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## *Father Bolduc creates medallion to honor Gilford's 200th*

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**GILFORD**—As residents revel in the town's bicentennial celebrations this weekend, Father Hector Bolduc of the Immaculate Conception Church has provided his neighbors with a lasting memento of the 200th anniversary of the founding of the town in the form of a memorial medallion.

Struck in a gold tone, the medallion bears the town seal on one side while the bicentennial is remembered on the other, along with a reminder that Gilford is the lone town in New Hampshire to take its name from the site of a battle in the Revolutionary War. As a note accompanying the medallion explains, the battle of Guilford Court House in North Carolina led ultimately to the British surren-

der at Yorktown, Virginia.

A veteran of the battle, Lemuel Mason, was among those who led the effort to carve a new town from the northern part of Gilmanton, known as the Gunstock Parish, and was given the honor of naming it when it was formed on June 16, 1812. Either by error or design Guilford became Gilford and has remained so ever since.

The medallions are on sale for \$20 at the Department of Public Works, Kitchen Cravings and the Gilford Public Library, which also offers memorial sun catchers fashioned by Herman Defregger and bicentennial calendars featuring the work of local photographers. The medallions and other keepsakes will also be available on Saturday and Sunday at the Bicentennial Committee's table.



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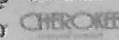
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