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Some activities returning to Gunstock this summer

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With Coronavirus numbers currently declining, Gunstock is planning a number of summer events with social distancing in mind. Gunstock was forced to close its winter season early and forgo opening the Adventure Park this spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the current trend of declining coronavirus numbers and the governor lifting the Stay at Home Order, the resort is now scheduling a number of summer events that allow for family fun while main-

taining social distancing. The campground is open for reservations and following the state and CDC's guidelines for campgrounds. Online reservations will be opening soon. A minimum two-night reservation is required and campsites are limited to six campers. Any visitors from outside New Hampshire must show that they have completed a 14-day quarantine. Face masks are required while checking in at the camp store or going into any of the campground facilities. SEE GUNSTOCK PAGE A10



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While the Stay at Home order is being lifted, some activities will be returning to Gunstock this summer.

Selectmen ask to be kept in the loop on No Parking areas

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With an unprecedented amount of temporary "No Parking" signs being put out to keep cars from clogging certain roads, the board of selectmen is asking the police chief to keep them in the loop on what roads are being signed. Police Chief Anthony Bean Burpee spoke with the selectmen during the June 10 meeting about the influx of "No Parking" signs being put out in areas where people have been parking to get on trails, to beaches, or other areas. He said after they last discussed this Town Administrator Scott Dunn sent him an email advising him to get board approval if he wanted to put up "No Parking" signs. He said the point was raised by Sgt. Kevin Baron that requiring board approval ties the chief's hands and Bean Burpee said he agreed with that. He was asked to approach the board and get clarification on this. Bean Burpee said in the six years he's been in Gilford they have put up a record number of "No Parking" signs. With the pandemic and Stay at Home orders more people have been getting out to local recreation areas, such as trailheads, and have been creating parking congestion in different areas. Police have been placing temporary signs were placed in sections of Belknap Mountain Road, Route 11, Scenic Road, Carriage Road, and other places where there had been a large amount of cars parked by trailheads or other recreation areas. "All of these issues were because residents had called and talked about parking on their roads," Bean Burpee said. He said vehicles cannot get in the way of the right of way and these signs were also meant to find the safest ways people could park and let emergency vehicles pass by. Bean Burpee said state officials representing Ellacoya came to the town and asked for signs, whereas they typically post the signs during the major summer holidays and events. Recently people were parking all around in front of Ellacoya and up Route 11. "As you know, people get creative," Bean Burpee said. "If you don't tell them where to park, they're going to park all over the place." Board Chair Chan Eddy said Bean Burpee doesn't have to come to the selectmen to issue temporary no parking signs, but he said the board should get some kind of heads up on what's going on. "If we had an issue we could ask you questions rather than finding out after the fact and getting angry phone calls," Eddy said. Bean Burpee apologized, saying he should have let the board know. He said the signs only go up on the weekend and come down after that. He said the situation has been unprecedented since January. Bean Burpee said he would address the issue with the board, but didn't want to wait two weeks to take it up to a board meeting. Eddy said he saw unprecedented traffic at Glendale the Friday of Memorial Day weekend with so many people wanting to launch their boats. "This board has always supported you," said Selectman Gus Benavides. "I don't think in any of the

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The Gilford School District plans to open schools in the fall with protocols in place before the governor announces what school in the fall will look like. Superintendent Kirk Beitler announced on the district's website that the school district is aiming to be in session this fall with in person and remote programming options at all three schools. "Our number one priority is safety for students, staff and the community," Beitler wrote.

"Our priority is to be in school next year in person. We will keep you updated on our plans as we move through the summer. We are curious to see the Commissioner of Education's and the Governors recommendations for schools." The district has put in place a number of guidelines for entering the buildings that follow the Gov. Sununu's executive orders and CDC recommendations. Everyone entering the building will be screened at the main entrances. A touch free thermometer will be

used to take temperature and anyone with a temperature over 100 degrees will not be allowed in the building. Visitors must also answer five questions: if they are experiencing cough, shortness of breath, a runny nose or sore throat; if they have had a fever in the past 72 hours; if they have closed contact with someone diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19; have new chills or muscle aches; or have any new changes in taste or smell. All visitors must wear face masks while in the

building if they cannot stay outside of six feet with other people. Anyone who will be alone in offices and classrooms don't have to wear masks unless they wish to. Face masks will be required when coming into an occupied office or classroom. Beitler also recognized the challenges that Gilford families have been going through during the past few months. "I want to say thank you for your support as we navigated this challenge together," Beitler wrote.

Town to ask state for help with road work

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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The town will look into options to improve the intersection of Hoyt Road, Gunstock Hill Road, and Route 11A including trying to get

on the state's Ten Year Plan. Board of selectmen chair Chan Eddy talked with the selectmen during the June 10 meeting about safety issues at that intersection, es-

pecially from traffic trying to move on and off Gunstock Hill and Hoyt Road against the higher speed traffic up the hill on Route 11A. Previous suggestions had been made to drop the speed

limit in that area, which is currently 50 miles per hour, but the state has said no because it didn't make sense for the road. Eddy talked about some possible options that could be considered for the intersection, asking Public Works Director Meghan Theriault for her opinion on this. Eddy's ideas included a roundabout. He talked about the roundabout at the intersection of Parade Road and Route 3 in Meredith that he said made traffic easier to pull through whereas there were regular accidents in that area before. He says he personally doesn't like the idea of a traffic light. Theriault said two roundabouts were installed in Goffstown, including one by Route 114 and the high school. She said they work best when traffic from all sides is equal and addressed the safety concerns about



PHOTO BY ERIN PLUMMER

Traffic at the intersection of Route 11A, Hoyt Road, and Gunstock Hill Road is light on a Sunday night, but a history of incidents is leading the town to talk with the state about options to make the intersection safer.

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Notes from the Gilford Public Library

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By Mark Thomas
Library Correspondent

Summer Reading has begun! "Imagine Your Story" is this year's theme. Reading broadens the imagination by sharing perspectives we might not otherwise understand. It improves our capacity to vivid-

ly describe our own personal narratives. Reading makes us more capable and more empathetic, especially when we read a variety of styles, content, and authorship. "Imagine Your Story" is about stories of all kinds—myths, lore, fairy tales, family narratives, and more. Register the whole family for the Summer Reading Program at gilfordlibrary.readsquared.com if you

haven't already!

Naturally, we have several events to match the "Imagine Your Story" theme. Today, Thursday, June 25, we have a New Hampshire Humanities program called 'How Did Greeks Believe Their Myths' with R. Scott Smith beginning at 3 p.m. Participants can register to join the Zoom call or tune in to the live stream on Facebook. Smith is Professor of Classics at the University of New Hampshire, and he will explain the evolving ways that historic Greeks understood the myths and how their understanding influenced populations to follow.

Hear about local lore this Tuesday, June 30, at 6:30 p.m. with 'Stories, Stones, and Superstitions of New Hampshire'. Author Roxie Zwicker will take participants on a virtual tour of the legends, lore, and symbolism from a select

number of New Hampshire's burial grounds. Participants can register to join the Zoom call or tune in to the live stream on Facebook.

For these and more fascinating events, check out the Gilford Public Library monthly calendars!

Classes & Special Events

June 25--July 2
Thursday, June 25
Create Your Own Graphic Novel/Comic Book Workshop, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Does your child have a passion for graphic novels, comics, drawing, and/or writing? If so, this is the workshop for them! Back by popular demand, Marek Bennett will teach participants how to create their own graphic novel/comic books. Many skills will be learned and mastered during this fantastic online workshop with this energetic and inspiring artist. * Grades 3-8 Sign-up required.

Teen Discord Game Club, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

NH Humanities: How Did the Greeks Believe Their Myths

This will be a Zoom

meeting, live streamed to Facebook! This program will investigate the major ways that the Greeks tried to explain and interpret their own mythical past over the course of a thousand years.

Friday, June 26
NO EVENTS

Monday, June 29
NO EVENTS

Tuesday, June 30
Decorate Your Summer Reading Tote Contest, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Decorate your summer reading tote that you received. For children! Families can send us a pic on Facebook to enter the contest.

Stories, Stones, and Superstitions of New Hampshire, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join the author of the New Hampshire Book of the Dead, Maine's mystery maven, Roxie Zwicker for an exploration and virtual tour of the fascinating legends, lore and symbolism from New Hampshire's most curious burial grounds. Guests will learn about Colonial and Victorian burial customs, grave-stone artwork, and be-

liefs. Roxie will also share ghost stories from some of the most beautiful and long forgotten cemeteries in the area. Free to attend. Roxie's books will be available for purchase and signing after the presentation.

Wednesday, July 1
Virtual Tech Help, 10 a.m.-noon

Cuddle Toys & Tea, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Bring your most loved stuffed animal/doll to our virtual tea time. Library will provide cookies for you to enjoy during the program. *Sign-up required
Graffiti Hat Attack, 11-11:30 a.m.

Let's make graffiti art hats! Sign up to snag a Graffiti + Hat kit, then pick up your kit curbside at the library before July 1st. On July 1 at 11 a.m., we'll have a zoom meeting where we can all try our hands at making something amazing.

Beach Story-times, noon-1 p.m.

C o m e join us at the Gilford Public Beach for some spectacular stories!

Thursday, July 2
Be a Royal Storytime & Craft, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Listen to the amazing tale of King Arthur wielding Excalibur and make your own bejeweled crown!

H o m e m a d e Hamburger Buns for July 4th, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Local homesteader Heidi Leandro will show you how to make homemade hamburger buns just in time for July 4 weekend! Join us live to learn how easy it is to make buns to go along with an American favorite. Tune in on Facebook Live!

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. "Walk the Wire" by David Baldacci
2. "The Summer House" by James Patterson and Brendan DuBois
3. "Camino Winds" by John Grisham
4. "Hush" by James Patterson and Candice Fox
5. "The 20th Victim" by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro
6. "Hideaway" by Nora Roberts
7. "Big Summer" by Jennifer Weiner
8. "A Week at the Shore" by Barbara & Andrew Holmes
9. "The Boy From the Woods" by Harlan Coban
10. "Have You Seen Me" by Kate White

GILFORD POLICE LOG

The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of June 15-21.

Shaun Rafael Ortiz, age 31, current address unknown, was arrested on June 17 for Violation of a Protective Order-Penalty, Criminal Trespassing, and Breach of Bail.

Jamie L. Hudon, age 41, of Laconia was arrested on June 20 for Conduct After an Accident, Disobeying an Officer, and Driving While Intoxicated.

Dawn M. Lachance, age 49, of Gilford was arrested on June 20 for Breach of Bail. A 20-year-old female was taken into protective custody for intoxication during the same incident.

George Alphonse, Jr., age 76, of Gilford was arrested on June 20 for Driving While Intoxicated.

Trevor Robert Bond, age 36, of Gilford was arrested on June 21 for Indecent Exposure/Gross Lewdness, Breach of Bail, and Disorderly Conduct.



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Gilford Parks and Recreation News

BY HERB GREENE
Director
Gilford Parks and Recreation

Shooter's Gold
Basketball Camp
The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is once again sponsoring the Shooter's Gold Basketball Camp in Gilford this summer! The camp will be held on the Gilford Middle School Outdoor Basketball Court from June 29 - July 2. Session 1 for children entering grades 2-4 will be run from 8 - 10 a.m. Session 2 for children entering grades 5-8 will be run from 10 a.m. - noon. Participants may register through the Hogan Camps website at www.hogancamps.com. Cost: \$85 per session. For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.

WICKED COOL FOR KIDS - Minecraft Camp
The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a one-week Minecraft Camp the week of July 6 - July 10. The camp is open to children entering grades 1-6 in the fall and will take place in the Gilford Middle School Cafeteria from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Par-

ticipants will construct complex Minecraft villages and map out a hands-on model community, built with real world materials. Learn the secrets of Minecraft to forge unique tools, discover the awesome power of redstone, and create automated factories to supply your empire. Participants may register by picking up a form from the Parks and Recreation office or by visiting the Gilford Parks and Recreation website at www.gilfordrec.com. Cost: \$325
For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.

Challenger British
Soccer Camp
The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is again sponsoring a week-long Challenger British Soccer Camp. This camp will be held from July 13 - July 17 at the Gilford Village Field. This camp offers a 3-hour program for children ages six to 14 from 9 a.m. - noon and a one-and-a-half-hour program for children ages three to five from 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. Participants may register by visiting the Chal-

lenger Web site at www.challengersports.com. Cost: \$137 for ages six to 14 and \$101 for ages three to five. For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.

Horsemanship Camp
Offered Multiple Weeks
The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Lakes Region Riding Academy is offering a number of 4-Day Horsemanship Camp sessions this summer. These camps are limited to Local Year-Round NH Resident Children ages seven to 15! These camps will be held from 9 a.m. - noon at the Lakes Region Riding Academy in Gilford. Session dates for this summer are: July 6 - July 9; July 14 - July 17; July 28 - July 31; Aug. 3

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

Alexa Dembiec graduates from Ithaca College

ITHACA, N.Y. — Alexa Dembiec of Gilford graduated from Ithaca College with a BS in Theatre Arts Management.

About Ithaca College
Founded in 1892, Ithaca College is a residential college dedicated to building knowledge and confidence through a continuous cycle of theory, practice and performance. Home to some 6,200 students, the college offers more than 100 degree programs in its schools of Business, Communications, Humanities and Sciences, Health Sciences and Human Performance, and Music.

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FROM OUR READERS

Thank you for a graduation to remember

To the Editor:

On behalf of Gilford High School, I would like to thank the communities of Gilford and Gilmanton for their support while we collaborated to provide a graduation ceremony that was special for our seniors while also making sure it was safe.

The personnel at Gunstock Mountain Report should be commended for extending a hand and working with Gilford

High School to make our seniors feel special on their big day! Pat McGonagle was instrumental before and during the event making sure everything ran smoothly. Hats off to the entire crew that made everything happen behind the scenes at Gunstock!

The Gilford Police and Fire-Rescue assisted with the planning of the ceremony while also adding some flair for the senior parade through the two towns while also

receiving assistance from the Belknap County Sheriff's Department.

To the communities of Gilford and Gilmanton, I cannot thank you enough for showing your support for our seniors after the ceremony during the parade. Everyone that stood along the parade route to cheer our seniors on, to the folks that posted signs and balloons, it was appreciated by everyone! The seniors had a blast during the parade.

Finally, the parents, teachers, and staff members were very supportive of the graduation plan and I appreciate their overwhelming support during these uncharted waters. They say it takes a village to raise a child and this definitely was evident this year. Thanks for your unwavering support for the Class of 2020!

ANTHONY SPERAZZO
PRINCIPAL
GILFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Roadwork

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students driving out of the high school. She said, though, roundabouts can get bogged down during peak traffic hours. Theriault said there are a lot of people who wither love or hate roundabouts.

Eddy said the main issue along that intersection is people coming up 11A doing 50 while people are trying to come across from the other roads. While lowering the speed limit to 40 was determined not to be a good option, Eddy said people should be slowing down anyway as they get down the hill and approach the 35 mile per hour zone by the schools.

As Route 11A is a state road, any work would have to be done by the Department of Trans-

portation.

Theriault said she spoke with Lakes Region Planning Commission about this and was told one step they could take is getting on the state's Ten Year Plan. This way the state could look at the intersection and come up with suggestions and plans for it. She said she wasn't sure what the process of doing that would be and if the town had to do any studies on its own.

Selectman Kevin Hayes said they would be three years away from having any design plan for that intersection even if the town funded it. Theriault said if the town funded the design it could speed up the process of getting on the plan, potentially getting the state to reimburse them for it.

Selectman Gus Benavides asked if they

were advocating for a roundabout. Theriault said they would only be looking to Concord for suggestions.

"We're not committing to anything at this point, but I think it's something that we at least should think about," Eddy said. "We don't want another fatality there, we don't want another accident there and they seem to happen on a pretty regular basis."

He said in that area traffic is coming at a high speed and he has seen people coming up that hill have to evade quickly when someone suddenly pulls out. He said he has almost been caught in that same position too. Hayes said sun glare has also been a big issue coming up that hill, but didn't know if any accidents had been caused by that.

Benavides said he wanted it to be "crystal clear" that the selectmen are not saying they want to put a roundabout there. Eddy agreed, saying he wanted any ideas on how to make that intersection safer.

Hayes said there should be traffic counts on all three points of that intersection along with radar data to see the general speed people are traveling. Theriault said she could also look at prior traffic counts in that area done by LRPC. Hayes advised Theriault to speak with the DOT in the meantime and ask what the options are to address this problem. Hayes also recommended talking to a couple traffic engineers to get an idea how much a study would cost.

Theriault said she would look into all of these things.

Gunstock

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cilities. The playground is closed, but the pool is now open. The showers, restrooms, and laundry facilities are also open according to state guidelines. Anyone who has been ill or exposed to someone with COVID-19 are asked to stay home.

Starting July 1, Gunstock will be offering E-Bike Tours and Off-Road Segway Tours.

New this year is tours on Scott E-Bikes, bikes with a battery and pedaling assistance. Participants must have experience pedaling a bike and comfortable getting on and off one.

For the Segway tours, the resort uses all-terrain X2 Segways equipped to handle the different surfaces around the complex.

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The Fourth of July Weekend Craft Fair will go on as scheduled Saturday and Sunday July 4 and 5. Crafters of many different mediums will have their works on display during the weekend from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in the annual show put on by Joyce's Craft Shows. Vis-



Segway tours will be riding through the trails at Gunstock again starting July 1.

itors are asked to wear face masks and maintain social distancing.

The Labor Day Weekend Craft Fair is also currently scheduled Sept. 5 and 6.

Gunstock TrailFest has been rescheduled for Sept. 19 and 20. The event was originally scheduled for May 23 and 24, but was postponed because of the pandemic.

The original GiddyUp Trail Running Festival at Pineland Farms in New Gloucester, Maine, was moved to Gunstock and renamed the Gunstock TrailFest, promising to be a fresh and updated version of the previous event. Competitors can take on different cross-country trails. There will be onsite camping, a barbecue, and two free beers.

A number of Gunstock events have been canceled or postponed because of the pandemic.

SoulFest Christian music festival has been postponed to Aug. 5-7,

2021. The Ascension Race and the Laconia Rod & Gun Fishing Derby have both been canceled for this year. The Belknap County Conservation District ribbon cutting on major proj-

ects has been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date.

For more information on Gunstock events and reservations, visit www.gunstock.com.

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St. John's will be open Sunday mornings from July 5 through Aug. 23 from 10 to 11 a.m. for prayer and meditation. (This is not intended as a time to merely take a look at the building.) There will be organ music most weeks but there will be no singing. Masks will be required as will "social distancing," and the number of people allowed inside at a time will be limited. Some masks will be available for those who forget, and hand sanitizer will be available.

July 12, July 19, Aug. 9, and Aug. 16 services will be streamed at 10 a.m. For more information, please visit our Web site, www.stjohnsonthelake.org.

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Selectmen

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years you've been here, if asked for road closures or parking bans, we've ever disagreed with you."

He said the board won't tie Bean Burpee's hands, but communication is vital. He said they want to know what's going on, including how much it is costing and what the situation is in case residents ask them about it.

He said he never wanted to hear that the board was tying his hands. Bean Burpee said Baron didn't mean that disparagingly.

Bean Burpee said anyone who has questions about the no parking signs they should call

the police, as the signs say that it is a temporary police order. Benavides agreed, but said the selectmen get called about most everything in town even things related to the school.

He said the signs are being put out by personnel on duty and no overtime was being spent on them.

"As you are one of the best department managers that we have, (we ask) that you communicate to us, chief," Benavides said. "If something's happening at the last second you send us a text message, you send us an email, you let us know 'Hey guys, this just came up, this is the situation.' One hundred percent of the time were on your side and were there for you."

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Tessa D. Schrupp of Gilford graduates from Colby College

WATERVILLE, Maine — Tessa D. Schrupp of Gilford was one of 480 seniors who graduated from Colby College in Waterville, Maine, May 24, 2020, receiving a bachelor of arts degree.

Schrupp, who majored in French studies and global studies, attended St Pauls School and is the daughter of Troy Schrupp and Eliza Deery of Gilford.

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