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your ticket. Tickets are available from The Capitol Center for the Arts – Single: $39, includes general admission for one, and one signed hardcover copy of “Somebody’s Fool,” double, $49, includes general admission for two, and one signed hardcover copy of “Somebody’s Fool.” Doors open at the Bank of New Hampshire Stage at 6 p.m.

**Pickleball 4 Payson**

Pickleball 4 Payson is a special fundraising event to support Pedaling for Payson and the Nurse Navigator program at the Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care.

Join the fun on July 30 from 3 to 4 p.m. for beginners and Scramble Play at 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at George Park in Hopkinton, and play some pickleball! Register for the Beginners Clinic & Scramble Play event (wait-list) or Scramble Play event only. No partner is needed as partners are randomized based on ability level - all levels are welcome! This is a fun event meant to build friendships and community, all while participating in the fastest-growing sport and supporting your neighbors battling cancer. Pricing: $35 for Scramble Play only, or $50 for Beginners Clinic and Scramble Play.

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This confusion persisted for generations and led directly to establishment in most of the state’s towns of alms houses and poor farms and, later, county institutions which would collectively come to form a dark chapter in New Hampshire history.

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White Park pool

By JIM SPAIN
For the Insider

Early 1930s: The Swimming Pool at White Park, Concord

This is a wonderful image of the “Swimming Pool at White Park” shown here with children enjoying the refreshing water on a summer day many years ago.

When Charles Eliot designed White Park in 1888 this “swimming pool” was actually referred to as the “Upper Pond” located where we do have our present day swimming pool. It was a wonderful design by Charles Eliot, spring fed with a flow of water exiting to the lower, or large pond below. As part of the WPA program the first concrete swimming pool was installed on the site of the “Upper Pond” and became the pool that we all remember from our childhoods at White Park.
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Concord gives notice of DBE process

Here’s a look at what was in last week’s city newsletter:

Meetings
City meetings are held in person in Council Chambers at 37 Green Street (unless otherwise specified on the City’s calendar). Upcoming meetings include:
- Zoning Board of Adjustment: Wednesday, Aug. 2, 6 p.m.
- City Council: Monday, Aug. 14, 7 p.m.
- Planning Board: Wednesday, Aug. 16, 7 p.m.
Visit concordnh.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx for City Council and Planning Board agendas, which are posted prior to the meetings. View the City calendar for more meetings and events.

DBE Public Notice
The City of Concord hereby announces its proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goal of 3.17% for FAA-funded contracts/agreements. The proposed goal pertains to federal fiscal years 2024 through 2026.
A video conference will be held on Friday, July 28, 2023 at 1 p.m. prevailing time for the purpose of consulting with stakeholders to obtain information relevant to the goal-setting process.
Contact Jacobs Engineering Group, John Pelletier (john.pelletier@jacobs.com) for video conference call-in information.

Comments on the DBE goal will be accepted for 14 days from the date of this publication and can be sent to the following:
Tina M. Waterman NIGP-CPP, CPPB, Purchasing Manager, City of Concord, 311 N. State Street, Concord, NH 03301
(603) 230-3664, (603) 230-3656 (Fax)
AND
Alexander Horton, Na-
Everett Arena Roller Skating

Roller skating at the Douglas N. Everett Arena continues through July 30. Don't let this wheelie-good time roll on by! Hours are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday nights from 6 to 9 p.m.

Admission is $6. Skate rentals are available for an additional $6 in the Everett Arena Pro Shop.

Book a private roller skating event for a birthday party, field trip, or rainout event. Private events cost $150 per hour and include rentals. If interested, call the arena at 603-228-2784 or email everettarena@concordnh.gov.

Visit concordnh.gov/rollerskating for more information.

National Night Out

Join us for our 2023 event on Aug. 1, 5-8 p.m. in Rollins Park!

This event is for all ages and is held across the country to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, strengthen neighborhood and community police relationships and to send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back on crime.

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 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. Numerous businesses from around the community will be set up in booths to make people aware of the services they have available.

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July 28, 1927: Nellie Taylor Ross, the nation’s first woman governor, stops at the Concord home of former New Hampshire governor John G. Winant. She is on her way to Tilton, where she will give a Chatauqua speech in the evening. The Monitor reports that Ross, the former governor of Wyoming, is “noted for her charming manner” and “travels in an expensive car, with her own chauffeur.”

July 29, 1964: Gov. John King establishes a traffic safety committee to “map a blueprint for a permanent continuing attack on the rising death and injury toll on New Hampshire highways.” By mid-August, 88 people will have died in New Hampshire traffic accidents that year.


July 31, 1854: Samuel Wilson, believed to be the original “Uncle Sam,” dies at 87. Brought up in Mason, he became a contractor and supplied meat to the army during the War of 1812. He was known as Uncle Sam and stamped his supply barrels U.S. Asked by passersby on a New York wharf what the U.S. stood for, one of Wilson’s workmen said, “Uncle Sam.” The name quickly spread.

August 1, 1990: Pamela Smart is arrested for arranging with her 16-year-old lover and two other boys to kill her husband Gregory the previous May. “I’ve been wrongly accused of a heinous crime,” Smart will tell Judge Douglas Gray at a bail hearing. After listening to a tape in which she incriminates herself, the judge will order her held without bail until her trial.
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“Death’s Summer Coat: What the History of Death and Dying Teaches Us About Life and Living”

By Brandy Schillace
(266 pages, Adult Nonfiction, 2016)

Dr. Brandy Schillace—historian and Public Engagement Fellow at the Dittrick Museum of Medical History—has made a career out of studying slightly uncanny topics. Like authors Mary Roach and Dr. Lindsey Fitzharris—both cited frequently in “Death’s Summer Coat”—Schillace believes that shining a light on taboo topics can help humans to process psychologically daunting subject matter. In this book, she tackles perhaps the most daunting topic of them all: human mortality.

Schillace takes an anthropological approach to death, walking readers through the various ways that humans have handled the loss of life across territorial and geographic barriers. While death itself is universal, there is almost no end to the different ways that people (as groups or individuals) put their affairs in order, deal with terminal diagnoses, dispose of bodies, or grieve the loss of loved ones. In Victorian England, for instance, mourning was a socially choreographed affair lasting multiple years and marked not just by black clothing but by extremely detailed changes in garment style and fabric type. Tibetan Buddhists, on the other hand, are known for “sky burials,” where the dead are cut into tiny pieces and left on a mountain top to be consumed by carrion birds. Some cultures eat the bodies of their deceased friends and family; some disinter dead relatives and spend time with the corpses as though they were alive; and some spend hefty sums on embalming, perhaps hoping to cheat the finality of death by outwitting nature with science.

One reason I enjoyed this book is that Schillace raises some really interesting philosophical questions about what it means to be human, particularly in our modern era. For instance, with medical technology increasingly prolonging the human lifespan, what is the appropriate role of doctors today: is it to delay death for as long as possible, or to act as “death’s midwife,” helping patients to make their last, final transition as comfortably as possible? What does a “good death” look like, and how can we make it happen for ourselves and our loved ones? Is there a “right” way to grieve, and who made that decision? Is cadaver dissection still necessary for medical training, or can we teach today’s medical residents with simulations and models—and what is lost, for both doctor and patient, if dissection becomes taboo? Are death cafes and death salons simply fads, or does their growing popularity portend a new era of death positivity in the West?

This is not a book for the faint of heart. I will mention that there are black and white photographs of human remains, as well as mention of practices that would be considered unusual in our current time and place (such as ritualistic cannibalism, or wearing jewelry made of a deceased loved one’s hair). Schillace simply asks us to suspend judgement and to keep an open mind. Loss and mourning are universals, yet their expression is as varied and complex as the many different communities across the globe. In fact, aside from birth, death is the fundamental human experience. We can wait for it with fear and revulsion, or we can anticipate and embrace the inevitable through mindful decisions today. It’s up to us—and this book is a wonderful wake-up call in that regard.

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