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Drought conditions continue despite rain

The city manager's office sent out the City Manager's Newsletter last Friday. The full newsletter can be found by going to concordnh.gov and clicking the "Newsletter" button. Here are some highlights:

Use water wisely

As of July 8, drought conditions have not changed much from last week despite receiving heavy amounts of rain. Currently, 3.93% of the state is in a severe drought, 53.14% is in a moderate drought, 32.54% (including Concord) is abnormally dry, and 10.39% is not experiencing any drought.

Thankfully all of the recent rain did reduce the precipitation deficit. Precipitation levels are now 3.81 inches below average for this time of year, which is better than the deficit last week when levels were 6.3 inches below average. The National Weather Service predicts a 33-40% probability of above average precipitation for the region in the next 8 to 14 days. More rain is still needed.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) is recommending for water systems to implement outdoor water use restrictions. Currently, 87 water systems in New Hampshire have restrictions in place. At this time, Concord is not implementing watering restrictions as our water supply remains healthy. It is possible restrictions may be implemented if drought conditions continue to worsen and if water consumption gets too high. Concord's Water Treatment Facility was producing 5.8MGD – 6.0MGD (millions of gallons per day) last week and has had high consumption this season, but thankfully consumption decreased to 5.0 - 5.5MGD this week in response to less need for irrigation and outdoor water use with the recent rain.

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Water levels at Penacook Lake, the source of Concord's drinking water, were low in this September 2016 photo. State officials are warning of drought conditions again this summer.

Please use water wisely. We advise everyone to please conserve water as a proactive measure to preserve our water source. Be mindful of your water use, especially outdoors. Simple conservation practices include minimizing irrigation and lawn watering, and inspecting systems for water leaks. Practice watering at night or early morning to minimize evaporation and consider using weather-based irrigation controllers to avoid unnecessary watering if it rains.

Drought conditions will continue to be monitored. We thank everyone for their efforts to conserve water. Every drop counts! Find drought updates and water conservation tips at concordnh.gov/conservation.

New water rate structure

New water and sewer utility rate structures have been implemented as of July 1. In addition to water and sewer charges being calculated based on consumption, a fixed monthly charge will be applied both for water and sewer based on the meter size of each meter installed. Previously, a fixed water fee (availability charge) was applied and computed based upon the assessed value of a property. This practice will be discontinued. The new structure also eliminates the monthly minimum use charges. This structure change will impact customers differently, with increases for some and decreases for others. Overall, this structure change is revenue neutral for the City and will provide more stability into the future. Find more information and a brochure of rates and fees at concordnh.gov/utilitybilling.

City meetings

City meetings will be held in person in Council Chambers at 37 Green St. (unless otherwise specified on the city's calendar). Upcoming meeting:

- Planning Board: Wednesday, July 21, 7 p.m.

City Checklist purge

New Hampshire law requires that communities verify/purge their voter checklists every 10 years. In accordance with that law, any person currently on the City of Concord checklist who has not voted in the past four years will be removed from the checklist.

On June 17, the City Clerk's Office sent postcard notices to approximately 8,000 people who haven't voted in the City of Concord in the last four years. Notices were sent to the address on file for the given voter, the address provided when registering to vote. The postcard indicates that recipients will be removed from the City of Concord checklist unless they re-register to vote via the City Clerk's Office, on or before July 29. It is possible that postcards will go to residences within the City addressed to people that haven't lived at a given address in some time. If residents within the community receive a post card addressed to someone that does not reside at their address, the postcard may be disregarded; no further response is needed.

If someone is purged from the City's checklist, they can easily re-register to vote at the polls on Election Day and/or at the Clerk's Office whenever it is convenient for them, during normal business hours.

Anyone with questions about this checklist purge should contact the City Clerk's Office by phone at 225-8500 or via email at cityclerk@concordnh.gov. The City Clerk's Office is open Monday through

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Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with extended hours until 6 p.m. on Thursdays.

Beaver Meadow Golf Course

Ski the Beav Kick Off Event: Come learn more about efforts to purchase a groomer for Beaver Meadow Golf Course (1 Beaver Meadow Drive, Concord) while enjoying food and live music. This event is in partnership with the Concord Parks & Rec Department. If you have questions, call 498-4844 or 568-0321 or email skithebeav603@gmail.com.

Everett Arena roller skating

There are just two weeks left of roller skating at the Everett Arena! Don't miss this limited time event! Friday, July 30 will be the last skating event of the season. Skating hours are Tuesday through Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Admission is $5 with skate rentals available if needed for an additional $5 at the Pro Shop. Book a private roller skating event for a birthday party, field trip, or rainout event. Private events only cost $150 an hour and include skate rentals. Call 228-2784 or email everettarena@concordnh.gov if interested. Visit concordnh.gov/rollerskating for more information.

City Auditorium reopening soon

After being closed for many, many months during COVID, the Concord City Auditorium is reopening in mid-August and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone back for performances and shows.

Here are some updated guidelines:

- Attendees are asked to wear face coverings inside the Audi if they have not been fully vaccinated.
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the venue.
- Attendees will enter through the main entrance and exit via the lobby (one way in/one way out).
- Attendees are asked to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet or more of physical separation between others when possible.
- Attendees are asked to stay home if they are not feeling well or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.

Thank you in advance for helping us provide a safe and fun experience for renters, performers, and guests. More information about the Audi is available online at: concordnh.gov/722/Audi.

National Night Out on Aug. 3

The Concord Police Department is happy to announce that National Night Out is back this year on Tuesday, Aug. 3, from 5 to 8 p.m. in Rollins Park.

Bring the whole family down and be part of this community event. There is no cost to enter and food is only one dollar with the

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purchase of a ticket. Parking is also free at Rundlett Middle School with complimentary shuttle service to the park. This year's festivities will include music, police and fire equipment, K9 demonstrations, touch-a-truck, and so much more.

If you have any questions, you can contact the Community Resources Unit at the Concord Police Department at 225-8600, ext. 3738. Updates will be shared online on the National Night Out page at concordpolice.com as well as on Facebook.

Bluegrass BBQ – July 24

The Concord Coalition to End Homelessness is holding their annual Bluegrass BBQ fundraiser on July 24 from 12 to 5 p.m. in White Park (rain date: July 25). This picnic-style event by the pond at White Park will feature a BBQ feast and live music, held outside with plenty of space for attendee chairs and picnic blankets. Visit their event website for more information and to purchase tickets.

Storrs Street Legislative Parking Garage work

The state has a contractor team working on rehabilitating the deck and supporting structure of the Storrs Street Legislative Parking Garage. This work will involve intermittent lane closures and maintenance of one-way traffic underneath the garage, as well as parking space and sidewalk closures. Work is expected to continue through July.

Washington Street bridge work

The Washington Street Bridge will be closed during the day while the contractor is actively working. This closure began on May 3. The closure can be expected between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., but may be shorter each day based on the contractor's schedule.

At some point in the coming weeks, the bridge will be closed completely until mid- to late-August, and there will be a follow-up advanced notice with more details.

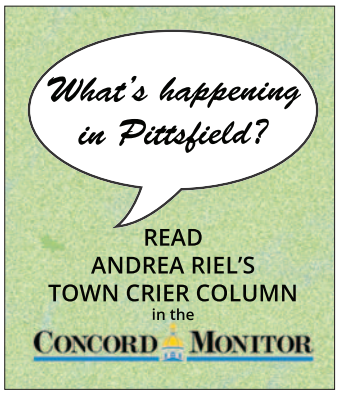
During the closure, traffic traveling southbound on Washington Street will be detoured down Millstream Lane to Borough Road. Traffic traveling northbound on River Road /Washington Street will be detoured down Borough Road to Millstream Lane. Below is a plan showing the detour route, which will be designated with signage along the route.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the Engineering Services Division at 225-8520. We thank you for your patience while we complete this important project.

Neighborhood paving program

GMI Asphalt is scheduled to complete a shim overlay for Chase Street in the next couple of weeks along with a cold plane overlay anticipated for a section of Shaker Road soon. A shim and overlay will be performed on Clinton Street from Princeton Street to South Spring Street around September.

Work is weather permitting. Streets may be reduced to one lane or closed to through traffic. Parking will be prohibited between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Residents will have road access to their homes. Visit concordnh.gov/pavingplan for more information and to find a tentative paving schedule for next season.



Live music

July 15

■ Michael Walsh at Hermanos from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

■ Kid Pinky at Eagle Square at 7 p.m.

■ Bass Drop with DJ Lance at Area 23 at 7 p.m.

July 16

■ Scott Solsky Album Release at Bank of N.H. Stage at 8 p.m. Tickets $15; $10 livestream (plus fees)

■ Veggie Burger with Bacon at Area 23 at 8 p.m.

■ River Sister at SHARA Vineyards from 6 to 8 p.m.

July 17

■ Ken Clark at Hermanos from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

■ Seth Glier at Fletcher-Murphy Park at 6 p.m. Tickets $15, $10 live stream (Rain location Bank of N.H. Stage)

■ Andrew North at Concord Craft Brewing from 4 to 6 p.m.

■ Handsome Big Daddy Puddles at Area 23 at 2 p.m.

■ SuperNothing at Area 23 at 8 p.m.

■ Alex Cohen at Chen Yang Li from 7 to 10 p.m.

July 18

■ Jazz Sanctuary will explore the theme, "Billie Holiday: The Jazz of Singing Truth to Power" at 10 a.m. on the steps of First Congregational Church. Vocalists Mary Fagan and Emilia Halstead will interpret many of the songs from Holliday's repertoire accompanied by Joey Placenti, sax; Jock Irvine, bass; Ed Raczka, drums; and Tim Wildman, keyboard. It will also be live-streamed on Facebook Live and archived on the church's YouTube channel: Concord's First Church.

■ Ariel Strasser at Cafe One East in Warner from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

July 20

■ Craig Jaster at Hermanos from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

■ Nevers Band at Rolfe Park at 7 p.m.

July 21

■ Craig Jaster at Hermanos from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

■ Rory Scott Band at 6 p.m. at Eagle Square (rain date July 28)

July 22

■ Krimson Krewe at Hermanos from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

■ Freese Brothers Big Band at Eagle Square at 7 p.m.

Theater

■ "Seminar" continues at the Hatbox Theatre through July 18 with shows Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets $16-$22, hatboxnh.com.

■ "Moana Jr." will be staged by RB Productions at the Capitol Center for the Arts on July 16 and 17 at 7 p.m. Tickets $12 to $15, ccanh.com.

in the kitchen

Clear your schedule for homemade ice cream

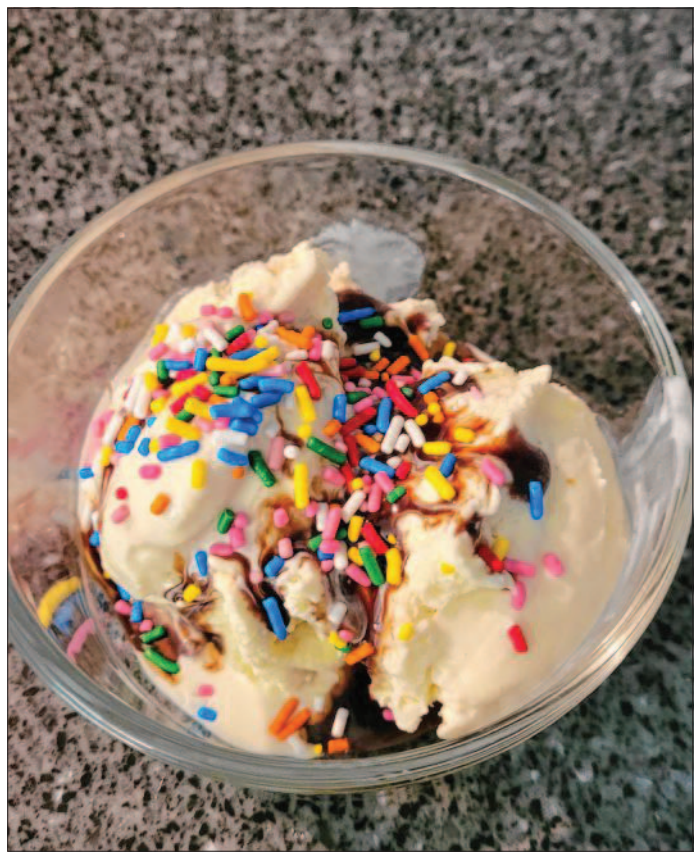
By SARAH PEARSON
Insider staff

If you're in the mood for ice cream now, stop reading this and go look at capital area ice cream stands (page 8). If you want ice cream and are willing to invest a fair bit of time into making it yourself, carry on.

Aside from the time component, making ice cream isn't too challenging. Over the weekend I tried two recipes: a traditional Vanilla Ice Cream from the Betty Crocker cookbook and a vegan Vanilla ice cream recipe by Emma Christensen on thekitchn.com. While the ingredients differ, the process of creating them are relatively the same.

For both, you'll heat your base to dissolve a sweetner in your liquid and thicken it. Then, it has to chill (I left it in the fridge overnight).

Vegan vanilla ice cream with lemon curd and raspberries.



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Vanilla dairy ice cream with chocolate sauce and sprinkles.

How long it takes to churn and chill will depend on what kind of ice cream machine you are using.

I had a Nostalgia brand bucket-style electric churn. The manufacturer's say to make sure the inner metal bucket is cold before churning, so I put that in the freezer overnight to prepare.

To churn, that bucket is covered with a lid and placed inside the larger churn, which is then filled with layers of ice cubes and rock salt (other salt works too).

The electric motor spins the bucket and paddle for about 30 minutes to cream the ice cream base liquid.

At this point, I found the texture to be similar to soft serve, but after a couple of hours setting up in the freezer, its very similar to commercial ice cream.

Here's a look at the recipes I used:

Vanilla Ice Cream

3 egg yolks, lightly beaten
½ cup sugar
1 cup milk
¼ teaspoon salt
2 cups whipping cream
1 tablespoon vanilla

In a saucepan, on medium heat, stir yolks, sugar, milk and salt until well mixed. Heat, stirring regularly to keep eggs from scrambling, until the mixture just comes to a boil then remove from the stove.

Pour milk mixture into cold bowl and refrigerate for at least 2 to 3 hours, or up to 24 hours.

Once chilled, add vanilla and whipping cream to milk mixture and churn in your ice cream maker following the directions that come with your appliance.

Vegan Ice Cream

2 (13- to 15-ounce) cans full-fat coconut milk

½ cup sweetener, such as agave syrup, maple syrup, honey, turbinado sugar, or cane sugar

¼ teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons cornstarch, or 1 tablespoon arrowroot starch

1½ teaspoons vanilla extract

Shake the cans of coconut milk to combine the water and fats. Measure out ½ cup of coconut milk and set aside.

Combine the remaining coconut milk, sweetener and salt in a saucepan and heat over meadium heat until sweetener is dissolved, about 1 to 2 minutes. (I used maple syrup.)

In the separated ½ cup of coconut milk, whisk in the corn starch. Then add to the heated mixture.

Continue to heat and stir the mixture until it thickens slightly, but don't let the base boil.

When you remove from the heat, add vanilla and pour in to a shallow container to cool, first on the counter, then in the refrigerator, about four hours, or up to three days.

After chilling, churn in your ice cream machine according to the directions for about 20 minutes.

Put into a freezer safe container and freeze for about four hours before serving.

Note: Since this recipe uses only coconut milk (some others use a mix of coconut and almond or cashew milk) the coconut taste is pretty strong. I used maple syrup as the sweetener in my mix and that taste comes across pretty strong too. The maple syrup also makes the ice cream more of a light brown color rather than a traditional off-white vanilla color. Other sweeteners probably won't have that problem.

Both ice creams had good taste and firmed up quite solid after a couple hours in the freezer.

While it was about 24 hours from start to finish, the work is largely left to the freezer. There is about 20 minutes hands-on time for cooking the base and a half-hour for churning, the rest is largely waiting. So if you have the patience to wait, you may want to try your hand at making your own ice cream.

Ice cream machine churns and chills the mixture of vegan ice cream.

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Traditional vanilla ice cream after it set up in the freezer for a couple of hours.

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Spots you won't want to miss

By THEODORE TAUSCHER
Insider staff

Sunday is the day for sundaes this week. July 18 is recognized as National Ice Cream Day. Luckily for those in the Concord area, there are plenty of places that serve up scoops of creamy deliciousness.

We at the Insider know that making a decision of this caliber can be a challenge, so we called around to see what ice cream flavors are worth a try. Here are the responses.

Arnie's Place

164 Loudon Road, Concord

(603) 228-3225, arniesplace.com

Most popular flavor: Nazzy's Favorite (Oreo Butterscotch, with chocolate chunks and cookie dough)

Most unique flavor: Chocolate Chili Crunch

Staff pick: Mint Chocolate

Arnie's makes about 95% of their ice cream themselves, which means it's no surprise it's consistent ranked highly in the annual Cappies (you'll have to wait til next week to find out the 2021 winners.)

Hours: Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8: 30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Beech Hill Farm

107 Beech Hill Rd, Hopkinton, NH 03229

(603) 223-0828, beechhillfarm.com

Most popular flavor: Moosetracks

Most unique flavor: Cannoli flavored

Staff pick: Strawberry Cheesecake

Meet the pigs, cows, chickens, peacock and llama while getting your scoops at the farm. Beech Hill serves flavors from Blake's in Manchester and Gifford's, made in Maine.

Hours: Daily, noon to 8 p.m.

Buza Dairy Bar

25 S Main St, Concord, NH 03301

(603) 856-8671, vibesgourmetburgers.com/buza-dairy-bar

Most popular flavor: Coconut

Most unique flavor: Tiramisu

Staff pick: Creamsicle

Serving both Italian gelato and hard ice cream, here's a great stop for a scoop or two.

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11: 30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 11: 30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 9 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 6 p.m.

Dipsy Doodle

143 Park St., Northfield

(603) 286-2100, dipsydoodle.com

Most popular flavor: Black Raspberry

Most unique flavor: Unicorn Delight (bubblegum, vanilla, rainbow sprinkles

Staff pick: Strawberry Cheesecake

This building has been through several names and owners, and even two locations, but its been serving up ice cream since the 1950s. Today you can get Gifford's ice cream along with your lunch.

Hours: Daily, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Dudley's Ice Cream

846 Route 106 N, Loudon

(603) 783-4800, facebook.com/dudleysicecreamshop

Did not respond by press time

Hours: Daily, 11: 30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Frekey's Ice Cream

74 Fisherville Road, Concord, and 97 Suncook Valley Road, Chichester

(603) 228-5443, frekeysdairyfreeze.com

Most popular flavor: Mississippi Mud (coffee with fudge swirls and Oreo pieces)

Most unique flavor: Fly Fishing Fudge (Vanilla with M&Ms, cookie dough, chocolate chips and fudge swirl)

Staff pick: Maine Black Bear

Frekey's expanded from Chichester to Concord several years ago and serves up Gifford's ice cream.

Hours: Daily, noon to 9 p.m.

Granite State Candy

13 Warren St., Concord

(603) 225-2591, granitestatecandyshoppe.com

Did not respond by press time

Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

Kellerhaus

259 Endicott St., Laconia

(603) 366-4466, kellerhaus.com

Most popular flavor: Smores chocolate ice cream with graham crackers and marshmallows

Most unique flavor: Banana Pudding

Staff pick: Cookie Monster cookies and cream ice cream dyed blue

On Weirs Beach, stop by Kellerhaus for homemade chocolates and ice cream.

Hours: Daily, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Jordan's Ice Creamery

894 Laconia Road, Belmont

(603) 267-1900

Most popular flavor: Raspberry Truffle

Most unique flavor: Smores Cookies and Cream

Staff pick: Cherry Chocolate

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Hours: Daily, 11: 30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Lang's Ice Cream

510 Pembroke St., Pembroke

(603) 225-7483, langsicecream.com

Most popular flavor: Cookie Dough

Most unique flavor: Grand Central Station Graham cracker chocolate

The family-owned business is serving up grilled options along with Blake's ice cream.

Hours: Daily, noon to 9 p.m.

Sawyer's Corner

1933 Lakeshore Road, Gilford

(603) 293-4422, sawyersnh.com

Most popular flavor: Black Raspberry

Most unique flavor: Moondrop Vanilla hint of marshmallow and milk chocolate truffle

Staff pick: Fudge Caramel Swirl

Ice cream has been made at Sawyer's since 1945, carrying on after a fire in the '50s through today.

Hours: Daily for ice cream only.

Smoke Shack BBQ

146 King Street Boscawen

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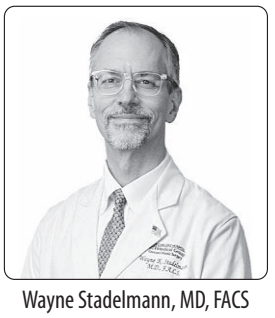

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Most unique flavor: Purpleberry Chip Yogurt

Staff pick: Mint chip

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138 N. Main St, Concord

(603) 333-2111, sundaysscoops.com

Most popular flavor: Vanilla Ice cream, Reese's Puffs, Reese's cups, peanut butter drizzle

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Staff pick: Trail Mix, Vanilla cinnamon toast crunch, rice krispies, mini marshmallows, rainbow sprinkles, marshmallow drizzle

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Hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 1 to 9 p.m.

Richardson Farm

170 Water Street, Boscawen

(603) 796-2788, richardsonsfarmnh.com

Most popular flavor: Black Raspberry

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Staff pick: Chocolate Brownie

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True Confections

211 Loudon Road, D, Concord

(603) 226-3536, trueconfectionsnh.com

Most popular flavor: Death by cookie (vanilla, Oreo pieces, cookie dough pieces)

Most unique flavor: Holy Cow (Snickers, M&M's Chocolate Chips, Brownie, Peanut butter cups, cookies, chocolate swirl)

Staff pick: Cotton Candy

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history

July 15, 1605: Samuel de Champlain, a French explorer, sails into Piscataqua Bay.

July 15, 1822: The hail that falls in Concord today is "of a sufficient size to break glass and cut down the corn," according to a local history.

July 15, 1832: Six convicts escape from the state prison in Concord by splitting a stone in the roofing of their cell and letting themselves down the wall by their blankets. Four are captured in Hopkinton, one in Grantham. One is never found.

July 15, 1965: A 50-foot section of the second story of Concord's new federal building at Pleasant and South streets collapses under the weight of freshly-poured concrete. No one is hurt.

July 16, 2000: A Massachusetts doctor suspected of murdering his estranged wife is arrested in a Tuftonboro motel. Richard Sharpe, a highly respected dermatologist at Harvard Medical School, is accused of shooting Karen Sharpe at their Wenham, Mass., home.

July 16, 1821: Mary Baker Eddy is born in Bow. In February 1866, she will write of healing herself from what a doctor diagnosed as a fatal fall on the ice. Out of this experience is born Christian Science. Eddy will found the Church of Christ, Scientist, in 1879.

July 16, 1864: A year after the Legislature announced that "any city or town" might bid to build a new State House, legislators vote to keep Concord as state capital. The price: The city must build a street on the south side of State House grounds (Capitol Street) and rebuild the cramped 44-year-old State House. It will do so by the following year at a staggering cost of $347,000, including $189,000 interest.

July 17, 2003: Speaking at the Page Belting factory in Concord, Florida Sen. Bob Graham fields questions about the White House's use of unsubstantiated evidence to justify war in Iraq. "I believe he is being deceitful," Graham says of President Bush. "There has been a pattern of withholding information from the American people."

July 17, 1988: New Hampshire's former epidemiologist charges he was fired because he uncovered serious public health problems that Gov. John Sununu did not want publicized. In a report, the epidemiologist says 250 New Hampshire workers die from occupation-related diseases each year, 50 infants die for lack of prenatal and outreach services and about 50 people die for lack of basic medical care.

July 17, 1941: Playing at Cleveland, Yankee third baseman Red Rolfe of Penacook doubles and singles to help the Yanks beat the Indians 4-3. But the big news is that Cleveland and its good-fielding third baseman, Ken Keltner, stop Joe DiMaggio's hitting streak at 56 games. During the streak, Rolfe, hitting second in the Yankee lineup, batted .306 and scored 49 runs.

July 18, 2002: Republican activists slam Gov. Jeanne Shaheen for supporting tax increases they say have made New Hampshire a less business-friendly state.

July 18, 1945: The state liquor commission bans jukeboxes from hotel grills and says women may not work as bartenders.

July 18, 1946: The author Vladimir Nabokov, summering in Bristol, writes to friends that the lake is filthy, his room is too close to the highway, the smell of fried clams makes him ill and he is having no luck adding new species to his famous butterfly collection. Then he sees a sign at a local restaurant saying, "We welcome strictly Christian clientele." Nabokov writes: "And what would happen if little old bearded Jesus Christ drove up, in an old Ford, with his mother (black scarf, Polish accent)? That, and other questions, so intrigued me that I took apart the restaurant manager, leaving him and those present in an indescribable tizzy."

July 19, 2002: A top state health official says he was paid to quit after he raised questions about widespread waste, fraud and abuse within New Hampshire's mental health system, the Monitor reports. The official, former Division of Behavioral Health director Tom Keane, left the state Department of Health and Human Services having accepted six month's pay, or nearly $44,000, for not returning to work. He served 10 months in office.

July 19, 2000: Members of the Franklin City Council call a 20-minute recess to watch the end of tonight's Survivor broadcast. Local hero Jenna Lewis survives, but barely; by a vote of 5-4, the competitors decide Greg, not Jenna, must leave the island.

July 20, 2003: Jimmie Johnson wins the New England 300 at New Hampshire International Speedway in Loudon.

July 20, 1988: The New York Times reports that New Hampshire is among the top 10 states when it comes to wine consumption. At the top of the list: California. No. 50: Mississippi. New Hampshire comes in 9th, at 3.12 gallons per capita per year.July 20, 1990 – Justice William Brennan announces that he will leave the U.S. Supreme Court. U.S. Sen. Warren Rudman calls President Bush's chief of staff, John Sununu, to suggest to him that Bush nominate Judge David H. Souter of New Hampshire to succeed Brennan.

July 20, 1929: Daniell Rossiter, a photographer from Ludlow, Vt., is killed on the Mount Washington Cog Railway when the locomotive goes out of control.

July 21, 2002: NASCAR driver Ward Burton, who had been in a slump since winning the season's first race, wins the New England 300 at New Hampshire International Speedway in Loudon.

July 21, 1857: The Coos Republican reports that Joseph Roby, 23, of Clarksville is struck and killed by a bolt of lightening while sitting in his house. "His cap and boots were torn in pieces, but no mark was found upon his person. Several individuals were in the house at the time, but none of the rest were injured materially."

July 21, 1987: Al Gore brings his presidential campaign to Keene. At Lindy's Diner, a woman tells him: "Since you're so young, if you don't get it this time, there is always the next election." Gore replies: "This is the time."

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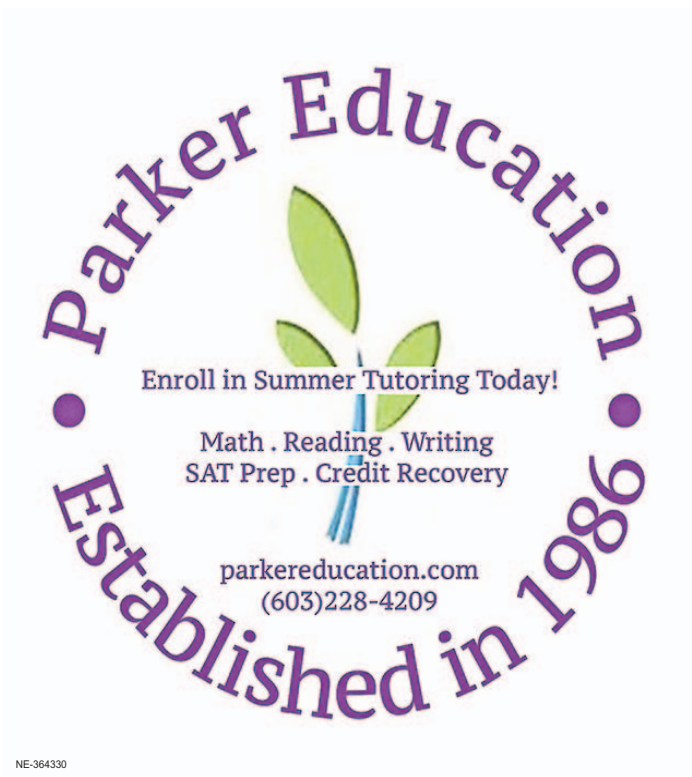

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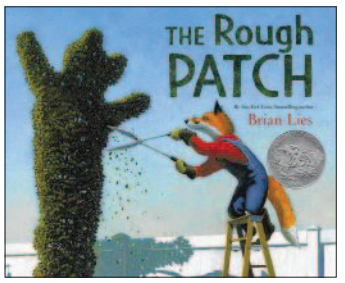
book of the week

The Rough Patch



By Brian Lies

(Children's picture book, fiction, 2018)

Lush illustrations and tender storytelling make this children's book about loss, grief, and healing one of the more beautiful picture books I've read recently.

Evan is a fox who does everything with his pet dog, who is his best friend and trusted companion. Their favorite activity is tending Evan's garden. Then "one day, the unthinkable happened." The dog dies, apparently peacefully in his sleep. Evan buries the dog in a corner of the garden, but is overcome with sorrow and loneliness. In his grief, Evan feels that that "nothing [is] the same" without his friend.

At first, Evan's garden is a painful reminder of his loss. In a fit of anger, Evan tears up his plants and allows weeds to take over the space that he once so carefully tended. Adult readers will recognize Evan moving through the stages of grief, from anger to sadness — his despondency reflected in the landscape of his neglected garden.

Then ... a pumpkin vine catches Evan's eye. At first, he leaves it alone. Then, he begins to nurture the fledgling fruit and watch it grow in response. Eventually, Evan finds that it's fair season, and he has a gigantic pumpkin ready to tote to the produce show. The fair helps Evan to begin experiencing joy again, from reconnecting with old friends to digging into some classic festival food.

Finally, Evan finds that he's won third place in the pumpkin show — and the prize offered is a choice of either ten dollars or a new puppy. I won't spoil the book's conclusion here, but the way in which Evan handles that decision is touching and thoughtful, and brings this heartfelt tale to exactly the right conclusion.

This book was awarded a Caldecott Honor for Brian Lies' outstanding illustrations (Lies both wrote and illustrated this work). I particularly love the gorgeous pictures of Evan's garden, which is full of rich detail, and the way that Lies uses light, shadow, and subtle facial expressions to convey the depth and range of Evan's emotions. This story is an age-appropriate introduction to the topics of death and mourning, with the reassuring message that time, nature, and friends can all help us to heal after a loss and, eventually, to rediscover happiness.

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