the event will be live several times throughout the day on Make-A-Wish’s Facebook page.

A Make-A-Wish representative will join each team in a 20-min-

ute segment on Facebook where members of the team will answer a “Why Make-A-Wish” question related to their challenge, donations, or fundraiser.

The teams will be expected to join on a closing ceremonies Zoom call at 6 p.m. to toast the end of the event.

This year’s fundraising goal is \$175,000. Teams were given the goal of raising a minimum of \$3,000 each, though because of the

hard economic times the teams that minimum isn’t being enforced. As of Sunday night \$131,793 had already been raised. The event already has met its goal of having 20 teams participate.

Over the past 10 years Rafting for Wishes has raised over \$1 million for Make-A-Wish NH.

For more information, visit <https://friends.nh.wish.org/campaign/2020-rafting-for-wishes/c245738>.

Volunteer workday at Wetlands Walk this Saturday

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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Volunteers are needed for an annual cleanup and maintenance day at the Wetlands Walk at Gunstock this weekend.

The Belknap County Conservation District is holding a “Summer Awakening” volunteer workday at the Wetlands

Walk on Saturday, July 18 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The Wetlands Walk is a boardwalk accessible to people of all abilities. The boardwalk is accessible from the main parking lot of Gunstock or from the handicap accessible spaces in the campground.

The BCCD is looking

for volunteers to help out during those hours.

Because of the pandemic, volunteers are required to wear masks and are asked to stay six feet away from others. According to the announcement on Gunstock’s Web site, the BCCD will provide disposable masks

along with soap and hand sanitizer.

“There are many tasks on the list that allow social distancing and we will be encouraging volunteers to maintain distances,” the BCCD said in the event announcement.

The BCCD will provide some snacks and drinks,

some water will be supplied though volunteers are asked to bring their own. Volunteers are also asked to bring lunches and lawn chairs to sit and relax after a morning of hard work. According to the BCCD while black fly season is over, volunteers could deal with

mosquitos and ticks if they get into brush. The group will provide bug spray, though volunteers are asked to bring their favorite kind.

To volunteer, contact the BCCD at bccdvolunteer@gmail.com.

Notes from the Gilford Public Library

BY MARK THOMAS
Library Correspondent

Your dog loves you. If you don't have a dog, your neighbor's dog probably loves you. A bit of silver lining to the pandemic is that many people were able

to spend more time with their pets! One of the only things we love as much as our dogs is the stories about them. So many books and movies featuring our canine companions enrapture our attention.

One the most promi-

nent authors of dog-centric fiction is David Rosenfelt. His newest book, "Muzzled," continues the Andy Carpenter mysteries. This time, Andy helps a friend handle a dog left behind after an explosion killed his people. Or did it? When

Andy gets a call from the presumed dead dog owner asking for his beloved companion back, Andy will have to look more closely at what's really going on. Rosenfelt's books have all the classic components of a not-too-dark mystery, but the dogs in his stories are world class-making him many reader's pet author.

It's one thing to be a lovable and loyal companion, but it's another thing to be a capable worker. "No Ordinary Dog: My partner from the SEAL teams to the Bin Laden raid" by Will Chesney is about Cairo, the Belgian Malinois military working dog who was a critical SEAL team member in operation Neptune Spear in Pakistan. When his han-

dlar, Will Chesney, was terribly injured by a grenade blast, Cairo's job changed to being Will's psychological and emotional support. "A Dog Named Beautiful" by Rob Kugler is also about the healing support of a canine companion. US Marine Rob Kugler was stricken with grief when he turned to his dog Bella for support. Shortly after Bella lost a leg to cancer, the two of them hit the road to see what they could make of the time they had left together.

Books are where you get the real story, but being able to see dogs and their behaviors in movies is its own kind of entertaining. So dog-lovers should read Garth Stein's "The Art of Racing in the Rain" and then watch the movie too!

After reading about and seeing all these capable and well-behaved dogs, you might be thinking about how sometimes your dog spreads the trash through the house. That's why we have 'Dog Training for Dummies' in our new Pets section. Just remember that even when our dogs roll in scat, they do love us, and we love them.

Classes & Special Events
July 16 - July 23

Thursday, July 16
Imaging Your Story Camp, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
You have ideas. You have stories to tell. Get your words out at this social writing camp. Sign up required.

Storytime, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Join Miss Maria for story-time fun and make a craft from link posted.

Tuesday, July 21
Hansel & Gretel Candy Houses, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Come and make your own rendition of the house from the fairy tale Hansel & Gretel. Sign up required.

Teen Fandom Party, 3-4 p.m.

Come to this Zoom party dressed as your favorite character and get excited for games, quizzes, and more! Sign up for link.

Wednesday, July 22
Beach Storytimes, noon-1 p.m.

Come join us at the Gilford Public Beach for some spectacular stories and take home a surprise!

DIY Fabric Dyes and Tie Dye, 2-3 p.m.

Join Molly and the Community Art Group for a virtual craft workshop on Facebook LIVE! Molly will lead you through creating your own fabric dyes and tie dye from home! Flower and vegetable extracts along with other common kitchen materials can help you create your own beautiful fabric creations.

Thursday, July 23
Learn How to Beatbox, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Learn how to beatbox with Aaron Jones! *sign up for second through sixth grade.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. "28 Summers" by Elin Hilderbrand
2. "The Room Where It Happened" by John Bolton
3. "The Summer House" by James Patterson and Brendan DuBois
4. "Walk the Wire" by David Baldacci
5. "Camino Winds" by John Grisham
6. "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett
7. "A Week at the Shore" by Barbara Delinsky
8. "Hush" by James Patterson and Candice Fox
9. "The Guest List" by Lucy Foley
10. "The 20th Victim" by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro

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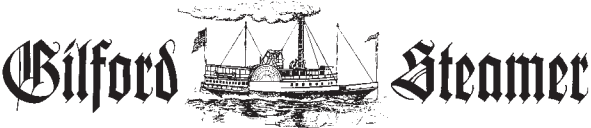
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**A 62+ Community**

Fun activities on tap at Gilford Library

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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Programs at the Gilford Public Library will be working around social distancing to give people of all ages a safe and fun experience.

The library has scheduled a number of fun events for kids, teens, and adults this summer while the summer reading program “Imagine Your Story” continues.

This past week Assistant Librarian Mark Thomas has been hosting “Imagine Your Story Camp,” a writing camp for teens. The event was open to a maximum of 10 participants who had to wear face masks.

Thom will hold another camp for teens from Tuesday, July 28, to Thursday, July 30. In “Imagine Your Future Camp,” youths in grades

5-12 will learn about social tech including Tiktok, Discord, Google Classrooms, online gaming, and more. There is also a 10 participant limit for this in person activity and kids need to wear masks.

On Tuesday, July 22, kids can make their own house from the fairytale “Hansel and Gretel” from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Also on Tuesday Teens can take part in the Teen Fandom Party, a Zoom party where they can dress as their favorite characters and do some games, quizzes, and more fun activities. The party is from 3-4 p.m.

Library assistant Molly and members of the Community Art Group will be hosting a tie dye craft on Facebook Live on Wednesday, July 22

from 2-3 p.m. “DIY Fabric Dyes and Tie Dye” will provide instructions on making dye at home from household materials including flower and vegetable extracts.

On Thursday, July 23, kids in grades two to six can learn to beatbox with Aaron Jones from 10:30-11:30 p.m.

More events will be coming throughout the program until its finale on Aug. 6.

Beach storytime will take place every Wednesday at noon at the Gilford town beach. The activity is open to Gilford residents only.

The library will be open for curbside pickup only on Friday.

A full schedule of events can be found at gilfordlibrary.org.



PHOTO BY ERIN PLUMMER

The Gilford Public Library is holding summer programs. This year, they are either virtual or in-person with precautions.

GILFORD POLICE LOG

=The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests from June 22 to July 9.

Lisa Clark, age 25, of Belmont was arrested on June 22 for Criminal Threatening-conduct.

Brianna Demeritt, age 23, of Barrington was arrested on June 23 on two counts of Driving After Revocation or Suspension.

Randall S. Vetrone, age 51, of Manchester was arrested on June 24 for Theft By Unauthorized Taking in an amount greater than \$1,500.

Nicole M. Tusi, age 33, of Alton was arrested on June 26 for Theft By Unauthorized Taking in an amount greater than \$1,500.

Sage Tiffany Kiedaisch, age 41, of Gilford was arrested on June 27 for Driving While Intoxicated.

Jaki Lynn Choquette, age 18, of Gilford was arrested on June 27 for Misuse of the 911 system and providing False Information to E-911.

Mickayla Cantin, age 21, of Belmont was arrested on June 28 in connection with a bench

warrant.

James M. Babcock, age 68, of Gilford was arrested on June 29 for Theft By Unauthorized Taking or Transfer (Larceny) and Removing or Defacing Political Advertising.

A juvenile was arrested on June 28 for Possession and/or Use of Tobacco Products by a Minor.

Erika A. Spencer Hines, age 45, of Laconia was arrested on June 30 for Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

Wendy Lynn Tillson, age 63, of Gilford was

arrested on June 30 for Driving Under the Influence-Impairment.

Brittany Ford, age 28, current address unknown, was arrested on July 3 in connection with a bench warrant.

Kristen Marie Brown, age 33, of Laconia was arrested on July 3 in connection with a bench warrant.

Kevin Matthew Gregorio, age 24, of Peabody, Mass. was arrested on July 3 for Reckless Operation.

Helena Jasmine Maldonado, age 30, of Kissimmee, Fla. was arrest-

ed on July 4 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension (second offense).

Deborah J. Cheek, age 52, of Gilford was arrested on July 4 for Criminal Trespassing.

A 41-year-old female from Newfields was taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 4.

Sean Keeling Cheney, age 55, of Gilford was arrested on July 6 for Violation of a Protective Order and Breach of Bail.

Several individuals were taken into protective custody for intoxi-

cation during a domestic disturbance call on July 6.

Bradley J. Swinton, age 45, of Laconia was arrested on July 6 for Criminal Trespassing.

Paul M. Doherty, age 56, current address unknown, was arrested on July 7 for Dealing and/or Possession of Prescription Drugs.

Stephanie L. Allard, age 41, of Laconia was arrested on July 9 for Conduct After an Accident.

Rackey Thomas returns to Pitman's this weekend

LACONIA — Pitman's Freight Room at 94 New Salem St. in Laconia is pleased to announce the following events scheduled for this weekend. Doors open at 7 p.m. For reservations, call 494-3334 or visit <http://pitmansfreightroom.com/UpComingEvents.html>.

Robbie Printz and Jason Merrill, Comedy

tonian.Laughter is the best medicine, so go see Robbie Printz and laugh about life, or laugh at him about his life. Either way you'll feel better.

Jason Merrill is a comedy newcomer who has impressed audiences with his street-wise style and good-natured exuberance and is a crowd favorite. He draws upon his real-life experiences to find the funny in everyday life.

cd, and do some gigs around the Boston area. Racky Thomas has a vast repertoire of tunes – blues from world-class bluesmen, plantation gospel (the original blues), rocking electric blues, classic and obscure blues, and Racky Thomas blues! including “Matchbox Blues”, “Biscuit-Bakin’ Woman,” “Mona,” “Sugar-coated Love,” “Big Road Blues,” “Hoochie-Coochie Man,”

and “Mojo Workin’” (to name a few).

Gutsy vocals, down and dirty harmonica, smoking guitar, a killer rhythm section delivering pure unadulterated blues, and you've got the Racky Thomas Band. Twice nominated for Boston Music Awards, and winners of the 1997 Battle of the Blues bands you've only got to experience them once to become a believer.

A fixture on the Boston comedy circuit, Robbie got his start in 1988 and has been performing ever since. He made the rounds on the Cable Comedy shows, including MTV, A&E and Comedy Central. He won the Boston Comedy Festival and was named the Best Comedian in Boston, by the Improper Bos-

Rackey Thomas Blues Band

The Racky Thomas Blues Band has been a torchbearer for the blues since its formation in 1995, when Racky Thomas collaborated with bassist Todd Carson, guitarist Nick Adams, and drummer Ted Larkin to make a demo



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Common sense has left the building

It seems like our country remains, and will remain, divided over how to stop the spread of Covid-19.

It distresses us that common sense seems to have left the building. When our cars break down, we bring them to a mechanic. When our phones or laptops go on the fritz, we bring them to a tech professional to fix them. When we need a new prescription for whatever ails us, or we break a bone, we call the doctor. When we are speeding down the highway and get pulled over for doing so, we are given a ticket to deter us from speeding again, and to keep ourselves and each other safe.

Why, then, when doctors and scientists whose experience and expertise are beyond question almost universally advise us that the best way to slow the spread of this virus is to wear a mask in public and avoid gathering in large groups, are so many so adamant in their refusal to listen? We all want our economy to function normally again. We all want our children to be able to attend school safely. We all want to be able to enjoy shopping at our favorite stores and dining at our favorite restaurants. So why this bullheaded refusal to do two very simple things that will help all of that happen safely? The answer is, regrettably, that like seemingly everything else in today's world, COVID-19 has been politicized.

Here's the thing, though — political affiliation has no effect on reality, and the reality we face at this crucial moment is that we are being stalked by a highly contagious virus. This enemy could not only prove fatal to certain segments of the population; it appears to leave even those who survive it with debilitating health issues that may follow them for the rest of their lives. And it doesn't give a damn what side of the political divide any of us stand on. Masks have always, and still do, helped to decrease the spread of viruses. Granted, certain styles are proven to work better than others, but that is a different discussion. There is ample research demonstrating that even the flimsiest of surgical masks can dramatically reduce the ability of entities like the COVID-19 virus to traverse the air between two people, and at this point, with flare-ups happening across the country, there is simply no excuse for those who are physically able to wear one not to do so.

This brings us to our next point. The fact that you might have found an article published somewhere online purporting to prove that a face mask is unhealthy for the wearer does not make it legitimate. You can find all sorts of misinformation during a Google search that could fuel a point/counterpoint discussion on any topic under the sun. While the Internet was meant to open conversations and was dubbed the 'information superhighway,' it seems the opposite is happening. People rely on ever narrowing social circles, memes, and unverified social media posts to guide them in their behavior, and it has frankly become dangerous. Facebook and Twitter 'trolls' spread misinformation at an alarmingly high rate to create division and unrest, and unfortunately, it has worked. With so much misinformation out there, it's hard to determine what is and what isn't fact. Many argue that COVID-19 is "just the flu," while ignoring the fact that the flu does not cause such a flood of patients at hospitals that they have no space to treat anything else.

According to the CDC, an infected individual, will spread the virus to at least five others. Our elderly population is the most vulnerable; however, that trend has seemed to spread to people of all ages becoming more and more infected with dire outcomes. If we value life, we must value it regardless of age.

No matter what our political persuasion, we all want to win the war against this pandemic. So why the refusal among so many to unite as one team to fight it? One of the defining characteristics of this great country of ours is that each time we have been faced with adversity, we have joined together as one to fight it. If all it takes is wearing a mask and some social distancing to get rid of this virus and to open our schools and economy, then there is no room for this childish refusal to cooperate. We are, and must be, better than this.

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Mist on the mountain

Clouds hang low over Gunstock on a summer evening, though some remaining sunlight was trying to break through.

All of us out there need a good dog for warding off monsters of the night



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

For long moments on the porch no noise at all came through the still air, no dogs barking, no sound of vehicles, nothing but the chirping of tree frogs.

Millie, recently honored with Most Spoiled Dog status by the United Nations (what--you missed that big photo-feature in the paper?), took her usual place on a big cushion, as always facing off the porch, into the breeze, in order to Ward Off Danger, the same job she's always had, but now in a new venue when it officially became warm enough to go outside, which was just last week. And a fine job of it she has done too; not once have I been set upon once by creatures roaring out of the woods.

In fact, I was running some cost-benefit analysis figures the other day, you know, those equations designed to tell you whether you're getting adequate payback per unit of energy expended, stuff like that. And no great surprise to me--because I know she's such Wheaties Box material--Millie actually beat out my regular old insurance policies.

Here's just one of the powerful examples of my fierce dog in action that a mere day and a half's research turned up:

A can of Calo dog food costs about a dollar (I give her just three or four tablespoons morning and night, to augment the super-healthy dry dog food always left out for her in an earth-friendly hand-thrown dish made from locally sourced clay decorated with a non-threat-



JOHN HARRIGAN

Millie was protecting house, building, landscape, but more importantly, me, John D., when she was caught unawares in this photograph taken in early March---any old early March.

ening motif, which she noses out of the dish and proceeds to carry or bulldoze with her snout all over the house. Occasionally, she eats some.

Anyway, one can of Calo, at a dollar a can, lasts four days, maybe five if I'm trying to get back to another re-run of "Sergeant York" and have shorted her rations. Call it ten portion allotments per can.

It all figures out to about \$7 per month, figuring on the high side, because I give her heaping tablespoons when she's giving me that look with the eyes. So \$7 per month (wait--let me take my shoes off) figures out to, um, \$72--no, wait--\$84 a year.

And I know without even checking my meticulously kept records that life insurance, and policies covering me in case I'm torn asunder by wild animals and other hazards of a very dangerous job I've been doing for most of my life, if not all of it, costs way more than that.

In fact, Millie represents the kind of insurance you just can't buy, bearing in mind here that she has lost almost all her hearing and a good deal of her sight, and is down to operating mostly by nose.

Please, those who are trying to sneak out at this point, resume your

seats. I haven't even got to the actuary tables.

I just saw a figure somewhere, just a little while ago, and it was in a nationally recognized magazine, too, and it said that a dog gets 51 times more information from its nose than from any other sensory organs in its body. (This statistic made me wonder: Do they count snout-whiskers and toenails? There's some info coming in there too, for certain.)

So while it may appear that my dog is sleeping the day away, doing absolutely nothing, au contraire--she is secretly on the job, scanning for danger, her little nose twitching, paws occasionally twitching too as she does sub-conscious exercises to keep muscles and tendons honed and tensed and ready should she be called upon at a moment's notice to pounce on Danger.

Once in a while, a visitor tries to conceal a smirk when Millie gets up off her cushion, a process that involves a little creaking of joints, and some stretching.

I remind visitors that this is a dog that always wants to go to camp, heroic in itself, but is also the dog that trusted me enough to let me throw her across a rain-swollen brook, to be caught

in the arms of my partner in crime. And this is the dog that got thrown out of Legislative Hall during the Northern Pass proceedings.

She is a proud dog, not to be trifled with. If medals were given for such dogs, she would be wearing a big one, come to think of it probably too heavy, so no thanks.

But she has been a resounding success at keeping monsters out of the woods around the house, terrifying them with her locally famed ferocious barks. I have never been rushed at by a beast, not once.

And she keeps right at it, well after other dogs have gone to bed, on duty right there on her cushion, eyes closed in concentration, muscles tensed, feet moving right along, little falsetto yelps issuing forth--on the job all right, no doubt about it, and even feigning sleep.

What a lookout. What a champion. What a dog.

(Please address mail, with phone numbers in case of questions, to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or 386 South Hill Rd., Colebrook, NH 03576.)

Belknap Mill has children’s programming ‘In the bag!’

LACONIA —The Belknap Mill certainly has not allowed the COVID-19 pandemic to slow them down. Mill staff, Tara Shore and Jill Desruisseau got right to work when schools were forced to close in March providing the community with virtual educational learning resources. The ‘Cabin Fever Reliever’ program ran Monday - Friday for 10 weeks, through the end of the school year. The Belknap Mill, working with community partners, shared educational videos, art lessons with Artist-in-Residence Larry Frates, STEM activities through UNH Cooperative Extension/4H, Zoom conversations with local historians, and activities from their ‘Industrial Heritage Program’ geared towards elementary aged youth. While planning for this year’s ‘Kids in the Park,’ a program suc-

cessfully launched last year for youth and their families to gather for fun and educational activities throughout the month of July in Rotary Riverside Park, we considered current NH State Guidelines for how to best deliver this year’s program. In collaboration with community partners the Mill created a virtual version of ‘Kids in the Park.’ “Offering quality educational programming for our community is always a primary goal in our planning process; we are delighted with this year’s offerings,” said Program and Operations Manager, Tara Shore. The Laconia Kiwanis Club has donated copies of “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs” by Judy Barrett, and Laconia Kiwanis members will read their favorite stories aloud via Zoom Live. Activity packets from Petals in the Pines, UNH Cooperative Extension/4H, and Laconia Conservation Commission offer many hands-on experiences. The Downtown Gym will keep everyone moving with exciting online workouts and a nutrition activity. A ‘Create Your Own Cartoon’ booklet, developed by Belknap Mill Artist-in-Residence, Larry Frates and an Architecture Scavenger Hunt from program sponsor, Misiaszek Turpin pllc, are sure to engage the imagination. Registration for the program filled quickly and while we are unable to provide any additional backpacks we have developed a ‘Kids in the Park 2020’ Facebook group to provide links and information about all the program offerings so that anyone interested is still able to participate. Facebook LIVE art lessons, workouts, and stories are just some of the programming opportunities available. Families are encouraged to join the Belknap Mill’s Facebook group ‘Kids in the Park 2020’ at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/320951635572690/?ref=share> A special thank you to Misiaszek Turpin pllc for sponsoring ‘Kids in the Park 2020’ and to grant funding from New Hampshire Humanities as part of the CARES Act and the National Endowment for the Humanities. For additional information please email operations@belknapmill.org. The Belknap Mill Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve the Belknap Mill as a unique historic gathering place and a center for award-winning cultural and educational programs. Your donations and membership support our mission and enhance programming for the Lakes Region community.

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COURTESY Program & Operations Manager, Tara Shore, awaits ‘backpack pickup’ at the Belknap Mill.

Gilford Parks and Recreation News

BY HERB GREENE
Director Gilford Parks and Recreation

Horsemanship camp offered multiple weeks The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Lakes Region Riding Academy is offering a number of four-day Horsemanship Camp sessions this summer. These camps are limited to Local Year-Round New Hampshire resident children ages seven to 15! These camps will be held from 9 a.m. - noon at the Lakes Region Riding Academy

in Gilford. Remaining session dates for this summer are; July 28 - July 31; Aug. 3 - Aug. 6 and Aug. 10 - 13. This is an introductory program for participants to learn about horsemanship. The program will offer basic horse care knowledge, horse safety and the beginning basics of riding. All participants must wear long pants and a shoe or boot with a heel. Helmets will be available at the barn. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Enrollment in camp session is limited. Participants may register by picking up a form from the Parks and Recreation office or by visiting the Gilford Parks and Recreation Web site at www.gilfordrec.com. Cost: \$100 per participant For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.

Archery lessons The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a four-week session of Archery instruction, to be led by Dana White from Art of Archery. This program will be held on Tuesday evenings from Aug. 4 - 25 at the Arthur A. Tilton Ice Rink. Space is still available in the Intermediate session (must have completed beginner class already) running from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. This class is open to Youth and Adults ages 7 years old. Enrollment in this program is limited, so sign up soon! Registration forms can be picked up at the Parks and Recreation office or can be found on the department Web site at www.gilfordrec.com. Cost: \$65 per person

and includes all necessary equipment. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722. Challenger British Soccer Camp Session II The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a second session of our week-long Challenger British Soccer Camp. This camp will be held from Aug. 3 - 7 at the Gilford Village Field. This camp offers a three-hour program for children ages six to 14 from 9 a.m. - noon and


a one-and-a-half-hour program for children ages three to five from 12:30 - 2 p.m. Participants may register by visiting the Challenger Web site at www.challengersports.com. Cost: \$137 for ages six to 14 and \$101 for ages three to five For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.

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It's unfortunate, but true: During this period of economic uncertainty, one of the busiest "industries" has been financial scamming. But it goes on even during normal times, too, so you'll want to know what to look for, and how to defend yourself. For starters, just how widespread is financial fraud? Consider this: In 2019, more than 3.2 million fraud cases were reported to the Federal Trade Commission, with identity theft being the most common type of fraud, accounting for about one-fifth of the overall cases. And fraudulent new accounts (mortgages, student loans, car loans and credit cards) amounted to about \$3.4 billion in 2018, according to a study by Javelin Strategy & Research. To help yourself from being victimized, consider the following suggestions. They are certainly not an exhaustive list, but they should prove useful.

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- Review your credit reports. As mentioned above, the fraudulent opening of new accounts is a big source of financial scams. To be sure nobody has opened new accounts under your name, try to review your credit reports at least once a year. You can get them for free at AnnualCreditReport.com.
- Follow up on fraud. If you've already been victimized by having new accounts opened in your name, contact one of the three major credit reporting agencies (Experian, Equifax or TransUnion) and place a 90-day fraud alert on your credit file. You might also want to file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission, print it out and file it with your local law enforcement agency. And it's also a good idea to contact the fraud department of the financial companies where the thief has opened a fraudulent account in your name.
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Progress is all business at the Belknap Mill!

LACONIA — We start by looking back two years. In June 2018 the Belknap Mill was awarded \$390,000 in tax credits from New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (NH CDFA). Since then, we have successfully sold all of these awarded tax credits to businesses in New Hampshire. The Board and staff wish to thank those businesses who have purchased tax credits in support of our Industrial Evolution Capital Campaign, whose goal is to restore and renovate the Belknap Mill.

Thanks to the investment of these business partners, by June 30 of this year all of the funds have been received. The tremendous commitment

on the part of these business partners have made it possible for us to move forward with the restoration of the Mill. While there are many individuals, foundations, and grantors who have made the recent work at the Belknap Mill possible I want to take this opportunity to thank those businesses who have supported our work through the purchase of New Hampshire State tax credits.

With our new elevator, boilers, and main roof in place we are also pleased to announce that the renovation of the Rose Chertok Gallery, on the third floor, is now complete; the result exceeds all expectations! Last month work began on

the exterior—which includes painting, replacement of window sills, restoration of the historic clerestory windows, repointing of the brickwork, a new walkway and flagpole, a new front door and stair tower windows, skylights in the Power House, and structural beam work—a busy summer indeed at the Belknap Mill.

NH CDFA grants state tax credit awards on a competitive basis to qualified nonprofit organizations for specific projects or programs. NH CDFA is attracted to innovative projects that demonstrate a high degree of community support that build partnerships and leverage other sources

of funding; their innovative, collaborative and dynamic approach to development finance helps to make transformational and sustainable changes in NH communities.

To these New Hampshire businesses, we are grateful for your support to the Belknap Mill's Industrial Evolution Capital Campaign through the purchase of tax credits. Each of you have made a tremendous difference!

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Belknap Mill Board Member, Allison Ambrose and Harts Turkey Farm General Manager, Sim Willey

Thank you to these businesses for investing in the future of the Belknap Mill!

St. John's welcomes Rev. Phil Polhemus Sunday

MEREDITH — Sunday, July 12, St. John's-on-the-Lake offers two options for worship.

The first is a virtual service with guest minister Rev. Philip Polhemus, a native of New Hampshire, the son of a Methodist minister, and a graduate of Guilford College in North Carolina and Drew Seminary in Madison, N.J. He earned his doctorate in Religious Communication at Andover Newton Theological School.

The Rev. Polhemus served churches in Colebrook, Plymouth, Ashland, Weirs, Moultonborough, Merrimack, and Manchester, as well as in Waterville, Maine. He was also Council Director of the New Hampshire Conference. He has been an interim pastor in several churches in northern New Hampshire, and currently serves on the board of

Saint John's. Now retired, he lives in Meredith with his wife Rita.

The other option is a time of private prayer and meditation at the chapel, which will be open from 10 to 11 a.m. every Sunday. (This is not intended as a time to merely take a look at the building.) There will be organ music most weeks but there will be no singing. Masks will be required, as will "social distancing," and the number of people allowed inside at a time will be limited. Some masks will be available for those who forget, and hand sanitizer will be available.

If you wish to join us at the virtual service via Zoom, follow the link on our web site, www.stjohnsonthelake.org. The service is also available on Facebook at St. John's On-The-Lake Chapel.

Saint John's is a picturesque church built in 1927 of native stone, with a wooden tower that encloses a structure that was originally a private lookout tower. Though originally an Episcopal church, it became an ecumenical church in the mid-'50's, when it was purchased by the local congregation. A birch altar and stained glass windows add to its charm.

The mission of St. John's-on-the-Lake is to provide services on Sundays to meet the needs of the island population of Lake Winnepesaukee. Regardless of what your religious affiliation at home may be, we hope that you will join us. The chapel can be reached by a short walk from the church docks located in Deep Cove on the west side of the island. Sneakers or sturdy shoes for you are suggested.

For additional information, visit our Web site or email: bearisland-chapel@gmail.com.

Osteria Poggio partners with Lakes Region Community Services

CENTER HARBOR — Osteria Poggio, a must-visit Center Harbor Italian restaurant, is committed to being a force for good in the local community. They have recently teamed up with Lakes Region Community Services (LRCS) for a new fundraising venture called the Do Good Campaign. Starting July 1, this new initiative invites patrons of the restaurant to share in their efforts to support the local community by adding a few extra dollars to their check total at the end of their meal.

"We are proud to continue our partnership with LRCS in this new campaign," said Kaylon Sweet (aka Sweets), Owner of Osteria Poggio. "I firmly believe that when people contribute together, positive change

and impact happen. At Osteria Poggio, we are committed to 'Do Good' however we can, and we hope that through this initiative, we can make a difference for the local community."

The money donated to the Do Good Campaign will go directly to LRCS, a family-centered social service agency that provides a broad range of programs and services designed to support and empower individuals and families throughout their life cycle, strengthening their role and capacity to contribute to a healthy and vibrant community and to live a productive, independent, dignified life. LRCS is one of the state's ten area agencies that provide comprehensive services to people with developmental disabilities

and acquired brain disorders, enabling them to be active and fully participating citizens in their communities.

"We are grateful and honored to partner with Osteria Poggio for the Do Good Campaign," said LRCS VP of development, Jim Hamel. "At LRCS, we are dedicated to serving our community by promoting independence, dignity, and opportunity, and community partners like Sweets make this mission possible. We are thrilled to share in this new venture and we hope others will join us in our effort to fulfill our mission."

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Chuck Colson: His story

BY LARRY SCOTT

It was a grey overcast evening when Charles Colson, caught in the middle of the Watergate investigation, drove up to the home of Tom Phillips, a respected friend, and successful businessman. Settling in on the back porch with a glass of iced tea in hand, they began to discuss where life was going for each of them.

In his book, “Born Again,” Chuck Colson writes of the dramatic change that came into his life that evening. In his words, “I am not doing too badly, I guess,” said Colson. ... “But I’d rather talk about you, Tom. You’ve changed and I’d like to know what happened.”

“The success came, all right, but something was missing,” he mused, ‘I felt terrible emptiness.’ I don’t understand it, I interrupted. ... You were a straight arrow, ... everything, in fact, going your way. ‘All that may be true, Chuck,’ Tom responded, ‘but my life wasn’t complete. ... [T] here was a big hole in my life. ... One night I was in New York on business and noticed that Billy Graham was having a Crusade in Madison Square Garden. ... What Graham said that night put it all into place for me. I saw what was missing, the personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the fact that I hadn’t ever asked Him into my life, hadn’t turned my life

over to Him. So I did it – that very night at the Crusade” (pp. 108-110).

Colson was impressed, and they talked well into the night. Chuck began to “get the message” but held off pursuing the matter any further. Then Tom asked if they could pray together before Chuck left.

“As Tom prayed, something began to flow into me – a kind of energy. Then came a wave of emotion which nearly brought tears. I fought them back. ... As I drove out of Tom’s driveway, the tears were rolling uncontrollably. ... I pulled to the side of the road ... [and] prayed my first real prayer. ‘God, I don’t know how to find You, but I’m going to try! ... [S]omehow I want

to give myself to You.’ I didn’t know how to say more, so I repeated over and over the words: ‘Take me” (pp. 115-117).

Chuck Colson struggled. There were many questions, but he knew what he had to do. Some decisions are not easily made, but Chuck knew he could go on no further; he had to make a decision. So,

“[E]arly ... Friday morning, words I had not been certain I could understand or say fell naturally from my lips: ‘Lord Jesus, I believe You. I accept You. Please come into my life. I commit it to You.’... With those few words that morning ... there came something more: strength and serenity, a wonderful new assurance about life. ...

I was coming alive to things I’d never seen before” (p. 130).

Chuck Colson’s experience mirrors what I have been saying here. There can be no relationship with God except through Jesus Christ, but once one has the courage to invite his forgiveness and

welcome Jesus Christ to be his Lord and Savior, it marks the beginning of a journey that is truly life-changing. For Chuck, it began with a simple prayer of surrender, but by that prayer, he met Jesus Christ on a personal level, and that changed everything!

PATRICK’S (Continued from Page A1)

overall operation of the restaurant and the 75 employees that normally work there.

“Having the dedication and continuity in our management team has been a big factor in our ability to consistently deliver quality meals and great service,” said Page. “We feel very blessed to have such amazing people working here, and such loyal support from our customers.”

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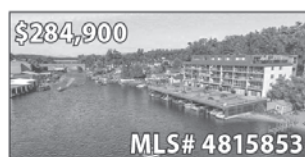
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Bryan Bailey named to UA President’s List

Patrick Hesseltine receives degree from Nichols College

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Bryan Bailey, of Laconia was named to The University of Alabama Presidents List for spring 2020.

A total of 16,470 students enrolled during the 2020 spring term at UA were named to the Dean’s List with an academic record of 3.5 or above or the President’s List with an academic record of 4.0 (all A’s).

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DUDLEY, Mass. — Nichols College graduated over 300 students this spring. Virtual celebrations were held for both undergraduate and graduate recipients on May 2, 2020 with an in person commencement ceremony promised for a date to be determined.

Patrick Hesseltine, of Gilford graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, majoring in Sports Management.

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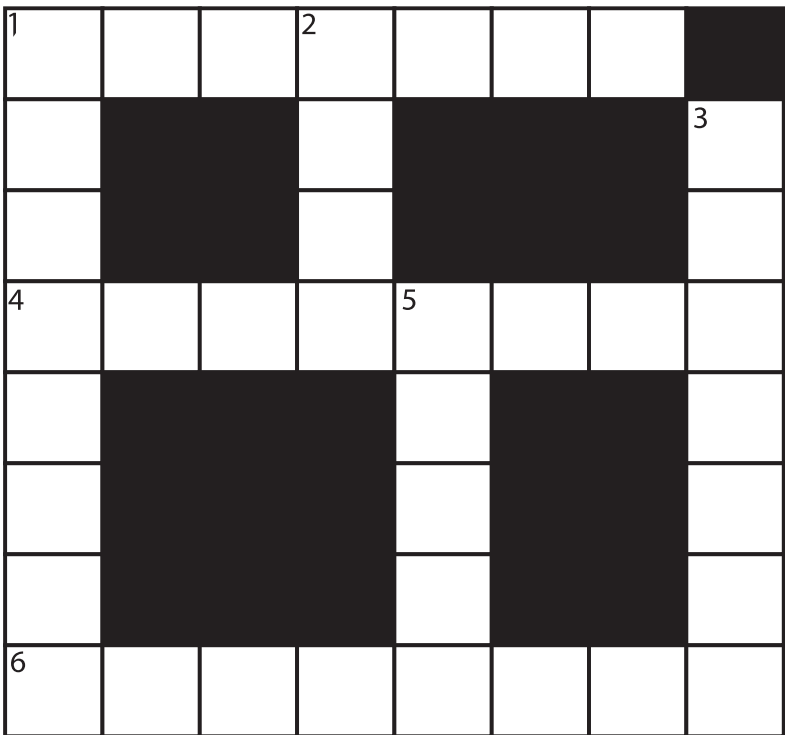
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ACROSS

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- 4. Strong desire to achieve something
- 6. Quality of being orderly

DOWN

- 1. Break from work or school
- 2. Against
- 3. Vacation properties
- 5. Runs on rails

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ANSWER: A VACATION



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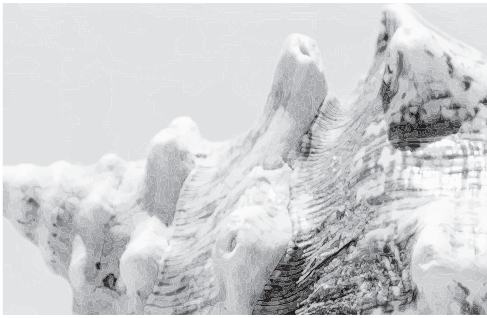
Answers: Across 1. Voyages 2. Anti 3. Rentals 4. Ambition 5. Train 6. Neatness Down 1. Vacation 2. Against 3. Vacation properties 4. Ambition 5. Train 6. Neatness

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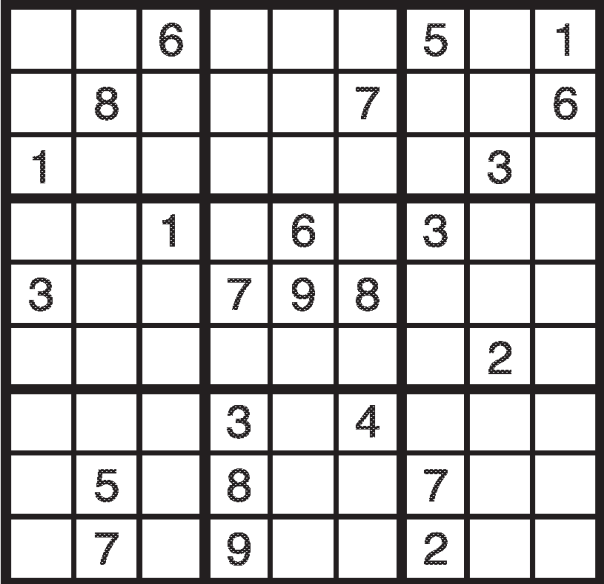
Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to local news. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 11 = e)

- A. 11 20 11 4 7
Clue: Something going on
- B. 12 11 9 2 12 7 11 12
Clue: One who investigates
- C. 21 1 20 11 12 7 8 19 11
Clue: Draw attention to a product
- D. 10 8 12 10 14 24 21 7 8 2 4
Clue: Number of copies sold

Answers: A. event B. reporter C. advertise D. circulation

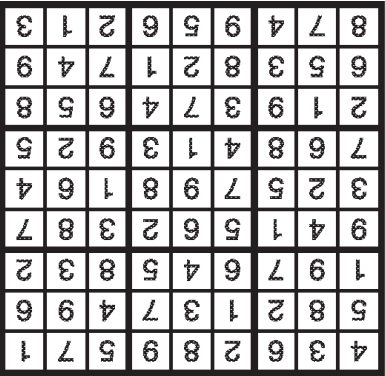
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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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ANSWER:

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The day the sun stood still

BY LARRY SCOTT

Questions about the Bible's infallibility and truth come to a head in the Old Testament book of Joshua. During a battle with the Amorites, we are told that "the sun stood still, and the moon stopped until the nation took vengeance on their enemies." Come again? The sun stood still?

The issue is serious and must not be taken lightly. To those of us who believe the Bible to be God's Word, and that it is without error, it cannot be dismissed without a credible answer.

Reports that NASA has postulated a "long day" are bogus. There is no scientific proof that the sun "stood still and the moon stopped" in the Valley of Aijalon in answer to Joshua's prayer. And reports in the annals of Peru and China of a "long day" are unverified.

All we are told is that there was sufficient daylight for Joshua and his army to complete the battle. And there is no way of getting around the clear statement in Joshua 10:13: "The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day."

Easy answers do not

always come for some of the Scripture's "miracle moments." I cannot explain how Jonah survived "three days and three nights" after being swallowed by a "great fish." (Jonah 1:17). Nor do I know how the Apostle Peter "walked on water." (Matthew 14:29).

What I do know is that the greatest miracle recorded in Scripture for which there is undeniable proof is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is the one miracle that does not require blind faith; it is provable beyond doubt to anyone who will evaluate the evidence honestly.

In a day when there is so much uncertainty, it is good to know there is one source of truth that is unerring and effective. In Jesus' words, "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free." Yes, the Bible record sometimes demands faith in the providence of God -- as in the case of the day the sun stood still -- but when one has settled on the mother of all miracles -- the resurrection of Jesus Christ -- everything else falls into place.

From its inception, the Christian faith has been honored with circumstances for which there

is no logical, intelligent explanation -- outside of divine intervention. You may believe we are naive in trusting in a God capable of making the sun stand still. But if your God can't do the impossible, your God is too small. I operate on the premise that God has a plan for each of our lives.

Your station in life, everything that makes you the unique person that you are, has been carefully crafted by the God of heaven. The divine design with which you were created has equipped you to fulfill a role that can be accomplished by no one else.

Your days may be

dark, your dreams unfilled, and you may have little hope that change can come to your life. But the same God Who stopped the sun for Joshua and raised Jesus from the dead is available to do something special for you too.

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