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Cardboard + Imagination = An Afternoon of Fun for All Ages

The popular Cardboard Sled Race returned to action on Saturday at the Arrowhead Recreation Area in Claremont and drew 30 entries this year. There was no limit to the ideas put into this year's designs, and spectators as well as competitors were clearly enjoying this year's competition. Photo feature on page 6.

Photos by Eric Zengota



Claremont School Board Revises COVID Matrix, Makes Masks Optional

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—At a special meeting Wednesday night, the Claremont School Board passed a motion, 5-2, that revised the district's COVID Matrix, making a number of

changes that included making masks optional. As of today, Monday, Feb. 21, changes include:

Masks will be optional for students, staff members and visitors to schools
Seating charts will be at the discretion of

teachers

No restrictions on visitors at any transmission level

Removing the recommendation for plexi-glass barriers at any transmission level

Limitations on spectators and mask require-
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Fire Destroys Garage in Claremont

CLAREMONT, NH—Fire destroyed a detached garage at 145 Elm Street, Claremont, on Wednesday. The fire was reported to the City’s Dispatch Center at 1:40 PM. Two engines and a crew of four firefighters responded and were on scene at 1:44 PM. Claremont Fire Chief Bryan Burr reported that the fire had consumed the garage and its contents and was considered a total loss. The home, a two-family rental property, was located approximately six feet from the garage. The home did sustain minor heat damage to the vinyl siding, but firefighters were able to hold the advancing flames to the garage, protecting the home from further damage. The bulk of the fire was knocked down from the outside with two hose lines as it was unsafe to enter the structure, said Burr. The fire was reported under control



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at 2:08 PM. No Injuries were reported and tenants were able to exit the home safely.

The fire is being investigated by the Claremont Fire Department and the NH State Fire Marshal’s Office. A cause had not been determined at the time of this release.

Ascutney and Newport Fire Departments covered the Claremont Station; Cornish Fire Department assisted at the scene.

(Eric Zengota photo)

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FORWARD THINKING

Find Your Happy Place

Follow these three tips to help reach a state of happiness on a daily basis.

Do you find that happiness is hard to come by on some days? With all the challenges of the past year, it's sometimes just easier to find imperfections in everything and let crankiness rule your day. However, if you want to boost your mood and positivity, here are three things you can do to help find your happy place.

GET MOVING

If you find yourself grappling with negative thoughts and emotions, getting outdoors and exercising regularly can boost both your health and your mood. Whether you take a walk, ride a bike, or go for a run, aerobic activity releases mood-boosting hormones within your body that ease stress levels and lift your spirits. When your muscles contract repetitively in exercises like jogging, yoga, or swimming, this increases your body's production of serotonin. Increased levels of this brain chemical, targeted by many antidepressants, are linked to a happier mood. Health experts suggest at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise five days a week or a

vigorous 20 minutes three times a week. You can even start small — a brief 15-minute walk around the neighborhood may likely put you in a more cheerful mental space.

DON'T OVERTHINK

Did you know that the average adult makes more than 35,000 decisions each day? If this sounds mind-boggling (even crazy), you can Google it. Some prominent institutions stand behind it, including a scientific group at Harvard Medical School and Psychology Today. This may be why "decision fatigue" is a real thing. While having lots of choices may sound great, it can be mentally draining. Every day, you choose from a variety of options, from the time you select what to wear in the morning to the time you decide if you're going to floss or not before bed. Not only do you have

to make these decisions, but the choices can often lead to worry and regret — especially not flossing! Practice limiting your choices — and not putting too much pressure on yourself for making those

choices. You can ask yourself: "will this decision lead to major, negative consequences?" If it won't, make a quick choice and move on. Don't second-guess yourself. Save the heavy-duty reflections for

more significant issues that arise.

EMBRACE THE SMALL STUFF

You get in your car and turn the ignition...and the car battery is dead. You order your favorite latte... and the barista seems like they are doing you the biggest favor in the world. You call a plumber about performing a minor repair...and they laugh at you, saying they are booked three months out. Let's face it, these annoyances can steal the joy from our day if we let them.

Researchers say one key to happiness is to notice and appreciate the small pleasures in life. Shift your focus from your to-do list and your worries to the little moments of pleasure within your day. Notice the way your dog looks at you when you're fixing breakfast. Enjoy the sound of someone laughing at something funny you said. Take in the smell of your favorite latte — preferably the one the snooty barista served you. The next time you find yourself fixating on what is going wrong with your day, concentrate instead on what is going right!

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier



Could There Be Property Tax Relief On the Horizon?

A little property tax relief for communities like Claremont may soon be possible, if two separate measures given preliminary approval by New Hampshire's House of Representatives last week become law.

On Feb. 16 the House, by a 182-169 roll call vote, passed House Bill 1417, which would require the state to pay 7.5 percent into the NHRS (New Hampshire Retirement System) as a partial contribution for the retirement costs of all municipal, school, and county employees. The bill, which would take effect July 1, 2023, if it becomes law, is estimated to cost the state's operating budget at least an additional \$27.79 million beginning in Fiscal Year 2024 according to the bill's fiscal note. The measure was passed after lengthy floor debate, as well as several roll calls which resulted in the House Executive Departments & Administration Committee's ITL (Inexpedient To Legislate) Recommendation on it being overturned and an OTP (Ought to Pass) recommendation being substituted instead. House Bill 1417 now proceeds to the House Finance Committee for further review of its fiscal impact and then a second vote by the full House by March 31. It is sponsored by four Democratic legislators led by Hampton Rep. Renny Cushing, who is House Democratic Leader.

Although Rep. Cushing is the sponsor of House Bill 1417, he was unfortunately absent that day because of illness. But though he was absent Feb. 16, I am sure he was with us representatives in spirit because recently he has been the prime sponsor of similarly unsuccessful bills requiring our state to help fund the retirement costs of local public employees. In fact, I had the honor of being a cosponsor of one of his bills a few years ago, an important measure that could actually help Claremont reduce its property taxes just a little. I believe the real hero of the bill's passage last week was Nashua Rep. Michael O'Brien, another Democrat, who though not an official cosponsor, was instrumental in overturning the ITL Recommendation, and getting a bipartisan coalition of representatives to support it.

For further background, House Bill 1417 would partially restore some of the NHRS costs for local public employees originally paid for by the state, which were first established at 40 percent in 1967 when it persuaded all municipal, school, and county employees to join the NHRS by agreeing to pay 40 percent. But over the next 45 years or so, the state gradually reduced paying its 40 percent share until all such payments were discontinued under the draconian state operating budget approved by the overwhelmingly Republican Legislature in 2011. The total elimination of state contributions to the NHRS resulted in a major downshifting of costs from the state to municipalities like Claremont,

which is one reason for our city's high property taxes. Members of both the Claremont City Council and School Board have reminded me and other legislators of this result over the past few years.

So naturally I voted for House Bill 1417, because it should help communities like Claremont reduce property taxes. I sincerely hope the House Finance Committee will recommend passage of this bill in some form followed by final approval in the full House, then approval by the New Hampshire Senate. Finally, I hope Gov. Christopher Sununu will sign the bill into law, or at least permit it to become law without his signature.

On Feb. 16 another surprising piece of legislation that could also help reduce property taxes, among other benefits, was given preliminary approval by us representatives, legislation that is also controversial, been debated several times before, and even adopted a few times in the past. This legislation is an amended version of House Bill 1598, which would legalize the possession and sale of cannabis, more popularly known as "marijuana." The bill was adopted on a 235-119 division vote after a brief debate and a recommendation by a 17-4 majority vote of the House Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee to adopt the bill. It now goes to the House Ways & Means Committee for more scrutiny of the amount of revenue it is projected to raise, and a second vote by the full House also by March 31. House Bill 1598 is sponsored by a bipartisan coalition of nine representatives led by Salem's Daryl Abbas, a Republican.

More specifically, House Bill 1598 as amended by the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, would allow the possession and use of cannabis by all individuals age 21 and older. Bill supporters like Danville Rep. Scott Wallace stated that amended bill would also authorize the sale of retail cannabis in state-operated stores, similar to alcohol in stores operated by the New Hampshire Liquor Commission. The Liquor Commission would also regulate the cultivation, manufacturing, and testing of cannabis products by private individuals or entities licensed by the state. Additionally, the cannabis stores would be "strategically located throughout the state so as to generate revenue while not flooding our state with hundreds of cannabis retail stores," according to Rep. Wallace. Also, he said buyers of cannabis wouldn't actually pay any taxes on the product, unlike some previous legalization measures. Finally, I read in the amendment that municipalities such as Claremont would have some authority to regulate the number of such stores and how they would be operated.

Rep. Wallace also declared that House Bill 1598 would allow cannabis buyers to "purchase a clean, superior tax-free product at a consumer-friendly price that is competitive with the black market." He added, "It is anticipated that the potential revenue generated under this bill as amended will be six to seven times the amount as other proposed recreational cannabis policies." Finally, he said, "Under this bill as amended, the \$25,000,000 in net revenue will be allowed for substance abuse treatment and prevention. Upon surpassing \$25,000,000, 90 percent of net revenue will be applied to offset statewide education property taxes."

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Rep. Cloutier, from page 4

For readers' information, I did vote for preliminary approval of House Bill 1598. After years of reflection, and seeing marijuana legalized in all of New Hampshire's surrounding states, I believe it is time to deal with cannabis in a more realistic fashion. Legalization, regulation, taxation, or fee-charging of cannabis sellers as basically authorized in this bill could help our state deal with some of the problems caused by substance abuse; criminal penalties are no longer feasible, in my opinion. Frankly, I like this bill as amended because it would have the Liquor Commission regulate pot sales as it does now for alcohol sales. Also, it wouldn't levy a tax on such sales, likely making the price of cannabis more competitive with similar products in neighboring states like Vermont as well as the black market. This is a well-crafted bipartisan measure that I think could raise some needed funds for substance abuse treatment as well as property tax relief, if it becomes law.

In other Feb. 16 business, the House approved and sent to the Senate Claremont-related legislation by voice vote as part of its Consent Calendar of non-controversial measures. This legislation is House Bill 1029, a housekeeping measure that would permit the Claremont City Council to remove any member of the Claremont Police Commission for just cause. House Bill 1029 is a followup to House Bill 88, passed by both House and Senate, and signed into law by Gov. Sununu last year. The first bill just permitted the City Council to appoint the three members of the Police Commission but did not include language to actually remove members of the Commission for just cause. Previously, the Claremont City Manager could only appoint and remove Commission members. Frankly, the omission was an error that wasn't caught by myself or any of the other legislators involved in passing House Bill 88, nor the Office of Legislative Services which had drafted the bill, nor the Governor's Office before the Governor had signed it into law. But errors like the just-described have happened before from my experience, and they again remind me to be careful in filing, examining, or amending all proposed legislation.

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Letter to the Editor

Why I Am Running for The Claremont School Board

To the Citizens of Claremont,

As a candidate for the Claremont School Board, please allow me to explain what led to my decision to run. My name is Bonnie Miles and I have lived in Claremont for over forty years. I have been an active member of this community and raised my family here. My children graduated from Stevens High School, and I now have six grandchildren, all currently attending New Hampshire public schools.

My husband's family has a history as educators in Claremont, all of whom graduated from Stevens High School themselves. My father-in-law was the principal at the once named Junior High School (now the Claremont Middle School), and my mother-in-law was a music teacher, traveling from school to school in Claremont with her violin in its case. One of my daughters-in-law is a New Hampshire elementary teacher, serving her community as a Stevens High School graduate. My roots in this community and the Claremont School District are strong.

My oldest son attended classes at Sugar River Valley Technical Center (SRVTC) while in High School, which led to a successful career in the HVAC industry. I have witnessed the successes a career in the trades can have, and I find the thought of closing this educational avenue to our children saddening. Knowing so many members of our community has given me insight to the current needs of both our residents and of those planning to move here.

In recent school board meetings, it has been announced that we may be losing our Technical Center, and classes have been decreased from eight and a total of three. The current Director of the SRVTC's position was cut in half to a part-time role, and the school's guidance counselor was eliminated. Last week at the Deliberative Session, the residents voted for both positions to remain full-time. I support the majority decision on this.

I firmly believe both non-technical and technical education are equally important. Technical education is necessary for students already blessed with innate technical aptitudes. Closing the door on their futures isn't something Claremont would be proud of. I believe we must find a way forward to increase our accessibility to the trades, not decrease it, and allow our children with these abilities to develop and become self-sufficient, productive members of society.

Below is a summary of my community background:

- Supervisor of the Checklist - Ward II
- Policy Committee for the City of Claremont
- Greater Claremont Board of Realtors past President and Director, 35-year member
- Claremont Kiwanis Club past President and Director, 22-year member
- Tolles Home in Claremont, past trustee
- Claremont Senior Center, past Board of Directors

Meet me next Wednesday, March 2, at the Community Center on South Street from 6- 7:30pm and please vote for me on Tuesday, March 8.

Thank you,

Bonnie Miles
Claremont, NH

Onward and Downward

Cheers, Crashes and Lots of Cardboard Mark Sled Race Return

On Saturday, 30 cardboard sleds headed down the tubing lanes at Arrowhead Recreation Area in Claremont. Some hurtled, some glided, some spun around all the way to the bottom. Others were pushed over the finish line. Still others that had fallen apart were carried over in pieces, almost as if they wanted to win the “Well That Didn’t Go as Planned” award. Tiffany Vincent of Claremont MakerSpace designed and built this year’s Arrowhead Cup Awards, which were made entirely of — you guessed it — cardboard.



Clockwise: The crew of the shuttle Constitution went home with the Arrowhead Cup Award for Best Family/ Adult/Business Sled, as well as the Spirit Award. An island theme brought thoughts of warm weather. TLC Recovery Programs’ Racing for Recovery team may have taken a sideways approach to the finish line — but they were the fastest overall, with a time of only 21 seconds. This family came up with a very handsome dragon as its mode of downhill transportation. Skyler (9) and Landon (4) Wise — the Wise Guys — won the Arrowhead Cup Award for Best Overall Youth Sled; their race time was 38 seconds. Crossing the finish line!

Photos by Eric Zengota



NH DHHS COVID-19 Update February 18, 2022

CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Friday, February 18, 2022, DHHS announced 846 new positive test results for COVID-19 for Wednesday, February 16. Those results include 558 people who tested positive by PCR test and 288 who tested positive by antigen test. DHHS also announced an additional 35 new cases from Sunday, January 30 (2 by PCR and 33 by antigen test) for a new total of 617; an additional 246 new cases from Monday, January 31 (20 by PCR and 226 by antigen test) for a new total of 902; an additional 110 new cases from Tuesday, February 1 (28 by PCR and 82 by antigen test) for a new total of 1,203; an additional 48 new cases from Wednesday, February 2 (24 by PCR and 24 by antigen test) for a new total of 927; an additional 11 new cases from Thursday, February 3 (10 by PCR and 1 by antigen test) for a new total of 1,191; an additional 1 new case from Tuesday, February 8 (0 by PCR and 1 by antigen test) for a new total of 792; an additional 2 new cases from Wednesday, February 9 (0 by PCR and 2 by antigen test) for a new total of 766; an additional 1 new case from Monday, February 14 (0 by PCR and 1 by antigen test) for a new total of 756; an additional 3 new cases from Tuesday, February 15 (3 by PCR and 0 by antigen test) for a new total of 231; and an additional 1 new case from Wednesday, February 16 (1 by PCR and 0 by antigen test) for a new total of 87. Test results for previous days are still being processed and updated case counts for prior days will be reflected on the COVID-19 interactive dashboard. There were now 3,073 current COVID-19 cases identified as diagnosed in New Hampshire.

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information

from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there were five hundred and forty-seven individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 55% being female and 45% being male. The new cases resided in Rockingham (256), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (164), Grafton (135), Merrimack (133), Strafford (120), Cheshire (90), Belknap (57), Sullivan (50), Carroll (49), and Coos (29) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (79) and Nashua (42). The county of residence is being determined for one hundred new cases.

DHHS also announced seven additional deaths related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends.

- 1 male resident of Belknap County, 60 years of age and older
- 2 female residents of Coos County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older

There were currently 108 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire,

since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 293,697 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

As of Friday, the 18th, there were 63 current positively identified cases reported by DHHS in Claremont; 9 in Charlestown; 18 in Newport; 6 in Sunapee; 13 in Plainfield; 5 in Springfield and 1-4 cases in other towns. DHHS reported 144 currently positively identified cases in Sullivan County.

Note: This data does not include positive home testing results.

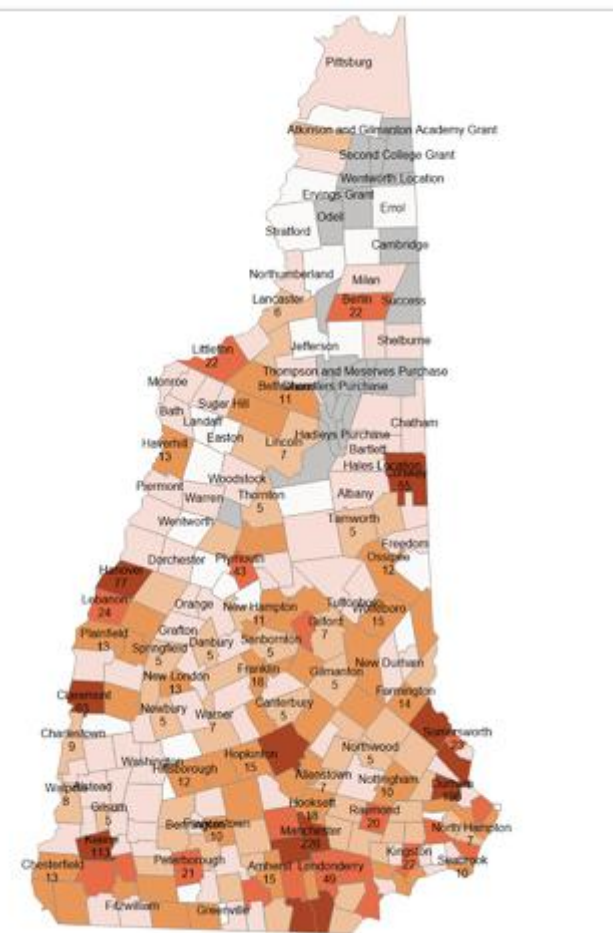
**Vaccination rates in NH:
Fully vaccinated: 56.3%
At least 1 dose: 63.0%**

COVID-19 Hotline

211NH has been mobilized to handle all COVID-19 related calls from New Hampshire residents. All residents with questions or concerns regarding COVID-19 can call 2-1-1.

Vaccine Information in NH

For vaccine information, please visit <https://www.covid19.nh.gov/resources/vaccine-information>.



Recognizing the Community Following a Critical Time of Need

Family Thanks VRH, EMS Responders With Helping With Preemie Birth

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The parents of a preemie reached out on Friday to thank local healthcare and emergency services that came to their aid when their baby arrived prematurely on Feb. 16.

Posting on the What's Up Claremont Facebook page, Tori Jacques wrote, "I would like to take a second to recognize our community. Specifically, the staff of Golden Cross Ambulance and Valley Regional Hospital and the 911 operator.

"I delivered my son at home on February 16th at 4:06 am. He was 26 weeks and two days, gestational age. He survived. He survived because of the people in our community who put in their all and acted so incredibly fast in a situation that is extremely scary and every little thing matters. It's not something that's done on a day to day basis, either. They put in their all and then some." Claremont Fire was also on scene for this call.

Jacques added, "Our son, Evander, is now in the care of the incredible NICU team at DHMC.

"We wouldn't have made it to this point if it was not for our fast acting and caring employees of GCA and VRH. Thanks to them, they kept our 2 pound, 1.2 oz micro preemie stable enough until DHART transport could take over and life flight him to DHMC."

Jacques told the *e-Ticker News* that "Golden Cross cut the baby's umbilical cord and got him right into an ambulance to render care. He was 12.8 inches and 2 pounds, 1 oz. at birth."

With a due date of May 24, Jacques and fiancé James Prue were expecting to welcome Evander this spring. "He came very early at 26 weeks, 2 days gestation," she reiterated. "The 911 call was placed at 4:00am and lasted 10 minutes on the dot. In that time frame I delivered my son and the paramedics and EMS workers arrived. Very fast work. I just cannot thank the EMS workers enough and the staff at Valley Regional, considering it was late into a third shift; everyone acted so fast."

Evander has a long journey ahead of him in the NICU at Dartmouth-Hitchcock and likely will not be arriving home until May or June. "He's in a little incubator but doing well," said Jacques. Diapers are remarkably small to fit the baby, and tubes and wires connected to him provide care and monitor his progress.

When he does come home, he has two siblings awaiting his arrival. "Evander has a big brother who is 4 named Ridley and a big sister named Vyctoria who is 10 and they are very patiently waiting to meet him," she said. For now, daily trips to the NICU will be needed to see Evander.

On Feb. 18, Jacques reported that "I got to officially hold you and snuggle you for the first time. I don't even have a word or feeling to describe what it felt like when you were placed on me. You are such a trooper, Evander. We love you so much."



Little Evander at the NICU at D-H (Courtesy photo).

Claremont Police Department Investigates Shooting Incident

CLAREMONT, NH—On February 17, at approximately 6:46 p.m., the Claremont Police Department responded to Valley Regional Hospital for a male seeking treatment for a gunshot wound to the lower part of his body. According to Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase, "The investigation soon led the police to an apartment located on West Lafayette

Street in Claremont where the investigators confirmed the gunshot wound occurred. The male that was shot is in stable condition and is being treated and the incident is still an active investigation. The investigators have identified most of the people that were involved in the incident and we do not believe there is any threat to the public at this time."

If anyone from the public has any information that may assist in the investigation, they are asked to call Det. Joshua Peavey at 603-504-0234 or the Claremont Police anonymous tip line 603-542-7026.

Further press releases may follow as information and the investigation develops, said Chase.

Matrix, from page 1

ments at events will reflect state requirements

No restrictions for indoor/outdoor school building activities

Masks will continue to be required on buses for both riders and drivers, per federal mandate.

Protocols that have not changed include:

Students and staff who test positive for Covid must still remain out of school for 5 days and wear a well fitting mask for days 6-10.

Students and staff who are not fully vaccinated and are exposed to a household contact who tests positive for Covid must quarantine for 5 days, return to school on day 6 if symptom free and have a negative test, and must mask on days 6-10. If no test is done then individuals would be out for 10 days.

Students and staff who exhibit symptoms of Covid 19 need to stay home and either test negative or remain home for 5 days.

While some school board members wanted the changes to take place immediately, i.e., the next day, chair Frank Sprague pressed to hold the changes until Monday to give families time to digest the revisions and decide about whether to mask their children or not.

In a letter from schools to families, staff asked families to “remind students that we are respectful at all times, even regarding issues that generate many differing opinions such as masking. At no time will it be appropriate to negatively comment to a peer who chooses to not wear a mask or who chooses to wear a mask. The language from staff will always be that these are ‘family decisions.’”

Voting against the motion were Joshua Lambert and Rob Lovett Jr., Lambert cautioned against making masks optional too soon, saying that in Charlestown they had so many staff out—and that subs are in such short supply—that they almost had to go back to remote. Board member Steve Horsky, claiming that masks don’t work, said, “We have to do something for our children. Once again we are sacrificing the children for the adults.”

Board vice chair Heather Whitney said that “we don’t have data that we can con-


sider accurate,” now that home testing has skewed numbers for positive daily cases reported by the state.

Bonnie Miles, running for school board, said she would like to see the changes made following spring vacation and after bringing in some “real professional advice, someone who works in a COVID ward.” She added, “It’s a tough decision,” she said, with some parents

supporting such a move and other opposed. “I think you should be absolutely sure of your position.”

Whitney Skillen, also running for school board, as a write-in candidate, and who is an epidemiologist, said that “Masking is a critical public health tool and any mask is better than no mask.”


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In addition to a competitive salary, TLC Resource Center offers health insurance for eligible employees, a retirement contribution, paid trainings and certifications, mentorship and orientation for new employees, a flexible work schedule, supervision towards licensure, and generous paid time off within a supportive team environment. To learn more and apply, please visit: <https://www.tlcfamilyrc.org/employment-opportunities.html>.

Family Violence Prevention Specialist

A strong relationship with a caring, positive adult is the best protective measure in supporting a child coping with exposure to violence. With this in mind, **Turning Points Network** is hiring a committed individual who wants to help caregivers build a safer environment for their families. As a Family Violence Prevention Specialist, this full-time advocate provides individual peer support counseling, court advocacy, and other services to assist caregivers in situations of domestic violence, sexual abuse, stalking, and sex trafficking. A vital part of this job is acting as a liaison to child protective services by offering support services to non-offending caregivers when allegations of child abuse or neglect have been made.

TPN will provide the new hire with comprehensive training. If you want to help make a difference in ending the cycle of violence, please apply to work as part of a team at TPN.

Please submit a cover letter and resume to careers@turningpointsnetwork.org

Prevention Educator

Interested in transforming our communities by ending sexual and domestic abuse through prevention education? You can make a difference in promoting a culture of respect and nonviolence. **Turning Points Network** is looking for a dynamic individual who wants to be a leader in creating a safer Sullivan County region. The prevention educator provides guidance on ways that schools, faith-based institutions, businesses, community groups, and individuals can unite to take action to stop violence before it begins.

This full-time position will provide prevention and outreach interventions, with a focus on primary prevention through educational programs to community members, schools, and organizations. The overall objective of the prevention educator is to stimulate change.

Every person plays a role in changing attitudes and social norms through building respect in all relationships, and by speaking up to end violence in our community. And you can provide the tools so that people know how they can make this a reality.

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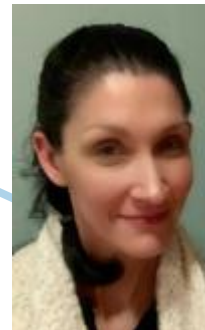


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- Develop and oversee retail performance standards for all branches and contact center.
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- Ensuring the branches are active participants in the community.
- Assist in any renovations or new construction including working with SMT on design and budgeting.
- Ensure direct reports follow all applicable federal and state regulations, as well as credit union policies and procedures.
- Responsible for recommending retail budgets and operating within approved budget.

Requirements/Benefits:

- Bachelor's degree in finance or a related field, or an equivalent combination of formal training and experience.
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The Ideal Candidate will have:

- 2-3 years of experience in a sales environment with a solid track record (including cross selling).
- 2-3 years of banking or financial services experience.
- 1+ year(s) experience in cash handling position that involved customer service.
- Great interpersonal and communication (written and oral) skills.
- Ability to work branch hours.
- Strong TEAM player.
- Demonstrated organizational skills while managing multiple tasks.
- Well organized individual with time management and prioritization skills.
- Will be responsible for meeting individual sales and service goals.
- Processes consumer loan applications which may include application input, understanding credit, income and evaluation analysis, product and regulatory knowledge as well as loan closing.
- Advises members on how our products and services can meet their financial needs.

Requirements/Benefits:

- High School Diploma or equivalent. Associates or B.S. in Business or related field desired.
- Wages commensurate with experience and skillsets.
- Benefits offered: Health Care, HRA, FSA, Dental, Vision, Life & Disability, 401k plan, Holidays (11), Paid Time Off (PTO).

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Community Conversation with Candidates for Claremont School Board

Wednesday, March 2nd
 CSB Community Center
 6:00 – 7:30 PM
 Everyone Welcome!
 Remember to VOTE on March 8th

Walk-ins welcome ~ Please register to assist us with planning
 Registration link: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=4pj54l-cab&oeidk=a07ej1j1mnl44fedfaf>

The goals of the Local Candidate community conversation are to:

- Provide an opportunity for voters to identify and discuss their priorities;
- Gather input from Claremont residents and give candidates an opportunity to listen to voters.
- Create an opportunity for voters to hear from candidates.

About the process: This conversation is...

- Designed to focus on what is important to you.
- About a constructive focus and a respectful conversation.
- Respectful of your time. We will keep time and respect yours by ending on time.

“Listens” Candidate Conversations, based on the fundamental principles of open dialogue, put voters at the heart of the candidate forum process by creating opportunities for voters to designate the issues and ask the questions. At a “Listens” Candidate Conversation, all participants are invited to join in small groups and are given the opportunity to talk about what matters most to them. In this way, voters have a chance to hear all candidates respond to their questions and measure the candidates on their own standards.

School District Candidates

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont School District announced the following candidates for the upcoming school district election:

School Board Clerk: Mary Woodman
 Moderator: Tracy Pope
 Treasurer: Jane Hunter
 School Board: Penny Gallow, Bonnie Miles, Nicholas Stone

Also running as a school board **write-in** candidate is Whitney Skillen.



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Business News

NH DHHS Warns Residents Not to Use Certain Powdered Infant Formulas Produced at Abbott Nutrition's Sturgis, MI, Facility

CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is advising consumers not to use certain Similac, Alimentum or EleCare powdered infant formulas due to an ongoing investigation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of Cronobacter and Salmonella infections in infants who have consumed the product. There have been no reported illnesses in New Hampshire associated with this investigation.

The FDA, CDC, and public health and regulatory officials in several states (including Minnesota, Ohio, and Texas), are investigating complaints that include three reports of Cronobacter sakazakii infection and one report of Salmonella Newport infection. All of the cases are reported to have consumed powdered infant formula (IF) produced from Abbott Nutrition's Sturgis, MI, facility. Testing within the Sturgis, MI, facility identified several environmental samples that were positive for the Cronobacter sakazakii, but there were no detections of Salmonella Newport. Importantly, no finished or distributed product has tested positive for either of these bacteria.

The FDA is advising consumers not to use Similac, Alimentum or EleCare powdered infant formulas if:
the first two digits of the code are 22 through 37, AND
the code on the container contains K8, SH, or Z2, AND
the expiration date is 4-1-2022 (APR 2022) or later.

The product code is printed on the product packaging near the expiration date (see product image). Products that do not contain the information listed above are not impacted by



this advisory. This advisory does not include liquid formula products or any metabolic deficiency nutrition formulas. Consumers should continue to use all products not covered by this advisory. Parents and caregivers can go to www.similacrecall.com and enter the code found on the bottom of the infant formula package to see if their

NHEC Announces Nationwide Search for New CEO

PLYMOUTH, NH – New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) has launched a nationwide search for its next Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

The NHEC Board of Directors has retained CarterBaldwin Executive Search to assist with the search. The search process will be led by Chris Guiney, who heads CarterBaldwin's energy and infrastructure practice. NHEC's new CEO will replace Jim Bakas, who is currently serving as interim general manager. Bakas will resume his role as Vice President of Operations & Engineering upon the hiring of a new CEO.

Founded in 1939, NHEC is a not-for-profit, member-owned electric distribution cooperative that provides electric service and energy solutions to 85,000 members in 118 communities throughout New Hampshire. In 2020, NHEC created a wholly owned subsidiary, NH Broadband, to ensure all its members have access to reliable, affordable high-speed internet service. NHEC is New Hampshire's second largest electric utility and is headquartered in Plymouth.

To learn more about the CEO opportunity at NHEC, please visit: <https://carterbaldwin.com/opportunities/nhecceo/>. Application materials are being accepted now through April 8, 2022. Interested candidates should submit a personal letter of interest and resume to NHEC-CEO@carterbaldwin.com.

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300-Month Sentence for Former Resident of Plainfield Upheld

CONCORD, NH – United States Attorney John J. Farley announced that the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit has rejected Edward Brown's appeal of his 300-month prison sentence.

Brown, 79, formerly of Plainfield, was convicted in 2009 of a series of offenses arising from his role in leading an armed standoff with the United Marshals Service after his conviction and sentencing for tax-related charges. Brown was initially sentenced to 444 months of imprisonment for his role in the standoff. Because of new legal precedent from the United States Supreme Court, one of Brown's convictions was no longer valid and he was entitled to be resentenced. At his resentencing, the court imposed a 300-month prison sentence.

In a 45-page opinion issued on Wednesday, the Court of Appeals rejected Brown's argument that the district judge erred by imposing a 300-month sentence.

"Thanks to this decision, Edward Brown will remain in federal prison, which is exactly where he belongs," said U.S. Attorney Farley. "Brown's dangerous and reckless actions could have led to an extensive loss of life."

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

For a meeting of the CLAREMONT PLANNING BOARD

**Monday, February 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM in
Council Chambers, City Hall, Claremont NH**

The public is hereby notified that the Claremont Planning Board will be holding a public hearing at this meeting to consider the following applications:

(A. PL 2022-00001) Ray Parker, 408 Sullivan Street – Application to amend previously approved site plan #PL 2020-00014 for the property at 408 Sullivan Street. Tax Map 117, Lot 13. Zoning District: I-1

B. (PL 2022-00002) Washington Claremont LLC, Miami FL – Application to amend previously approved site plan and waive recording requirement for a change of use on the property at 79 Washington Street. Tax Map 108, Lot 123. Zoning District: CB2

C. (PL 2022-00003) River Bend LLC, 519 Jarvis Hill Road – Application for a waiver of site plan

regulations requiring formal submission of a site plan for replacement of a building at 356 River Road. Tax Map 163, Lot 5. Zoning District: I-2
D. (PL 2022-00004) DSM MB LLC, Tewksbury, MA – Application to amend a previously approved site plan with waivers for establishing a Town Fair Tire at 367 Washington Street. Tax Map 145, Lot 23. Zoning District: B2

Interested persons may review the applications at the Planning and Development Department at 14 North Street during normal business hours.

Comments may be made at the public hearing; submitted in writing to the Claremont Planning Board at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or by email to cityplanner@claremontnh.com.

Richard Wahrlich, Chair

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**Charlestown Rd, Claremont
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A large flock of robins made a pitstop at a crab apple tree on a dark and snow showery day on Saturday in Claremont.

**Phyllis A. Muzeroll
photo**



Continue to Exercise Caution on the Ice

CONCORD, NH – New Hampshire Fish and Game Department officials urge outdoor enthusiasts to continue to exercise caution while enjoying winter activities near the ice, especially after the recent and continuing fluctuating temperatures and weather conditions. Parents are also urged to educate themselves about ice safety and share this knowledge with their children to help prevent accidents.

“Caution is in order for those going out onto any ice, especially following the recent variations in temperature and precipitation,” said Colonel Kevin Jordan, Chief of Fish and

Game’s Law Enforcement Division. “With erratic weather conditions, some areas of ice may look safe, but may not be. As always, we are urging people to check the ice thickness before going out onto any frozen waterbody.”

Because of changeable ice conditions, it is never advisable to drive vehicles onto the ice. Those on foot should carefully assess ice safety before venturing out by using an ice chisel or auger to determine the thickness and composition of the ice. Continue to do this as you go further out because the thickness of



the ice will not be uniform over the entire waterbody. Snow-covered ice can be deceiving

and should always be inspected carefully.

Though all ice is potentially dangerous, the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research & Engineering Laboratory in Hanover, NH, offers this advice on ice thickness: There should be a minimum of 6 inches of hard ice before individual foot travel and 8–10 inches of hard ice for snow machine or Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle travel.

Keep in mind that thick ice does not always mean safe ice. It is possible for ice to be thick, but not strong, because of varying weather conditions.

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Moving Forward

There is no doubt that we can do better as a community to help provide the youth of Claremont with a much higher quality level of education. Having recently graduated allows me to have a fresh perspective on what is going on inside our schools. There is a long way to go, but I would like the opportunity to help build upon some of the success that we have had in the last few months. I have a very fresh outlook on what goes on in the school from a student perspective. Being as young as I am, I believe that I can help give new and more diverse ideas on the issues that are going on in our schools. I feel we as a community owe it to our children to help give them the best quality of education so they can have more knowledge and a stronger education when they go out into the world.

About Me

- Lifelong Claremont Resident
- Stevens High School Graduate 2018
- Plymouth State University Graduate 2021 BS Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude
- Current School Board Member
- General Manager of a Local Business

Questions? Comments? Please feel free to reach out to me on my personal email Nicholasstone843@gmail.com

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Estate Plans Let You Control Your Legacy

When you hear “estate planning,” what do you think of? For many people, these words evoke images of immense wealth. But estate planning isn’t just for the wealthy – it’s for everyone. And it’s about more than preserving wealth – it’s about putting you in control of your own legacy. But how can you achieve this worthy goal?

You can start by identifying your estate planning objectives. Here are some of the most common ones:

- *Controlling movement of assets to beneficiaries* – During and after your lifetime, you will want to ensure your loved ones receive what you want them to have, and when. Through documents such as a will and a living trust, and techniques involving life insurance and using proper beneficiary designations, you – not the courts – will control the movement of your assets to the desired recipients.
- *Naming someone to make decisions for you if you become incapacitated* – Naturally, you hope to stay in good physical and mental shape throughout your life and remain capable of making your own financial and health care decisions. But the future is not ours to see, so, to protect your interests and those of your loved ones, you may want to consider creating arrangements such as a power of attorney, health care directive and a living will. In this way, you’ll still be able to control the key choices that may lie ahead.
- *Providing for minor children or dependents* – If you have young children or other dependents, you’ll want to be sure they’ll be looked after if you aren’t around. In your estate plans, you can name a guardian for them. You can also use various estate planning tools, such as life insurance, beneficiary designations and the establishment of a trust to provide the necessary financial resources for your loved ones.
- *Supporting charitable organizations* – Leaving something behind for your family is obviously an enormous part of your legacy – but it may also be important to you to provide support for charitable groups whose work you’ve admired. Of course, you can contribute to these organizations while you’re alive, but through strategies such as donor-advised funds and charitable remainder trusts, you can include these groups in your estate plans.
- *Managing taxes efficiently* – If you’re likely to have a large estate, your heirs may need to be concerned with income and estate taxes. To help control these taxes, you can take a number of steps, such as making outright gifts to your family during your lifetime, establishing an irrevocable life insurance trust, creating a family limited partnership and making charitable donations.

All the estate-planning strategies and techniques mentioned here can be complex – so, to implement them, you’ll need to work with an estate planning attorney and a tax professional. You may also want to include your financial advisor, who can help ensure your estate planning objectives align with your important financial goals, such as living comfortably in retirement and providing for your children’s or grandchildren’s education.

By identifying your objectives and working with your professional team, you can create an effective estate plan – and help yourself maintain control of your legacy.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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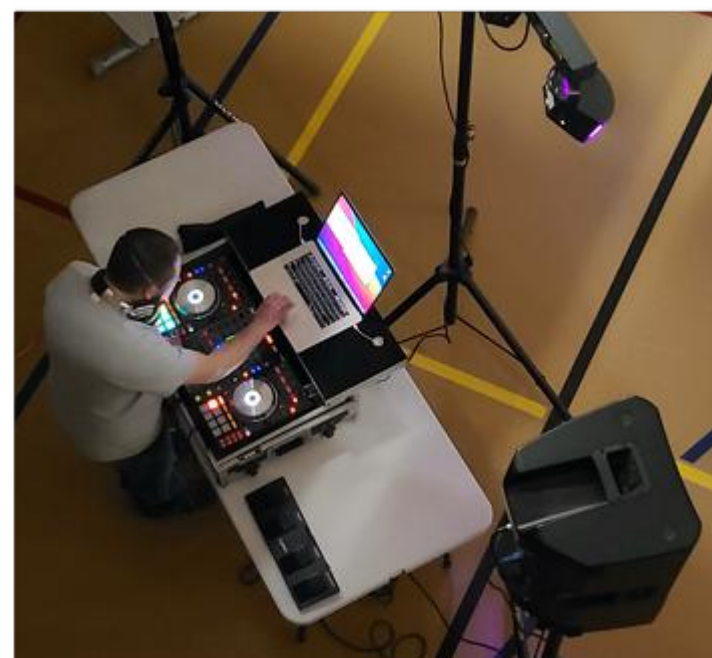
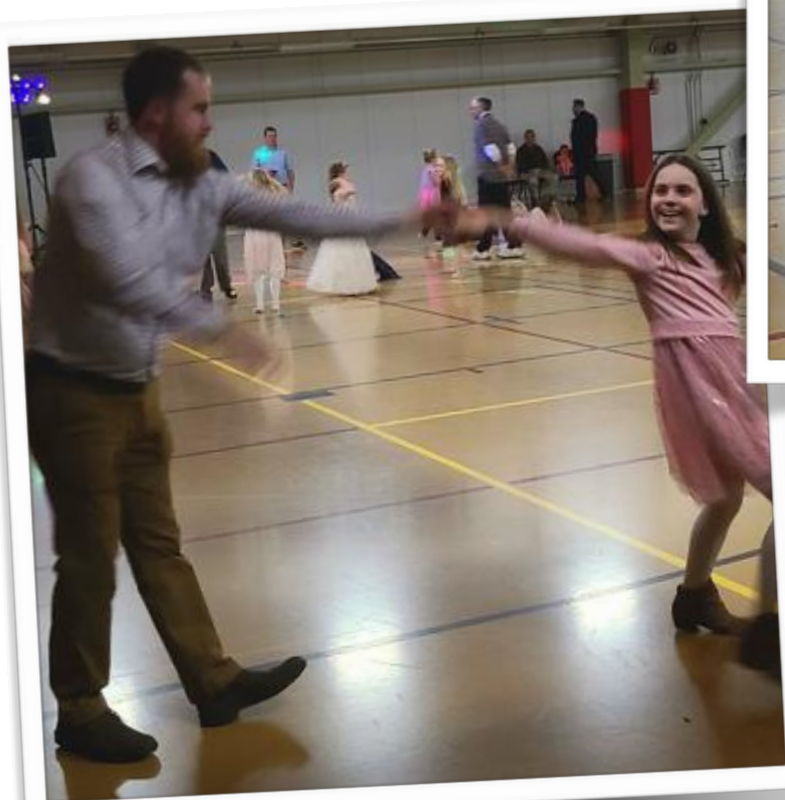
**Text and Photos by Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News**

CLAREMONT, NH—Take 100 girls in their finest evening outfits. Match them with 100 fathers (or uncles, grandfathers and older brothers). Have them enter the vibrantly-lighted Claremont Savings Bank Community Center gym. Signal the DJ to start the music, which instantly bounces off the walls and plays non-stop for two hours.

That's how you host a successful Father-Daughter Dance.

This year, just over 200 party-goers registered for the annual (except for 2021, of course) tradition, organized by the Claremont Parks and Recreation Department. Each girl was given a carnation. Couples — and occasional clusters of BFFs — had their photo taken at an upstairs studio or a photo booth in the gym. Everyone enjoyed the Ramunto's buffet offerings of mac-n-cheese, fruit, cookies and water.

Throughout the evening, dads and daughters swayed to slow numbers. Kicked up their heels to "Cotton-Eyed Joe." Held hands in twirling



circles. Lined up to show off their "Macarena" technique.

Inevitably, the last dance was announced. Afterward, the tired but happy couples climbed up the stairs and headed out to their cars, taking home memories of their magical, rockin' good time of an evening.

State-Run Vaccination Sites Will Modify Hours Beginning Feb. 21

CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has announced that, effective Monday, February 21, the State-run fixed vaccination sites will modify their hours. The modification of hours aligns with the current need for COVID-19 vaccination and booster doses, and allows for greater access to vaccination sites after school and work hours, said DHHS.

The vaccination sites operated by ConvenientMD will be open Monday to Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The vaccination sites operated by On-Site Medical Services will be open from Monday to Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Vaccination Fixed Site Locations and new hours beginning Monday, 2/21/2022:

Ashland Vaccination Site: Monday – Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
13 West Street
Ashland, NH 03217

Berlin Vaccination Site: Monday – Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
161 E Milan Road
Berlin, NH 03570

Claremont Vaccination Site: Monday – Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
367 Washington Street
Claremont, NH 03743

Concord Vaccination Site: Monday – Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
273 Loudon Road
Concord, NH 03301

Keene Vaccination Site: Monday – Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
27 Key Road
Keene, NH 03431

Laconia Vaccination Site: Monday – Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
17 Church Street
Laconia, NH 03246

Manchester Vaccination Site: Monday – Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
840 Hooksett Road

Manchester, NH 03104

Nashua Vaccination Site: Monday – Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
34 Northwest Blvd.
Nashua, NH 03063

Rochester Vaccination Site: Monday – Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Spaulding Commons
306 North Main Street
Rochester, NH 03867

Salem Vaccination Site: Monday – Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
315 South Broadway
Salem, NH 03079

Stratham Vaccination Site: Monday – Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
28 Portsmouth Avenue
Stratham, NH 03885

Open Snowmobile Registration Weekend Is March 4-6

CONCORD, NH—New Hampshire's Open Snowmobile Registration weekend is almost here. Friday, March 4 through Sunday, March 6, 2022, riders from throughout New England, as well as those from all around the U.S. and Canada, will have the opportunity to explore the over 7,000 miles of picturesque trails New Hampshire has to offer snowmobilers.

During the three-day Open Snowmobile Registration Weekend, sleds legally registered in other states and provinces will be able to operate on New Hampshire's trails. All New Hampshire laws and regulations regarding the operation of snowmobiles will be enforced including speed limits, illegal off-trail riding, compliant exhaust systems relative to noise and decibel levels, and youth operation standards.

"This weekend is one of the highlights of the winter for many resident and non-resident riders," said NH Fish and Game Captain Michael Eastman, who coordinates snowmobile and off-highway recreational vehicle enforcement, registration, and safety education for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Law Enforcement Division. "It's an opportunity for residents and visitors alike to explore some of the most beautiful parts of the state that can

be most easily accessed by snowmobile in the winter."

To operate a snowmobile or OHRV in New Hampshire unaccompanied, any person age 14 or older must have either a valid motor vehicle driver's license or have successfully completed an approved OHRV/Snowmobile Safety Education Class. With recent changes to the state laws, all online classes will cover a combination of practical OHRV and snowmobile safety and the rules that apply to all trail riders. Additionally, all children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a licensed adult over the age of 18 when operating a snowmobile or OHRV on public or private



property.

To register for an online safety class, visit www.wildnh.com/ohrv/education.html.

For information on snowmobiling, including rules and regulations in New Hampshire, visit www.ride.nh.gov. Learn more about New Hampshire's extensive trail system at www.nhtrails.org. Become familiar with local snowmobile clubs and services at www.nhsa.com.

Cone Charitable Foundation Scholarship Program for '22-'23

The Cone Automatic Machine Company Charitable Foundation scholarship program will continue for the coming school year 2022-2023. This scholarship is available to the children or grandchildren of former employees of Cone-Blanchard Machine Company having a minimum of five years of continuous service with Cone-Blanchard Machine Company who meet the eligibility requirements:

Eligibility Requirements, Terms of Award Payments and Applications may be obtained by writing to Cone Automatic Machine Company Charitable Foundation, mailing address: PO Box 65, Claremont, NH 03743.

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than May 12, 2022. Scholarship awards will be announced in June 2022.



York Beach, Maine — 27 Dec 2021 — Eric Zengota

Sports/Recreation

Lebanon-Stevens-Mount Royal Boys Ice Hockey

12/15/21	at John Stark-Hopkinton-Hillsboro-Deering	W 3 - 2
12/30/21	Berlin-Gorham	L 1 - 4
01/06/22	at Mon-Fall Mountain	W 5 - 0
01/08/22	Belmont-Gilford	W 5 - 2
01/10/22	John Stark-Hopkinton-Hillsboro-Deering	W 4 - 2
01/12/22	Hollis Brookline-Derryfield	W 7 - 3
01/22/22	at Laconia-Winnisquam-Inter-Lakes	W 4 - 1
01/30/22	at Berlin-Gorham	L 0 - 3
02/02/22	Mon-Fall Mountain	W 7 - 1
02/09/22	at Kearsarge-Plymouth	T 2 - 2
02/10/22	at Kennett	L 2 - 4
02/12/22	Pembroke-Campbell	W 3 - 2
02/16/22	Kearsarge-Plymouth	W 3 - 2
02/18/22	Sanborn-Epping	W 3 - 1
02/19/22	at Hollis Brookline-Derryfield	L 0 - 6
02/23/22	ConVal-Conant	07:30 PM
02/26/22	at Pembroke-Campbell	07:30 PM

Lebanon-Stevens- Kearsarge Girls Ice Hockey

12/21/21	at St. Thomas-WNC-DOV	W 4 - 1
12/29/21	Bishop Brady-Trinity	W 4 - 1
01/08/22	at ConVal-Conant	W 9 - 0
01/21/22	Hanover	L 0 - 5
01/24/22	at Bishop Guertin	L 1 - 7
01/26/22	at Hanover	L 0 - 5
02/01/22	Concord	L 0 - 8
02/05/22	Keene-Mon-Fall Mountain	W 2 - 1
02/07/22	at Berlin-Gorham-Kennett	W 1 - 0
02/09/22	at Kingswood	W 3 - 0
02/11/22	at Man. Central-Memorial	W 7 - 1
02/14/22	Berlin-Gorham-Kennett	L 0 - 4
02/16/22	Exeter	L 2 - 4
02/18/22	Bedford	W 2 - 0
02/19/22	Oyster River-Portsmouth	L 0 - 4
02/23/22	Souhegan	05:30 PM
02/26/22	at Pinkerton	06:00 PM



The Stevens High School Bowling Team claimed honors Saturday as NHIAA State champs for the 2nd year in a row, topping Goffstown and being awarded the Bowling Ten Pin Team Champion plaque. Congratulations to all for a great victory and for making SHS and Claremont proud! (Courtesy photo).

Tickets Now on Sale for CHaD Battle of the Badges Hockey Game

Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (CHaD) has announced that fans can return to SNHU Arena for the 2022 CHaD Battle of the Badges Hockey Championship. The announcement means that fans will cheer on their favorite law enforcement and fire and rescue heroes as they skate and raise money for CHaD on Sunday, March 13 at 1 pm in Manchester, NH. Tickets are \$15 per person and children 5 and under are free. All tickets will be general admission seating, and live streaming will be available for free.

Fan capacity will be limited to encourage fans to enjoy the game in a physically-distanced manner. Tickets are available only on the event's website, www.CHaDHockey.org with no in-person ticket sales on game day at

SNHU Arena. Spectators and volunteers must wear masks, and full COVID-19 guidelines and protocols are listed on the website.

Claremont firefighter Mike Snide will play on Team Fire. Anyone wishing to help support this fundraiser may contribute directly to Snide's fundraising efforts at https://get-involved.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/site/TR/CHaD/CHaDHockey?px=1022723&pg=personal&fr_id=1810.

Saturday Tournament Roundup

Saturday was an exciting tournament day for the Stevens High School athletes. Wrestling started the day with Colby Shepard placing 3rd in the state in his 170 weight class at Bow High School. The bowling team defended their state championship from last year with a second straight title and third in the last 4 years, and the Lady Cardinal basketball team came up just short losing to the 2nd seeded Fall Mountain Wildcats in overtime.

Inspiration

People Who Change the World

By Priscilla Hull

When we think of people who change the world, we think of political figures, or of great sports figures, or a war hero. Today I will tell you about three people who changed the world in their own way and never received public acclaim, or a Nobel Prize. They were just ordinary people whom I had the honor and privilege to come across in my life wanderings.

First, there was a young black man who was limited to education in black schools in West Virginia. He wanted more than the school could offer and so, in his Junior year of high school, he was first in line after the Brown vs Board of Education ruling which mandated integrated schools. He fulfilled his dream to work with young people and helped many others achieve their dreams. Just an ordinary man who had a desire to work with others and make the world a better place. He changed the world for some with his willingness to step up to a challenge.

The second was a young woman who had a talent for music, playing, composing, teaching. She also had a desire to influence young people and to help others recognize their talent and make the most of what they were given. Sadly she contracted cancer and was debilitated by the disease. Unable to teach any longer, she had to stay home and spend all her energies caring for her family. Sometimes we could coax her from her bed to her piano where she would lose herself and those listening to the notes that flew from her fingers. Her pain disappeared and she could find peace. Her patience, kindness and courage influenced all who knew her. She changed the world with courage and love.

The third is a man who worked as a custodian in a school system. The time clock doesn't seem to have mattered to him. He lived for the children who went through that school system. He was there to congratulate kids on their successes, to pick up the pieces when something crashed (literally and figuratively). He encouraged the kids academically and in extracurricular activities. He attended every sports event and kept the floors shining and clean for all indoor sports. When a kid needed a high five, he was there for them. When they won, he celebrated with them. He changed the world with his positive attitude and love for those he served!

All three have gone to another world now. Each one is missed by their own circle of friends and by the countless students and others they helped along the way. Each one of these people touched lives of young people and who knows how many they helped? Undoubtedly there are many people reading this who will recognize one or more of these people. Without a doubt there are people out there who fit the scenarios I've described and are unspoken heroes, also.

As we travel through life, there is always someone we meet who has reached out to touch our heart, mind or soul. Someone who has given us a little extra desire to do a little better. I'm grateful to have known these three people and others who will always be a part of my life and the lives of so many more! Who are your life heroes?

Be like these people.

"Don't forget to do good and share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices." Hebrews 13:16

Priscilla Hull is the Lay Leader of the First United Methodist Church in Claremont, NH.



Calendar Of Events

Art Exhibit: Selections 2022

Through March 30, 2022

Gallery Hours:

Tues.-Fri. 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sat. 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Library Arts Center Gallery

58 N. Main St.

Newport, NH 03773

Price: Free

Winners of the Juried Regional

On Exhibit: Through March 30

The Library Arts Center is pleased to kick off our first show of 2022, featuring the work of seven artists selected by jurors from the Juried Regional Exhibit to exhibit a larger body of works in the gallery in this annual favorite group show. Featured artists: Rebecca Fullerton, Betsy Holmes, Aaron Kane, Susanne Larkham, Gillian Martlew, Mary Jane Morse and Alan Shulman. ****Note:** Due to the ongoing pandemic, there will be no scheduled opening reception for this exhibition.

Drop-in Open Studio Art Group

Wednesday Mornings (ongoing)

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Library Arts Center Studio (lower level)

58 N. Main St.

Newport, NH 03773

Price: \$8 for LAC Members / \$12 non-members

Join this group of artists in the Arts Center's weekly drop-in Open Studio! This program has been running consistently for over 10 years in the studio, and facilitator Heidi Lorenz has cultivated a warm and welcoming community of artists of all styles and abilities, where sharing is encouraged, and the coffee is always on. Bring your own art supplies and work on your current projects alongside a delightful and supportive group of artists. Facilitator Heidi Lorenz will paint alongside all, but is available for light guidance and instruction, if desired. Drop-ins are always welcome.

****Please note that class is occasionally canceled due to inclement weather or other cir**

cumstances. Check libraryartscenter.org for any status updates before attending the group for the first time.

Online Art Class: March Magic in Watercolor via Zoom

Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24

10:00 am - 11:30 am

presented by the Library Arts Center

Class is online via Zoom

Break out of the "March blahs" with instructor Patti Warren and a few of her "favorite things." Join a veteran watercolor instructor in a four-session remote painting experience. Trees, flowers, tea cups and the coast of Maine, are a few of Patti's favorite things to paint, and will be featured in each of the four step-by-step lessons. These online sessions get you inspired, painting, and involved in creative community--all from the comfort of your home. \$40 for the four-session series.

Register online at libraryartscenter.org.

16th Annual Steppin' Up to End Violence 5K Walk and Fun Run

CLAREMONT, NH—Turning Points Network is gearing up for their 16th Annual Steppin' Up to End Violence 5K Walk and Fun Run to be held on April 30. For the last 15 years, Sullivan County communities have come together in a public show of solidarity both virtually and in-person for Turning Points Network's vital services. Funds raised from the event through community participation directly support the agency's mission to end domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking. TPN is pleased to announce that it is planning for another successful year, this time in-person, with Claremont Savings Bank serving as the honorary chair.

Those interested in fundraising, starting a team, or joining a team are encouraged to visit the Steppin' Up webpage at <https://www.turningpointsnetwork.org/steppin-up>. For more information, contact Pascale N. Graham, Assistant Director, Turning Points Network at pascale@turningpointsnetwork.org or by phone at 603-543-0155.

Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo

Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo is back

every Thursday; doors open at 4:00 pm and games starts at 6:00 pm.

Check out our new hall at 183 Plains Road in Claremont, NH.

Lots of pull tickets for chances to win more money. 50/50 raffle and lots more.

Sandwiches and snacks available and drinks. Questions: call Sandy at 603-543-7118. Open to those 18 and older.

Big Money Bingo

Every Sunday, Doors open at 11:00 and games start at 1:00pm.

Check out our new hall at 183 Plains Road, Claremont, NH.

Pay out depends on the number of people who show up. Lots of pull tickets for chance to win more money.

Lots of raffles including a big raffle of cash and scratch tickets.

Sandwiches and snacks available and drinks. Questions: call Sandy at 603-543-7118. Open to those 18 and older.

Lake Sunapee VNA Offers Three Grief Support Groups

NEW LONDON, NH – Lake Sunapee VNA offers three virtual grief support groups for the community. The "Newly Bereaved Widows Group" is for women who have experienced the loss of their husband within the last year and is held on the second and fourth Thursday of every month from 10:00-11:00am. The "Widow to Widow Group" is for women in all stages of grief and meets on the first Monday of every month from 3:30-5:00pm. Newly bereaved widows are welcome at this group as well, especially if they are feeling the need for more frequent support. In addition, a "Bereavement Check-in" group is available for men and women experiencing a loss of any kind on the third Wednesday of every month from 4:00-5:00pm.

All of these groups provide an opportunity for participants to come together in a safe place of compassion and confidentiality. Attend once, multiple times or as needed.

If interested, email your contact information to Elizabeth Gantner at egantner@lake-sunapeevna.org and a member of the Lake Sunapee VNA bereavement team will call you with further details.



2022 NH W&M Farm Scale Clinics

New Hampshire
Department of Agriculture,
Markets & Food

-The New Hampshire Division of Weights and Measures will be hosting 14 Scale Clinics at 11 locations throughout the state in 2022.

-All scale clinics are by **appointment only** to better allocate staffing and equipment needs.

-All clinics will be from **10:00am – 2:00pm** at the date and addresses listed below.

-Designated parking spots will be marked on the individual site flyers, some locations will have cones and/or signage, please park as directed and bring your scales inside. For more specific instructions, please visit <https://www.agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/weights-measures/educational-seminars.htm> and click on the link to the location you will be attending. Each site has specific parking and entrance guidelines, please review the site you are attending.

-MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL SCALE CLINICS****

-Please ensure all power cables and accessories (including but not limited to; **scale feet, power supply**, platters and stanchions) are brought to the clinic. If the scale is not in usable condition, it cannot be certified.

-If somebody is bringing the scale in lieu of yourself, please equip them with your account number and check or cash if a license fee is due.

To schedule an appointment, please call:

(603) 271 – 2894

and have your account number handy

Carroll	3/2/2022	30 County Farm Road, Ossipee NH, 03864
Merrimack	3/8/2022	315 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH, 03303
Grafton	3/22/2022	3855 Dartmouth College Highway, North Haverhill, NH, 03774
Hillsborough	3/29/2022	468 Route 13 South, Milford, NH, 03055
Cheshire	4/5/2022	312 Washington Street, Keene NH, 03431
Sullivan	4/6/2022	24 Main St, Newport NH, 03773
Rockingham	4/12/2022	113 North Road Brentwood, NH, 03833
Strafford	4/20/2022	273 Locust Street, Dover NH, 03820
Belknap	4/27/2022	31 Potter Hill Rd, Gilford, NH 03249
Coos	5/3/2022	629 Main St, Lancaster NH, 03584
Hillsborough	5/5/2022	468 Route 13 South, Milford, NH, 03055
Merrimack	5/10/2022	315 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH, 03303
State House Annex	6/1/2022	25 Capitol Street Room 201, Concord NH, 03301
State House Annex	10/19/2022	25 Capitol Street Room 201, Concord NH, 03301

If you have any questions about method, using a weighing or measuring device commercially, please contact the NH Division of Weights and Measures

State of New Hampshire
Division of Weights and Measures
P: 603-271-3700 Email: nhwm@agr.nh.gov

Charlestown VFW Bingo Schedule

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown VFW Bingo is offering a weekly opportunity for some entertainment and socializing while helping us to raise funds for our many Veterans programs. Wednesday nights at 5:00 p.m. for early birds and 6:30 p.m. for regular fun and games. Currently, we play 12 regular and two 2 part games, as well as a 50/50 game, Winner-take-all game, Carry Over Coverall game and a Jackpot game. The Governor's emergency order concerning COVID has expired.

It is now time to take the lessons we have learned over the past year plus and act accordingly. If you're sick – stay home. Cover your nose / mouth when you cough, wash and / or sanitize your hands frequently, and we'll all be healthier. The attendance limitation has also ended. In keeping with the state CDC recommendations, if you have a compromised immune system you may still wear a mask for your own protection. We still have masks and hand sanitizer for anyone that may desire either product.

The Charlestown VFW Post is located at 365 Lover's Lane Rd, Charlestown, NH.

Updates to our schedule and the weekly carry over coverall game can be found on our Facebook page.

Claremont Senior Center News

The Claremont Senior Center Board has voted to open the center but masks are required if non-vaccinated. We are open every Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. We are also open Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6pm to 9 pm. As many of us do not like having to drive in the dark, a new game afternoon has started on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 pm to 3 pm. Lunches will continue as drive-thru for now. We have many

activities. There are sign-up sheets at the reception desk and the calendar in the lobby. Activities can be done anytime, including pool, knitting, hand and foot, mahjong, corn hole, and quilting. Socializing is always an option.

Miracle Ear, Blood Drive and VNA Foot Clinic will continue as scheduled.

We are still holding our Drive-thru meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tuesday, Feb 22th – Two's Tuesday – Double cheeseburger, 2-bean homemade baked beans, cole slaw, pair of 2 cookies. Thursday, Feb 24th – Salad, chicken broccoli alfredo w/ pasta, dessert. Must call 603-543-5998 by 10:30 to reserve your meal. Price is \$4 for members and \$5 for non-members. Drive-thru pickup is from 11:45 am to 12:15 pm. Meals are always subject to change.

Foot Clinic - Our next foot clinic will be held on February 23. Foot clinics for March will be March 3, 9, 16 and 23rd. You MUST call 603-748-1731 to make an appointment with them. The fee is \$25.

AARP will be doing taxes at the center on Fridays beginning February 4th thru April 8th. Please call 802-345-5415 to make an appointment. DO NOT CALL THE CENTER FOR APPOINTMENTS.

Blood Drive – There will be another Red Cross Blood Drive at the center on March 28th. You must make an appointment at 800-RED-CROSS. During our last blood drive we collected 36 units (78 lives saved). Thank you to all who can and do donate.

We are still searching for a Kitchen Manager. If anyone is interested in this volunteer no pay job, please come and talk to us.

Have you seen our 1st Annual Claremont Senior Center Car Show Calendar for

2022? We have a very few left. It features winners of this year's 2021 car show with each month featuring a picture of a different class winning vehicle. Only \$6 when picked up at the center, add \$6 shipping and handling for each calendar if we mail to you. We also have some Car Show T-shirts available.

"One should examine oneself for a very long time before thinking of condemning others." Moliere.

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Road, Claremont, NH. Phone: 603-543-5998.

Active Hope Book Discussion Series, Cornish and Plainfield Libraries 6:30PM

New book club at the Cornish and Plainfield Libraries: Active Hope is a short, four session book discussion series for winter hosted by Cindy Heath and Martha Zoerhide. Titles chosen are about the environment and the hopeful things that are happening to help mitigate the effects of climate change.

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Discussion dates and titles:

(all meetings at 6:30PM)

February 24: *Islands of Abandonment* by Cal Flyn

March 17: *Cradle to Cradle: Remaking the Way We Make Things* by Michael Braungart and William McDonough

April 7: *The Book of Hope* by Jane Goodall

Email stowelllibrary@comcast.net or mary.king@plainfieldlibraries.org for more information and the link to the Zoom discussion.

The Magic of Maple at Billings Farm & Museum Daily through Feb. 27

WOODSTOCK, VT—Ever wonder how the sweet, sticky syrup on your breakfast pancakes was made? Learn all about maple sugaring in Vermont during the Magic of Maple, daily through Feb. 27, 10am – 4pm at Billings Farm & Museum.

Vermont's rich maple history will be on display, through photographs from the Billings Farm collection and a showcase of tools used for tapping, sugaring and processing. Guests will learn about maple trees and why they produce their sweet sap.

Several special programs will take place during the Magic of Maple. For full details, visit billingsfarm.org.

Spring Plant Sale Order Deadline is March 2, 2022.

The Sullivan County Conservation District plant sale is held every spring and features a variety of quality plants at good prices - shade trees, fruit trees, berry bushes, wildlife plants, and flowering plants. This is an annual fundraiser that supports local conservation activities throughout the year, including public workshops, school education programs, and projects. All of the plants offered are hardy, healthy, and adapted to our growing conditions.

Plant ordering and payments are online this year. You can pay with credit cards or mail in a check.

Online store is open now; visit <https://www.sccdnh.org/spring-plant-sale>.

We do have some paper copies of the catalog and order form and will send them to those who need them. Otherwise, please order online. You can still mail in a check for payment even when you order online. Contact Dawn with any questions. 603.504.1004. ddex-traze@sullivancountynh.gov.

Most of the plants are bare root and transplants. Transplants are seedlings that have been moved from their original seedbed to a new bed or pot. They are larger than seedling plants and have established root systems. We are offering potted plants and some plugs this year, too.

There are no refunds for orders that are not picked up. The District isn't responsible for stock once it is removed from the pick up point and reserves the right to refund money for plants that become unavailable. Any honored claims will be through replacement stock to be supplied as soon as possible, dependent on availability. We have limited inventory and once the inventory is sold, we will not be ordering more.

When choosing plants, always consider your site conditions. Plants differ in their requirements for soil type, drainage, available sunlight, growing space and soil pH. For example, apple trees need a sweet soil (high pH), but blueberries require the opposite (an acid soil with low pH).

If you don't find what you are looking for through our plant sale, let us know. We are usually able to direct you to a supplier or another plant sale.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday 2/13/22

0121- Engine 4 responded on Broad St. for a Delta medical call

1139- Engine 4 responded on Main St. for a psychiatric emergency

2012- Engine 4 responded on Maple Ave. for an Echo medical call

Monday 2/14/22

0524- Engine 4 responded on Broad St. for a medical call

0559- Ladder 2 and Engine 4 responded on Broad St. for a Box Alarm

1918- Engine 4 responded on Chestnut St. for a Delta medical call

1949- Engine 4 responded on Heritage Dr. for a medical panic alarm

Tuesday 2/15/22

0748- Engine 4 responded on Skyline Terrace for an open 911 line

0752- Engine 3 responded on Madison Pl. for a medical call

1644- Engine 4 responded on Heritage Dr. for an Echo medical call

1736- Engine 4 responded on Ridge Ave. for an open 911 line

2259- Engine 4 responded on Dane Ave. for an Echo medical call

Wednesday 2/16/22

0435- Engine 4 responded on Winter St. for a medical call

1340- Car 1, Engine 3, Engine 4, Utility 1 responded on Elm St. for a Structure Fire

1616- Ladder 2 and Engine 4 responded on Windsor Rd. for a smoke investigation

Thursday 2/17/22

1324- Engine 4 responded on Dane Ave. for a public assist

1819- Car 2 responded on Alden Rd. for a smoke detector issue

Friday 2/18/22

1042- Engine 4 responded on Washington St. for an alarm sounding

1126- Engine 4 responded on Washington St. for an odor investigation

1710- Engine 4 responded on Heritage Dr. for a medical call

2053- Engine 4 responded on Grove St. for an alarm sounding

2116- Engine 4 responded on Myrtle St. for a medical call

Saturday 2/19/22

0829- Engine 4 responded on Chestnut St. to assist the ambulance

1633- Engine 4 responded on Lincoln Hts. for a medical call

1658- Engine 3 responded on Main St. for a motor vehicle accident

CITY OF CLAREMONT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING Thursday, February 24, 2022 6:15 PM Council Chambers, City Hall Claremont NH

The meeting will be called to order at 6:15 PM in Council Chambers and be immediately followed by a tour of Pleasant Street to view current signage.

The meeting will re-convene at City Hall following the tour.

There will be a discussion of signage in the Historic District.

Remembering Loved Ones...

Life Tributes

Obituaries May Be Found On Our Website

We post obituaries on our website to make them available in “real time,” as they are released by funeral homes.

We will continue to publish them here weekly, as well, for your convenience if you wish to print out any of them.

www.etickeernewsoclaremont.com

Judith A. Morrissey, 67

Judith Ann Morrissey, 67, passed away February 13, 2022, at Catholic Medical Center with her family by her side.

Judith was born on July 4, 1954, in Exeter, NH the daughter of Roland and Francis Magoon.

Judy is survived by her son, Ted Cummings Jr.; daughter, Frances Desilets; grandchildren, Tiffany and her husband, John Marini, Isabelle and Craig Farnsworth; great grandchild, Lilly Marie; brothers, Iver Magoon and his wife, Wanda, and Roland Magoon; twin sister, George Ann and her husband, Rosie Derosier.

Predeceased by her parents, sisters, Barbara Chase, Elenor and Evelyne Magoon, brother Harry Magoon and her ex-husband, Ted Cummings Sr.

She was a long-time resident of Claremont. She worked at Holson Bakery, McCoy Home, and Silver Maples. She loved all her sisters and brothers in laws and nieces and nephews. She enjoyed spending time with her family and BBQ's and loved Christmas.

The family would like to thank the staff at Catholic Medical Center.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are with Stringer Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 146 Broad Street,

Claremont, NH 03743. To view an online memorial or send a private message of condolence, visit www.stringerfh.com.

George T. Caccavaro, Jr., 81

George T. Caccavaro Jr., a beloved husband, father, friend, and devoted public servant, died Feb. 13, 2022, after a fall at his home in Claremont, NH. He was 81.

George was born in Boston on Oct. 24, 1940, to George Sr. and Christine Caccavaro and spent much of his childhood in the care of his grandparents Sebastiano and Serafina and his adoring aunt, Anna Nardo of Watertown. On April 28, 1962, he wed his high school sweetheart, Gail Adams, who remained by his side for the following 60 years.

A machinist turned successful business executive, George was rarely known to sit still. He was a voracious reader and lifelong learner — so much so that the Caccavaro children came to believe (and it was never disproved) that Dad knew everything and could fix anything. There was no personal problem beyond his wise counsel and no mechanical malfunction

for which he couldn't MacGyver a fix. If all else failed, the family joke goes, a well-placed shim would always do the trick.

Second only to George's love for his family was his deep affection for his adopted hometown of Claremont. He moved his family there from Burlington, MA, in 1972 and immediately poured himself into the city's civic life, serving first on the Maple Avenue Elementary School PTA, then on the School Board, where he eventually became chairman. He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus and Kiwanis Club, and from 1983 to 1992 he served terms as a city councilor, assistant mayor, and mayor. He later held the positions of police commissioner and chairman of the city's Charter Commission.

George worked at Cone Blanchard Machine Co. in Windsor, VT, for 30 years and was business manager of the Mascoma Valley Regional School District for 11. Those who worked with George or appeared before him in one of his official capacities quickly learned to have their facts in order — lest they find themselves on the wrong end of his notoriously sardonic wit.

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George was proud of his Italian heritage, and in 2018 he fulfilled a lifelong dream by traveling to Cropani, Calabria, the town from which his grandparents emigrated at the turn of the 20th century. There, he was embraced with great affection by distant Caccavaro relatives he'd never before met.

He is survived by his wife, Gail, and their four children: Denise Ornell and husband Steve; George III and wife Michele; Dan and wife Kim; and Kevin and wife Terri Towle; and by his siblings: Sarah Bernardo and husband Sonny, Jerry Caccavaro and wife Linda; John Caccavaro and wife Michelle; and sister-in-law Vera Caccavaro. He will be dearly missed as well by his nine grandchildren: Lexi and Sam Ornell; Clara and Cole Caccavaro; Anna and Mia Caccavaro; and Natalie, Sebastian, and Simon Caccavaro.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or a charity of your choice.

Visiting hours will be held at the Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad St. in Claremont on Friday, Feb. 25 from 2-4 p.m. with a service beginning at 3:30. A reception will follow from 4-7 p.m. at the Common Man Restaurant at 21 Water St., Claremont. The family requests that masks be worn.

Elizabeth Jennings, 76

Elizabeth "Betsy" Jennings, a long term resident of Windsor VT, passed away on February 8, 2022, at the age of 76. She was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother.

Betsy enjoyed baking, solving puzzles, and metal detecting. But, her true passion was kicking up her heels at line dancing with George, her beloved husband of 40 years. She retired from Tambrands in Claremont NH, after a 34-year career and made the best of her many years of retirement!

Betsy will be missed by her surviving husband George; a sister, Sandi; her six children, Terry, George Jr, Jeff, Brad, Tracy, and Jamie; as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Betsy was predeceased by her parents and her older sister.

At the request of her family, there will be no funeral services. The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Sherry Laware, 60

Sherry Laware of Acworth, NH, made it to 60! She passed away unexpectedly after a

short illness but had many years of turbulent health issues.

Sherry was the daughter of Helena & Norman Laware of Lebanon, NH, with brothers John Labarre (Romney, WV) and Thomas Labarre (Acworth).

Sherry enjoyed memories of time spent at her mother's NuBridge Restaurant in Lebanon, NH, as a youth. She married Henry Bill and resided in Enfield for many years where she helped raise her stepsons. She worked at Dana Robes, Pike, along side Henry owned and operated Parker Street Service Center in Canaan, Henry's Roasters and Down to Earth Land Care for a number of years. In addition she worked at Rugers and the local Unity Country Store.

Sherry is remembered for her hearty laugh, quick wit and straight shooting conversation. She loved her quiet home on top of the hill with a beautiful view, her oasis from all the crazy people. Sherry could hold her own as a mechanic, weaver, soap maker or whatever she put her mind to. A few years back she embarked on a solo cross-country adventure with her dog by her side. She never had children of her own but she raised her stepchildren as such and she always had her beloved furry babies, Ginger, Sassy, Meika, Foster, Duke, Clyde the bull, Raegan and the youngest Beau are to name a few!

Sherry is survived by her brother John Labarre and his stepchildren Annette Dauphinas, Karen Surrell, Mike Pratt, Kevin Pratt and daughter Stacy LaBarre(Altman, NY). Stepsons Clifton (Lisa) Bill (Dorchester) and Travis Bill (Lebanon), grandchildren Tyler, Raeven, Salome and Emma Bill and a great-grandchild. Her close friends William & Deb Pamplin and companion Gary Lynch.

She was preceded by her parents, brother Thomas and ex-husband Henry.

The family will have a celebration of her life to be held at a later date.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Sheri L. Buzzell

Sheri Lynn Hemingway Buzzell, beloved wife, mother, and devoted grandmother, passed away February 6, 2022, after a long struggle with heart problems. She was the daughter of William Hemingway and Elmena Radzysinski Hemingway of St. Albans, VT.

Sheri was born and raised in St. Albans, VT. Sheri moved to the Claremont, NH area in the

early 90's. She remained in Claremont until 2018 when she moved to Hillsborough, NH. Sheri worked in insurance sales and retail, but the majority of her working life was spent working in Nursing homes as an LNA and occasionally as housekeeper.

Sheri is survived by her husband of 30 years, Martin Buzzell of Hillsborough, NH; her daughter Mariah Mattison of Claremont, NH; her son Arthur R. Mattison Jr., daughter-in-law Caitlin Oullette, and her two grandchildren Abigail and Martin, whom she adored, all of Lempster, NH. Sheri is also survived by her older brother Gary Hemingway of Highgate, VT, her father in law Ronald Buzzell of Hillsborough, and her two dogs, Bojangles and Maggie May, also of Hillsborough.

Sheri was predeceased by her parents and younger brother, William Hemingway Jr. Sheri enjoyed spending time with family, especially her grandchildren. She loved to take the dogs for country rides, shopping, and gardening. Sheri treasured her time with her grandchildren above everything else.

Sheri loved bright, colorful flowers, wildflowers in particular. If instead of flowers you prefer to make a more lasting gift, please consider donating to Granite VNA in Sheri's name. From their visiting nurses to their hospice house, they took wonderful care of Sheri at every stage of her illness.

Calling hours for Sheri were held on Friday, February 18 at Stringer Funeral home in Claremont, NH.

Armand H. LaRoche, 84

Armand Henry "Jim" LaRoche, 84, of Claremont, NH, died peacefully at Valley Regional Hospital on February 9th after a brief illness. Armand was born in St. Hyacinthe, P.Q. Canada, the son of Donat P. and Roseanna (St. Germain) LaRoche. He and his family moved to Claremont, NH, where he lived most of his life. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1956 and a year later he married the love of his life, Jacqueline P. Mongeon.

Armand worked for Joy Manufacturing for four years, then took a job at A & AJ Hutcheon where the employees and customers called him "Jim". He was known for his dedication to his work and making sure his customers were taken care of. He worked there for 30 years before leaving to work as a Building Technician at Stevens High School. Armand was also an active member of the Loyal Order of Moose for 27 years.

Armand was predeceased by his wife, Jacqueline in October 1991, and his siblings Jeanette Benware, Lucille Merchant and Paul LaRoche. He is survived by his children: Karen Putnam and her husband, Scott of Claremont; Brenda LaRoche of Wilton, NH; Sheila LaRoche of Bedford, NH; and James LaRoche of Claremont. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Donat Fevre and wife Christine of Santa Barbara, CA; Travis Putnam of Claremont and Kyle Magoon of Wilton, NH.

At Armand's request, there will be no calling hours or services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the charity of one's choice.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Constance I. Tewksbury, 88

Constance I. (Blish) Tewksbury, 88, of Hanover St. in Claremont, NH, passed away on February 12, 2022. She was born on July 3, 1933 in Windsor, VT, the daughter of Lewis Blish and Eveline (Smith) Blish, and was the youngest of their six children.

Connie graduated from Windsor High School in 1951. On October 27 of the same year, she married Louis (Pit) Tewksbury of Cornish, NH. They built a house in Cornish, but eventually made their home in Charlestown. They were married for 63 years until his death in 2015. Connie devoted her life to her husband and two children, Lisa (Tewksbury) Sweet and Randy Tewksbury. The family enjoyed camping and made several cross country trips, visiting Florida, Arizona, California and many states in between. They also took the trip of a lifetime and drove to Alaska. Connie and Pit also loved to play their guitars and sing, particularly around campfires with extended family joining in.

In their later years, they began spending winters in warmer climates, first in Arizona, and then Wildwood, FL. They particularly enjoyed Wildwood, where they made many good friends and happy memories.

Connie worked for many years at Claremont IGA in the deli department. She enjoyed country music, playing cribbage, and especially bingo.

Connie was predeceased by her husband, her parents, three brothers, Chalon, Albert (Red), and James, and two sisters, Marion and Winona, their spouses, and a grandson, Brady Sweet. She also mourned the loss of many sisters and brothers-in-law from the Tewksbury

family, with whom she was very close: Rowland, Claire, Elsie, Howard, Eugene, Lorraine, Shirley, Milton, Raymond, and Tharon.

She is survived by her children Lisa (Tewksbury) Sweet and her husband, Scott, of Cornish, and her son, Randy Tewksbury, of Charlestown; grandchildren Alexandra Schuhriemen and her husband John, of West Chicago, IL, Isaac Sweet and his wife Julia, of Sunapee, NH, Ethan Sweet and his fiancée, Taya Simmons, Samuel Sweet, and An-nemarie Sweet, all of Cornish, five great

grandchildren Dominic, Madeline, Anastasia, Mateo, and Theodore. Connie is also survived by a beloved sister-in-law, Josephine Jewell and many nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to Elmwood Center in Claremont, NH for the love and care they showed Connie in very trying and unprecedented circumstances. Thank you for loving her when we couldn't be there.

A prayer service was held on Feb. 20 at the Stringer Funeral Home.



FREE COVID-19 PCR TESTING



River Valley Community College
1 College Place, Claremont, NH 03743
9AM-3PM, 7 DAYS A WEEK

Offered through partnership with the State of NH, our Claremont pop-up testing site offers the gold standard PCR testing for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Test results will be provided in 48 hours of your visit.

Who can receive free testing at our Claremont pop-up location?

Free COVID-19 PCR testing offered in partnership with the State of NH is available to:

- Patients of all ages
- Symptomatic and asymptomatic
- NH residents and tourists alike

What do I need to bring with me when visiting a pop-up testing site?

- Identification, recommended to help expedite the registration process
- Your phone number
- An active email address, recommended but not



For additional information about free COVID-19 PCR testing at our pop-up locations, please visit us on:

<https://ccmdcenters.com/state-of-nh-covid-19-testing>

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The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

AGENDA (Revised)

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| 6:30 PM | 1. | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE |
| 6:32 PM | 2. | ROLL CALL |
| 6:34 PM | 3. | AGENDA CHANGES |
| 6:35 PM | 4. | REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
Minutes of February 9, 2022, City Council Meeting(s) |
| 6:37 PM | 5. | MAYOR'S NOTES
A. Charter Amendment Discussion
B. <i>Legislative Updates</i> |
| 6:42 PM | 6. | CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
General Remarks |
| 6:50 PM | 7. | CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24)) |
| | 8. | OLD BUSINESS |
| | 9. | NEW BUSINESS |
| 7:00 PM | A. | Hazard Mitigation Update (City Manager/Emergency Management Director) |
| 7:15 PM | B. | Resolution 2022-19 Continuity of Operations (COOP) EMPG Grant Project – Public Hearing (City Manager/
Fire Chief) |
| 7:30 PM | C. | Resolution 2022-20 Avigation Easement Grant – Public Hearing (City Manager/Fire Chief) |
| 7:45 PM | D. | <i>Continuation of the Pleasant Street Project Discussion – For the purpose of receiving the Project Engineer's
recommendation relative to certain "minor" modifications to the approved design/bid documents (Councilor
Stone)</i> |
| BREAK | | |
| 8:15 PM | E. | <i>North and Main Street Project Acceptance of Land (City Manager/Planning & Development Director)</i> |
| 8:25 PM | F. | <i>Proposed Council Rule Change (Assistant Mayor Matteau)</i> |
| 8:35 PM | 10. | FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES |
| 8:40 PM | 11. | CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL |
| 8:50 PM | 12. | ADJOURNMENT |

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.



Sugar Rush

Unseasonably warm temps, a rapid snowmelt, rain, elements that came together last week and cleared the riverbanks of snow, turned the Sugar River into a thundering waterway and let loose ice floes along different points of the river. The Weather Service in Gray, ME, issued a brief flood warning for parts of the river; no problems were reported by the Claremont Fire Department as the unusual and unpredictable weather passed through the area.

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