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# Task force recommends phased school opening

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After an extensive review of options, a task force is recommending a phased opening of Gilford schools in the fall with parents given the option to send their kids to school in person or do remote learning.

Gilford Superintendent Kirk Beitler presented the reopening task force's recommendations on the school district website. The recommendations were presented to the school board during its meeting on Aug. 4 for review. (Any of the board's decisions were made after press time and will be reported in a future edition of the paper.)

The district formed a task force of numerous educators and administrators in all three schools. The task force



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Signs like these were placed in front of Gilford Elementary School this past spring after schools closed for in-person learning for the rest of the school year. The Gilford School District is now weighing options for a phased reopening this fall.

polled staff and parents and examined numerous state and federal guidelines.

"The safety of our students, faculty, and community is our priority," Beitler wrote.

Beitler also said that "optimal learning takes place when students interact in-person with

their peers and teachers."

He wrote that all the reopening scenarios

were meant to mitigate risk and not eliminate it altogether.

"No single action or set of actions will completely eliminate the risk of COVID-19 transmission, but implementation of several coordinated interventions can greatly reduce that risk," Beitler wrote.

All options would have to be "flexible and adaptive" taking into account current data on the virus.

Families will have the option for enhanced remote instruction. Teachers will set up the instruction model, which will be upgraded from the format in the spring with more consistent platforms. Teachers will be on campus to offer remote instruction five days a week. The district will look at oppor-

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## School staff express concern about in-person classes

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As the Gilford School Board weighs a proposed plan for school reopening, a survey indicates most parents want an in-person school year, while staff members are concerned about that option.

During its Aug. 4 meeting, the school board reviewed a proposed plan for a phased school reopening in the fall that will include options for in-person and remote instruction de-

pending on family wishes. (The board's decision occurred after press time and will be reported in a future edition of the paper.) The report was posted on the district's Web site.

The recommendations came after a committee reviewed options and data, including surveys of families and staff members in all three schools.

According to the report presented by Superintendent Kirk Beitler from the reopening task

force, parents and employees were surveyed in July with 766 responses from parents and 144 responses from employees.

Parents of students in all three schools generally favored all in-person instruction (60.3 percent from Gilford Elementary School, 57.8 percent from Gilford Middle School, and 56.1 percent from Gilford High School) with some (23.7 from GES, 28.7 from GMS, 30.2 from GHS) having a preference for

hybrid instruction mixing in-person and remote learning. Fewer parents favored enhanced remote instruction and a scant few preferred to unenroll from school in favor of homeschooling or virtual learning.

Staff members had generally mixed results. At GES, 38 percent favored in-person educa-

tion and 36 percent favored hybrid. At GMS, 39.4 percent favored hybrid and 27.3 favored in-person. Of GHS staff, 45.7 percent favored enhanced remote instruction, 28.6 percent favored the hybrid, and 22.9 percent favored in-person.

Staff members were also asked how concerned they were about

a full in-person opening. Of all GES staff 48 percent were "Somewhat concerned" and 38 percent were "very concerned, an even 39.5 percent of GMS staff were both very and somewhat concerned, and 45.1 percent of GHS staff were "very concerned" and 35.3 percent were "Somewhat concerned."

## Gilford schools hold in-person and remote summer programs

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As the Gilford School District looks at options for reopening, the schools were open for a number of summer programs that took many precautions.

In the report to the school board on school reopening recommendations, Superintendent Kirk Beitler said the district had a number of successful programs over the summer. All the activities had screening, social distancing, and had students practice personal hygiene including masks, hand washing, and sanitizer.

"We know the guidance for summer camps and sports has been to work with small groups of children to start these processes," Beitler wrote.

Beitler also noted that Gilford, Gilmanton, and Belknap County in general had low numbers of COVID-19 cases.

The district held a

summer camp that Beitler said was successful. Camp was broken up into cohorts of nine campers that worked with one counselor, each with their own equipment and supplies. During the camp kids were outside most of the time.

Kindergarten held a screening outside with each student working with a teacher with their own activities. In total six students worked for 45 minutes to an hour with six teachers.

For the Title I program, 38 students took part in the program with a ratio of one student to one teacher. Students worked for 45 minutes on six-foot tables to maintain social distancing. The camp took 15 minutes to disinfect tables.

A number of special education services took place. Over the summer 23 students received occupational, physical,

and speech therapy and academic services.

Gilford Middle School held its summer math and literacy academies, 57 students in the program had options for remote and in-person activities. Those who took part in person had a ratio of 10 students to one teacher.

Gilford High School held its competency recovery program and summer school in person and remotely. Of the 57 students who took part, 13 took part in the camp in person and nine did the competency recovery in person.

As the NHIAA has approved fall sports going ahead in September, workout sessions began for Gilford High School athletics. Initially groups of nine athletes worked with one coach and everyone worked outside. After two weeks, the sizes of the groups increased.



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Pictured are Paula Ferenc and Matt Soza.

LACONIA — As part of an annual tradition, the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club donated food baskets to disadvantaged families during the holiday season. Among the recipients were residents of Belknap House, the non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization providing safe, emergency, temporary shelter for homeless families residing in Belknap County. Recently Belknap House expressed thanks to the Lions by publicly posting a message on their sign.

Comments made by

shelter residents (identification withheld to insure confidentiality) included:

"We greatly appreciated it as it made our holidays that much better and magical for my family."

"Thank you for helping my family for a good Christmas."

"Thanks so much." Belknap House Executive Director Paula Ferenc added, "We want to express our utmost gratitude, and 'thank you' from the bottom of our hearts for making Christmas for all of us

worth remembering."

"This organization's work has never been more important," added Lions Club President Matt Soza. "We will help any way we can and encourage others to do the same."

You can donate or contact Belknap House at [www.belknaphouse.org](http://www.belknaphouse.org), or by mail at 200 Court St., Laconia, NH 03246, or phone 527-8097. To learn more about the Laconia-Gilford Lions, check out our Facebook page or call 528-2663.



# ALMANAC

## Notes from the Gilford Public Library

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It is challenging to cognize what it takes to climb the largest mountains in the world. Mt. Washington, for example, is a massive mountain. Hikers look forward to at least 4,000 feet of gain to the over 6,000 foot summit. It's known for extreme weather and challenge. Those who have hiked Mt. Washington can appreciate the colossal difference between the Mt. Washington hike, and the technical, death defying climb of Mt. Everest.

Ed Webster of Massachusetts and an international team made

history in 1988 when they planned and followed a new route up the Kangshung Face of Mt. Everest. It was a remarkable venture for several reasons. It's an 11,000 foot climb, terrifyingly steep, weather ridden, and deadly. They made the trip without the assistance of oxygen bottles, radios, or Sherpa climbers. There was significant risk that lives would be lost, but their success and survival gives testament to human endurance, ambition, and willpower.

It's also notable that Ed Webster survived his venture to the south summit of Mt. Everest, because it means that he is around to tell us the first hand account of that effort. On Thursday, Aug. 20, from 6-7 p.m., Ed Webster will show us the vivid photographic tale of the expedition. He'll talk about the importance of the team, the planning, and the calculation of risk. He'll talk about the harrowing descent, often thought to be more challenging than the climb, and of the physical toll it inflicted.

It's not a story to miss, so don't! A very small number of people can sign up to join us in-person, physically distancing in the

Library meeting room. All others can contact the library to sign up to participate in the Zoom presentation.

### Classes & Special Events Aug. 6 – Aug. 13

Thursday, Aug. 6  
Advanced Line Dancing, 10-10:30 a.m.

Beginner Line Dancing, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Candyland Drive-In, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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Granite State Bigfoot, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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If you love Bridge and just can't get enough, join our bi-weekly group. Maximum of 10 People.

Wednesday, Aug. 12  
Check out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon

Mental Wellness Wednesday with Dr. Raymond Suarez, 10:30-11 a.m.

Start your mornings with a new mental wellness tip from Dr. Raymond Suarez from Lakes Region Wellness. Tune in on Facebook Live to listen.

Homemade Cinnamon Rolls with Heidi Leandro, 1-2 p.m.

She's back! Local homesteader Heidi Leandro is back to teach us how to make homemade cinnamon rolls. Join us on Facebook Live.

Friday, Aug. 7  
Bridge, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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Tuesday, Aug. 11  
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Edgar Brodie (Gielgud), a novelist and WWI officer, is recruited by British intelligence for a top-secret espionage mission to Geneva. While there, Brodie must identify and prevent, by any means necessary, a German spy from reaching his destination of Istanbul. To aid in this mission, Brodie’s death is faked, and he’s assigned a new identity – “Richard Ashenden” – as well as two partner agents: the cold-blooded assassin known as The General (Lorre), and later, his lovely “wife” Elsa Carrington (Carroll). While at their hotel, the group encounters several tourists, one of whom is an American named Robert Marvin (Young). Marvin makes it known

to Elsa that he finds her extremely attractive. In conversations with guests at the hotel, Ashenden and The General believe that they’ve identified the German spy, seemingly posing as a British tourist. They use a ploy to take the spy mountain climbing the following day, but us Ashenden has misgivings about participating in murder. The General is undeterred, and moves forward with the plan, killing the climber. Back at the hotel, Ashenden and The General realize that they identified the wrong man. Ashenden and Elsa, who are discovering that they have actual feelings toward one another, find themselves in great conflict over the mistaken identity – so much so that Elsa decides to quit her position and follow Marvin, the dashing American, on the next leg of his train journey. But who exactly has Elsa run off with? And what will happen to Ashenden and The General?

“Secret Agent” was adapted from a play that was based on Somerset Maugham’s “Ashenden” spy stories. It was released one year after Hitchcock’s very successful film “The 39 Steps” (being shown on LRPA Aug. 28 & 29). While “Secret Agent” may not have been as appreciated by the crit-

ics as were the director’s other early films, it has a lot to offer the Hitchcock fan, including a performance by Peter Lorre that is funny, extreme and even sinister. It features “playing against type” performances from both John Gielgud and Robert Young in early movie roles. British film star Michael Redgrave makes his debut film performance here; he would go on to play the male lead two years later in Hitchcock’s “The Lady Vanishes” (shown Aug. 14 & 15 on LRPA!). In Hitchcock’s 1963 interview with fellow director Peter Bogdanovich, he states that he liked the film “quite a bit.” There’s no better recommendation than that! You’ve probably never seen “Secret Agent,” so now’s your chance – grab your popcorn and meet us after dark for this thrilling movie from the past.

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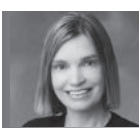
this year can expect to live, on average, until age 86.5; for men, the corresponding figure is 84, according to the Social Security Administration. Once you have a reasonable estimate of the number of years that lie ahead, you'll want to take steps to reduce your longevity risk. For starters, try to build your financial resources as much as possible, because the greater your level of assets, the lower the risk of outliving them. So, during your working years, keep contributing to your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. Then, as you near retirement, you will need to do some planning. Specifically, you will need to compare your essential living expenses – mortgage/rent, utilities, food, clothing, etc. – with the amount of income you'll get from guaranteed sources, such as Social Security or pensions. You do have

some flexibility with this guaranteed income pool. For example, you can file for Social Security benefits as early as 62, but your monthly checks will then be reduced by about 30 percent from what you'd receive if you waited until your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67. You might also consider other investments that can provide you with a steady income stream. A financial professional can help you choose the income-producing investments that are appropriate for your needs and that fit well with the rest of your portfolio. After you've determined that your guaranteed income will be sufficient to meet your essential living expenses, have you eliminated longevity risk? Not necessarily – because "essential" expenses don't include unexpected costs, of which there may be many,

such as costly home maintenance, auto repairs and so on. And during your retirement years, you'll always need to be aware of health care costs. If you have to dip into your guaranteed income sources to pay for these types of bills, you might increase the risk of outliving your money. To avoid this scenario, you may want to establish a separate fund, possibly containing at least a year's worth of living expenses, with the money held in cash or cash equivalents. This money won't grow much, if at all, but it will be there for you when you need it. With careful planning, adequate guaranteed income, a sufficient emergency fund and enough other investments to handle nonessential costs, you'll be doing what you can to reduce your own longevity risk. And that may lead to a more enjoyable retirement.

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# Advice for avoiding burnout

Most individuals take time during the summer months to unwind and sort of reset after a busy fall, winter and spring. Summer vibes are usually all about taking things slow and soaking up as much sunshine as possible before winter strikes. Many people who suffer from “burnout” welcome the longer days and warmer weather, however sometimes these three months of frisbee throwing and hanging by the lake aren’t enough.

With the go-go,-go culture that has taken over our society, many people find themselves burnt out, to their detriment. Experts say people can reverse that feeling of burn out and we decided to share what we have found with our readers, especially given the current unease the pandemic has brought on. The future remains uncertain; we still have no idea what school or universities will look like this fall, and whether a vaccine really is on the horizon.

If work and stress is taking its toll on you, you may need to make some changes there. Experts say that often times simply talking it out with a co-worker or supervisor can help to get things off your chest, especially if the consensus is to create a healthier work environment. Some people have found that the only way to cure burnout is to change positions, however without proper techniques every job, could eventually burn you out. Noted is the newfound appreciation to even be employed, given the high unemployment rates due to Covid.

Managing stress properly is important, however not everyone knows exactly what that entails. Healthy eating, exercise and proper sleep are the easiest things one can do to ease stress in other aspects of your life. Most people who are over working themselves claim that time is an issue. There is no time to exercise, no time to sleep, no time to eat healthy. Point blank, if they can put a man on the moon, you can find the time to put yourself first without letting your job duties fall by the wayside. This could include little tricks such as parking your car far from the entry of a place to extend the walk, taking the stairs or even placing your computer on a counter so that your sitting time is lessened. Everyone knows what works best for themselves, so often times a bit of creativity and resourcefulness is needed.

A vacation can help ease burnout symptoms but often, a week isn’t enough time to truly combat burnout. Further, vacationing seems to be off the table for the time being. Trying to play tourist in your own backyard will have to suffice.

Finding a release is imperative, whether it’s going for a run or simply tuning out with a good movie or an old fashioned game of solitaire. If you let stress build and build without letting off some steam, that could lead to unintentional outbursts and severe irritability. Try not to let yourself become dependent on alcohol and caffeine. Everything in moderation. We’re not sure, but we do believe the Red Bull trend has settled a bit.

Switch things up by asking for different responsibilities. When things get mundane they can become less interesting. Having fun while also getting the job done can make a world of difference. Even working away from the norm, and changing up the scenery can be a game changer. Find a nice outdoor coffee shop or a park and try to avoid working from home at all costs. If you work from home, you will begin to associate the same feelings about work, in the home. Your home is your sanctuary and you need to protect it.

In the book “Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff, and It’s All Small Stuff” by Richard Carlson, he talks about how when you die, your ‘In Basket’ won’t be empty. His point is that we all feel the need to get everything done. We stay up late, get up early, just to get everything done. By doing this he says we put off having fun or spending time with loved ones. Keeping a full ‘In’ basket

means that your time is in demand, with projects to complete and phone calls to return. Carlson reminds his readers that no matter what you do or who you are, nothing is more important than your own happiness and sense of inner peace and that of your loved ones. He reminds us that when we die there will still be things left to finish, and that someone else will do it.

It’s one thing to read tips, and take advice from others, but it’s another thing to remember what you’ve read, and to put those words into action.



COURTESY

## Kids in the park

The Belknap Mill held a Teddy Bear Picnic in the Park to wrap up their month long ‘Kids in the Park’ summer programming. Families were invited to pack a picnic and come to Rotary Riverside Park for lunch. Squares marked in the grass endured proper distancing. A special visitor stopped by and led a Teddy Bear parade.

# Comfort Keepers

## Diabetes management

BY MARTHA SWATS  
Owner/Administrator  
Comfort Keepers

The American Diabetes Association has stated that 25 percent of seniors have some form of diabetes, and that number is expected to increase as the population of adults 60 and over grows.

As you know, diabetes is a condition that prevents someone’s body from properly processing sugars, leading to elevated blood sugar levels and negative health effects as a result. While diabetes has its own signs and symptoms, it can also make other conditions worse – conditions like heart and kidney disease.

Diabetes can be effectively managed by seniors, but it’s often important for older adults to seek help from their care team, including their family, physician, nutritionist and caregiver. Here are some strategies for people dealing with diabetes:

Education – There is a lot for someone to learn when they receive a diabetes diagnosis. Depending on the physician’s recommendation, changes may need to be

made to a senior’s diet, exercise, medication and treatment plan. There are also new symptoms, risk factors and medical needs that a person may have. It’s important for older adults to learn everything they can about their diabetes and how to treat it.

Diet – Diet plays a huge part in diabetes management. A nutritious diet that is low in sugar is important for reducing symptoms and complications from the disease. Sugar from fruit should typically be avoided too, along with saturated fats. Diabetes educators can help seniors plan meals that will successfully help them maintain their health.

Exercise and activity – Seeking advice from a health care professional is the best first step for seniors that want to create an activity or exercise plan. While the American Diabetes Association recommends 30 minutes of exercise per day, five days per week, that level of activity isn’t always possible for some. However, shorter periods of activity, done throughout the day, can be just as helpful when managing

diabetes. Seniors should always speak to their physician before starting any exercise program.

Prescribed medication is critical – Missing a dose of medication can have negative effects on diabetes sufferers. Seniors that have a hard time keeping track can set up a system of reminders, whether that’s a pill box, an alarm, a checklist, or a caregiver or helper that can prompt them to take medications. In addition to prescribed medications, vaccines can also be a useful tool in diabetes management – for example, complications that are caused by the flu can be more severe for those with diabetes.

Check glucose and other levels – Most seniors with diabetes will need to keep an eye on their glucose levels. A physician will typically let someone know how often they should be checking, and what to watch out for. Blood pressure and cholesterol levels can also indicate a problem – those should also be checked on a regular basis by a health-care professional.

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## GILFORD POLICE LOG

The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests from July 20-30.

Shaun Rafael Ortiz, age 31, current address unknown, was arrested on July 20 on multiple counts of Violation of a Protective Order (subsequent), multiple counts of Harassment, and multiple counts of Breach of Bail.

Velvet Elaine Weeks, age 49, current address unknown, was arrested on July 20 for Criminal Mischief and two counts of Breach of Bail.

Jaki Lynn Choquette, age 18, of Gilford was arrested on July 20 for Misuse of the 911 System and providing False Information to E-911. Choquette was subsequently arrested again on July 23 for Misuse of the 911 System and multiple counts of Breach of

Bail.

Peter J. Dibiaso, age 55, of Laconia was arrested on July 23 for Operating Without a Valid License.

Tevin Andrew Mitchell, age 25, of Gilford was arrested on July 24 in connection with a bench warrant.

Alicia McLean, age 32, of Laconia was arrested on July 24 for Receiving Stolen Property (after two prior convictions), Theft By Deception (after two prior thefts), and Obstructing Government Administration.

Peter E. Anastos, age 23, of Meredith was arrested on July 27 in connection with a bench warrant.

Rena E. Schunemann, age 59, of Laconia was arrested on July 28 for Driving After Revocation

or Suspension; DUI.

Robbie A. Boudreau, age 31, of Pittsfield was arrested on July 29 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension (subsequent offense) and in connection with a bench warrant.

Christopher Miles, age 35, of Laconia was arrested on July 29 for Theft By Unauthorized Taking in an amount less than \$1,000.

Trevor Robert Bond, age 36, current address unknown, was arrested on July 29 for Possession of a Controlled Drug (Methamphetamine) and in connection with a bench warrant.

Dick Michael Cooper, age 43, Jessica L. Homnick, age 37, both of Easton, Pa. were arrested on July 30 for multiple counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug.



North Country Notebook

You just have to slow down, pull over, and read the sign



By JOHN HARRIGAN  
COLUMNIST

What if you had all the time in the world for an extended road trip that would never take you all that far from home?

What if you packed the classic Inexhaustible Picnic--summer sausage, hardboiled eggs, radishes (of course), some bread and cheese, maybe a bottle of wine?

What if you then set forth to learn some New Hampshire history--not through textbooks or classroom lectures, but by reading every single one of New Hampshire's 267 (count 'em, 267) roadside Historical Markers?

My bet is that you'd wind up with a pretty good grip on the state's history, and it would be a whole lot more fun than what you had to sit through back there in the Fourth Grade that what's her name, Mrs. Hardwick, taught. The one where you got in trouble for a spitball that slid down the blackboard.

That's when most students get whatever they're going to get on New Hampshire's 350 years of post-European history. Usually they'll remember Mrs. Beasley. They might even remember Mason's Grants. But they're not likely to remember a whole lot more.

To be fair, many teachers complain about the lack of good course material. And there's no way a classroom can compete with a road trip.

+++++ Many of us have never slowed down long enough to have even a glimmer of what's on a roadside historical marker, let alone read one. Once in a while some of us may have pulled over at a marker offering a nice place to eat lunch.

But if we did stop to read one, here's what it might say:

"COLLEGE ROAD"  
"Governor John Wentworth and the King's Council voted in the spring of 1771 that a highway be made from the Governor's estate at Wolfeborough to Dartmouth College. Joseph Senter, David Copp and Samuel Shepard surveyed the 67-mile road which followed this route to Plymouth. Then it passed through Groton, around Lary's and Goose ponds, over Moose Mountain to Hanover. Wentworth rode over it to Dartmouth's first commencement, August 28, 1771."

My first observation on this marker is that government really rocked during Governor Wentworth's time. Obviously, nobody took time to put this job out for bids, or do an environmental impact study. But notice that they got the job done in one year, in time for the Governor to ride to commencement.

"Consumer Alert: Historical Markers declared habit forming, could be hazardous to your health."

The above warning should be put on the first historical marker a person ever reads. They are like peanuts or popcorn, or even those good cheese puffs, the ones made with real cheese and a good puff of air.

My favorite roadside marker (I think) is this one (See? I couldn't stop



JOHN HARRIGAN

The historical marker at the Ashland station provides at least a glimpse of what went on there, in a time when travel was considered an adventure. The proof-reading slipped a bit. stopping...) in Alton Bay:

ALTON BAY  
TRANSPORTATION  
CENTER  
RAILROAD SQUARE

"This location became a transportation center on August 30, 1851, upon completion of the Coche-co Railroad from Dover to Alton Bay. The first "Mount Washington" steamboat was built here in 1872. For forty years a railroad terminus, here northbound travelers switched to a stage coach or steamboat. On June 17, 1890 the Lake Shore Railroad opened its line from Alton Bay to Lakeport, only to shut down in 1935. On June 17, 1990 this spot regained its historic name, 'Railroad Square,' to mark the centennial of the Lake Shore Railroad. At that time, seven of the line's ten original stations still stood."

This marker is my favorite because I've read so much about the history of travel in New Hampshire, and our fine tradition of catering to guests from relatively near and fantastically far.

The sons and daughters of sheiks and sultans are enrolled in our schools. Presidents have trod upon the top of Mount Washington. The nation's most beautiful coin was created at a New Hampshire retreat.

As a result of steeping myself in the history of travel, from plush parlor-car to steamboat to stage coach and shank's mare, I often succumb to imagining myself as a traveler of yore. I step onto a Pullman car in Boston, change trains in Dover, step onto a steamboat in Alton Bay, step ashore at Center Harbor, and catch a stage coach or even another train (railroads were still evolving) to any of a dozen destinations.

Michael Bruno of Bethlehem gets the whole thing about roadside history markers. Two years ago he published a book on it, Cruising New Hampshire History, A Guide to New Hampshire's Roadside Historical Markers, all about the state's amazingly varied and revealing roadside signs.

Revealing, for instance, about the famous Underground Railroad that helped slaves flee their bondage and gain their freedom. Several New Hampshire families preserve oral histories about their ancestors' involvement in this clandestine system, and can point to hideaways still very much in evidence, and recognized lest we forget.

But for the most part, the markers reveal the sheer abundance of history that can come alive in the form of a farm, a waterfall, an old mill, a pond in the middle of town, a boulder, or an old stage-coach stop. A tavern stood

here, a meeting house still stands there. The history is all over the place, there for the traveler's edification and enjoyment.

For there is the sheer joy of most history, or in the discovery of it, as any armchair adventurer will attest. At the turn of a page, you can find out that a house just down the street, one of the tosses on your kid's paper-route, has a hiding place behind the central chimney. Up goes the marker, and the resource books and the school project come alive.

Mike Bruno's book offers all the impetus needed to drop everything that seems important at the moment, and go off in search of roadside markers. It's almost like planning a hiking trip, but a whole lot more comfortable. All you need in this case are a good fold-out map (or even better, one of De Lorne's large-format books of state maps), Mike Bruno's guide-book, and a tankful of gas.

"Venture forth," says I to ye would-be traveler of old. "Yon highway beckons."

Sidebar to historical markers story:

Whence the roadside markers?

This story and sidebar came about because of a two-paragraph little snippet I included in a column of snippets after cleaning off my desktop several months ago, a once-in-a-while column that's always fun to write.

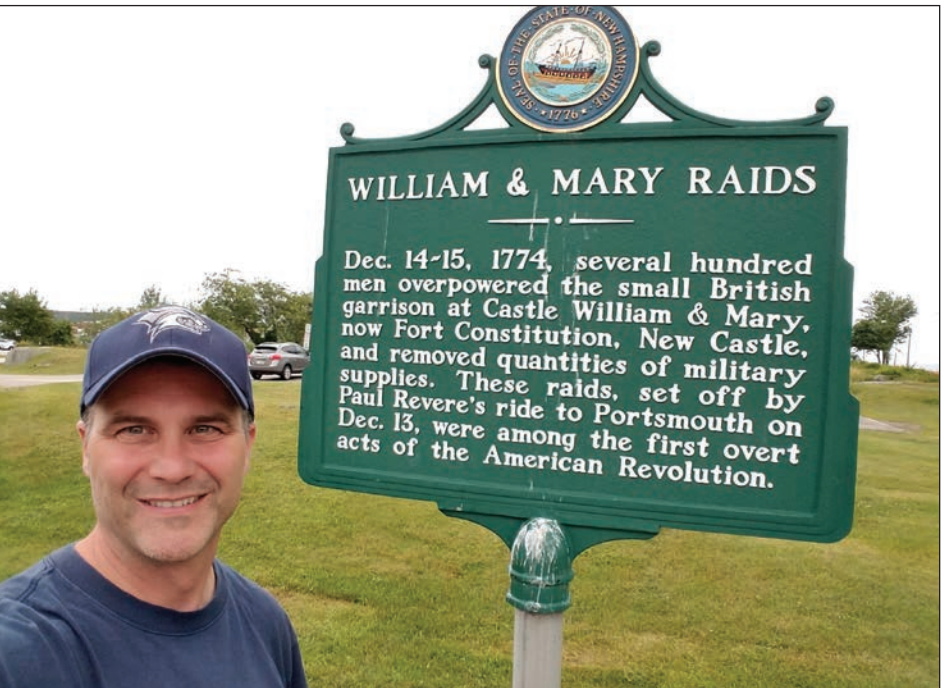
Longtime reader Helen Pike, daughter of woods-lore and logging history writer Robert Pike (Spiked Boots, and the companion Tall Trees, Tough Men), had complained about the sorry condition of a roadside marker just south of North Stratford, which tells about log drives.

That put me on the trail of who administers roadside markers, and then I bumped into Mike Bruno's book. The rest, I guess, we can assign to gravity or some mysterious force.

It turns out that New Hampshire's 267 (or so) roadside historical markers represent one of those rare things--a private-public partnership that actually works, and seems to work well.

The program, administered through the Department of Transportation, has been in place for 65 years. That's a long time for any sign to hold up. Yet some of those original markers are still standing, and amazingly enough, still legible.

Still, the state routinely rejuvenates older markers that are beyond the pale, and even has a system to create entirely new markers, often at some group's or citizen's



COURTESY

Mike Bruno took this selfie at the site of the Fort William & Mary raid, carried out mainly to secure a crucially important commodity for the nascent Revolutionary War--gunpowder, for which the colonies had only one mill. The event rarely is mentioned in history books, but the sign says it all. (Courtesy Mike Bruno)



JOHN HARRIGAN

The train station in Ashland--and the number of sidings--tells today's visitor that it once was a very busy place.

behest.

Mike Bruno, who wrote a 564-page book about the markers, knows several places he'd like to see a new historical marker where there are none to tell one great story or another. "Cannon Mountain, for starters," he said. "The Tramway was the first in the nation." And then there are the mountain's notoriously tough trails, and their part in training for Olympic and World Championship downhill skiing.

In normal times, if there is such a thing, Mike teaches Junior ROTC at White Mountain Regional High School.

New Hampshire's state government has a refreshingly logical, fast, and easy to use website specifically for roadside markers, at [www.nh.gov/nhculture](http://www.nh.gov/nhculture), and offers all sorts of doors for the visitor to step through. Here is what the site has to say about the 200th roadside marker, requested and sponsored by 84-year-old Eunice Woods, the last person to remember the long-abandoned town of Wildwood:

"In this area of Easton (formerly part of Landaff and before that, Lincoln), the settlement of Wildwood once stood. At the turn of the 20th century Wildwood was a center for the 'slash and run' logging of Mt. Moosilauke. The village included a school, a post office, several sawmills, a boarding house and a few homes.

"West of here was a dam used in the spring drives that moved logs down the Wild Ammonoosuc River, from the mountains to southern New England mills. The last log drive on the river occurred in 1911. From 1933 to 1937, the first CCC camp authorized in NH was located at Wildwood."

While Pittsburg and Stewartstown have historical markers (the state's very first marker, commemorating the Indian Stream Republic; the gravesite of Metallak, last of the Coashaukees; the 45th Parallel, "half way between the Equator and the North Pole"), Colebrook has none.

This seemed a thing to be remedied, and a couple

of markers quickly came to mind (Ed Norton's gold mine, timber baron George Van Dyke's mansions, the three classic glacial pot-holes on fairways 7 and 9 at the Colebrook Country Club), and

I made a mental note to apply brain to keyboard. Neighboring Canaan (Vt.) already has one, for (you guessed it) a secret room on the Underground Railroad.

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John Stanley Shelley, who wrote, produced, and performs "Man on the Hill" explains the term fable-opus as a musical work that tells a story through narration and song. "I play the character of an old man sharing the story of his life. Each significant event or turning point becomes the basis for the next song." Musical styles include rock, blues, folk, and country.

After seeing the last show in February, one audience member said it as "the best solo performance I have ever seen."

Another described his experience: "The narrative kept me wondering from song to song what was going to



John Stanley Shelley

happen next and how it was going to turn out. It completely held my attention and even got me to participate... which is rare!"

As is the case for everyone in the performing arts, Covid-19 closed theaters and opportunities to perform are extremely rare.

Regarding the shutdown, Shelley said, "I was devastated. I spent three years getting this

show ready for a New England tour, and everything got cancelled after the first scheduled date."

Pitman's Freight Room is a unique venue that can host this performance at the same time being very mindful of social distancing. Instead of rows and rows of seats, the room is filled with tables, chairs, and sofas. The room can hold 200 people, but ticket sales are being limited

to 60 to allow people to have plenty of room and be comfortable in this indoor setting. Wearing a mask is encouraged, of course, especially if you get up and walk around the room.

Tickets are \$15 in advance (www.johnstanleyshelley.com) or \$20 at the door. Pitman's is a BYOB venue so be sure to bring your own refreshments.

## St. John's welcomes Rev. Robin Soller Sunday

MEREDITH — On Aug. 9, Saint John's-on-the-Lake welcomes to its virtual pulpit the Rev. Robin Soller, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Meredith since 1995.

The Rev. Soller graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1989, after which she

served churches in Wappingers Falls, N.Y., and Fort Wayne, Ind. She lives in New Hampton with her husband Jon.

The service will be live on Facebook at 10 a.m. at St. John's On-The-Lake Chapel.

In addition, St. John's will be open on Sunday morning from

10 to 11 a.m. for prayer and meditation. There will be organ music but there will be no singing. Masks will be required as will "social distancing." Some masks will be available for those who forget, and hand sanitizer will also be available.

Saint John's is a picturesque stone church, built in 1927 under the auspices of the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire and the leadership of Rev Kenneth Ripley Forbes of Birch Island. The Diocese purchased the land on the highest point of Bear Island where a 60-foot tall observation tower was already standing.

The tower, erected in 1898 by E. C. Mansfield, summer resident of Bear Island, was included in the new church building. The birch altar and the stained glass windows add to St. John's charm, as does the antique pump organ.

St. John's is an ecumenical chapel whose mission is to serve the summer residents of the island area. It can be reached by a short walk from the church docks in Church Cove (Deep Cove) on the west side of Bear Island. Sturdy shoes are recommended. All are welcome, as are well-behaved dogs. For more information, check the Web site, [www.st-johnsonthelake.com](http://www.st-johnsonthelake.com).

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## Alton Central School 20-21 Opening

### PART TIME 2<sup>ND</sup> SHIFT CUSTODIAN

Alton Central School is hiring a part time custodian to join our Buildings and Grounds team for the 2020-21 school year. The shift is four hours per night with a flexible start time as approved by the Buildings & Grounds Director. Responsibilities include cleaning and disinfecting all common areas of the school building and assisting other custodial staff where needed after nightly tasks are complete. Training will be provided for all cleaning procedures and materials used. Must pass a criminal background check. Hourly rate is determined by experience. The position will be open until filled.

If interested, please submit an application to AppliTrack at  
<https://www.applitrack.com/altonk12/onlineapp/>  
Application Deadline: July 31, 2020  
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## SHAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOOD SERVICE SUBSTITUTES

Shaker Regional School District's Food Service Department has an immediate opening for Food Service Substitutes. Duties include, but are not limited to, prep work, serving, cleaning, washing dishes and pots/pans, and other tasks directed by the Kitchen Manager. Ability to lift up to 40 pounds. Prior experience in the food service industry is preferred, but not necessary. The successful candidate must be able to work in a fast paced, ever changing environment and perform as a team player.

Applications may be found on the Shaker Regional School District website or can be picked up at the SAU Office at 58 School Street; Belmont, NH 03220. Please contact Nancy Cate, Director of Food Service at 603-267-6525 ext. 1352, if you have any questions.

## SHAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FULL-TIME YEAR-ROUND GROUNDS

Shaker Regional School District has an opening for a full-time, year-round, grounds worker to perform grounds work. Hours are 6:30 am – 3:00 pm, with a half-hour lunch. Must be reliable, have the ability to work independently and follow written and verbal instructions. Our full time positions qualify for our comprehensive benefit package including health, dental, life, long-term disability and paid sick, personal and holidays. Please submit an application and 3 letters of reference to Steve Dalzell, 58 School Street, Belmont, NH 03220. You may contact Mr. Dalzell at 267-9223 to obtain an application or visit the Human Resources section of our website: [www.sau80.org](http://www.sau80.org). Successful completion of a post-offer pre-employment physical and criminal background check, including fingerprinting, are required. Shaker Regional School District is an equal opportunity employer.



Governor Wentworth Regional School District

## Employment Opportunities

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**TASK FORCE**

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tunities for students to work with peers who are learning in school.

For students who return to the school in person, cohorts of students will come Sept. 8-11 to set up Chromebooks and receive instructions for the tear. Small cohorts will return to the school from Sept. 14-Oct. 2 for classroom learning. Full in person teaching for all students is targeted for Oct. 5.

Parents can reconsider the decision around the trimester break in the period of late October to early November.

Parents will be encouraged to transport their children to and from school, though transportation will be offered. Those families who wish to use the bus must go through a registration process.

A total of 25 students will be on the bus at one time, the only exception being if siblings are riding together. There will be one student per seat, though siblings can double up in a seat. Masks will be required and hand sanitizer will be available.

The school calendar will be divided into different segments where parents will have the

option of making different decisions regarding in-person instruction and transportation.

Any plan for school would include recommendations for extensive safety precautions. All students and staff members would have to do a daily screening at home, protocols will be provided and those who don't meet these will have to stay home. Additionally, any students or staff members feeling sick have to stay home.

Face coverings will be required, which Beitler said will be a nonnegotiable rule. The district bought masks and other forms of protective equipment for all students and staff. Additionally, students will have breaks from their masks included in their schedule. Staff and students who don't follow safety protocols will be subject to their respective disciplinary procedures.

The district has been taking precautions and making changes in each of the buildings. The duct system was inspected in all three schools. Schedules have been adjusted for custodial staff to do adequate cleaning and disinfection. Additionally, electrostatic

sprayers will be used in the buildings every night.

Water bubblers will be turned off, but people can still use the bottle filling stations. Hall lockers will no longer be used and accommodations can be made in its place. Each hallway and stairwell will have one direction and passing times will be staggered to not crowd hallways. An outside tent will be placed at the GES and GMS/GHS campuses to be used for classes and lunches. The library can also be used for classes and lunches.

A distance of three to six feet will be maintained in classrooms with the goal of keeping the six-foot distance. If possible desks and tables will face the front and each class will have a seating chart. Students will also be asked to wipe down and sanitize hard surfaces.

Hand sanitizing stations will be available in all classrooms

Volunteers and visitors will not be allowed in the schools, though any in person meetings would be allowed on a case by case basis depending on the business. The plan includes

flexibility in case schools need to be closed and remote learning needs to begin. If there is a spike of COVID-19 cases at the schools or in Gilford the schools will then move to full remote learning.

Fall sports will still be going on this year. The NHIAA set Sept. 8 as the first day for practices for both middle school

and high school teams. Co-curricular activities will be allowed if it is determined they can still follow safety guidelines.

The fall musical will take place in the spring of 2021.

If the school board approves this concept, parents will receive transportation registration forms and parents will

have the opportunity to pick an instructional model. Staffing preparations will be made and PPE will continue to be stocked. The district will continue to watch COVID-19 cases in Gilford and Gilmanton as well as Belknap County as a whole.

# Gilford Parks and Recreation News

BY HERB GREENE  
Director Gilford Parks and Recreation

Youth Soccer registration deadline is Aug. 21 The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be accepting Youth Soccer registrations through the registration deadline of Friday, Aug. 21! The youth soccer program is open to all Gilford students entering grades K-5 this fall. Prior to Aug. 11, the registration fee is \$15, after this date the fee increases to \$25. Any registrations submitted after the August 21st deadline will be accepted on an availability basis only. For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.

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2020-2021 School Year

Employment Opportunities

Shaker Regional School District is currently accepting applications for the following positions for the 2020-2021 School Year:

**Belmont Elementary School:**

Classroom Assistant – 6 hrs/day  
Title I Tutor – 7 hrs/day  
General Special Education Assistant – 6 hrs/day  
1:1 Behavioral Assistants – 6 hrs/day

**Belmont Middle School:**

Title I Tutor – 7 hrs/day  
Glade Level Assistant – 6 ½ hrs/day  
1:1 Behavioral Assistants – 6 ½ hrs/day

**Belmont High School:**

School-to-Career Coordinator - Part Time  
1:1 Behavioral Assistant – 6 hrs/day

**Canterbury Elementary School:**

Classroom Assistants – 6 ½ hrs/day

**District Wide – Speech Pathologist**

Please visit the Human Resources page on the District Website, [www.sau80.org](http://www.sau80.org), for details and to apply for any of these positions. Application must be made through SchoolSpring.com.

SHAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FULL-TIME YEAR-ROUND CUSTODIAN

Shaker Regional School District has an immediate opening for full-time, year-round, 2nd shift custodian to perform cleaning duties according to an established schedule. Primary custodial duties will be at Canterbury Elementary School. Also responsible for removing snow, sanding and salting, as necessary, during the winter months. Must be reliable, have the ability to work independently and to follow written and verbal instructions. Reliable transportation is required as this position will work between two buildings. Pay is \$11.89 per hour. Our full time positions qualify for our comprehensive benefit package including health, dental, life, long-term disability and paid sick, personal and holidays. Please submit an application and references to Steve Dalzell, 58 School Street, Belmont, NH 03220. You may contact Mr. Dalzell at 267-9223 to obtain an application or visit the Human Resources section of our website: [www.sau80.org](http://www.sau80.org). Successful completion of a post-offer pre-employment physical and criminal background check, including fingerprinting, are required.

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Shaker Regional School District

Girls Varsity Basketball Coach

Shaker Regional School District is seeking a Girls Varsity Basketball Coach. This is a stipend position and it is open until filled. Previous experience coaching is preferred but not required. Interested applicants should send a current resume and letter of interest via email to Cayman Belyea, Athletic Director at [cbelyea@sau80.org](mailto:cbelyea@sau80.org) or through the mail to Cayman Belyea, Athletic Director, Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Rd, Belmont, NH 03220.



Caitlin Mallahan earns Dean's List honors at Roger Williams University

BRISTOL, R.I. — Caitlin Mallahan, of Laconia has been named to the Spring 2020 Dean's List at Roger Williams University, in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

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Only a few days left to order for Jewish Food Festival



FILE PHOTO

While Temple B'nai Israel's annual Jewish Food Festival usually takes place with hundreds of people under tents, this year's festival is a take-out event with curbside pickup.

BY ERIN PLUMMER  
mnews@salmonpress.news

LACONIA — There are only a few days left to place orders for this year's Jewish Food Festival, which is going take-out this year because of the pandemic.

Orders for this year's food festival opened on July 27 and will end on Monday, Aug. 10.

The Jewish Food Festival is an annual tradition at Temple B'Nai Israel on Court Street in Laconia. For the past 23 years, a group of cooks have come together to make traditional Jewish food in the temple's kitchen for the event during the summer. Many of the recipes come from congregants' families.

The event started 23 years ago with the temple selling hot dogs and borscht as a fundraiser and has evolved into an offering of many different foods like kugel, blintzes, brisket, and more. Traditionally the food festival is set up under tents in the parking lot or inside the temple itself, as many as around 700 people have attended the festival. The festival is a fundraiser for the temple and different charitable efforts.

This year, however, such a big gathering isn't possible because of COVID-19. The temple announced that members of the Food Festival Committee met over Zoom to discuss options for the festival, coming up with the idea of making food to freeze and offering it for ordering and curbside pickup.

An online take-out menu was set up for the festival with many of the festival's popular foods. The menu includes challah bread, blintzes, matzo ball soup, brisket and gravy, New York style knishes, noodle kugel, and rugelach.

Food is available on a first come, first served basis until supplies are depleted.

Order online at <https://tbinh.org/product-category/food-festival>. Orders will also come with reheating instructions for frozen food.

Orders can be picked up in mid August in a curbside drive-through system. Masks will be required for those picking up items.

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