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# Bike Week kicks off amid changing times

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LACONIA — Motorcycle Week will look a bit different this year, but organizers say this could be a successful week with people making safe decisions and embracing the spirit of riding.

Laconia Motorcycle Week officially kicked off on Saturday, and will last through this coming Sunday, Aug. 30. A number of Motorcycle Week stakeholders took part in a press conference on Thursday at the Northeast Motorsports Museum to kick off the week.

The event was re-scheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and a number of changes have been made to ensure social distancing. The city of Laconia announced it would not issue any vendor permits on Lakeside Avenue



Bikes cruise through Lakeside Avenue on Sunday afternoon after the start of Bike Week.

PHOTOS BY ERIN PLUMMER

except for a few community organizations. This means there will not be any retail or food vendors and live music will only take place at just a few privately managed locations.

“I’ve heard several people say it’s different this year for Motorcycle Week,” said Laconia Motorcycle Week Executive Director Charlie St. Clair. “It’s different when I go to the super-market; it’s different when I do anything, or try to do anything.”

St. Clair said this has been a rough year overall for the board of directors, but everyone in the association has gone above and beyond this year.

“We’re all dealing with and that’s with regards to getting things sanitized up there and doing everything we can

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## Primary elections coming up on Sept. 8

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Voters in Gilford and across the state will take to the polls on Sept. 8 for the primary election.

Voting in Gilford will be on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Registered Gilford voters can also apply for absentee ballots for the Sept. 8 and Nov. 3 elections. An application can be found at [https://www.gilfordnh.org/assets/municipal/3/2020\\_Absentee\\_Ballot\\_Request.pdf](https://www.gilfordnh.org/assets/municipal/3/2020_Absentee_Ballot_Request.pdf) and mailed to: Danielle LaFond, Town Clerk-Tax Collector, 47 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH 03249 or faxed to 527-4719. In the state of New Hampshire concern for COVID-19 is a is among the eligible reasons for requesting an absentee ballot.

Republicans and Democrats are running on their respective tickets for the nomination

in a number of national, state, and county seats.

On the Republican ballot, Gov. Chris Sununu is running for another term against Karen Testerman and Nobody.

Four republicans are seeking the position of US Senator: Don Bolduc, Andy Martin, Corky Messner, and Gerard Be-join.

For Representative in Congress for the First Congressional District, Michael Callis, Jeff Denaro, Matt Mayberry, Matt Mowers, and Kevin Rondeau are seeking the Republican nomination.

Kim Strathdee and Joseph D. Kenney are running for District 1 Executive Councilor.

Five republicans are aiming for four seats as State Representative in Belknap District 2. Incumbents Glen Aldritch and Harry H. Bean of Gilford and Dee Jurius and Jonathan Mackie

of Meredith are seeking new terms against challenger Norm Silber of Gilford.

The rest of the Republicans are running uncontested on their ballot.

Harold F. French is running for State Senator in District 7.

Bill Wright is running for Belknap County Sheriff.

Andrew Livernois is seeking another term as County Attorney.

Michael G. Muzzey is running for County Treasurer. Judy McGrath is running for reelection as Register of Deeds.

Alan Glassman is running as Register of Deeds.

Harry H. Bean and Norm Silber are running for the two seats as Delegates to the State Convention.

On the Democrat ticket, Dan Feltes and Andru Volinsky are running

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## Conservation Trust announces challenge grants to help complete Weeks Project



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Dramatic 180-degree views to Gilford and the nearby lakes and mountains.

REGION — Help the Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT) cross the finish line! LRCT is excited to announce that the Samuel P. Pardoe Foundation and another anonymous donor have each approved \$5,000 challenge grants to help LRCT raise the remaining funds needed to permanently protect a key 65-acre parcel of land located on the western slopes of Gunstock Mountain in Gilford, adjacent to the Muehlke Family Christmas Tree Farm.

“We are heartened to know that, even during these uncertain times, support for conserving key natural places around us remains strong,” stated LRCT President, Don Berry.

LRCT and the Gilford Conservation Commission are working together to conserve the John M. and Eileen R. Weeks property, which has

long been a conservation priority in Gilford. \$104,415 is still needed to complete this project by early this fall.

How can you help?

Donate securely online now by visiting the LRCT website at [www.LRCT.org](http://www.LRCT.org)

Donate by check, payable to “LRCT” with “Weeks” in the memo field and mail to LRCT, PO Box 766 Center Harbor, NH 03226.

Donate by phone: Call LRCT at (603) 253-3301 to leave your name and a phone number. Staff are working remotely but they will do their best to call you back in less than 48 hours to process your credit card over the phone.

Email us at [lrct@lrct.org](mailto:lrct@lrct.org) and include your name and phone number and someone will call you back to process your gift over the phone. Spread the word!

Please share this message with your family and friends!

[Click here to learn more about the Weeks Conservation Project]

Visit [LRCT.org](http://LRCT.org) for more information about this project.

LRCT sends a big thank you to everyone who has already contributed to this outstanding project! No gift is too small as each and every donation will help LRCT reach their matching funds challenge and help to conserve this land.

Anyone who has hiked in the Belknaps, or who enjoys the views of the Belknaps from Gilford or other places in the region, can attest to the beauty of this landscape. LRCT and the Town of Gilford have already raised approximately 65% of the funds needed to complete the

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## Free Dump Days canceled

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After an initial postponement, Free Dump Days has been canceled this year because of the pandemic and the new solid waste facility’s services.

The event was initially scheduled for April 18 and 19, though the selectmen postponed the event on April 8 because of the pandemic.

The board of selectmen voted during the Aug. 12 meeting to cancel this year’s event and to cancel future events. The pandemic was a factor that led to the cancellation, though the new solid waste’s facil-

ities expanded services played a considerable part.

Previously Free Dump Days was a week-long event where residents could dispose of bulky household items for free. This year the event was going to be reduced to a weekend because of the new facility’s opening. Now the new facility can take all of these items five days a week, negating the need for Free Dump Days.

Residents can dispose of a number of household items for free five days a week including household trash, separated recyclables, waste oil, brush and leafs,

metal items, and others. Items that can be disposed of with a minimal fee include tires electronics, appliances with freon, carpets and pads, furniture, and others.

Contact with Gilford Solid Waste Center at 293-0220 or the Public Works main office at 527-4778 with any questions on items. A full listing of disposal fees can be found at [https://www.gilfordnh.org/assets/municipal/10/WASTE\\_DISPOSAL\\_FEES\\_2019\\_.pdf](https://www.gilfordnh.org/assets/municipal/10/WASTE_DISPOSAL_FEES_2019_.pdf). For more information on the town’s recycling program visit the Recycle Right page at <https://www.gilfordnh.org/recycleright>.



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## Notes from the Gilford Public Library

BY MARK THOMAS  
Library Correspondent

People are talking about work. The work force has been shak-

en up over the last few months, to say the least. What with pandemic-related furloughs, layoffs, and the remote work boom, people are think-

ing about work and their careers differently. But there are so many unknowns—so many questions!

Connecting people with the information they need to find and apply for employment is a major aspect of library service. Finding the right opportunity is its own challenge. Even knowing the right search terms can make all the difference. Fortunately, there are books and reliable online resources that can help job-hunters find the right posting.

Once a posting has been found, it's time to apply. Many businesses expect applicants to have a digital resume and to apply online. The Library computers are frequently used to write resumes and to apply remotely. Librarians can help applicants avoid predatory paid services and navigate scams, of which there are a lot! Writing resumes and applying for work can be done for free.

The same holds true for educational and professional training opportunities. The Library has books neatly comparing colleges, universities, scholarships, and more. There are multiple online tools that do the same, but it's important to check the source of their information. We say that a lot, don't we?

So if you or someone you know is looking for work, an education, or a career change, remember that the library is a multifaceted resource that helps at each step in the process. We're eager to help applicants succeed!

Classes & Special Events  
Aug. 27 – Sept. 3

\*Sign up and masks required  
Thursday, Aug. 27  
\*Advanced Line

Dancing, 10-10:30 a.m.  
\*Beginner Line  
Dancing, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
\*Knit Wits, 1-2 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 28  
\*Bridge, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Monday, Aug. 31  
\*Line Dancing, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 1  
\*Geri Fit, 10-11 a.m.

Improve reaction time and driving skills with this semi-advanced workout video. Proprioceptive exercises are mixed in with the traditional Geri-Fit evidence-based workout lesson plan to further enhance motor skills, reaction time, and balance. Sign-up required, must be a valid Library card holder. Maximum of 10 people per class. Please

bring your own two-to-three-pound dumbbell, a stretch band, and water to drink during the workout.

Wednesday, Sept. 2  
Check Out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon  
Call the Library for technical tips!

\*Geri Fit, 10-11 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 3  
\*Advanced Line Dancing, 10-10:30 a.m.  
\*Beginner Line Dancing, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

\*Knit Wits, 1-2 p.m.

20 Best Books of 2020, 1 p.m.

Join Molly & Maria on Facebook Live to get the buzz on what should be on your reading list. Get our best picks in just 20 minutes!

\*Conversational French, 4-5 p.m.

## Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. "Too Much and Never Enough" by Mary L. Trump
2. "1st Case" by James Patterson
3. "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett
4. "The Guest List" by Lucy Foley
5. "Cajun Justice" by James Patterson
6. "Outsider" by Linda Castillo
7. "28 Summers" by Elin Hilderbrand
8. "The Room Where it Happened" by John Bolton
9. "Hello, Summer" by Mary Kay Andrews
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The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Aug. 17-23.

Seth Ryan Noe, age 23, of Gilford was arrested on Aug. 20 in connection with a bench warrant.

Jason M. McNickle, age 28, of Vinton, Ohio was arrested on Aug. 21 for Driving While Intoxicated and an Open Container violation. Cody Bryan Lewis, age 28, of Gallipolis, Ohio was arrested during the same incident for Resisting Arrest or Detention, and a 21-year-old female was taken into protective custody for intoxication.

## Purple beauty threatens wetlands

REGION — While beautiful, Purple loosestrife is a destructive invader in wetlands. This attractive perennial plant with purple flowers on long spikes can reach over five feet high, blooming from July through September in wet meadows, pastures, cattail marshes and edges of streams and ponds. Purple loosestrife out-competes native wetland species in part because each mature plant has over 2.5 million seeds. By replacing native plants, it adversely affects wildlife and fish habitat.

If Purple loosestrife presence is low, it can be controlled by carefully cutting and bagging the flowering tops, then digging out the plant and disposing of tops and plants in plastic bags. Composting isn't an option as the seed are resilient and can germinate even after several years.



To address large Purple loosestrife infestations in New Hampshire there have been efforts to release two species of leaf-eating beetles as biological controls. Chemical measures have also been used.

There are several native species including blue vervain that look

similar to Purple loosestrife. So it is important to check to make sure you have the right plant. There is good information available on websites including <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/factsheets/bb/documents/bb-45.pdf>

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# LPC reports on loon numbers, plans, and pandemic response

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MOULTONBOROUGH — The year 2020 has had some challenges for the loon population as well as the human population, with the Loon Preservation Committee taking measures to help loons despite limitations from the pandemic.

The LPC held its annual meeting on Thursday via Zoom where LPC Executive Director Harry Vogel gave the annual “State of the Loon” report on loons as well as an update on the organization.

The LPC monitors 375 lakes across the state. He said while not all these lakes have loons, all have the potential to have them.

Work of LPC staff and volunteers has included banding loons and taking blood and feather samples, examining failed eggs, doing necropsies on dead loons, and others.

The LPC also has a number of initiatives to help protect loons and their nests. They have collected over 15,000 pieces of lead tackle in a buyback program. LPC volunteers and biologists have put out nesting rafts to help loons who have lost their nesting sites, floated signs warning boaters of loon nests and chicks and will work with dam owners to make sure water levels remain stable to protect loon nests. Vogel said nine out of every 10 chicks that hatched this year benefitted from LPC

interventions.

Usually the LPC has a number of events and activities over the year to raise awareness of loons and money for the organization but COVID-19 put a stop to many of them this year.

“Most of our talks, our Summer Gala, our Loon Festival, our golf tournament all canceled this year, but we carried on and we changed our tactics to reach people in different ways,” Vogel said.

Volunteer and Outreach Biologist Caroline Hughes worked with volunteer Bill Gassman to redo the organization’s website and volunteers have maintained a social media presence for the LPC.

The LPC’s Thursday night nature talks have also been available online.

The Loon Census still went on this year with 501 people counting 568 loons across the state.

The collected data from over the summer was compiled into a preliminary report on the state of the loon population in the state.

This year, there were 320 pairs, which he said was a record number. The numbers of nests and chicks, however, was slightly down this year. Around two thirds of all territorial pairs nested, which Vogel said was a little low. On average, 0.9 chicks hatch per pair, which he said is up this year, and is on par with data from the past 10 years.

Vogel said research has indicated that there is a baseline goal of .48 surviving chicks in a year to keep the loon population stable. While that number in 2020 fell below that line, Vogel said the numbers have been on or above for six of the past 10 years.

Overall, 56 percent of nests were successful. Around a third failed for unknown reasons. Vogel said there are a number of reasons for nest failure that have human factors. The presence of humans around the lake can lead to an increase in predators such as raccoons and gulls.

With more people boating this year, large wakes can flood nests and potentially wash eggs away.

For the past few years, the LPC has been investigating the reason for low numbers of loons on Squam Lake, including high levels of contaminants. Fortunately, the numbers on Squam were better this year.

“Squam actually had a good year this year, and that’s very gratifying because we’ve been working for almost 15 years to understand and reverse the declines of loons on Squam Lake,” Vogel said.

This year was also a hot year, meaning loons in parts of the state fared better than others. While loons in the Sunapee and Monadnock Highlands fared well, loons on the Seacoast did not have a good year. Vogel said climate plays a big role in



Loon Preservation Committee Executive Director Harry Vogel reports on activities by the organization in 2020, including the release of a rescued loon.

the state of loons. Overall temperatures in New Hampshire were five degrees above average, placing the temperatures closer to southern Massachusetts.

“When you get the temperatures typical of southern Massachusetts loons don’t fare well and that should not come as a surprise to any of us,” Vogel said. “Loons are a northern species, they are close to the southern edge of their breeding grounds in New Hampshire.”

The LPC is now in the beginning of a capital campaign to raise money for an expansion of the Loon Center and the construction of a secondary building. Since the building was constructed in 1993 the staff, exhibits, and various pieces of equipment have grown exponentially. Vogel showed a photo of a few



The LPC is embarking on a capital campaign to expand the Loon Center and construct an operations building.

staff members packed into a small space with equipment and paperwork.

The LPC plans to expand the main building and construct a second building for rafts, boats, signs, and housing and facilities for staff. The new building will be the Kittie Wilson Field Operations Center named

after ardent volunteer Kittie Wilson who passed away in 2018.

The campaign’s goal is \$2 million, so far thanks to a quiet phase of the campaign they have already raised over \$1.75 million. They still have around \$230,000 left to raise and will continue with their campaign.

# Belknap Mill to host online playwriting workshop

LACONIA — The Belknap Mill’s Theatrical-Artist-in-Residence, Bryan Halperin, will offer a 10-week online Playwriting Workshop for high school students and adults of all ages. The workshop will provide opportunities for writers of all levels of experience to try their hand at writing a 10 - 15-minute short play. With weekly homework assignments, in-class writing exercises and feedback from peers and the instructor, each writer will learn the basic elements of playwriting and will be guided to completion of their own

original play by the end of the workshop.

According to Bryan, “Having run this workshop several times in the past, I am always amazed at how much progress a writer can make in 10 weeks – enough to have a coherent and interesting piece ready for a simple production. And having a mix of ages from high school freshman through senior citizens provides the writers with feedback from many different perspectives. I always enjoy the experience.”

With so much uncertainty about the immediate future of live per-

formance, the plays may be used for an online ZOOM play festival or a future in-person live performance.

The workshop will begin in September and run for 10 weeks. Dates and times to be determined based on interested participants. Those interested should sign up by emailing Tara Shore, Program & Operations Manager at: [operations@belknapmill.org](mailto:operations@belknapmill.org) or by calling 524-8813. Please include weeknight availability for online classes.

Playwrights do not need to reside in the Lakes Region to partic-

ipate. Tuition for the workshop is \$150. Some scholarships may be available. Enrollment requires a minimum of eight participants and the class will have a maximum of 12 participants. There is a 10 percent discount for Belknap Mill members.

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 to celebrate the Lakes Region’s cultural heritage through the arts, education and civic engagement.

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**Get the Most from Your 401(k)**

You won't see any greeting cards celebrating it, and it's not likely to be on your calendar, but in just a few weeks, National 401(k) Day will be observed. And this type of recognition may be warranted, too, because 401(k) plans have become key building blocks for a big part of people's lives – a comfortable retirement. Are you making the most of your 401(k)? Of course, during the past few months, you may have had mixed feelings about your 401(k). After all, at the beginning of the coronavirus, when the financial markets tumbled, the value of your account probably fell significantly, although it has likely regained some ground since the initial drop. Nonetheless, the recent market volatility and its short-term effects on your 401(k) should not unduly influence your decisions about this important retirement account. After all,

a 401(k) is truly a long-term vehicle, in every sense – you contribute to it for decades while you're working, and you can draw on it, along with other sources of income, for decades during your retirement. Consequently, you'll want to consistently review your account to ensure it is working hard for you. Here are a few suggestions:

- **Get the match.** At a minimum, put enough into your 401(k) to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. While employers can set their own rules, a typical match is 50% of what you put in, up to 6% of your salary. So, if you don't contribute the amount needed to earn the match, you are essentially "leaving money on the table." (Be aware, though, that some employers have temporarily suspended matching contributions in response to the economic slowdown during the pandemic.)

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- **Give yourself regular "raises."** Every time your salary goes up, increase your annual contributions. Most people typically don't come anywhere near hitting the maximum annual 401(k) contribution limit (which, in 2020, is \$19,500, or \$26,000 for those 50 or older), and you might not, either, but try to put in as much as you can afford. Not only will you be building tax-deferred resources for retirement, but you'll be giving yourself a big tax break, because the more you contribute each year, the lower your taxable income (unless you have a Roth 401(k), in which case your contributions aren't deductible, but your earnings can grow tax-free).
- **Invest for growth.** Because your 401(k) is designed to help fund your retirement, which could last 20 years or more, you'll want to build the biggest account possible. That means you'll need to include investments

designed to provide growth within your 401(k), subject to your personal risk tolerance.

- **Be careful about loans.** You can take out loans from your 401(k), but it's not always a good move. You'll have to pay yourself back, and if you leave your job, either voluntarily or involuntarily, the repayment may be due at an inconvenient time. (However, as part of the CARES economic stimulus act, many 401(k) loan repayments are being suspended for up to one year.) Furthermore, by taking out money from your account, even temporarily, you can slow its overall growth potential. So, you may want to look for other sources of income before tapping into your 401(k).

National 401(k) Day is just that – a day. But by taking the appropriate steps, you can help ensure your own 401(k) gives you many years' worth of benefits.

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*Finger-waggers vs. vernacular,  
as a ghost cat leaves its marks*

# A hard-fought right

Women acquired the right to vote on Aug. 18, 1920. It's amazing to think that there are individuals born during that time are still with us today, bringing into light that it wasn't long ago that women were given the right to take part in the democratic process.

The 19th Amendment stated that citizens could not be denied the right to vote based on sex. Because of loopholes, many African American men and women were not permitted to vote pending literacy tests and the inability to pay poll taxes leaving the group disenfranchised. That same year some states, such as Georgia, had a law requiring people to register to vote six months in advance, which meant that many were turned away from the polls. In states such as California, New York and Illinois, women were permitted to vote before the 19th Amendment was ratified.

In 1915, a group of 25,000 women marched in New York City, demanding the right to vote. During that time, the New York Times printed an article against the women's cause, stating, "If women vote, they will play havoc for themselves and society and that if granted suffrage they would demand all the rights that implies. It is not possible to think of women as soldiers and sailors, police patrolmen or firemen, heavens think of the chaos!" The National Women's Party began to picket the White House in 1917, for the entire year despite weather. Some women were arrested and sent to work camps as punishment.

This month, National Women's Suffrage Month, commemorates the turning point in American history as well as the founding of the League of Women Voters. Women began requesting the right to vote in the 1600's. Second lady Abigail Adams wrote to her husband in 1776, "Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the Husbands. Remember, all Men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention is not paid to the Ladies, we are determined to foment a Rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any Laws in which we have no voice or Representation." Adams would never cast a ballot.

In 1848, the cause picked up, after a women's rights convention in New York with Elizabeth Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Lucy Stone spearheading the group of 300 women. Supporting Stanton, was abolitionist Frederick Douglas. After 70 years, with the last 20 packing a powerful punch, public sentiment changed and women were eventually heard and supported.

This year, when at the polls, let us remember the women who were imprisoned, marched in treacherous weather, went on hunger strikes and dedicated their lives so that the women of the future could have a voice.

Congress designated August 26 'Women's Equality Day' in 1973.

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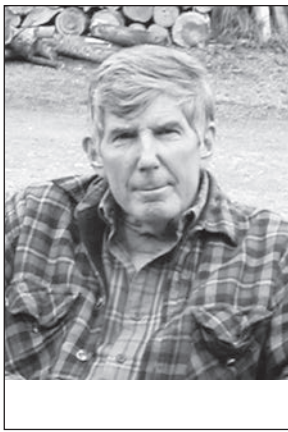
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By JOHN HARRIGAN  
COLUMNIST

This week, we're going from fisher (cats) to fishermen, and from mountain lions to cat-amounts, panthers, painters, cougars, and wildcats, all of which are among the many words used for the same creature.

One of my recurring nightmares could be made into a movie titled "Revenge of the Finger-Waggers." In it, innocent camp-dwellers would be advanced upon by a phalanx of finger-wagging wildlife experts, scolding them for using "fisher cat" and "partridge," not to mention "hedgehog" (vs. "porcupine").

In the dream I would also get a million bucks for every time I've written about non-scientific terms that over the course of history have crept into regional vernacular and local lexicon, and the legend and lore behind them.

When the first European colonists stepped ashore near Cape Cod and the Gulf of Maine, they didn't know how to feed themselves from the land or the sea. Neither did they know much about the many new species of wildlife they encountered. Hence every feline-looking creature--fisher, bobcat, lynx, cougar--was called "wildcat." When naturalists like John Josselyn, Thomas Morton, and William Wood arrived, they began trying to sort it all out. This process continues today (witness "coydog").

For a long time, my book-reading scope of interest was first contact, coming after binge-reading on the Arctic, the conquest of South America, Antarctica, Siberia and the like), and in a way, it still is. When a new book comes out even only partially dealing with accounts of Europeans' first experiences with native people, I'll drop whatever I'm reading in a hot second to pick it up.

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At one point during my wandering reading, I bumped into an article dealing with the etymology (origins of a word) of "fisher cat."

Now, one of the brickbats the finger-waggers are always throwing at people who use "fisher cats" (okay, just once in a while, just out of tradition) is that fishers don't



COURTESY

This image garnered wide circulation after it was posted by Pittsburg's Lopstick Lodge & Cabins. It was dated June 5, and was said to have come from a trail-cam near Fish Pond Road in Columbia. (Courtesy Gerry Allen)

catch fish.

But according to at least one branch of the Abenaki nation, they do. Early on, soon after the arrival of the first Europeans, an Abenaki hunter--most probably a Penobscot--told of watching the animal in question--the fisher, prized for its thick and glossy coat--trying to trap fish with its big, wide paws in tiny feeder-streams.

I wish I'd preserved the precise information on this little vignette, but at least I have it in my head.

Whatever the reason, "fisher cat" apparently crept into the early settlers' vernacular, or general use. And as more precise terms were affixed to the various animals, the species were gradually sorted out. So now we know that we have the fisher (cat), mink, skunk, martin, and weasel. Only the top dog in the family--the wolverine, which probably was here 14,000 years ago when he last glacier began melting--is missing.

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Earlier this month, a friend sent me an image said to have come from someone's game camera set up along a well-used wildlife trail near Fish Pond Road in the town of Columbia. For the benefit of readers to the south, this is a town just south of Colebrook.

The image is fuzzy, but definitely shows a cat-like animal with the other key feature, a very long tail. In fact, a close look can discern what looks like a black tip on the tail, a mountain lion characteristic.

Because the animal doesn't look big enough in comparison to the yellow birch trees in the background, most people voted "housecat."

Then, in early August, Albert Alix of Fremont sent me a photo his wife Jackie took when they and daughter Megan were coming out of the woods after fishing Simms' Stream. The track was in the very



On Sunday, Aug. 9, Jackie Alix took this photo near Fish Pond Road in Columbia, as she and husband Albert and daughter Megan, of Fremont, were on the way out after fishing Simms' Stream. A cat walks with its claws retracted. The track was the size of a fist, or about four and a half inches wide. But what was it? (Courtesy Albert Alix)



This image of a rare coincidence--a cougar track (left) next to a black bear track--came from a trail-cam far to the west, in the Rockies. (Courtesy Reddit)

same town of Columbia, not far from where the trail-camera was set up.

"My wife, daughter and I stayed in an RV on Jackson Road in Columbia for a few days of R&R this past weekend," Albert wrote. "Simms Stream looked good on the topo map, so we made our way there on Sunday morning and parked at the Route 3 bridge. We fished our way upstream for a couple hours and caught a lot of trout. I would guess we traveled half to one mile."

Albert and family found out what many people discover (or already know) when they fish a brook that's seemingly under everybody's nose--that it has fish, and lots of them.

In fact, I'd bet that many readers have similar stories to tell, about wanting to catch a bunch of fish for a late breakfast or supper, disappearing into the swamp grass and alders for a while, and heading home with enough fish to fill a frying pan.

"When we had enough trout for supper, we climbed up to the gravel road and walked back to

the truck," Albert wrote. "We spotted the track in a mud puddle in the middle of the gravel road. It was a good print so my wife snapped a picture. I wish I had put a tape measure in the photo, but the print was at least as big as my hand."

When I first saw the photo, I immediately thought "Cougar." But I fully admit my bias. And here is the note I got back from Pat Tate, who's pretty much the clearing house at Fish and Game for all things cougar:

"The track has the heel pad and toe orientation of black bear. I have received pictures in the past where black bear claws did not register."

Readers, please feel free to send in your trail-cam photos. They often have interesting and unusual stories to tell.

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# Joanne Pearce promoted to Chief Digital Officer at New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp



Joanne Pearce

MEREDITH — Joanne Pearce will be the first Chief Digital Officer at New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp (NHMB). In her new role, Pearce will create and implement NHMB's digital transformation strategies, enhancing the customer experience for sister companies Mer-

rimack County Savings Bank (the Merrimack), Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSb), Savings Bank of Walpole (SBW) and NHTrust.

Pearce will also ensure that the organizations are maximizing the benefits of their existing digital applications, while she also researches, designs and recommends new solutions for the future.

"Joanne's extensive background in technology combined with her expertise in risk management, make her the ideal candidate for Chief Digital Officer," said Gregg Tewksbury, President and CEO of NHMB. "The benefits of ensur-

ing long-term strategic planning plus a dedicated focus on new and emerging technologies provide the significant impact necessary for our success. Joanne's leadership will help us to grow to new heights under NHMB's unique mutual model."

Pearce joined Meredith Village Savings Bank in 2002 as a Data Security Specialist. She was promoted in 2006 to Vice President of Risk. In 2009, she was promoted again to Senior Vice President, Risk Management Officer. Upon NHMB's formation in 2013, Pearce was named SVP, Risk Management Officer for the full organization.

Pearce received graduate level certifications in Digital Transformation from MIT, in Banking from the American Bankers' Association Stonier Graduate School of Banking and in Leadership from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. She earned her Master of Business Administration degree from the Kogod School of Business at American University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations from Trinity College.

Pearce is the current Chair for the Risk Committee at the NH Bankers' Association. Active in her local community,

she is a member of the School Board in Holderness. She is a member of the advisory board for the Salvation Army and has regularly volunteered at the Salvation Army's Turkey Plunge. Pearce resides in Holderness with her family.

New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp, a shared services organization, was formed in 2013 when two New Hampshire-based community banks, Meredith Village Savings Bank and Merrimack County Savings Bank, formally affiliated – the first relationship of its kind in the state. This strategic partnership has positioned the banks to leverage each other's strengths as they work

together to advance a shared vision of maintaining and enhancing community banking standards and values. MillRiver Wealth Management joined as a third affiliate in 2015, combining the financial advisory divisions of MVSb and the Merrimack. Savings Bank of Walpole joined NHMB in 2018. In 2020, MillRiver Wealth Management affiliated with the New Hampshire Trust Company and Savings Bank of Walpole Wealth Management to become NHTrust. NHMB combined assets total more than \$2.6 billion. For more information, visit [nhmutual.com](http://nhmutual.com).

## LRPA continues to celebrate Alfred in August with "The 39 Steps"

LACONIA— Alfred Hitchcock is recognized as one of cinema's most intriguing and successful directors, and with good reason. LRPA After Dark is celebrating "The Master of Suspense" during his birthday month of August with a festival of some of his early works Join us each Friday and Saturday night at our new showtime of 10 p.m. for a thrilling good time. This weekend (Aug. 28 & 29), we close our Hitchcock festival with the 1935 romantic crime thriller "The 39 Steps," starring Robert Donat and Madeleine Carroll.

On vacation in London, Richard Hannay (Donat), a Canadian tourist, is enjoying a music hall performance when a man is murdered – and young woman, Miss Smith, confesses the murder to Hannay, begging him to give her sanctuary. Back at his flat, she explains that she is a double-agent trying to keep a group of spies from stealing a valuable military secret. That night, Miss

Smith is stabbed in Hannay's flat. She manages to warn Hannay to run before she succumbs to her wounds. Immediately, Hannay becomes a fugitive, both from the police, who accuse him of murder, and from the spies, who need to kill him for what he knows. He takes a train to Scotland, where he hides from the police in the compartment of an attractive blonde named Pamela (Carroll). Pamela wants nothing to do with Hannay and alerts the police, but he manages to escape to the Scottish countryside. The next few days include many harrowing (and sometimes humorous) run-ins for Hannay, and he once again comes into contact with Pamela. Will she believe his innocence and help him clear his name?

"The 39 Steps" is often considered to be Hitchcock's first great international masterpiece, and was both a critical and box office success. The New York Times reviewer Andre Senwald described "The 39

Steps" as having "sinister delicacy and urbane understatement," while Variety wrote, "International spy stories are most always good, and this in one of the best." The film employs two of Hitchcock's notable trademarks: the innocent man (Hannay) wrongly accused of a terrible crime that he didn't commit, who must go on the run and work to clear his good name; and the use of a "MacGuffin," a plot point or device that is important to the story, but really irrelevant to the viewing audience. Film critics have noted that "The 39 Steps" really laid the groundwork for every thriller with "the man on the run" that has ever been made since that time.

It was a favorite film of Orson Welles, who commented to an interviewer, "Oh my God, what a masterpiece." Join us after dark for this Thirties thriller.

Mark your calendars for our final "Alfred in August" presentation!

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About Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA)

Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA) is a nonprofit, non-commercial public access TV station and community media center located on the Laconia High School campus in Laconia. LRPA cablecasts locally on Atlantic Broadband Channel 24

(educational programming and public bulletin board), Channel 25 (information and entertainment) and Channel 26 (government meetings) to more than 12,000 homes in our member communities of Belmont, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith and Northwood. Programming is produced by and for the people of the greater Lakes Region. LRPA's mission is to empower our community mem-

bers to produce content that fosters free speech and the open exchange of ideas,

encourages artistic and creative expression, promotes a well-informed public through governmental transparency, and

unites our communities through the power of media and technology.

LRPA's slogan: Community empowered by media. Visit us on the Web at [www.lrpa.org](http://www.lrpa.org).

### SHAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Advisory Budget Committee

The Shaker Regional School District is seeking community members to serve on the Advisory Budget Committee. The board will select 3 members from Belmont and 3 members from Canterbury to serve on this committee at its September 22, 2020 board meeting. All members must be registered voters for the town in which they are serving. Please visit [www.sau80.org](http://www.sau80.org) to review the charge of this committee.

Please submit a letter of interest to Debbie Thompson, Business Administrator at [dthompson@sau80.org](mailto:dthompson@sau80.org) or Shaker Regional School District, 58 School Street, Belmont, NH 03220 no later than September 15, 2020. Please contact Ms. Thompson at 267-9223 ext. 5303 with any questions.



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## PET OF THE WEEK

## JOAN

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# Live theatre returns to the Lakes Region

MEREDITH — When the COVID-19 pandemic abruptly shut down operations at the Winnepesaukee Playhouse in March, it was anyone's guess when live performances would return to the Meredith campus. Initially the administrative team was hopeful to postpone spring shows for a few weeks and then resume. Plans for the summer season were still underway. Of course, all that changed quickly and spring and summer seasons were

regrettably postponed indefinitely. Now, using the strict guidelines set out by the State of New Hampshire's Reopening Task Force, the Playhouse is excited to announce a small season of three professional productions in September and October.

The first two productions of the season will take place at the Playhouse's outdoor amphitheatre which was constructed along with the Playhouse's mainstage

in 2013 but has been underutilized in the past few years.

Producing Artistic Director, Neil Pankhurst says, "in our first few years in Meredith the outdoor stage was used frequently for our summer camp but when we moved our camp off-campus we didn't have as much use for it. Though this isn't the season we initially planned, in some ways it's nice to have an excuse to give the outdoor stage a new lease on life. The technical team is currently hard at work extending the stage and building seating platforms for the audience so nobody will have to sit on the grass like in the old days."

The two productions that will take place outdoors are "Or," by Liz Duffy Adams and "The

Mountaintop" by Katori Hall. "Or," was always scheduled to be in the 2020 season. The three-person comedy easily lent itself to an outdoor performance and having two of the three actors, Nicholas Wilder and Rebecca Tucker, as an off-stage couple (they met at the Playhouse in 2014 and, in non-COVID times, would have been married at the Playhouse this summer) made on-stage interactions easier. The third performer, Haley Jones, is quarantined with Wilder and Tucker. All Playhouse cast and staff undergo multiple COVID tests and are strictly regulated to avoid any activity considered high risk.

"The Mountaintop" is a new addition to the season. In this Olivier

Award-winning play, author Katori Hall imagines what may have taken place in Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, TN on the eve of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination in 1968.

Pankhurst says, "In most years, we choose our show titles well in advance to give plenty of time to plan and advertise them. That does not give us much flexibility to react to current events with our programming. Of course, 2020 is the year when all of that got turned on its head. Suddenly flexibility is the key word and the ever-evolving nature of this year gave us the ability to add in programming to allow us to explore what's on this nation's mind. Obviously, the murder of George Floyd and the Black Lives Matter movement is a topic that people are interested in exploring and we are grateful we are able to add a production that speaks to that."

The final show of the season, which will take place on the Playhouse's indoor mainstage, will be a new play called "No

Wake" by Erica Berman. Set in Moultonborough on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee, the play explores the burgeoning friendship between a cynical local teenager and an irascible snowbird with a penchant for screaming at the jet skiers who disrupt his treasured loons.

Pankhurst says, "I loved the local connection to this show. On top of that, it was practically written for social distancing! The setting is two neighbors' porches and 99 percent of the play involves them talking to each other from their own porch! That alone seems to sum up summer 2020 on Lake Winnepesaukee!"

All three productions will follow or exceed the CDC and State of New Hampshire guidelines for social distancing, mask wearing, and other pandemic precautions. Patrons are encouraged to visit [www.winnepesaukeeplayhouse.org](http://www.winnepesaukeeplayhouse.org) prior to booking tickets to read the COVID-19 protocols for attending. Tickets can then be purchased by calling the box office at 279-0333.

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# MARK ON THE MARKETS

## Mutual fund expense



BY MARK PATTERSON

On a very regular basis, I will sit down with a potential new client who brings their account statements into the meeting, which typically are full of managed mutual funds. These mutual funds have an assortment of fees attached to

them that we can see, but sometimes they are disguised hidden deep in something called “statement of additional information,” which is a document mutual fund companies make available upon request but don’t generally distribute to investors. The most obvious fee attached to a mutual fund is the expense ratio. The expense ratio is typically not hard to find and ranges from about .07 to 2.65 percent, which sounds very high, and it is! I did not realize that there were still mutual funds that had that kind of expense ratio, but I witnessed one yesterday in a new client account

that his “investment representative” from a local bank brokerage placed in his account. Brokerage and wealth management arrangements inside of banks are a topic for another article, just be aware in many cases the brokers are not bank employees. They often just have commission splitting arrangements with the bank. Selling product is their goal, not advice delivered in a fiduciary capacity. So why is it that it seems the client rarely makes money in these mutual funds? Another key statistic to look at regarding your mutual fund is the turnover ratio. The turnover ratio

is simply the amount of times that stock, or bonds are bought and sold which leads to increased operating costs and tax ramifications if this fund is not in a tax qualified account. These transaction costs lead to roughly 1.44% additional expense in the typical mutual fund. Cash drag is simply a term used to explain an additional .83% of expense per year in a mutual fund according to Ty Bernicke, CFP. This cash is not used for tactical purposes, but only for liquidity in funds that must carry adequate cash for investor outflows. All mutual funds carry these additional hid-

den expenses to some degree, however low-cost index funds fees are typically much lower. Broker sold funds may also carry a load or commission that you must consider as well. Usually “A” shares have an upfront commission somewhere around 5 percent, so only 95 percent of your money is invested and is subject to these additional ongoing fees. C shares usually don’t have an upfront commission but have a very high expense ratio of which approximately 1 percent annually goes back to the broker as a trail commission. I don’t know many circumstances when you

would not do better for yourself and your money to use low-cost mutual or exchange traded funds. If you wanted help you can hire an advisor on a fee basis to manage these funds. Make sure that the advisor you hire is working for you with a fiduciary duty and makes their fee structure very transparent. If you would like to discuss this topic or anything else, give my office a call or send me an email. Mark Patterson is an advisor with MHP asset management that can be reached at 447-1979 or Mark@MHP-asset.com.

# STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

## On a Sin-City vacation

BY LARRY SCOTT

I was sitting next to a 50-something in a Las Vegas casino, and we were discussing our visit to Las Vegas, popularly known as Sin City. I was a long-haul trucker in town on business, he a vacationing British tourist. Before I finished my first cup of coffee, and without any prompting, the gentleman, whom I will call Nick, interrupted my thoughts. “I can’t believe how easy it is to get a girl in this city, and man, compared to Great Britain, they’re cheap. Haven’t decided yet ... but I may get another one tonight. I’m not married, so it’s no big deal ... I’ll see how I feel this evening.” But it was a big deal;

he just didn’t know it. I can’t say I was shocked, but I was impressed, by his candor and willingness to discuss his promiscuous lifestyle. It was, I thought, remarkable that Nick was pleased to discuss his pleasures with a complete stranger, unaware of what his choices said about his character and moral responsibility. It never occurred to me until later that Nick may have been pimping in hopes of a discount. Regardless, Nick was pleased with his visit. In his world, these “girls” were perfect. They were willing, for a price, to give him pleasure without penalty, intimacy without emotional involvement, a liaison without consequence. It promised to be a week he

would never forget. Let’s presume for the sake of argument that he was not infected by an STD, that no irate boyfriend threatened his life, that no unwanted pregnancy ensued. It is more than likely that, except for the loss of several hundred dollars, his visit to Las Vegas was of little more than a break in the routine. Sin is like that. Eliminate God from the picture, maintain that all truth is relative, conclude that there is no such thing as objective right and wrong, and you’re free to live as you please. And it works. If sin weren’t so much fun, it wouldn’t be so popular. It is little wonder many people see no need for God. They are doing just fine without Him,

thank you very much! But there is a problem. There is the matter of life after death. In light of his lifestyle, it is likely Nick believed, or at least hoped, that death ends it all. That may be a convenient “out,” but it is not supported by either Jesus or the New Testament writers. “Man is destined to die once,” the Bible says, “but after that to face judgment.” There are, obviously, some things I cannot do, even in the “whatever happens here stays here” city of Las Vegas. But I have taken the long view. For me, there is more to life than the 90+ years I plan to be around. Life is an interlude, a pause in my journey, a moment in time. I’m just a pilgrim ... passing through.

You will hear one of these days that, “Scott has passed away.” But don’t you believe it! I’ve moved; I’ve gone home. In the words of the Apostle Paul, “There is laid up for me a crown of

righteousness, which the Lord ... shall give me at that day.” There is a heaven in my future ... and I can hardly wait. For more thoughts like this, follow me at in-defenseoftruth.net.

# David Marks of Gilford graduates from RIT

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — David Marks of Gilford graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with an ACT in project management. Some 4,000 degrees were conferred in the 2019-2020 academic year at all of RIT’s campuses. A virtual celebration was held May 8 at rit.edu/classof2020. Rochester Institute of Technology is home to leading creators, entrepreneurs, innovators and researchers. Founded in 1829, RIT enrolls about 19,000 students in more than 200 career-oriented and professional programs, making it among the largest private universities in the U.S.

The university is internationally recognized and ranked for academic leadership in business, computing, engineering, imaging science, liberal arts, sustainability, and fine and applied arts. RIT also offers unparalleled support services for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. The cooperative education program is one of the oldest and largest in the nation. Global partnerships include campuses in China, Croatia, Dubai and Kosovo. For news, photos and videos, go to www.rit.edu/news.

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LRPC TAC Committee meets Wednesday

REGION — The Lakes Region Planning Commission’s Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will meet Wednesday, Sept. 2, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The TAC will hold an informal discussion of the transportation projects proposed by LRPC member municipalities for consideration for the state’s Ten

Year Transportation Plan for 2023-2032. Formal prioritization of project proposals will take place in October.

As a result of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 public health crisis and pursuant to Emergency Order #12 issued by Gov. Sununu on March 23 regarding the state of emergency currently extended until Aug. 28, pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order 2020-016, the Lakes Region Planning Commission has determined that this meeting of its Transportation Advisory Committee will not be held at a physical location, but will be conducted via Zoom conference.

There are two ways for the public to access the

meeting: Online at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89189774353> or by telephone: dial 1-929-205-6099 (New York) and enter meeting ID 891 8977 4353. These instructions are also provided on the LRPC Web site at [www.LakesRPC.org](http://www.LakesRPC.org).

Anyone who has trouble accessing the meeting can call 279-5334 or email [admin@lakesrpc.org](mailto:admin@lakesrpc.org) for assistance.

The LRPC TAC encourages all members of the public who are interested in any aspect of transportation to provide input during the meeting. For additional information about this meeting, please contact the LRPC at 279-5340.

BIKE WEEK

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for everybody else,” St. Clair said.

St. Clair talked about the concerns with the city’s decision not to have vendors on Lakeside Avenue this year. He said he likes to remind people that back in the 1930’s there were no vendors and business was done from local stores.

“To be fair to the city of Laconia, I think they did the right thing,” St. Clair said. “They tried to keep people from congregating. That was their call, and the board supports that, and so we’re good with that.”

Motorcycle Week Association Deputy Director Anderson said a collaborative effort has taken place over the past few weeks to help market safety at the rally.

Posters by the Partnership for Public Health were posted around the Weirs advising people to socially distance, wear masks, and wash and sanitize hands as well as get out and ride.

A 30-foot long banner

was also put up over Lakeside Avenue reading “Keep New Hampshire Safe.”

“I think this kind of joint effort is just one more way that we can help instill confidence in folks for their own personal wellness,” Anderson said.

At the same time Nano Coating Technologies will be working to sanitize and put in a germ inhibiting system around Weirs Beach, especially on frequently touched surfaces like parking meters, railings, and others.

“There is a lot different but there is a lot that is the same,” Anderson said. “Our number one goal is always safety. It’s usually focused around motorcycle safety and it still remains that now. We have this additional layer of reminding people for their personal safety, not just on the motorcycle but for health related to the current pandemic.”

A common sentiment from speakers was that one of the big priorities



Posters from the Partnership for Public Health reminding visitors of precautions against coronavirus are posted around the Weirs.

of Bike Week is encouraging people to get out and ride and explore the state’s scenic byways. New Hampshire Motor Speedway General Manager Dave McGrath said there are so many different areas to explore around the state on a motorcycle, a sentiment echoed by Anderson and St. Clair.

Chief Mark Armaganian of the New Hampshire Liquor Commission said they have taken a “proactive approach” for this year’s event and have worked with their licensed partners and local officials to educate people of the liquor laws and the Safer At Home guidelines. He encouraged people to speak with their inspectors in case they had any questions or saw any potential problems and violations.

“Our investigators will be high profile during this week,” Armaganian said. “They will be actively visiting each one of our 65 licensed establishments prior to this week coming.”

He said the work of the Liquor Commission hasn’t changed since the pandemic and he foresees a successful event with everyone taking the necessary safety and health precautions.

Capt. Bill Haynes

of the New Hampshire State Police advised people to expect an elevated police visibility over the week.

“The intent of that is to provide safe roadways (and) highways for you

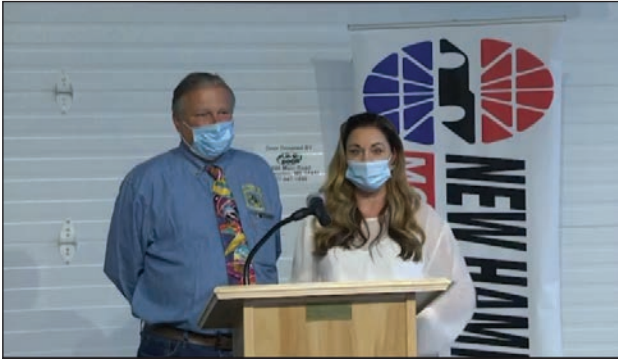


The Hobo Railroad pulls into the Weirs. The railway is offering one- and two-hour rides between the Weirs and Meredith during the week.

be a little different this year at the speedway, but we’re focused on making sure that riders are here having a good time, and if they want to see some great speed, they should do it at the speedway,”

McGrath said.

Anderson said there will be some new activities this year, including one and two-hour tours on the Hobo Railroad between the Weirs and Meredith.



Charlie St. Clair and Jennifer Anderson of the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association speak at the kick off press conference for this year’s Bike Week.

GRANTS

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Phillip Spagnulo is running for state sena-

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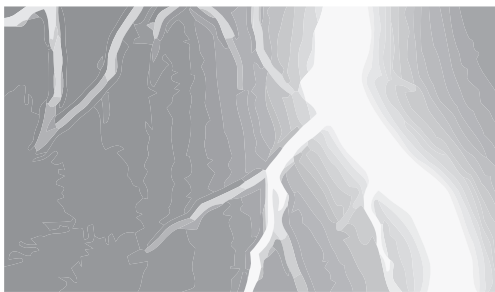
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Clue: Measures performance

D. 26 25 14 1 15 8 2 16 25 1 6  
Clue: Minute separate particles

Answers: A. toxin B. quality C. testing D. particulate

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7	4	8	5	2	9	3	6	1
6	1	5	7	8	3	4	2	9
1	8	6	3	4	5	9	7	2
4	3	1	2	7	8	6	5	9
2	5	7	9	6	1	8	4	3
9	6	1	2	3	7	5	8	4
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