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GILFORD, N.H.

Parks and Rec faces setbacks, successes during challenging year

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As the summer season gets underway, the Parks and Recreation director reflected on a winter and spring of big challenges and big successes with the selectmen.

Parks and Recreation Director Herb Greene gave an update on his department to the selectmen during their June 9 meeting.

“Certainly a challenging year for us program wise, et cetera with COVID-19,” Greene said.

Greene said programming had been up and down due to the pandemic. A number of programs had to be canceled including youth basketball, SantaLand, and Halloween events. A number were able to go on with safety protocols, including youth soccer.

They also created a few new events including a Halloween drive-through event, a home decorating contest for the holidays co-hosted by the Gilford PTA, a

Bunny Hop Storywalk with the Gilford Youth Center and the library, and others.

The ice rink opened on Dec. 21, though was closed for an extended period of time due to a stretch of warm weather. By the end of the season the winter weather returned and the rink stayed open until March 10, which Greene said was a couple weeks later than usual. He said they were seeing more rink rentals than ever during that period.

“Our staff down there said the rink was as busy as they’ve ever seen it down, they’re certainly the busiest I’ve seen in my 15 years here, so that was good to see the use that it’s getting,” Greene said.

In the spring, a few projects at baseball fields that were put on hold through the winter restarted. There are now new dugouts at Francoeur Field and a new scoreboard at Stonewall Park.



PHOTO BY ERIN PLUMMER

A sunny day over Village Field, which has already been busy with a number of spring and summer Parks and Recreation events.

The tennis courts were scheduled to be resurfaced starting June

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New owners purchase Village Store



The “Village Store” in scenic Gilford Village, a Lakes Region landmark since 1836, was sold recently.

In the fall of 2017, Malinda LaFlamme and Alex Fraser of Cambrian Properties, LLC acquired the historic store with two upstairs apartments and performed a major renovation of both the outside and inside. The interior remodeling brought back the nostalgia of days gone by, including its new charming café with pine floors, a stone gas fireplace, and wood beams. The addition of glass display cases for bakery and deli items, a brand new stainless kitchen, plus built-in display cases, and beadboard ceilings completed the store. The two apartments were renovated throughout.

Nancy Clark of Roche Realty Group in Mer-

edith represented the sellers in the sales of the store and apartments.

Mark Ashley and Becky Fuller of Lake and Island Properties represented the buyer. The property was purchased as a family business; Heather Lincoln and her husband, Terrence Burney, are very excited in their new endeavor. Heather went to Laconia Christian, Laconia Tech, and graduated from Newbury College in Boston, where she majored in culinary management on both the business side as well as all types of food preparation. Terrance was born and raised in Sanable Island, Florida, and attended the University of South Florida. He is a self-taught chef and has been in the food industry for many years. Additionally, the couple has owned and operated

a restaurant in Maples, Florida, for the past six years. Both of them are excited to be in Gilford, and they plan to continue the current operations of the Village Store and plan to add some new ideas in the future.

According to Nancy Clark, “Since 1836, the “Village Store” has operated as the town’s primary trading post. Some of the early merchants sold everything from yarn/sewing supplies, butter, salt, muskrat skins, grammar books, and other provisions. That was all during the time when stagecoaches passed by the store en route to Gilmanton and the seacoast. While the faces behind the counter have changed since 1836, the store has survived every economic cycle and the “family approach” to operating the store has endured.”

Gilford still facing beach staff shortage

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The town is still seeking lifeguards, though no one has applied despite a recent pay increase for the position.

Parks and Recreation Director Herb Greene reported on the coming summer season and the impact of staff shortages to the selectmen during the June 9 meeting.

“Right now, our department’s gearing up for a busy summer season close to back to

normal from a programming standpoint, which we’re looking forward to,” Greene said.

In May the selectmen voted to increase the minimum pay for lifeguards to \$13 an hour. Despite the increase, Greene said they have not received any more applications for the position. He said they received one phone call asking about the position, but didn’t get an application.

A number of programs and services at

the town beach, however, will be curbed because of a major staff shortage.

There will be no swim lessons at the town beach this summer, and the raft at the town beach will remain out of the water this year. Greene said the department was able to move the raft off the beach and to the end of the parking lot thanks to help from staff from Fay’s Boat Yard and Public Works.

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Town discussing traffic safety options for Scenic Drive

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A public hearing took place this week to discuss and decide on possible ways to address safety concerns on Scenic Drive.

The hearing took place on Wednesday, June 23 (after press time) to discuss a number of different emergency options to increase traffic safety on Scenic Drive with options including closing thru traffic between Route 11 and Scenic Drive, possible one-way travel regulations, speed bumps, radar signs, new signage, alternative line striping, increased enforcement, and public education on the rules of the road for motorized and nonmotorized traffic.

The hearing stemmed from a lengthy discussion during the June 9 selectmen’s meeting between town officials and local residents where these options were brought up as possible ways to address safety issues on that road.

During the June 9 meeting, board Chair Gus Benavides said he wanted this matter on the agenda to address these concerns.

Benavides described the road as “very, very unique” in how heavily it is used by vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists, and many others.

“I’d be hard pressed to find another street in the town of Gilford that I used as much,” Benavides said.

The road was gravel

until recently when the town paved it, resulting in an increase of vehicle speed and many resulting safety issues. The selectmen took any recommendations from the public on possible ways to address the situation.

Several residents, including many Scenic Drive residents, spoke to the board and gave a multitude of suggestions. Some suggestions included making the road one-way or closing off the southbound entrance on Lakeshore Road.

Suggestions also included installing speed bumps, having radar signs, increased police enforcement, and lowering the speed limit.

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Notes from the Gilford Public Library

Classes & Special Events
June 24 - July 1

Thursday, June 24
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
French, 4-5 p.m.
Book Discussion, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
This month's book is "How to Be a Good Creature" by Sy Montgomery, a memoir focusing on the quirk of 13 animal friends who affected her life. The discussion will be led by Molly Harper, and copies of the book are available at the front desk.

Friday, June 25
Jumping Kangaroo Challenge, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Show off your jump roping skills and become the next kangaroo champion! Prizes will go to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.
Hand & Foot, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
NH Division of Parks and Rec, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Gilford Library in conjunction with Gilford Neighbors, welcomes Brent Wucher, from the NH Division of Parks and Recreation. Learn about the diversity of our state parks, accessibility and cost savings for seniors.
Teen Volunteer Opportunity, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Teens and tweens!

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. "The President's Daughter" by Bill Clinton
2. "21st Birthday" by James Patterson
3. "Ocean Prey" by John Sandford
4. "Golden Girl" by Elin Hilderbrand
5. "Jackpot" by Stuart Woods
6. "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah
7. "The Palm Beach Murders" by James Patterson
8. "Legacy" by Nora Roberts
9. "Sooley" by John Grisham
10. "The Red Book" by James Patterson

GILFORD POLICE LOG

The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests from June 14-17.

A 29-year-old female from Westport, Mass. was taken into protective custody for intoxication on June 15.

A 34-year-old female from Casper, Wyo. was taken into protective custody for intoxication on June 15.

Catherine E. Flower, age 39, of Laconia was arrested on June 15 for multiple counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug.

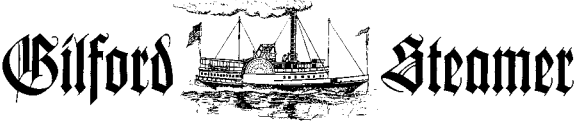
Briana C. Damore, age 24, of Laconia was arrested on June 16 for Theft By Unauthorized Taking, multiple counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug, and in connection with multiple bench warrants.

Nicholas D. Briggs, age 28, of Belmont was arrested on June 16 for Disobeying an Officer, Driving Under the Influence-Impairment, Possession of a Controlled Drug, and a Traffic Control Device Violation.

Nathan R. George, age 45, of Nashua was arrested on June 17 for Driving Under the Influence-Impairment.

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Want a chance to get a volunteer hour or two? Talk with Hayden in the teen room about helping set up the story walks for the little ones here at the library. We will go out on the walking trail and post the stories for the kids that will be reading them the following week. Here's a chance to do some good and help the library community.

Bridge, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Knit Wits, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Advanced Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Lower Intermediate Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Monday, June 28
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Tie Dye Week, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Calling all crafty teens and tweens! Want to get started on the essential summer wear of tie-dye t-shirts? Hayden is hosting a drop in event all week! We will provide white shirts for you and all you have to do is come and dye it! Get geared up with the greatest fashion piece of

all time.
Summertime Storywalk, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Enjoy a beautiful story on a magnificent nature trail with Miss Jill! Sign-up is not required. Meet in Gilford Elementary main parking lot.
Mahjong, 12:30-3 p.m.

Tuesday, June 29
*Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Tie Dye Week, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Teddy Bear Picnic, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Bring you little ones and their favorite stuffed animal/toy for a picnic outside. Bring your blanket and sunscreen and we will bring a light brunch for all to enjoy.
*Rain date: Wednesday, June 30
Bridge, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
The Birds and the Bees: How to support them in Your Garden, 3 p.m.
Speaker Henry Homeyer, a life-long organic gardener, writer, and commentator throughout New England will discuss how to have your garden support the pollinators and birds through proper choices

in plant material.
Lower Intermediate Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Wednesday, June 30
Check out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon
Tie Dye Week, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Conversation Cafe, 6-6:30 p.m.
Join the library and other community organizations for a Community Conversation Panel. This all-generation chat is a way to share with the community the existing resources available from the various organizations in the town, and for the people who live in, work, or just love Gilford to share what they are looking for from the town. There will be a panel of local community organizers that will speak and listen. This is a hybrid program, where you can attend the program in person or participate via zoom.

Thursday, July 1
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Tie Dye Week, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Craft: Pony Bead Pets, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Learn how to make your own animal friend

using pony beads! Sign-up is required.
Sensational Salads for your BBQ (Virtual), 1 p.m.
Learn how to make your salad the star of the show for the holiday from Annie from Annie's Cafe & Catering. Tune in on FB and never make a boring salad again!
French, 4-5 p.m.
Trivia Night: Parking Lot Puzzlers, 5:30-7 p.m.
Join us the first Thursday of each summer month for Parking Lot Puzzlers, a trivia night hosted by Hayden, your tech librarian! The game will last a little over an hour and will cover a broad range of topics including history, geography, sports, music, movies, and word play, just to name a few. Bring a team of two to eight players, maybe a snack, and come pull up a table in our lower parking lot. All ages are welcome, but the game is best suited for the parents. Prizes will be awarded and bragging rights are up for grabs!

Temple B'nai Israel of Laconia now accepting Food Festival orders

LACONIA — Summer in the Lakes Region is a time of family, friends, fun and food, with the emphasis on food. For twenty-four years, Temple B'nai Israel of Laconia has opened its doors for the New Hampshire Jewish Food Festival, one of the premiere events of the summer offering the

homemade traditional Jewish style foods that everyone craves but is hard to find in the Lakes Region.

Now is the time to take advantage of this once-a-year opportunity to fill your freezer and fridge with these unique homemade delicacies. The temple website, tbinh.org, is now accepting orders until June 27. Quantities are limited so don't delay. Orders will be prepared and ready for pick up, at the temple, 210 Court St., by appointment on July 31 or Aug. 1.

All the homemade foods that are on the Jewish Food Festival menu are from recipes that have been handed down, from generation to generation. In the kitchen at Temple B'nai Israel teams of volunteers come together to cook and bake these traditional foods that you would make yourself, if you only had the time. From blintzes and brisket to rugelach and strudel, just like "Bubbie" (Yiddish for grandmother) used to make. Bubbie is alive and well on the TBI Web site, tbinh.org, where "Bubbie's Kitchen Adventures" provides a behind the scenes look at what happens in the kitchen to prepare for the New Hampshire Jewish Food Festival. Learn the secrets to how the knishes, latkes, blintzes and rugelach are made, even if some of the techniques Bubbie uses are from the time before there were food processors and microwaves.

The newest addition to the Jewish Food Festival menu is the custom deli sandwich "Picnic Pack" made up of fresh, ready-to-eat items that serves four to six people. Start with your choice of four half pound packages of deli meats — that's two pounds of meat. Mix and match corned beef, tongue, or black pastrami (Boston style), from Evan's New York Style Deli of Marblehead, Mass. Put your favorite deli meat on the Jewish style rye bread from the When Pigs Fly Bakery slathered with the deli style horseradish mustard (a full container is included). Add some of the freshly prepared homemade coleslaw on the sandwich or on the side, don't forget a pickle or two and then enjoy the home baked rugelach for dessert. What could be easier? Take the Picnic pack to the beach, on the boat, to the park or the backyard after winding up at home following a busy day. Just bring your utensils, plates, and favorite beverages.

To place an order before June 27, visit the Temple B'nai Israel Web site, tbinh.org.



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Comfort Keepers

Comfort Keepers commemorates Third Annual Day of Joy holiday

BY MARTHA SWATS
Owner/Administrator
Comfort Keepers

New Hampshire, June 2021 – After a year like no other, Americans gained a new perspective when it comes to attaining joy in their lives. Comfort Keepers®, a market-leading provider of uplifting home care for seniors and adults who need assistance, will celebrate its third annual National Day of Joy on June 30, 2021. Comfort Keepers founded this national holiday, which occurs each year on the last Wednesday of June, to emphasize the importance of finding joy no matter their age to boost their overall physical, mental, and emotional health.

“In our community, we always look for ways to deliver joy, hope and positivity to seniors and their families whether it’s the National Day of Joy or any day of the year,” said Martha Swats, Owner/Administrator. “Over the past year, we learned to slow down and embrace the simple moments, people and activities that bring us the most joy. That’s why our caregivers

look for ways to deliver moments of joy - big or small - to our clients every day and even in the most challenging of times.”

National 2021 ‘State of Joy’ Survey

Each year, as part of the National Day of Joy, Comfort Keepers conducts a survey that polls Americans on their perspectives about joy, including specific activities that bring them happiness and evolving attitudes about joy in light of current events. The survey was conducted by OnePoll on behalf of Comfort Keepers from April 29-May 1 and polled 2,000 Americans; 1,000 of those surveyed were 30+ years of age with children and at least one living parent, and 1,000 were people aged 65 and older. Highlights from the survey are outlined below:

In the Northeast:

Seeing family members (45 percent) brings Northeasterners more joy than traveling (38 percent) and participating in group activities (35 percent).

The Northeastern community has learned to “savor every mo-

ment” (45 percent), try not to “sweat the small stuff” (45 percent) and to “tell people how much they matter to them” (34 percent) since the pandemic.

80% of Northeastern respondents believe the world needs more joy.

National survey results also include the following:

Americans Find Joy in People – Not Places, Events or Things

Seeing family members (42 percent) and spending time with them (38 percent) brings Americans more joy than traveling (37 percent), seeing close friends (32 percent) or not wearing a mask as often (28 percent).

Seniors over the age of 65 prioritized seeing family the most (55 percent), compared to last year, when dining at a restaurant topped their post-pandemic to-do list.

People plan to see their loved ones as soon as they are vaccinated (45 percent), before attending a sporting event (20 percent) and frequenting the beach or pool (27 percent).

Seniors have Mastered the Art of Texting

and Using Social Media to Bond with the Grand-kids

One in three people over the age of 65 now prefer texting to phone calls.

One in three seniors learned how to use social media and brush up on their pop culture as a way to bond with the younger members of their family.

Those over 65 even have favorite emojis — the heart (43%) and the happy face (43 percent) are getting the most use. Other popular emojis for those over 65 included the beer emoji and assorted animals.

Pandemic Brought a New Perspective on Living Joyfully

Four in 10 say they learned to “stop and smell the roses” and “savor every moment.”

43 percent will now try not to “sweat the small stuff.”

Two in five (42 percent) say the prospect of seeing family members again as the pandemic gradually recedes brings them the most joy.

“The National Day of Joy falls in line with the overall Comfort Keepers

mission to find ways to deliver positivity and elevate the human spirit in our clients’ lives,” added Swats. “We believe that experiencing daily moments of joy can improve mood, ease anxiety and help with our overall well-being, and we are proud to bring our clients meaning and purpose today and every day.”

About Comfort Keepers

Comfort Keepers is a leader in providing in-home care consisting of such services as com-

panionship, transportation, housekeeping, meal preparation, bathing, mobility assistance, nursing services, and a host of additional items all meant to keep seniors living independently worry free in the comfort of their homes.

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State champions

The Laconia Lacrosse Club’s 10U red team took home the state championship at last Saturday’s statewide tournament in Amherst. This team of third and fourth graders went 8-0 on the regular season, and faced another 8-0 team from Hollis in the championship game. Laconia’s girls played fiercely in an exciting game that came down to the wire, but the relentless attack on offense and disciplined defense, coupled with incredible goaltending, sealed the victory, making them the best 10U team in New Hampshire.



Back row (l to r), Alissa Jean of Tilton, Brynn Moore of Moultonborough, Liv Riendeau of Tilton, Brooklynn Ring of Laconia (goalie), Brooklynn Wirth, Alexis Dionne and Olivia Gagnon, all of Laconia. Front row (l to r), Natalie Allen of Franklin, Amelia Collie of Belmont, Morgan Fitts of Enfield and Emma Chase of Tilton. The Laconia Lacrosse Club’s 8U girls’ team (first and second grade), nearly won its state title, making it to sudden death overtime in the championship game, when Timberlane scored first. All the girls are looking forward to next season’s fun and competition.

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Vermont Tech congratulates Spring 2021 graduates

RANDOLPH CENTER, Vt. — Vermont Tech is pleased to announce that Jared Bettez from Gilford in the Mechanical Engineering Technology program is among the 437 students who graduated in the Spring of 2021.

President Patricia Moulton wished the graduates off stating, “Know that each of you has left a mark on this institution in some fashion and we look forward to watching, with pride, as you leave a mark on the world from here on out.”

About Vermont Tech

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A celebration of freedom

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This day commemorates the actual end of slavery in our country, a day that should be celebrated by all. An entire race of people was now free, two years after Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, what's not to celebrate? If that bothers anyone, we have to wonder why. Adding a federal holiday does not negate, nor take away from any other holiday. It just doesn't.

In 1776, just under 100 years earlier, Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

However, not all Americans were 'free' until June 19, 1865, when Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger in Galveston, Texas, issued General Order No. 3, which stated that in accordance with the Emancipation Proclamation, "all slaves are free." Several months later, the 13th Amendment was ratified, abolishing slavery in the final four border states that had not been subjected to President Abraham Lincoln's order.

During that time, Union presence was weak in Texas; therefore, enforcement wasn't strong, allowing white plantation owners to continue to use slave labor. Anytime evil is undone, as it was on that day in 1865, it should be celebrated.

In current times, the goal is for all law-abiding Americans to enjoy the same opportunities and rights as one another. Such a simple concept yet so many continue to feel threatened by our differences. How great would it be if everyone was just kind to each other, despite our differences, why is that so hard? The fact is, it's not hard to try to understand each other. Maybe we may never understand each other but that's ok. We can guarantee that anyone you meet, has something in common with you, even if it's something as simple as preferring Pepsi over Coke. Start there.

Make it a point this week to seek someone out who lives and feels completely different than you and just be kind to them. It is possible to have different views on different topics yet still possible to treat each other with respect and dignity. We all deserve that, no matter who you vote for, what you look like, what you do for work or who you love.

Addressing the country after signing the Juneteenth bill, the President said, "The promise of equality is not going to be fulfilled until we become real; it becomes real in our schools and on our Main Streets and in our neighborhoods."

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JOSHUA SPAULDING

Celebration time

Susan Fernandez of Gilmanton celebrates as she closes in on the summit of Mount Washington during Saturday's Northeast Delta Dental Mount Washington Road Race. She finished in 2:46:35, not far behind fellow Gilmanton resident Mary Nagel, who finished in 2:37.

North Country Notebook

People of the Dawn Land, and a string-trick on a train

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By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

"Pssst! Get to the State House right away, and testify against Senate Bill 129. It treats wildlife and wetlands like commodities for trade."

"Wait! Aren't the Enlightened Ones in power?"

"Not in Concord."

"You mean..."

"Yes--the R word."

"Are the Enlightened Ones assuming that only they can or will recognize right from wrong?"

"Right."

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Rhode Island had barely recovered from the shock of a mini-riot at a beach last weekend when New Hampshire had one of its own. Abundant suds, too much sun, and a lapse in respect led to groups of young adults getting out of hand at Hampton Beach.

State and local police were out in force, and handled the situation quickly and firmly. As a result, the all-too-popularized "us versus them" mentality never even began to take hold.

Two years ago, before the pandemic changed life for a stretch, clean-up crews told the media that they had never seen Hampton Beach so fouled with trash and litter.

I wonder whether such disrespect could be turned around if local teenagers and twenty-somethings decided to demonstrate true love for Hampton Beach, and adopted it as their own, for perpetual care.

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The Kentucky Derby is one of those rare events in sports when television viewers get a peek into a whole other culture, or actually several at once.

We heard nary a word on jockey weigh-ins, once a pretty big deal, nor were there any references to the social gatherings that so mark the season. Producers brushed off the awards ceremony, and gave scant-to-nonexistent coverage of one of our perennial favorites, the flamboyant-to-outrageously silly hats women intentionally wear for the event.

Meanwhile, the talking heads supposedly giving us "color commentary" kept yapping through the entire event, leaving us, as is so often the case, wishing they would just stop yapping now and then, and let viewers enjoy the spectacle and the moment.

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The names of people to the north of us seem to be changing as rapidly as the demographics and societies themselves. Western culture has long since swept over even the most remote places of the Far North.

The name of our own region's first people--and we're not even sure about who were the "first people"--is an example.

These days most preferred spellings have it as "Wobanaki" instead of the long-used Abenaki. Either way, or many ways, it translates as "people of the dawn land." The time-honored Micmac, meantime, is now Mi'kmaq. Montagnais, at least, is still Montagnais.

The obscure Beothuk of Newfoundland, who for so long avoided contact with the first Europeans, ultimately were assimilated into the mix of genetics now predominant in the Maritime provinces, mainland northeastern Canada, and extreme northern New England.



JOHN HARRIGAN

A dog wanders off in search of things to sniff, as a late-May storm breaks over the land.

fostered a trail of interesting reading for those intrigued by the first-contact era. Samuel Eliot Morison's two-volume histories of the European exploration of North and South America are where I first saw the Beothuk mentioned many years ago. In the years since, much new material on the Beothuk has surfaced, including accounts recorded by people who had the last contact with the remnants of Beothuk culture in Newfoundland's interior in the early 1800s.

There is still plenty to learn, meanwhile, about Norse settlements at L'Ans Aux Meadows around 1000 AD, a fact confirmed by many carbon datings in the years since the game-changing discoveries back in the 1970s.

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When I first went a thousand miles north to Labrador in 1976, with Norton Kelly of Derry, the Indian kids on the train from Sept Isles to our drop-off point at Menihek positively captivated me.

Most had no English and only a few had much French. My French was basic at best but was enough for us to communicate. Because I brought along a loop of string that I could make

I displayed a desire to visit, a flock of kids followed me up and down the train.

One thing I could make with a loop of string was the Fence (not to be confused with the Cat's Cradle). It has, I think, nine moves.

Half a dozen kids watched me make the Fence, staring intently as I slowly went through the moves. One, Sonja St. Jean Baptiste, asked me to do it again, which I did. Experience had taught me to carry a spare string, which I tossed to the kids as I went off to visit with their elders.

By the time we got to our drop-off point at the Menihek Rapids, those same half-dozen kids were zipping through the moves and making the Fence, and teaching their friends.

By the time I returned to Labrador, two years later, the kids' bright white teeth had begun to decay from the candy and soft drinks they could get on the train.

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

Bank of New Hampshire promotes Deigh Cormiea to Banking Office Manager



Deigh Cormiea

LACONIA — Bank of New Hampshire is proud to announce the promotion of Deigh Cormiea to Lincoln Banking Office Manager.

In this role, Deigh will be responsible for management of the office’s deposit portfolio, customer relationship management, new business development and community engagement. She will also oversee all daily operations of the office while becoming a trusted resource for customers.

Deigh has more than 19 years of banking experience. Throughout her career in banking, she has worked in several roles including Teller, Assistant Teller Supervisor, Bank Services Representative, and most recently a Bank-

ing Office Specialist.

Deigh has actively participated in many trainings and classes to advance her Bank Services Representative skill set to a Level Five. She transferred from the Bank of New Hampshire Plymouth Office to the Lincoln Office in 2019, and has since learned many of the Managerial responsibilities preparing her well for her new role as Office Manager.

“Deigh has been a valuable member of our team for many years and we are excited to promote her to this role,” said Cecile Chase, SVP, Retail Sales & Development Manager for Bank of New Hampshire. “Her service in a variety of roles with the Bank along with her dedication and commitment to

her work will serve her well as she leads in the Lincoln office.”

Deigh is looking forward to networking within the Lincoln community and developing relationships with local businesses, organizations and customers.

She can be reached in the Lincoln office located at 76 Main Street, Route 112, via phone at 527-6651 or by e-mail at cormiea@banknh.com.

Bank of New Hampshire is excited to have Deigh in this role on our team as we aspire to remain an independent mutual financial institution, delivering innovative solutions and exceptional service, while assisting our employees, customers and communities to build brighter futures.

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Clay Cook of the Zac Brown Band to perform at Lakeport Opera House



Clay Cook

LACONIA — A renowned songwriter and member of the Grammy award winning Zac Brown Band, Clay Cook, will headline the Lakeport Opera House on Saturday, July 10 at 8 p.m. An evening with Clay Cook, who has been with the band for 12 years, will perform an intimate show mixed with original material and cover songs in the newly renovated venue.

“I couldn’t be more ecstatic about returning to live music,” said Cook, who spends summers in Gilford. “This is going to be a very special night for me to perform on stage in front of a crowd and to do so in such a beautiful venue like the Lakeport Opera House just puts the excitement over the top for me.”

Cook has been weaving his way through the musical landscape in multiple ways over the

past 25 years as a songwriter, studio musician, live performer, producer and engineer. From his early career writing and performing with John Mayer, to performing with Sugarland, Shawn Mullins and the Marshall Tucker Band, Cook has a rare depth to his solo stage show.

Cook is no stranger to New England. He attended the Berklee College of Music, where he first met Mayer, and now teaches a music production analysis class. Cook, who has been spending summers in New Hampshire for the past 10 years, has a deep standing love for the area as his wife is a graduate of Gilford High School. He will be hitting the road again this fall when the Zac Brown Band releases a new album and begins touring.

With a 200-seat layout built for comfort, style and mobility, every seat in the house has unobstructed views, cocktail service and the best sounds system for an experience unlike any-

thing else in the area. More than \$1 million was invested in the Opera House renovation which opened on June 11 after being closed for 60 years. Originally built in 1882, this venue mixes modern design elements with historic charm for a unique cultural experience. The Opera House is home to live musical performances, theatre productions, comedians, magicians as well as being host to community-focused events, weddings, and private and corporate gatherings. Once a mainstay of Laconia’s Lakeport community, the Opera House is on center stage in New

Hampshire’s Lakes Region.

Other scheduled performances include: A night of magic with Adam Wilber on June 25, Unforgettable Fire: U2 Tribute Band on June 26, country artist David Nail on July 2 and 3, The Little Mermen a Disney Cover Band on July 11, Dancing Dream: ABBA Tribute on July

17, Billy Joel Tribute: David Clark’s Songs in the Attic on July 31, Steve Sweeney Comedy on Aug. 5, Recycled Percussion on Aug. 6 & 7 and medium Maureen Hancock on Aug. 8.

For more information on events and to purchase tickets in advance, visit lakeportopera.com.

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Library Children’s Room hosts Jumping Kangaroo Contest June 25

The Gilford Public Library Children’s Room is holding a “Jumping Kangaroo Contest” where children up to age 10 can show off their jump roping skills and become the next kangaroo champion! Prizes will go to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. This contest will be held in the lower library parking lot at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 25. Be sure to check it out!



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Edward Jones: Financial Focus

Even “singles” need estate plans

If you don’t have a spouse or children, you might think you don’t need to do much estate planning. But if you have any assets, any familial connections, any interest in supporting charitable groups – not to mention a desire to control your own future – you do need to establish an estate plan. In evaluating your needs for this type of planning, let’s start with what might happen if you die intestate – that is, without a last will and testament. In this scenario, your assets will likely have to go through the probate process, which means they’ll be distributed by the court according to your state’s intestate succession laws, essentially without regard to your wishes. Even if you don’t have children yourself, you may have nephews or nieces, or even children of cousins or friends, to whom you would like to leave some of your assets, which can include not just money but also cars, collectibles, family memorabilia and so on. But if everything you own goes through probate, there’s no guarantee that these individuals will end up with what you wanted them to have. If you want to leave something to family members or close friends, you will need to indicate this in your last will and testament or other estate planning documents. But you also may want to provide support to one or more charitable organizations. Of course, you can simply name these charities in your will, but there may be options that could provide you with more benefits. One such possibility is a charitable remainder trust. Under this arrangement, you’d transfer appreciated assets – such as stocks, mutual funds or other securities – into an irrevocable trust. The trustee, whom you’ve named – in fact, you could serve as trustee yourself – can then sell the assets at full market value, avoiding the capital gains taxes you’d have to pay if you sold them yourself, outside a trust. Plus, if you itemize, you may be able to claim a charitable deduction on your taxes. With the proceeds, the trust can purchase income-producing assets and provide you with an income stream for the rest of your life. Upon your death, the remaining trust assets will go the charities you’ve named. Aside from family members and charitable groups, there’s a third entity that’s central to your estate plans: yourself. Everyone should make arrangements to protect their interests, but, in the absence of an immediate family, you need to be especially vigilant about your financial and health care decisions. And that’s why, as part of your estate planning, you may want to include these two documents: durable power of attorney and a health care proxy. A durable power of attorney lets you name someone to manage your finances should you become incapacitated. This arrangement is especially important for anyone who doesn’t have a spouse to step in. And if you become incapacitated, your health care proxy – also known as a health care surrogate or medical power of attorney – lets you name another person to legally make health care decisions for you if you can’t do so yourself. Estate planning moves can be complex, so you’ll need help from a legal professional and possibly your tax and financial advisors. You may not have an immediate family, but you still need to take steps to protect your legacy.

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Loon Preservation Committee urges public to give nesting loons space

MOULTONBOROUGH —Throughout New Hampshire, many loon pairs have begun to incubate eggs, with many more expected to begin nesting in the coming weeks. If history is any guide, close to 40 percent of these nests will fail, many due to human disturbance.

“Loons are vulnerable when they’re on land because their bodies are designed for life in the water, making it difficult for them to move well on land,” says LPC Senior Biologist and Executive Director, Harry Vogel. “If humans closely approach loon nests, the loons feel threatened, and they will get into the water where they’re more mobile and there-

fore safer. That leaves their eggs exposed and vulnerable to predators or the elements.”

Boaters are urged to stay back at least 150 feet from nesting loons, or more if the loon shows any signs of distress, such as craning its neck low over its nest. Loons may appear to be injured in this head-down position, but it is simply a response to the close approach of people. If boaters do accidentally get too close to a nesting loon and cause it to flush from its nest, they are advised to leave the area immediately.

“Most of the time, if the threat leaves, that loon will get right back on its nest and keep in-

cubating,” says Vogel.

Those that wish to see a close-up view of nesting loons can do so responsibly by viewing the Loon Preservation Committee’s Live Loon Cam. The Loon Cam nest is expected to hatch between June 20 and June 23. The Loon Cam can be viewed at loon.org/looncam.

Loons are a threatened species in New Hampshire and are protected by state and federal laws from hunting or harassment, including flushing loons from nests. If you observe harassment of loons, you may contact New Hampshire Fish & Game Department (271-3361) or Marine Patrol (293-2037) for assistance.



The Loon Preservation Committee monitors loons throughout the state as part of its mission to restore and maintain a healthy population of loons in New Hampshire; to monitor the health and produc-

tivity of loon populations as sentinels of environmental quality; and to promote a greater understanding of loons and the natural world.

To learn more about loons in New Hamp-

shire, please visit the Loon Preservation Committee on the Web at www.loon.org or call the Loon Preservation Committee at 476-LOON (5666).

Gilford Parks and Recreation News

BY HERB GREENE
Director
Gilford Parks and Recreation

Old Home Day Committee accepting sponsor forms and parade applications The Gilford Old Home

Day Committee is currently accepting Sponsorship Forms to have you name listed in the Old Home Day Program Booklet and Parade Applications for the Old Home Day Parade to be held on Au-

gust 28th. These forms are available at both Bank of NH locations in Gilford, Meredith Village Savings Bank Gilford Branch, Franklin Savings Bank Gilford Branch, the Gilford Library, the Gilford Town

Hall, the Gilford Recreation Department Office and on the Parks and Recreation Web site at www.gilfordrec.com.

For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation

Department at 527-4722.

Shooter’s Gold Basketball Camp
The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is once again sponsoring the Shooter’s Gold Basketball Camp in Gilford this summer! The camp will be held on the Gilford Middle School Outdoor Basketball Court from June 28 - July 1. Session 1 for children entering grades 1-4 will be run from 8 – 10 a.m. Session 2 for children entering grades 5-8 will be run from 10 a.m. - noon. Participants may register through the Hogan Camps website at www.hogancamps.com. Cost: \$85 per session before June 1, \$90 starting June 1

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

Challenger British Soccer Camp
The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is again sponsoring a week-long Challenger British Soccer Camp. This camp will be held from July 12 - July 16 at the Gilford Village Field. This camp offers a 3-hour program for children ages six to 14 and a one-and-a-half-hour program for children ages three to five. Participants may register by picking up a form from the Parks and Recreation office or by visiting the Challenger Web site at www.challengersports.com. Cost: \$132 for ages six to 12 and \$97 for ages three to five

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

Minds in Motion “KIKO.962 Robot Workshop!”
The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is Sponsoring a workshop through Minds in Motion for children ages 12 and under, from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 2 and 3. Participants will have the opportunity to build and take home their very own

KIKO.962 robot! This infrared sensor detecting, obstacle-exploring robot has spent life traveling the galaxies and surveying uninhabitable regions! KIKO.962 loyally follows any object that approaches it and won’t stop until switched back into explore mode. KIKO.962 has two pre-programmed modes (Follow-me and Explore) and scans its surroundings by using AI (artificial intelligence), I/R (infrared sensor), and six legs which allow it to turn 360 degrees and seamlessly complete obstacles! Once you construct this 192-piece STEAM kit, you will realize this is no ordinary robot. KIKO.962 offers a wonderful sound and light effect, which develops its own emotions and gestures! Create challenging mazes for KIKO.962 to navigate around, or just select Follow-me and enjoy having the adorable robot pursue you! Registration is taking place at the Gilford Parks and Recreation Office and forms are also available on-line at www.gilfordrec.com. Cost: \$115 per participant

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

Seacoast United Soccer Camp
The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a week-long Seacoast United Soccer Camp from Aug. 2 – Aug. 6 at the Gilford Village Field. This camp offers a 3-hour program for children ages six to 14 and a 45 minute program for children ages three to five. Participants may register by accessing a registration link through the Parks and Recreation Web site at www.gilfordrec.com. Cost: \$135 for ages six to 12 and \$70 for ages three to five

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



Gilford Rotary Chicken Wranglers Don Clarke and Shelley Carita in action at Chicken BBQ test run.

Rotary drive-thru chicken BBQ debuts Friday

After a successful test run The Gilford Rotary Club will host their first public Drive-Thru Chicken BBQ this Friday June 25, 4-6 p.m. at Fireside Inn & Suites, 17 Harris Shore Rd. in Gilford.

The cost is just \$18 for each meal and includes Half BBQ Chicken, Homemade Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Bottled Water, and a Wicked Whoopie Pie for dessert. All proceeds benefit the many charities the Gilford Rotary Club supports throughout the year. Any questions can be directed to Don Clark at 455-9909. Gilford Rotary is an organization of business and professional men and women who have accepted the ideal of service as a basis for attaining fulfillment in their business, personal, and professional lives, and by serving their community. Gilford Rotary meets Fridays at 7 a.m. at the Gilford Community Church Fellowship Hall, Potter Hill Road, Gilford.




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Zephyr
My face says it all! I am a man of mystery and adorableness, and yes that is a word. The world is a big, loud place my friend and I am not sure I am a fan of those words. Small and quiet win me any day. I think that my future home understands that. Perfect cats like myself need to have the most perfect home. I want a hideaway that consists of a warm bed and the time that I need to come out of my shell. I want attention, I just don't know how to ask for it. I may hiss at first, but don't let that fool you I like the pets! In the spirit of honesty, I do have a medical history that should not impli-CAT me at all, if you are interested in learning more fill out an application or inquire with the lovely adoptions team, they know exactly what I am looking for!



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Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation awards scholarships to Gilford students

Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation recently announced their 2021 Gilford High School recipients. The Foundation is particularly thankful this year to all of the 285 donors who made this possible. LRSF was able to award more than \$550,000 to 296 recipients this year. Below is a list of the present and past graduates of Gilford High School who received awards.

With the COVID situation lessening, but still in place, the Foundation did have a mostly remote Donors Week again this year, however, despite the impact of the virus, their donors again came through for the students of the area. Executive Director, Karen Switzer commented that “It was so heartwarming to see the response of so many people and organizations, who wanted to be able to send a message to our graduates, and all of the recipients, that their community is behind them and support them as they look forward and plan for their future. The spirit of community is alive and well in the Lakes Region and our awards gives evidence of the generous hearts of the people of the area.”

LRSF Scholarship Recipients-Gilford High School

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Entering Freshmen:
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Library, Gilford neighbors host NH Parks and Rec Presentation

The Gilford Library, in conjunction with Gilford Neighbors, are welcoming Brent Wucher from the NH Division of Parks and Recreation, on June 25 at 10:30 a.m. to their meeting room. Senior citizens will have the opportunity to learn about the diversity of our New Hampshire State Parks, accessibility and cost savings options to take advantage of. You can sign up by calling the library or by checking out our website at gilfordlibrary.org.



COURTESY

Registration still open for scavenger hunt

The Belknap Mill’s Fifth Annual Historic Laconia Scavenger Hunt is Saturday, June 26. Register a team and find all the details at www.belknapmill.org.



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Magic, mentalism and U2 tribute coming to Lakeport Opera House



Adam Wilber

LACONIA — Magic, mentalism and a U2 tribute band will take over the recently-reopened Lakeport Opera House to cap off the month of June.

World famous master magician, Adam Wilber, will perform an interactive show on June 25, while June 26 will be a musical performance by well-known U2 tribute band, Unforgettable Fire. These two performances will take place at the newly renovated Opera House and provide a unique entertainment experience.

“I can’t wait to see Adam Wilber and Unforgettable Fire perform,” said New Hampshire-native Scott Everett who is the Opera House’s owner and developer. “This will be two very different but memorable nights that will have specta-

tors on their feet singing popular U2 songs while others will be left with questions after Adam’s awe-inspiring show.”

As the Opera House’s first magic show in over 60 years, Adam Wilber, master magician, mentalist and mind reader, will wow spectators at his interactive show on Friday, June 25 at 7:30 p.m. Wilber is well-known as one of a few magicians who have been successful on the popular TV show, Penn & Teller Fool Us, where aspiring magicians from all over the world perform tricks to attempt to fool the world-famous magician duo.

“Being able to perform my show for the general public in my home state of New Hampshire is something I’ve dreamt about for years,” said Wilber who



Unforgettable Fire

hails from Hanover. “I am ecstatic that the time has finally come for this dream to become a reality, thanks to the Lakeport Opera House.”

Wilber, owner of a magic company Vulpine Creations, which sells magic training courses and an exclusive line of cutting-edge magic products, has garnered over 20 million views on YouTube with spots on Discovery Channel, CW and SyFy. He will be joined by New England-native, Evan Northrup, for a show that will blend storytelling with illusion, magic and mentalism. This is the first and only public show that Wilber will be

performing.

The weekend will be unforgettable as Unforgettable Fire, a U2 tribute show, will cap off the weekend with a performance on Saturday, June 26 at 8 p.m. Unforgettable Fire, or “UF,” began performing in 1995, and is one of the very first U2 tribute bands to perform in America. After 26 years of playing in some of the most prestigious venues on the East Coast, UF has formed a reputation among many to be one of the closest experiences to being at an actual live U2 show. The members of UF are also very dedicated fans of U2 and will not settle for any-

thing less than complete authenticity. In addition to performing a very impressive array of U2 material from pre-Boy to the most recent Songs of Experience, the band does everything in their power (from wardrobe to lighting) to recreate the live U2 concert experience for their audience. On occasion, they are known to join U2 on stage for performance as well as having the original band members join UF for performance.

With a 200-seat layout built for comfort, style and mobility, every seat in the house has unobstructed views, cocktail service and the best sounds system for an

experience unlike anything else in the area. More than \$1 million was invested in the Opera House renovation which opened on June 11 after being closed for 60 years. Originally built in 1882, this venue mixes modern design elements with historic charm for a unique cultural experience. The Opera House will be home to live musical performances, theatre productions, comedians, magicians as well as being host to community-focused events, weddings, and private and corporate gatherings. Once a mainstay of Laconia’s Lakeport community, the Opera House will once again be center stage for all of New Hampshire’s Lakes Region.

Other scheduled performances include country artist David Nail on July 2 and 3, The Little Mermen – NYC’s premier Disney cover band on July 11, Dancing Dream: ABBA Tribute on July 17, David Clark’s Songs in the Attic on July 31, Steve Sweeney Comedy on Aug. 5, Recycled Percussion on Aug. 6 & 7 and medium Maureen Hancock on Aug. 8.

For more information on events and to purchase tickets in advance, visit lakeportopera.com.

Belknap House to host cow pie bingo fundraiser

NEW HAMPTON — Belknap House, in conjunction with Huckins Farm announces its fourth annual Cow Pie Bingo fundraiser.

For those unfamiliar with this New England tradition, this is how it works. Four-foot-by-four-foot squares are marked on a fenced-in section of the Huckins Farm, 52 Magoon Rd., New Hampton. Tickets that are mapped to one of these unique squares are offered for sale. A maximum of 500 tickets are sold. The number of tickets sold, determines the size of the grid in the pasture

and the maximum prize awarded. Two cows are released into the fenced in pasture. The winner is determined by the square that receives the first cow pie or is closest to the first cow pie.

Tickets are available for purchase until fifteen minutes prior to the event on July 18. Tickets may be purchased online at www.belknaphouse.org under events or from a Belknap House Board Member. You don’t need to be present at the event to win. Winners receive up to 25 percent of the ticket sale revenue (up to \$2500).

The proceeds from ticket sales benefit Belknap House whose mission is to provide safe shelter for homeless families with children. The shelter serves the ten towns and one city in Belknap County.

If you are looking for a fun way to spend a Sunday afternoon on July 18, come out to the Huckins Farm in New Hampton by 1:30 p.m. Cheer for your favorite cow. See all that the Huckins Farm has to offer while helping provide shelter for homeless families. Purchase your ticket today.

Solid waste center no longer accepting commercial stumps starting July 1

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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As of July 1, the solid waste center will temporarily halt accepting tree stumps from commercial sources due to an overabundance of tree stumps with little cost-effective ways to dispose of them.

During the June 9 selectmen’s meeting, town administrator Scott Dunn said they are at a point where they can’t store stumps in the solid waste center this year. As of July 1, commercial unloading of tree stumps will be restricted on a temporary basis. Dunn said town regulations allow the public works director to stop accepting certain items.

Selectman Kevin Hayes asked if stumps make a lot of money for the town and both Dunn and public works director Meghan Theriault said they do not.

Theriault said they budgeted \$15,000 to grind the stumps, though the bid they got was closer to \$23,000.

“Even in the time we got that bid for that we’ve been getting tons more in and now they did what they quoted us and we’re still left with a big pile,” Theriault said.

She said they are on the “losing end” of the stumps because they don’t have a scale at the moment. At that meeting the board unanimously approved a bid

of \$84,983 for a scale form Fairbanks Scales.

After talking with solid waste supervisor Bruce Hewitt, she said it looks like most of the stumps are from commercial sources.

“Most towns don’t dump commercial stumps, we are very unique in that respect,” Dunn said.

Theriault said the facility will still take wood chops and brush, as both can be handled a lot easier.

“Once we have a scale, we could come up with a pricing structure that’ll be better so were not on the losing end,” Theriault said.

Local students graduate from Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH — More than 670 students received degrees from Plymouth State University on Saturday, May 8, 2021. The following local students earned degrees:

Abigail Bailey of Laconia graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology.

Alexis Johnson of Laconia graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Youth Development & Educ.

Andrew Nelson of Gilford graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology.

Alyssa Desautelle of Laconia graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English.

Benjamin Drew of Gilford graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Social Science.

Brian Wentworth of Laconia graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Commun. and Media Studies.

Carter Doherty of Laconia graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

Connor Perkins of Gilford graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology.

Griffin Nyhan of Laconia graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English.

Hailey Martel of Laconia graduated

with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology.

Laura Scribner of Gilford graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Management.

Matthew Boschi of Laconia graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Social Science.

Savanna Brunelle of Gilford graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Commun. and Media Studies.

About Plymouth State University

Established in 1871, Plymouth State University serves the state of New Hampshire and the world beyond by transforming our students through advanced practices where engaged learning produces well-educated undergraduates and by providing graduate education that deepens and advances knowledge and enhances professional development. With distinction, we connect with community and business partners for economic development, technological advances, healthier living, and cultural enrichment with a special commitment of service to the North Country and Lakes Region of New Hampshire.

University of Rhode Island names local students to Dean’s List

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Spring 2021 Dean’s List. More than 7,000 students were named to the Spring 2021 Dean’s List, representing nearly all of Rhode Island’s cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries.

The following local students were named to the list:

James Buckley of Gilford

Anne Dionne of Laconia

Kaitlyn VanBennekum of Gilford

To be included on the

Dean’s List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

To view the entire Dean’s List, visit: uri.edu/academics/deans-list/

About the University of Rhode Island

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Local contractors celebrate Safety Month

GILFORD — Summer in the Lakes Region brings busy days, especially for local contractors enjoying a booming building and renovation market. Good contractors are figuring out new ways to attract employees and be efficient to meet demand. Great contractors are doing so with a focus on safety.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics lists Tree Workers (1), Roofers (4), Construction Trade (9), and Landscapers (10) in the top 10 of most dangerous professions in the U.S. Since June is National Safety Month, two local contractors are working hard to keep their employees safe.

“When you’ve been around as long as we have you see booms, busts, new technologies and fads that come and go, but the need for safety is always consistent,” says Hayden McLaughlin of Belknap Landscape in Gilford. “Lately technology has stepped up in helping us be safe”.

Belknap Landscape has adopted the use of a smartphone App called Whip Around to assure their equipment is safe through inspections every day.

“All of our equipment is inspected using this program on our phones in the morning before we even start it up” McLaughlin explains. “There’s a unique checklist for each piece of machinery. The team goes through the checklist and if there’s a safety concern the app notifies our fleet manager and fails the machine so we don’t use it.”

As technology helps workers be safe, there still isn’t a substitute for old-fashioned safety leadership and using the right protective equipment. Gloves, safety glasses, boots, and hard hats are synonymous with safety on construction sites, but real safety starts from a commitment by company owners and managers.

“All of my employees

are important to me. As a business owner and a leader, it’s up to me to send them home safe at the end of the day.” Says Jeremy Doucet of Lighthouse Contracting Group in Gilford. “That’s why we invest in high-quality personal protective equipment, safe tools, and training. There is no amount of time, money, or effort saved that is worth risking their safety.”

Leveraging local experts is an important strategy Belknap Landscape has been using for years, even though the pandemic made that challenging. Mark Cote of Cross insurance in Laconia helps educate and train Belknap employees on important topics.

“They know that safety is not a weekly, monthly or quarterly topic – it needs to be discussed daily. The pandemic did not change their mentality and safety stayed a top priority.” Says Cote “Together we adapted to Zoom and held company

wide training sessions which included Defensive Driving, Job Site Awareness, the importance of wearing personal protective equipment and other valuable topics.”

This focus on safety has paid off. Belknap Landscape has received national recognition from trade magazines and organizations like the National Association of Landscape Professionals. Lighthouse Contracting Group sees the benefits every day.

“When I think about the projects we’ve completed over the past few years, I’m proud of the work we’ve done and projects that we’ve completed. That pride pales when compared to how proud I feel knowing my employees have gone home safe every day after work. What we produce is remarkable, but how we end the day is the most important thing for my team and their families,” says Doucet.

To learn more about



Bill Wood, Lead Carpenter and Head of Safety for Lighthouse Contracting Group, wearing his hardhat, safety goggles, gloves, and boots as part of the PPE expected on a construction site.

Lighthouse Contracting Group, visit <https://lighthousecontracting-group.com>. To learn more about Cross Insurance, visit <https://crossagency.com/>. To learn more about

Belknap Landscape Company, visit <https://belknaplandscape.com>.

Leadership group conducts annual Program Days

GILFORD — The Leadership Lakes Region Class of 2020 (delayed by COVID) re-convened last month and conducted its Social Issues Day under the sponsorship of Make-A-Wish New Hampshire.

This month, the group met for its annual Health Issues Day under the sponsorship, for the 20th year in a row, of the former LRGHealthcare, now Concord Hospital Laconia and Franklin. Social Issues took place at the Gilford Community Church meeting room, while Health Day was held under the Pavilion at Beans and Greens Farm. Both days consisted of expert speakers on the topic being discussed as well as small team visits to social agencies on Social Issues Day to learn more about that agency’s mission and report back to the larger Leadership class.

“Both Program Days went very well with

many great questions for our guest speakers and valuable information shared with the class members,” said Program Coordinator Jennifer McLean.

McLean was assisted in the planning of the two “back from COVID” days by class members and/or alumni Jennifer Kelley, Andrea Condometrak and Shelly Carita. A highlight of Social Issues Day was the kick-off comments made by Condodetrak and Kelley entitled “Take Your Passion and Turn it into Action.” Similarly, Health issues Day was concluded with remarks from Carita as well as a “Stop the Bleed” demonstration led by former Gilford Fire Chief, Leadership Lakes Board member/graduate and now a Manager for the Partnership for Public Health, John Beland.

Next up for the Leadership Class is the annual Lakes-Environmental



New owners of Beans & Greens Farm, Gail and Brian McCauley get ready to welcome the Leadership Lakes Class to their iconic farmstand. (Not pictured: co-owner Chris Collias.)

Day to be held on Squam Lake on June 30 with the class’ graduation ceremony that evening at the Belknap Mill. The 24 members of this class

will join the ranks of 385 Leadership Lakes’ alumni who have graduated since the group’s founding in 1996. Mclean urges anyone interested in

joining the 23rd annual Leadership Lakes Class to apply by downloading the on-line application at www.leadershiplakes-region.org.

“We’re currently accepting applications for the next class which begins in October,” McLean added.

NH Pumpkin Festival postponed to October 2022



LACONIA — Although there were seeds of hope that the NH Pumpkin Festival would take place this fall, the Lakes Region Chamber recently announced the NH Pumpkin Festival will be postponed to Oct. 14 & 15, 2022.

“There is a tremendous amount of planning that goes into this festival, including securing fundraising and volunteers,” stated Karmen Gifford, President of the Lakes Region Chamber

and Official Organizer of the NH Pumpkin Festival event. “We are truly disappointed to wait one more year. The event needs to come back strong. I am definitely excited to announce that we are using this additional time to plan for a bigger festival with more events and opportunities to celebrate fall in NH. 2022 is going to be spooktacular!”

NH Pumpkin Festival moved to Laconia in 2015. In 2016, the Lakes

Region Chamber proudly became the Official Organizer growing the festival from a one-day event to a two day event, adding more entertainment, amusement rides, creating a family-friendly street festival atmosphere. Gifford reports that area businesses are already expressing an interest to get involved in the 2022 event.

“As the festival’s Official Organizer, the Chamber’s goal is to highlight all our amaz-

ing experiences and create opportunities that will draw more visitors to our region in a time between peak summer tourism and before winter activities begin,” explains Gifford. “The past year has been full of tumultuous challenges for our business community. We will continue to work with our local businesses to address staffing challenges today, but at the same time focus on planning our biggest festival ever. This event will certainly support our local economy and showcase the beauty of autumn in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire.”

The Lakes Region Chamber is a non-profit, 501c-6 organization supporting business in 30+ towns/cities. Chamber members work together to improve business in the Lakes Region and the quality of life for

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Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction celebrates 40th anniversary in 2021



Warren Bailey, the founder of the Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction, second from left. Left to right with Bailey are Mike Seymour, Dom DeCarli, and Sandy Marshall.

L A C O N I A — The Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year as an annual fundraising event that provides grant funds to dozens of nonprofit organizations that assist underserved children.

“We kicked off the 40th celebration with a

webinar for all of our volunteers on May 19, powered by The Enablement Group, and we updated our volunteers on the 2021 auction,” said Executive Director Jennifer Kelley.

Created in 1981 as a one-day radio auction—the brainchild of Warren Bailey, then a DJ for WLNH—the annual

event has since raised over \$7 million for children and families in the Lakes Region.

“It has evolved so much, and it really is a tradition,” said Bailey. “There are so many people I run into who come here to visit relatives. Not a year goes by that I don’t see somebody who shares a memory of

being a child who benefited. They reminisce about the past and say it’s not Christmas until they get into the Lakes Region so they can listen and hear and see the Auction.”

Bailey feels a tremendous sense of pride that he founded the auction.

“From the very beginning, when I witnessed the unseen poverty and brought the idea back to the radio station, members of the community said, ‘Yes, how can I help?’” he said.

“That generosity continues now with the 40th,” he added. “It’s now such a large organization that helps out so many.”

The auction’s mission is to engage the community to financially support children in need with a vision to ensure that every child is empowered to succeed and positively impact a

thriving Greater Lakes Region community.

In its 40th year, leaders of the auction, including Executive Director Jennifer Kelley and a 17-member board, want to spread the word about the good work it does in the Lakes Region.

These are some ways area residents can help:

- Learn more about the Auction by visiting www.childrensauction.com/. “We help agencies that support children in need by providing basic needs, like food, clothing, and shelter; services to help mitigate those needs; and educational and recreational opportunities that kids would not have access to otherwise,” said Jaimie Sousa, board chairperson.
- Tell 40 people about the Auction’s work and how it improves the lives of children and families in the Lakes Region—whether in person, via

email or on social media. “Helping us spread the word will make the community stronger by increasing auction donations and bids,” Sousa said.

- Help recruit auction items or fundraise. You will have fun and make great friends in the process.
- Make a donation.

Said Sousa, “Financial support allows us to expand opportunities for children. Each year we have many more deserving grant requests than we can possibly meet. We have grown incredibly, but there is still more to do. Consider giving \$40 as a celebration of 40 years!”

Learn more about the auction at www.ChildrensAuction.com, where you can discover sponsorship opportunities, donate or volunteer or email Jenn@ChildrensAuction.com.

Grappone Automotive supports NH-based program for veterans and first responders

REGION — Grappone Automotive in Bow, NH is partnering with the Patriot Resilient Leader Institute (PRLI) to increase its support of military, veterans and first responders. The PRLI is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that runs the Camp Resilience program which offers therapeutic retreats in the beautiful Lakes Region of New Hampshire to help Military, Veterans, First Responders and their loved ones from all over New England recover and improve their physical, mental and emotional well-being. Since 2014, the PRLI has run 71 Camp Resilience retreats that have served over 650 participants from all over New England.

Grappone Automotive recently obtained a beautiful 14-passenger van for the PRLI to use in its Camp Resilience retreats. Grappone not only provided the van at an extremely good price but also donated the Camp Resilience logos and motto adorning the sides, front and rear of the van.

Grappone Auto-

motive is also supporting the PRLI by sponsoring the First Annual Green Beret With A Mission Challenge (GBWMC). This charity event is designed to give adventure athlete teams from a Crossfit or other sports background a test of endurance while providing a taste of the physical and mental challenges Army Special Forces soldiers face in accomplishing some of their real-world missions. It will be a fun, challenging event led by Army Green Berets. Teams of five to 10 participants will negotiate a course with multiple stations where they will be required to complete Special Forces mission tasks that will challenge them physically and mentally. Teams in each category that complete the course the fastest and having the highest score will receive awards and prizes. After completing the course, each team is invited to enjoy a BBQ meal and mingle with Army Green Berets.

The Green Beret With A Mission Challenge is a cooperative effort between the PRLI, Swim With A Mission



Amanda Grappone Osmer, the CEO of Grappone Automotive Group, hands the keys to the new van they obtained for Camp Resilience to PRLI President Kurt Webber while Mark Corry (L) from the PRLI and Brandyn Boynton from Grappone observe. They are outside the Gunstock Inn in Gilford where most Camp Resilience Retreats are held.

(SWAM) and the Green Beret Foundation (GBF). SWAM is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2017 that raises funds to support Veteran causes by running a multi-day event that includes a swim across Newfound Lake; a demonstration of skills by Navy SEALs; a paintball tournament led by Navy SEALs where the participants learn about leadership, “team first” attitude and mental

toughness; a “Whiskey and Whiskers” event that focuses military K9’s, both in combat and then in their roles as service animals for our Veterans and an art programs for Veterans and their families. The GBF is also a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that honors a commitment to Green Berets

past and present by providing Special Forces Soldiers and their families with emergency, immediate, and ongoing support.

Kurt Webber, the President of the PRLI, a retired Army officer and former Green Beret, stated that “We are not only very grateful for the van that Grappone so gen-

erously obtained for us but are also thrilled that they are sponsoring the Green Beret With a Mission Challenge that will not only raise funds to support Veteran causes but will hopefully also raise awareness of our Camp Resilience program.”

Amanda Grappone Osmer, the fourth generation owner of Grappone Automotive, is thrilled to be involved, and said “We were grateful to be included in supporting both Camp Resilience and the upcoming Green Beret Challenge. I’m especially looking forward to seeing if my husband and son’s team can beat the Grappone team!”

To learn more about Swim With A Mission and the Green Beret With A Mission Challenge and to register for any of the SWAM events, go to www.swimwithamission.org. To learn more about Camp Resilience or make a tax-deductible donation, go to www.camp-resilience.org.

PARKS

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16, which will require a 10-day closure so the material can cure.

A number of Parks and Rec facilities were damaged by vandalism in mid-May. The worst damage was a broken door at the town beach and one of the doors

was broken at the rink. Greene said nothing was missing from any of these locations, meaning it was just vandalism and not theft.

The department has been operating with a vacant position. He said they tried to fill it a few

times with no success. They are now waiting to fill that position and will aim for that closer to fall.

Planning for Gilford Old Home Day is underway with this year’s event still scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 28.

SAFETY

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There were also suggestions regarding the non-motorized traffic including “Share the Road” signs, arrows in the road indicating bike direction, and striped bike and pedestrian lanes.

After extensive dis-

cussions including input from police chief Anthony Bean Burpee, and Public Works Director Meghan Theriault, the decision was made to hold a public hearing to further discuss these suggestions and make

any possible decisions.

The hearing took place after press time, but an article on the hearing will be in the July 1 edition of the Gilford Steamer.

BEACH

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Selectman Chan Eddy asked if they had heard any feedback about the raft being out of the water. Greene said the typical response he has gotten is disappointment with understanding, though there have been quite a few people upset with the decision.

Selectman Kevin Hayes asked what the department will do to address the staffing for the 2022 season. Greene said they’re exploring different options.

“I’m not sure there’s a one size fits all solution,” Greene said. “I think it’s going to take some creative marketing maybe to encourage trying to hire earlier in the season to get that commitment. I’m not sure there’s an easy fix.”

He said this is a common problem, not only for the Lakes Region and the state but across the country. Greene said this was a hot topic on the online boards of the National Parks and Recreation Association.

Hayes asked if the town offers a lifeguard course and certification. Greene said they have in the past, but have to have staff members who are certified instructors or coordinate to get someone who is. Another difficulty is finding time when the water is warm enough to swim in for extended periods of time. The raft would also need to be in place for certain skills testing.

They have worked with some local resources, including courses at

the Wellness Complex in Laconia.

“I don’t understand lifeguard used to be one of those great jobs that everyone strived to get because you’re out in the sun and everything else,” Hayes said. “What’re all these kids doing now, I don’t know.”

One resident commented that many of these programs that lead to teens becoming lifeguards were closed last year because of the pandemic.

For more information on the lifeguard position and to apply, visit <https://www.gilfordrec.com/towncloud/news-item/Lifeguard-Employment-Opportunity-1368>.



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Gilford resident named to Dean’s List at Dean College

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Endicott College announces local Dean’s List students

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*Katherine Sweeney
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CHARLESTON, S.C. — Katherine Sweeney, of Gilford was named to the College of Charleston Spring 2021 Dean’s List. Sweeney is majoring in Computer Science.

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NH LAKES brings on Kaitlyn Kelleher
as Conservation Program Assistant



Kaitlyn Kelleher

CONCORD — NH LAKES has hired Kaitlyn Kelleher as the organization’s Conservation Program Assistant. Kat brings a knowledge and passion for working with volunteers and is looking forward to helping inspire people to take action to keep New

Hampshire’s lakes clean and healthy.

Kelleher graduated from Syracuse University in 2017, where she received a B.S. in Biology with a focus on Environmental Studies. Before joining NH LAKES, she was an educational coordinator at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. She also served as a crew leader in Minnesota for the Conservation Corps, working with state and federal groups on projects including tree planting, sawyer work, wildland firefighting, and soil and water conservation district assignments.

Conservation Program Assistant assists the Conservation Program Manager with the management of the organization’s existing conservation programming, including the statewide Lake Host aquatic invasive species prevention program and LakeSmart lake-friendly living programs. They also assist with the development of new conservation programming to advance public awareness of and participation in the organization and its mission.

“We’re looking forward to working with Kat. I am thrilled to have her on board and I’m confident she will be a highly effective member

of our team,” said Krystal Costa Balanoff, NH LAKES Conservation Program Manager.

Established in 1992, the mission of NH LAKES, a statewide, publicly supported non-profit organization, is to ensure that New Hampshire’s 1,000 lakes are clean and healthy, now and in the future. To achieve its mission, NH LAKES works with partners, promotes clean water policies and responsible use, and inspires the public to care for our lakes. For more information, visit nhlakes.org, email info@nhlakes.org, or call 226-0299.

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Lakes Region Rotary Club supports nonprofits that support the community



Members of the Lakes Region Rotary Club present checks to four area nonprofits. Front row from left to right: Chris McCarthy of The Santa Fund; Linda Tunnicliffe of Got Lunch Laconia; Dawn Longval of Isaiah 61 Café; and Paula Ferenc of Belknap House. Back Row from left to right: Larry Greeley, Jude Hamel, and Bob Ewell of the Lakes Region Rotary Club.

LACONIA — The Lakes Region Rotary club recently reached out with gifts of support to four area nonprofits that have supported families who have been impacted by the pandemic over the past year. Belknap House, the Isaiah 61 Cafe, the Santa Fund, and Got Lunch Laconia each received donations of \$500 to support their ongoing work.

Rotary member, Bob Ewell, said, “This has been a difficult year for everyone and these four organizations have done outstanding work helping the most vulnerable members of our commu-

nity - children, homeless individuals and homeless families, and families in crisis.”

The Lakes Region Rotary Club follows the Rotary motto of “Service above Self.” Each year funds raised through the Lakes Region Rotary Annual car show are donated to support the work of area nonprofit organizations that work to make life in the Lakes Region better for children and families. This year’s car show will be held on Saturday, July 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Endicott Street North in the Weirs (insert rain date info here if we’re hav-

ing a rain date). More information about the car show is available on the Lakes Region Rotary Club Facebook page.

The Lakes Region Rotary was formed in 1991 and meets weekly on Tuesdays from 7-8 a.m. In addition to fundraising, club members contribute to service activities throughout the Lakes Region throughout the year. Anybody interested in learning more or becoming a member may contact the club through its email at lakesregionrotary@gmail.com.

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