

THE CONCORD INSIDER

June 30 to July 6
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Summer classics

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history

July 1, 1776: “The Declaration before Congress is, I think, a pretty good one,” delegate Josiah Bartlett of New Hampshire writes from Philadelphia.

July 1, 1789: The Rev. Israel Evans is ordained as Concord’s second Congregationalist minister, succeeding the Rev. Timothy Walker. The town still pays the minister’s salary and living expenses. Walker, the first minister, served more than 58 years from his ordination in 1730.

July 1, 1883: A report says there are 60 post offices in Merrimack County. In 1882, the postmasters in the county were paid a combined total of \$18,515.94.

July 1, 1925: The Granite Monthly complains about the proliferation of gas stations in the state. “If stations continue to multiply in the future as they have in the past, there will never be any problem of lighting the Daniel Webster Highway. It will soon be the best-lighted boulevard in the state, for every station is well-lighted to attract the attention of the traveler.”

July 1, 2003: Attorney General Peter Heed says prison officials failed to investigate or react to clues that, in hindsight, foretold of last month’s prison break by three men at the state prison in Concord. A tip from another inmate and a pair of bolt cutters found thrown over a prison fence were among the clues that officials failed to react to, Heed says.

July 2, 1776: Dr. Josiah Bartlett and William Whipple represent New Hampshire as the Continental Congress declares American independence.

July 2, 1822: A portion of Chester along with parts of Goffstown and Dunbarton

are incorporated as the town of Hooksett.

July 2, 1939: John H. Sununu is born. He will serve three terms as governor in the 1980s, then become chief of staff to President George Bush.

July 2, 1941: Joe DiMaggio hits a line drive home run over the head of Ted Williams in left field to break Wee Willie Keeler’s record 44-game hitting streak. On base when he hits it is Yankee third baseman Red Rolfe of Penacook.

July 2, 1976: Gov. Mel Thomson orders a full investigation into what happened to 1,500 pounds of chicken that never made it to a state worker picnic at New Hampshire Hospital. The birds, worth \$780, were contaminated and disposed of.

July 3, 2002: New Hampshire lawyers representing about 100 people charging they were molested by Roman Catholic priests are talking to the church about a settlement, the Monitor reports.

July 3, 2000: Californian Del Erickson celebrates her 75th birthday with eight laps around the New Hampshire International Speedway track. “I’m so excited I can hardly stand it,” she says of her time at the wheel of a Winston Cup-style stock car.

July 3, 1976: Gov. Mel Thomson says if Canada doesn’t allow athletes for Nationalist China to participate in the Montreal Olympics, he will order the Taiwanese flag flown at the State House and at his official residence in East Concord throughout the Games.

July 3, 1865: A railroad accident in Northfield wrecks several freight cars and fatally scalds one passenger. An excursion to The Weirs

the next day is canceled, as the road is impassable.

July 3, 1869: The first train runs to the summit of Mount Washington.

July 3, 1845: Having stayed a night at the Canterbury Village on his way back from a White Mountain sojourn, Benjamin Brown French of Chester shows off his rifle to the Shakers. Several of them - men and women - take turns firing it, the men exhibiting “a skill which I hardly supposed they possessed.”

July 4, 1842: Hooligans set a barrel of tar on fire in the State House plaza. “The tossing of fire-balls had begun when the police of this town interfered,” according to a city history.

July 4, 1859: Austin Goings launches the 65-foot sidewheeler Surprise on Lake Sunapee. It is the first steamboat on the lake. Goings will soon leave to fight in the Civil War, and it will be 17 years before transportation on the lake begins in earnest.

July 4, 1858: The Rev. George Channing suggests residents of Lancaster celebrate Independence Day with a pledge of sobriety. His temperance talk is billed in newspapers as “a lecture upon the disastrous consequences from the use of intoxicating drinks and of tobacco in all its forms to the souls and bodies of men.”

July 4, 1899: Ten thousand people attend the dedication of the Memorial Arch in front of the State House. Cut from Concord granite, it is 33 feet 8 inches high and 53 feet wide. Though built on state land, it was paid for by the city and commemorates Concord’s war veterans.

July 4, 1891: A crowd of 6,000 to 7,000 people gathers at the circus

grounds just above Bridge Street along the Merrimack River to watch a holiday baseball game. The Concord YMCA team, a perennial power, defeats the Concord Stars, 13-12. “Fielding at times was rather loose,” the Monitor reports.

July 4, 1985: A day after a trip to Paris, Vice President George Bush arrives in Bristol to lead an Independence Day parade. Ten thousand people turn out to see him. Later that day, 500 Republicans will spend \$150 each to ride with Bush on the M/S Mount Washington across Lake Winnepesaukee.

July 4, 1776: New Hampshire delegates Dr. Josiah Bartlett and William Whipple, with the rest of the Continental Congress at Philadelphia, accept a draft of the Declaration of Independence.

July 4, 1829: The town of Adams, named for President John Adams in 1800, changes its name to Jackson.

July 4, 1827: Snow is reported in Gilmanton.

July 4, 1919: Communities statewide honor veterans of the World War on Homecoming Day. The state offers each veteran a \$100 bonus and will eventually pay 19,425 claims. The Legislature has also voted to pay homage to the war dead with the building of War Memorial Bridge across the Piscataqua River from Portsmouth to Kittery.

July 4, 1820: The fare from Concord to Boston by stagecoach is cut to \$1, the result of competition between two lines.

July 5, 1992: The first Indy car races are held at New Hampshire International Speedway in Loudon.

July 5, 2002: Ted Williams, the legendary Boston Red Sox outfielder, dies at the age of 83. Local fan Tony Heath, owner of Quality Cash Market in East Concord, reflects “We shared the same dream. That was to see the Red Sox win the World Series. It’s too bad he didn’t live to see that happen.”

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New art display installed downtown

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:

New Downtown Concord art

Concord General Services' Downtown Services Team helped install another new art piece last week in downtown Concord! "Earth Arch," by artist Joe Chirchirillo Sculpture, was installed at the intersection of Storrs Street and Pleasant Street Extension. This is another piece of the Art on Main, Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit, organized by the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce through its Creative Concord committee and City of Concord. Learn more about the outdoor exhibit at concordnhchamber.com/CreativeConcord.



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City meetings

City meetings are held in person in Council Chambers at 37 Green Street (unless otherwise specified on the City's calendar). Up-

coming meetings include:
 ■ Zoning Board of Adjustment: July 6, 7 p.m.
 ■ City Council: July 11, 7 p.m.
 ■ Planning Board: July 20, 7 p.m.

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Briar Hydro agreement

The city finalized its agreement with Briar Hydro Associates earlier this month. Last week, City officials and community members gathered at Penacook Lower Falls on the Boscawen side of the Essex Hydro plant in Penacook to recognize this agreement. Thank you to Mayor Bouley,

Councilors Brown, Champlin and Todd, former City Councilor and Energy & Environment Advisory Committee member Rob Werner, and Essex Hydro COO Madeleine Mineau.

The agreement calls for the City of Concord to commit 9 million kilowatt hours per year of its electricity usage to a group net metering arrangement with Briar Hydro Associates serving as the municipal

host. In addition to supporting local renewable energy projects, the City of Concord has separately pursued and competitively bought 100% renewable electricity supply from national renewable projects since December 2016. These national sources are Green-e certified and support the City's 100% Renewable Energy Goals.

Through this net metering agreement with Briar Hydro, the City is supporting the continued operation and financial performance of a local renewable energy facility by purchasing a portion of the financial credits generated by the hydroelectric facility. The agreement is a win-win as it is expected to generate financial credits for the City of approximately \$100,000 per year for 18 years, and furthers the City's objective to support renewable energy project development and operation in Concord.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey

The Concord Hazard Mitigation Committee is up-

dating the City's 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan and needs public input regarding severe weather events and hazard prevention.

Please fill out the short survey to assist in getting community voices represented in the 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Your input is greatly appreciated!

The survey can be found at surveymonkey.com/r/ConcordHazMitNH

Citizen self-service permit portal Coming Soon

A new online citizen self-service permit portal will be available next month. This portal includes online permit applications for Code Administration permits (Building, Zoning, Miscellaneous Permits, and Health & Licensing Permits/Licenses); Engineering; Fire Department Inspections; and Planning.

The portal's convenient features include online applications for residents and contractors, including a saveable template feature for ease of use; easy viewing of

inspections and an online calendar; and online invoice payments.

More information will be coming soon and shared here: concordnh.gov/1888/Citizen-Self-Service-Permits.

Concord TV Government Partnership Award

Thank you to Concord TV for recognizing the Concord Fire Department during their Annual Meeting last week. CFD received the Government Partnership Award. One of our video collaborations with Concord TV about water safety also received a first place ACM - Noreaster Award earlier this year. We are very thankful for this partnership and everything Concord TV does to help us get information out to our community!

New utility billing system launched

The Utility Billing Office has officially launched a new billing system that includes changes to utility bills, account numbers, and online

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management of accounts for Concord water and sewer utility customers.

New Online Portal: Citizen Self Service (CSS) has launched on the City of Concord's website and has replaced the existing eSuite Utilities Services web portal. Similar to the previous portal, with CSS you can view an account summary, bill history, consumption history, account transactions, and modify enrollment in eBilling. Features that are new with this portal include the ability to update a mailing address and to pay your bill online. Our existing online Utility Payment System has been discontinued on the City's website and online bill payments can now be made using CSS. Now, account management and bill payments are easier than ever with one unified portal! A nominal convenience fee will still apply to online bill payments. You will have to register for a new CSS account and will not be able to login using your existing eSuite Utilities Services portal

login. Please wait for your new utility bill to arrive first, as you will need your new customer number and account number to create your account. Once your bill has arrived, follow along to the instructions online to set up your account.

New Bills: New utility bills are starting to reach customers now and the next cycle will begin in early July. Bills will have an updated look that is easier to read, more visually appealing, and contain recent consumption history. View a sample of the new bills online.

New Account Numbers: Account numbers have changed to include the first six digits of your existing account number, plus a separate unique customer number. The account number will be associated with the service address for the water/sewer account, while the customer number

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will be assigned to you. This upgrade allows for enhanced security while enabling the ability to group multiple accounts for easier

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Also, the Utility Billing Office is still in the process of transitioning to a new

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How about a drive? CENTER HARBOR TO MOULTONBOROUGH: Following the route clockwise, take Route 25 through Meredith and Center Harbor towards Moultonborough. Or for a less traveled route, take NH 25B from Meredith east to Center Harbor. This route winds through the hills north of Winnepesaukee and is a less traveled alternative to Route 25. Downtown Center Harbor, near the convergence of NH 25 and 25B, is a quaint town on the north edge of Winnepesaukee. This area has retained much of its charm and offers great views to the south. The eastern side of Winnepesaukee is not as developed as the western side, and as you continue through Moultonborough and on to Tuftonboro, the landscape becomes more rural.



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- Brian Booth at Hermanos at 6:30 p.m.
- Amythyst Kiah at Bank of N.H. Stage at 8 p.m.
- Errol Wayne at Area 23 at 7 p.m.

July 1

- Amanda Adams at Contoocook Cider Co. at 4:30 p.m.
- Eric Lindberg Duo at Shara Vineyards at 6 p.m.
- Jud Caswell at Over the Moon Farmstead at 7 p.m.

July 2

- Joe Messineo at Contoocook Farmers Market at 9 a.m.
- Josh Foster at Over the Moon Farmstead at 2 p.m.
- Colin Hart at Contoocook Cider Company at 4:30 p.m.
- Tyler Levs at Chen Yang Li at 7 p.m.
- Hank Osborne at Over the Moon Farmstand at 7 p.m.

July 3

- Jordan Tirrell-Wyocki Trio at Canterbury Shaker Village at 4 p.m.
- Amanda Adams at Café One East in Warner at 1 p.m.
- Justin Cohn at Over the Moon Farmstead at 2 p.m.
- Ariel Strasser at Concord Craft Brewing at 2 p.m.

July 4

- Nevers Band at Memorial Field for the annual Independence Day fireworks show
- Kimayo featuring Brad Myrick at Hopkinton's 4th of July celebration at the gazebo in Contoocook Village from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

July 6

- April Cushman at the Courtyard Marriott in Concord at 5 p.m.

July 7

- TBA at Eagle Square at 7 p.m.
- Lamont Smooth and Matt Poirier at the Bank of N.H. Stage at 8 p.m.

July 8

- April Cushman at Contoocook Cider Company at 4:30 p.m.
- Decatur Creek at Shara Vineyards at 6 p.m.
- Paul Driscoll at Over the Moon Farmstead at 7 p.m.

July 9

- Retro Rewind Dance Night will be at the Bank of N.H. at 8 p.m.
- The Hallorans at the Contoocook Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to noon.
- April Cushman Duo from 12:30 to 2 p.m. and River Sang Wild from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the N.H. Brewers Festival in Concord
- Mary Fagan at Over The Moon Farmstead at 2 p.m.
- Ryan Williamson at Contoocook Cider Company from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Mikey G. at Chen Yang Li at 7 p.m.
- The Cat Faulkner Duo at Over the Moon Farmstead at 7 p.m.

Stage shows

- Impact Theatre presents "Sleeping Beauty" on July 5 at 10 a.m. the Bank of N.H. Stage.
- RB Productions will present "RENT" school edition on July 8 and July 9 at 7 p.m. at the Capitol Center for the Arts.
- Comedy Out of the Box at Hatbox Theatre on July 1 at 7:30 p.m.
- Queen City Improv at Hatbox Theatre at July 2 at 7:30 p.m.
- Into the Woods will be staged at the Hatbox Theatre from July 8 to 17 on Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. As the result of the curse of a wicked old witch, a baker and his wife are childless. With only

three days to undo the curse, they venture into the forest to find the ingredients that will reverse the spell. During their journey, they meet Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel, and Jack, each one on a quest. Tickets and more information at hatboxnh.com

Red River Theatres

■ Brian and Charles (PG) "Brian and Charles" follows Brian, a lonely inventor in rural Wales, who spends his days building quirky, unconventional contraptions that seldom work. Undeterred by his lack of success, Brian attempts his biggest project yet. Three days, a washing machine, and various spare parts later, he's invented Charles, an artificially intelligent robot who learns English from a dictionary and has an obsession with cabbages.

■ Elvis (PG-13) Flamboyant Australian filmmaker Baz Luhrmann follows the rise to fame of musical icon Elvis Presley (Austin Butler) in the 1950s – while maintaining a complex relationship with his manager, Col. Tom Parker (Tom Hanks). It is told by the inveterate con man Parker on his deathbed. Luhrmann presents this jukebox epic in bright and splashy style with period-perfect costuming and production design.

■ The Forgiven (R) Speeding through the Moroccan desert to attend an old friend's lavish weekend party, wealthy Londoners David and Jo Henninger (Ralph Fiennes and Jessica Chastain) are involved in a tragic accident with a local teenage boy. Arriving late at the grand villa with the debauched party raging, the couple attempts to cover up the incident with the collusion of the local police. But when the boy's father arrives seeking justice, the stage is set for a tension-filled culture dash.

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Don't miss a chance to watch Sunset League

Insider staff

The sun has set on the first half of the Sunset League's season, but there is still a month of games left.

The Concord Sunset League is the oldest after-supper amateur baseball association in the country. Started in 1909, its also the last of its kind in the

state, and, as a result, attracts many Division II and III college players from cities such as Dover, Nashua and Keene who want to keep their arms warm for fall ball.

Teams play by American League rules with wooden bats. All games begin at 6 p.m. There will be matchups through the end of July.

Next on the calendar are:
 July 5: Grappone vs. Colby Sawyer at White Park
 July 6: Grappone vs. Sanel at Memorial Field and Century 21 vs. Colby Sawyer at White Park
 July 7: Century 21 vs. Colby Sawyer at White Park
 July 11: Sanel vs. Colby Sawyer at Memorial Field
 July 12: Grappone vs. Century 21 at White Park
 July 13: Sanel vs. Grappone at White Park



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A Century 21 pitcher takes the mound during the Concord Sunset League championship game in 2017.

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A Grappone hitter warms up in front of the dugout in 2017.

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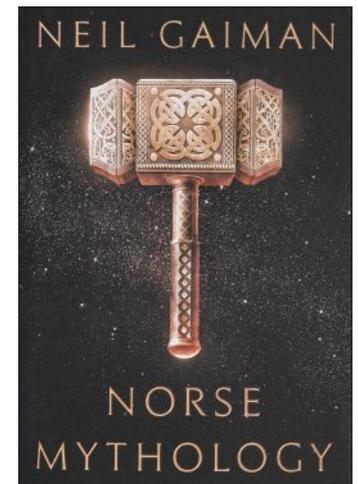
book of the week

Norse Mythology

By Neil Gaiman
(mythology, 2017)

In *Norse Mythology*, the inimitable Neil Gaiman once again earns his chops as a master of the fantastical. I listened to the audiobook version, narrated by Gaiman himself, and highly recommend that format for a particularly entertaining experience. Don't confuse this 2017 release with the 2021-22 two-volume graphic novel adaptation of the same work. I haven't seen the graphic novels yet (they're on order for the Concord Public Library's collection), so I'm hopeful but cannot yet speak to their quality.

I came to this collection with only the vaguest conceptions of the Norse pantheon. Fortunately, Mr. Gaiman's writing makes these tales accessible to beginners like myself. In his introduction, Gaiman explains how he went about compiling and retelling these ancient tales, mostly using translated works by Scandinavian scholars as the source material. This book opens "before the beginning [when] there was nothing—no earth, no heavens, no stars, no sky; only the mist world, formless



and shapeless, and the fire world, always burning." For the next two hundred-or-so pages, Gaiman regales us with (mostly humorous, but sometimes violent or tragic) tales of Norse gods, goddesses, dwarves, giants, and humans. He closes with the telling of Ragnarok, the great future destruction and rebirth "when the few remaining people are living like animals, the sun in the sky will vanish, as if eaten by a wolf, and the moon will be taken from us too..." until the cycle re-sets and two people, Life and Life's Yearning, emerge to repopulate the earth.

Everything in these stories is larger-than-life. The gods and goddesses con-

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stantly scheme amongst themselves, betray one another, and disguise themselves as humans to carry out clandestine missions. (For example, Thor, with his huge appetite, can polish off several oxen in a single meal—which leads to great comedic effect when he’s in disguise as a human and has to explain away his unorthodox dining habits.) Characters fly, shape-shift into animals, and regularly utilize magical objects and locations. Unlike the classical Greek myths with which I’m more familiar, these Norse tales don’t seem terribly concerned with explaining the source or nature of natural phenomena (a la “Did you ever wonder where...comes from?”). An exception is *The Mead of Poets*, where we learn “why some people make beautiful songs and poems and tales, and some of us do not.” The ending of that myth was, like many of Gaiman’s tellings, laugh-out-loud funny (and don’t even ask where bad poetry comes from!). Other favorites of mine were *Freya’s Unusual Wedding* and *The Master Builder*, where we learn how Loki became the mother of an eight-legged horse (yes, you read that correctly).

Again, if you have the op-

portunity to listen to Neil Gaiman reading this book aloud, I think it really enhances the experience. Gaiman proves to be an extremely talented voice artist, with an animated style and distinctive voices for all of the main characters. I appreciated hearing proper nouns (mostly people and place names) spoken aloud, since I’m not really up-to-snuff on my Scandinavian pronunciation. Many of these stories are whimsical or just plain funny—though, as I mentioned, this collection is certainly not short on battles or one-on-one violence. Gaiman does a good job finessing some of the racier content into a fairly PG format (e.g. “making love” happens, and is referred to as such.) All in all, this is an extremely entertaining listen, and is a great place to get started learning the major Scandinavian myths. In closing, please remember that this, and all books reviewed in the *Concord Insider*, fulfill the “recommended by staff” category of our 2022 Ultimate Book Nerd reading challenge!

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Dell'Antonia is the former editor of *Motherlode* and current contributor to *The New York Times*, as well as the author of *How to Be a Happier Parent* and the instant best-seller and Reese's Book Club Pick, *The Chicken Sisters*. She lives with her family on a small farm in Lyme, New Hampshire, but retains an abiding love for her childhood in Texas and Kansas.

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