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Through a Glass, Brightly

Opera House Begins Restoring Vintage Windows

By Eric Zengota
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CLAREMONT, NH—Time has taken its toll on the stained-glass windows of the Claremont Opera House.

There are the inevitable small cracks. There's weather damage, to be expected of a building erected in 1896. A hole stuffed with rags is a makeshift fix. The leading between the panes presses down on the adjoining glass. Even the interior windows facing the City Hall atrium are starting to bulge.

Andrew Pinard, COH's new executive director, has been on board for only six weeks. But he's grateful to have inherited both a window restoration project and the initial funding from two \$20,000 New Hampshire State Conservation Committee "Moose
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Restoration specialists from Sash & Solder begin dismantling one of the windows on the COH's south side. Note the rags stuffing a hole, and the clear — not frosted — pane with a view of Broad Street Park (Courtesy photo).

Sununu Signs Back to School Emergency Order

CONCORD, NH – On Friday, Governor Chris Sununu issued an emergency order mandating schools offer in-person instruction to all students at least two days a week starting March 8.

"This Emergency Order will help get kids back in the classroom," said Sununu. "The data and science is clear — kids can and

should learn in-person, and it is safe to do so. I would like to thank all school districts, teachers, and administrators who have been able to successfully navigate this path."

A K-12 school may transition to required full-time distance learning for all students or a segment of students for up to 48 hours without approval from the state if the transition is nec-

essary to assess concerns related to COVID-19 infections, staffing shortages related to infections, or another unexpected event or series of events related to COVID-19.

If a school wishes to transition to fully-remote learning for more than 48 hours, they must receive approval from the Commissioner of Education.
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ation, in consultation with Public Health.

The impact is not expected to be widespread but rather affecting fewer than 20 school statewide. The governor’s office said that some 60% of schools in the state are operating in hybrid model and 40% of schools have returned to in-person learning five days a week.

Virtual Learning Academy Charter Schools are not impacted by this Emergency Order.

Lebanon Resident Pleads Guilty to Wrongful Voting during Nov. 2016 General Election

CONCORD, NH – Deputy Attorney General Jane E. Young announced last week that Vincent Marzello, age 65, of Lebanon, NH, pled guilty to one count of Wrongful Voting for voting twice in the City of Lebanon, during the November 8, 2016 General Election.

Marzello was charged with a Class B Felony for violating RSA 659:34, I (b) for knowingly voting more than once for an office or measure for voting twice in the City of Lebanon, during the November 8, 2016 General Election, by voting once as Vincent Marzello and once as Helen Elisabeth Ashley.

Marzello was sentenced to 90 days at the House of Corrections, all suspended for a period of 2 years from the date of sentencing.

As a consequence of Marzello’s election law conviction and pursuant to Part I, Article 11 of the New Hampshire Constitution, his right to vote in New Hampshire is terminated.

In addition, a civil enforcement action was commenced against Marzello, pursuant to RSA 659:34, I (c), for applying for and obtaining a ballot in a name other than his own during the November 8, 2016 General Election, by using the name Helen Elisabeth Ashley.

As a condition of his sentence, the defendant is required to pay \$300.00 of the \$3,000.00 civil penalty he was issued by Attorney General’s Office. The remaining \$2,700.00 civil penalty is suspended 5 years from the date of sentencing.

Thursday, March 11 New England Quilts and the Stories They Tell presented by Pam Weeks at 7 pm, Virtual

Quilts tell stories, and quilt history is full of myths and misinformation as well as heart-warming tales of service and tradition. Nearly every world culture that has cold weather uses quilted textiles-quilting is not just an American art. Pam Weeks weaves world history, women’s history, industrial history, and just plain wonderful stories into her presentation.

Prompted in part by the material culture at hand, the pre-

sender may speak about fashion fads, the Colonial Revival, quilt-making for Civil War soldiers, and anything else quilt-related she can squeeze in.

Pamela Weeks is the Binney Family Curator of the New England Quilt Museum. Author of the book Civil War Quilts and articles on quilt history, she lectures nationally on quilt-making and quilt history. Participants are invited to share a digital image of a quilt for identification and/or story sharing by March 8th.

Email mary.king@plainfieldlibraries.org to send an image and request the Zoom link.

NOTICE

United Way of Sullivan County has 2021 grant applications available beginning Monday, Feb. 22. Sullivan County nonprofit agencies (5013c) are eligible to apply. Due date for consideration is March 18, 2021. For additional information or an application, email dranne@scunitedway.org.

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Youth Operator Injured in Claremont Snowmobile Crash

CLAREMONT, NH – On Saturday, Feb. 13, at approximately 5:50 p.m., the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department was notified of a single snowmobile crash with injury on trail 387 in Claremont. Claremont Fire Department, Golden Cross Ambulance, Claremont Police Department, and a Conservation Officer responded to the scene. The operator was riding at the end of the group of six when the snowmobile went off to the right side of the trail and stuck a tree.

The operator, a minor from Keene, NH, suffered serious but non-life-threatening injuries as a result of the crash. The operator was transported by a family member on a snowmobile to the nearest road. Golden Cross Ambulance evaluated and transported the operator to Valley Regional Hospital to be treated.

The operator was wearing a helmet, proper riding gear, and had successfully completed an OHRV and Snowmobile Safety Education Course. It is believed that difficult terrain and rider fatigue were the leading causes of the crash.

Math Art For Kids - Free Virtual Learning Series

This Claremont MakerSpace class will run Tuesday, February 23, Wednesday, February 24, and Thursday, February 25 from 10:00-11:30 am each day. Registration includes attendance at all 3 classes.

In this 3-part series kids will create art projects that reflect math concepts. We'll explore geometry, patterns, symmetry and more through activities such as paper quilting, string art, and Escher-like tessellations. This series is designed for ages 9-12.

Please note: Family members are welcome, but younger kids will need assistance. Instructor will provide templates and a materials list prior to each class.

For more information and to register, visit <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event/2021/2/23/math-art-for-kids>.

Cone Scholarship Program

The Cone Automatic Machine Company Charitable Foundation scholarship program

will continue for the coming school year 2021-2022. 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; the mailing address is PO Box 65, Claremont, NH 03743.

Completed applications must be post-marked no later than May 12, 2021.

Scholarship awards will be announced in June 2021.

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

Disagreement Over House Remote Meetings Leads to Federal Lawsuit

Seven New Hampshire Democratic state representatives filed a federal lawsuit early last week against House Speaker Sherman Packard, a Republican, alleging that the Speaker's refusal to permit them to participate in meetings of the full House remotely because of their concern about being exposed to "in-person" meetings of the House, violates the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The seven representatives, led by House Democratic Leader Renny Cushing of Hampton, filed the suit in United States District Court in Concord Feb. 15 after weeks of fruitless negotiation with Speaker Packard failed to come up with a remote access solution for the seven representatives, who are all over age 60 and have serious medical conditions which they claim make them all at higher risk of contracting COVID-19. The virus has been contracted by 72, 399 Granite State residents, and claimed the lives of 1,150 of these residents as of Feb. 19, 2021, according to the New Hampshire Health & Human Services Dept., including the late House Speaker Richard Hinch. The seven representatives, besides Cushing, include Nashua's David Cote, Manchester's Kenneth Snow and Diane Langlely, Concord's Katherine Rogers, Westmoreland's Paul Berch, as well as Newmarket's Charlotte DiLorenzo.

In a Feb. 16 press statement released by the House Democratic Office, Leader Cushing declared, "With community transmission of COVID-19 still high in New Hampshire, and the discovery of more contagious strains of the virus, there is no legitimate or justifiable reason to deny at-risk to safely serve their constituents. The lawsuit seeks relief for the members who requested remote access to House sessions under the Americans with Disabilities Act. As my leadership team and I have done from the start, we will continue to offer solutions to the Speaker and work with him on an acceptable resolution. However, with only eight days until the next House Session, and no indication the Speaker will provide remote access, we had no choice but to resort to litigation."

The first virtual hearing on the filed lawsuit was held Friday, Feb. 19, in Concord before District Court Judge Landya McCafferty, who after hearing the arguments asked for more background material by Saturday, Feb. 20, to review. But Judge McCafferty also urged both sides to work out a non-judicial solution to the lawsuit before the hearing was held, according to informed sources. Anyway, I would guess that she would issue a ruling on the Democratic state representatives' lawsuit within the next few days, either Monday, Feb. 22, or Tuesday, Feb. 23. But if she rules in favor of the plaintiffs, it could impact or even delay our next two House meetings, now scheduled for Feb. 24 and 25 at the New Hampshire Sportsflex Facility in Bedford.



Yes, I do wish House Democratic Leader Renny Cushing and Speaker Packard had been able to work a non-judicial solution without going to federal court so at least the seven Democratic representatives earlier listed could participate in future House meetings. In fact before the lawsuit was filed, Leader Cushing had spent several weeks working behind the scene either phoning or writing letters to the Speaker in an attempt to devise a solution of either holding only remote meetings for all representatives, offering all representatives a choice of either remote or in-person attendance at House meetings, or at least allowing the previously-mentioned representatives to participate remotely.

Unfortunately, the Speaker rebuffed all of Cushing's requests by first stating that there are no House rules currently in place so as to permit remote meetings, even though he and his House Republican Leadership Team have rejected several attempts by House Democrats to put remote meeting rules in place. Second, he claimed that he is doing all he possibly can to protect all representatives from possible exposure to COVID-19. These steps include giving representatives the choice of attending House committee meetings in person or virtually. Also, holding meetings of the full House either outdoors in a drive-in format as was done Jan. 6 at UNH in Durham as well as the upcoming Feb. 24 and 25 indoor meetings in Bedford that will be conducted. He stated in the Feb. 19 House Calendar that the New Hampshire Sportsplex where the Feb. 24 and 25 meetings will be held has approximately 50,000 square feet worth of area, which is approximately double the indoor area of UNH's Whittemore Center in Durham where three House meetings were held in 2020 after the onset of the pandemic when the Democrats controlled the House. Finally, he declared that he is making sure that the Feb. 24 and 25 meetings will be in "risk-mitigated and secure environment" for all rep as well as House staff.

Frankly, I do not know why Speaker Packard is being so inflexible on this issue and forcing on at least my seven House colleagues a difficult choice of either skipping full House meetings until the COVID-19 pandemic is brought under control, and thus depriving their constituents of adequate representation at such meetings or the choice of personally attending such meetings and possibly exposing themselves to a virus which could make them sick or worse. This inflexibility is in light of the fact that many state legislatures, including the neighboring Vermont Legislature, is meeting entirely in a remote manner. Also meeting entirely in a remote manner is the New Hampshire Senate as directed by Senate President Chuck Morse, a fellow Republican. Finally, if I and my colleagues now have a "hybrid" choice of attending House committee meetings either remotely or in-person, why can't we also have the same choice of attending full House meetings either in-person or remotely? Such inflexibility is baffling, in my opinion.

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Editor's Note: Late this morning, WMUR reported that "A federal judge on Monday denied House Democratic lawmakers' attempt to require that the Republican Speaker use remote technology to ensure access to two House sessions later this week, despite the threat of COVID-19. U.S. District Court Judge Landya McCafferty wrote in a 17-page ruling that Speaker Sherman Packard is 'immune' from the Democratic lawmakers' suit 'challenging his enforcement of a House rule that is closely related to core legislative functions.'"

NH Legislature Considers Education Funding Bills Based on Impact of COVID

CONCORD, NH—The NH Senate Education Committee held a public hearing on SB145 on February 17. “This bill, introduced by Senator Jay Kahn (D) Keene, makes a temporary change in the formula for school funding due to the COVID-19 pandemic,” said District 5 State Senator Suzanne Prentiss. “The average daily membership in attendance (ADMA) and enrollment in the free and reduced lunch program have dropped significantly due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Without legislative intervention, these drops would result in decreased funding for our school districts at the worst possible time.

“SB 145 seeks to allow our districts to maintain their level of state funding based on numbers from the 2019-2020 school year. It also renews fiscal capacity disparity aid of \$36 million to the 80 districts with lowest property valuations per pupil in addition to the highest tax rates.

“This bill will help school districts plan for town meetings, stabilize local property taxes, and help our schools continue to provide high quality education in a safe environment,” said Prentiss.

SB145 is still in the Education Committee and will be taken up for action the week of March 1.

“On February 18, SB135, introduced by Senator Erin Hennessey (R) Littleton, came to the Senate floor for consideration after a public hearing and action in the Senate Finance Committee,” Prentiss continued. “This bill would have also restored the ADMA to pre-COVID-19 rates, however without the restoration of fiscal capacity disparity aid to the 80 New Hampshire school districts in the most need of help. This includes Charlestown and Claremont. Senator Jay Kahn (D) Keene proposed a Floor Amendment to SB135 to restore the fiscal capacity disparity aid. However, that amendment was defeated by Senate Republicans in a vote down party lines. Overall, SB135 passed and will move on to the House for consideration in an expedited manner.”

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Locally-Based Rural Outright Calls for Passage of the Equality Act

Rural Outright, a community program of TLC Family Resource Center located in Claremont, joined a coalition of more than 150 local, state, and national lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) organizations in calling on Congress to swiftly pass the Equality Act.

“Across our state, LGBTQ people and their families and friends, business owners and faith leaders, students and activists, have all been making their support for the Equality Act known,” said Matt Mooshian, Program Coordinator for Rural Outright. “This law would be a significant step forward for the LGBTQ community, and we are committed to mobilizing our community here in Claremont to make sure our lawmakers know this is about people, not politics.”

Introduced yesterday in the U.S. House of Representatives, HR 5, the Equality Act, is a landmark nondiscrimination and civil rights bill that would update existing federal laws to protect people from discrimination based on their sexual orientation and gender identity. It has broad and deep support across lines of political party, demographics, and geography, with 83 percent of Americans saying they favor LGBTQ nondiscrimination protections, including 68 percent of Republicans and a majority in every state in the country.

Discrimination is still commonplace for LGBTQ Americans. Opponents of LGBTQ equality continue to file discriminatory bills in states across the country in an attempt to undermine existing protections in adoption, marriage and access to basic public services and businesses. According to a 2020 study, one in three LGBTQ Americans faced discrimination in the previous year, including three in five transgender Americans. The Equality Act would ensure that all LGBTQ Americans can live, work, and access public spaces free from discrimination, no matter what state they call home.

“It’s time for our lawmakers to listen to their constituents, show leadership and make passage of the Equality Act a priority,” said Mooshian. “All Americans, including LGBTQ people, should be able to live, work, and access services like banks and medical care without fear of harassment or discrimination.

Inequality perpetuates a culture that doesn’t work for this country.

“Although 21 states and more than 330 cities have passed LGBTQ nondiscrimination protections, half of LGBTQ people live in the 29 states that still lack comprehensive statewide laws,” said Mooshian.

In 2019, the Equality Act was introduced in the House of Representatives. It passed the House on May 17, 2019 with a bipartisan vote. It was not heard in the Senate.

Hassan, Shaheen, and Colleagues Urge Postmaster General to Restore On-Time Delivery

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senators Maggie Hassan (D-NH), a member of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, which has oversight over the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) joined their colleagues in urging Postmaster General Louis DeJoy to restore on-time mail delivery. Senator Hassan led negotiations to include \$10 billion for the USPS in the COVID-19 relief and government funding package that was signed into law in December to help the agency address pandemic-related mail delays.

“Our constituents have experienced missed paychecks and court notices, delayed critical prescriptions, an inability to reach small business customers and suppliers, lost rent payments and delayed credit card payments resulting in late fees, breakdowns in service to their communities, late personal mail such as holiday packages, and more. Reportedly, mail delivery has not yet recovered after the peak season, with constituents continuing to experience delays despite the tireless efforts of postal workers,” wrote the Senators.

The Senators continued: “It is your duty, first and foremost, to protect service and ensure timely mail delivery for every person in this nation. We demand that you not make additional changes that will harm service for the American people. In addition, we urge you to be fully transparent with the public about Postal Service operations and the reasons they are still facing delays.”

Recent reports have also suggested Postmaster General DeJoy intends to implement a strategic plan that would further slow down the mail and unacceptably decrease service for millions of Americans who rely on the Postal Service.

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Letters to the Editor

Supports Emmett Soldati for NHDP Chair

To The Editor:

Last fall a scrappy campaign for Executive Council out of Somersworth captivated “Proud Townies” across the state. Emmett Soldati was the candidate behind the Proud Townie movement which sought to uplift all communities in his district. I was proud to support Emmett in his campaign for Executive Council then, and now as Emmett is running for Chair of the New Hampshire Democratic Party, I proudly and enthusiastically support his bid.

This time around Emmett has evolved the proud townie movement and has created a bold plan to put our local communities first. Emmett understands that a local first approach is key to how we develop successful committees and engage voters, but it’s also important for sustaining power long-term and ensuring Democratic victories in elections to come. He knows that we need to meet people where they are at, and he knows that not all communities face the same challenges. That’s why as Chair, Emmett will work with local committees to develop clear, issue-oriented messages that live outside of election cycles, and he will leverage the knowledge and skill of town and county committees.

One of my favorite memories from the last election was going to Charlestown to hold signs with Emmett. We stood outside the Charlestown polling location for over an hour, holding signs and dancing to pop music. Emmett engaged with voters and made sure they knew he was there to listen to them. If elected Chair of the New Hampshire Democratic Party, Emmett will continue to show up for all of our communities. He will work to strengthen relationships and open doors within the party. Emmett Soldati is the best choice for NHDP Chair.

Get involved in Emmett’s campaign for NHDP Chair today, visit emmettsoldati.com/get-involved.

Matt Mooshian, Claremont, NH

Clty’s Pay Schedule Must be Adjusted to Be More Equitable

To The Editor:

On February 13, 2021, the *e-Ticker* reported on the Claremont City Council vote for a 2.5 % Merit pay raise for city Merit employees. The *e-Ticker* reported that I was the lone opposing vote against the raises. Let me be clear about my vote. First, I believe in a \$15/hr. minimum wage. A livable wage for a NH single resident is \$15.59/hr. A national livable wage for a family of 4 is \$16.54/hr. The NH minimum wage, which is also the U.S. minimum wage is \$7.25/hr. That wage is ridiculous and has been set by millionaire legislators. Second, my opposing vote on local pay raises was because of wage disparity. That means that with a 2.5% raise I do not believe that a Minimum wage earner of \$15,000 annually gets a \$377 raise and a \$94,000 wage earner gets a \$2,350 raise. I believe the bottom wage earner should get the \$2,350 and the top earner get the \$377. This would be fair, just, and equitable. Third, I believe that the top wage earners are an asset to the city. They have invested in education and they have crucial experience. They need to be fairly compensated, and I believe they are. We cannot continue to allow for this wage disparity to grow. With this system, the poor will continue to be poor and the gap will grow for municipal employees. An illustration of this is that the top pay grade for the city makes \$10,000/yr. more than the next lower graded employee. Why this large gap? We are inching toward a \$100,000/yr. salary for the top people which I believe is out of line with Claremont’s wages. We cannot allow this trend to continue. Remember, Claremont has a 14% poverty rate.

I sought out and spoke with a Claremont wage earner paid at one of the lower levels. The person I spoke with worked 3 jobs to make ends meet. Minimum wage earners are not teenagers working their first job. They are hardworking family people. As a city we can do better for our citizens. Our pay schedule must be adjusted to be more equitable. I believe that a flat yearly pay raise for all would be one solution to the disparity dilemma.

Jim Contois, Councilor, Ward II, Claremont, NH



NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – February 21, 2021

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

On Sunday, February 21, 2021, DHHS announced 267 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 2.0%. Today’s results include 184 people who tested positive by PCR test and 83 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 2,940 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

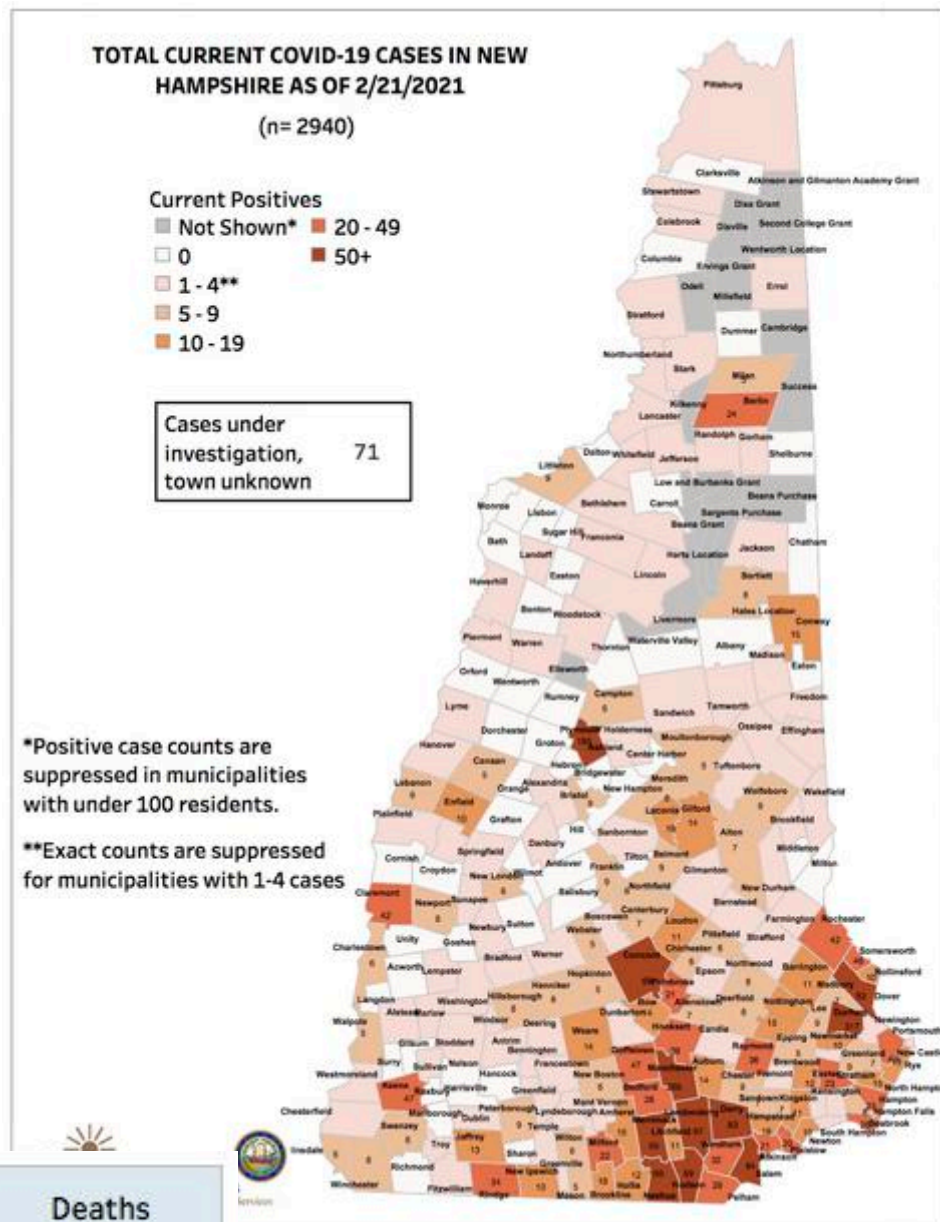
2/20: 267 new cases

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 are thirty-four individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 52% being female and 48% being male.

The new cases reside in Rockingham (56), Strafford (49), Merrimack (36), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (33), Cheshire (11), Grafton (7), Coos (6), Carroll (4), Belknap (2), and Sullivan (2) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (24) and Nashua (22). The county of residence is being determined for fifteen new cases.

Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Of those with complete risk information, most of the cases have had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.



Geographic Distribution* of COVID-19		Infections		Hospitalizations		Deaths	
		Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total
Belknap	Total	3,054	4.2%	32	2.9%	90	7.8%
Carroll	Total	1,646	2.2%	24	2.2%	6	0.5%
Cheshire	Total	2,538	3.5%	22	2.0%	25	2.2%
Coos	Total	1,273	1.7%	10	0.9%	36	3.1%
Grafton	Total	2,483	3.4%	17	1.6%	18	1.6%
Hillsborough	Manchester	9,547	13.0%	266	24.3%	200	17.3%
	Nashua	6,323	8.6%	120	11.0%	77	6.7%
	Outside Manchester and Nashua	12,077	16.5%	191	17.5%	298	25.8%
	Total	27,947	38.1%	577	52.8%	575	49.8%
Merrimack	Total	7,299	9.9%	93	8.5%	103	8.9%
Rockingham	Total	18,022	24.5%	252	23.1%	205	17.8%
Strafford	Total	6,798	9.3%	49	4.5%	72	6.2%
Sullivan	Total	1,302	1.8%	16	1.5%	19	1.6%
Unknown	Total	1,051	1.4%	1	0.1%	5	0.4%
Grand Total		73,413	100.0%	1,093	100.0%	1,154	100.0%

Data as of: 2/21/2021

DHHS has also announced one additional death related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends. 1 female resident of Coos County, 60 years of age and older

There are currently 109 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 73,413 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

As of Sunday, there were 42 positively identified cases in Claremont; 67, in Sullivan County.

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.

Residents and Visitors Urged to Continue to Exercise Caution on the Ice

CONCORD, NH – New Hampshire Fish and Game Department officials urge outdoor enthusiasts to continue to exercise caution when enjoying winter activities on or near the ice. 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,” said Fish and Game Colonel Kevin Jordan. “With erratic temperatures and unpredictable water currents, some areas of ice may look safe, but may not be. We are urging people to always 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 get further out onto the ice 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. Weak ice forms when warming trends break down the ice, then the surface refreezes. Be especially careful of areas with current, such as inlets, outlets, and spring holes, where the ice can be dangerously thin.

Tips for staying safe on the ice include:

Don't venture onto any ice during thaws.

Stay off the ice along the shoreline if it is cracked or squishy. Docks, rocks, and downed trees absorb the sun's heat and can cause the ice around them to be thin.

Watch out for thin, clear, or honeycombed ice. Dark snow and ice may also indicate weak spots.

Small bodies of water tend to freeze thicker than larger ones. Rivers and lakes are prone

to wind, currents, and wave action that weaken ice.

Never gather in large groups on less than 8–10 inches of hard ice.

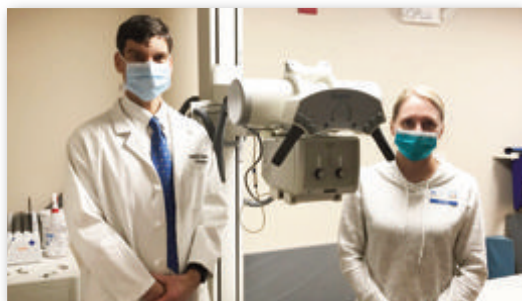
Always bring along a rescue rope, ice picks, and a personal flotation device such as a float coat or life preserver.

If you do break through the ice, stay calm. Move or swim back to where you fell in, where you know the ice was solid. Lay both arms on the unbroken ice and kick hard. This will help lift your body onto the ice. A set of ice picks can help you pull yourself out; wear them around your neck or put them in an easily accessible pocket. Once out of the water, roll away from the hole until you reach solid ice.

Ice safety is also very important for snowmobilers. Don't assume a trail is safe just because it exists; check out trail conditions before you go at <http://www.nhstateparks.org/activities/snowmobiling/trail-information.aspx>.

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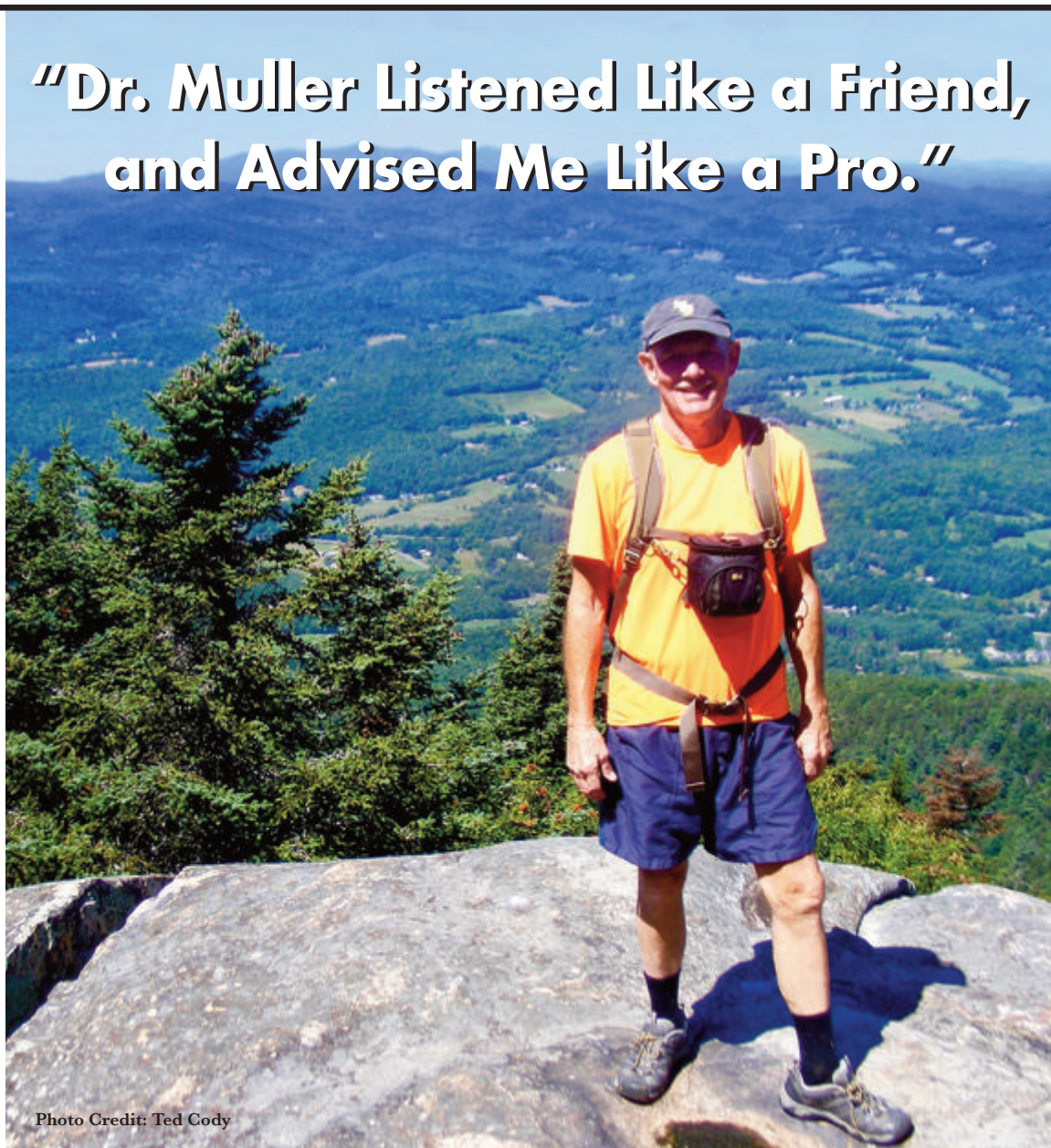


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Let the Games Begin! On Cable, No Less

CCTV to Inaugurate Livestreaming of Youth Basketball Games

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—This year, the Youth Basketball League, a Claremont Parks & Recreation program, is operating under strict guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Masks, temperature checks, gymnasium capacity — all developed with the aim of keeping players, coaches, referees and spectators safe.

The issue of spectators was a particular challenge for Justin Martin, the department's superintendent of recreation programs. Normally, the bleachers in the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center are packed with cheering families and friends. This year, each player is limited to a single spectator.

Martin had already floated the idea of events being livestreamed on the local cable station, CCTV. Then came December 31. "Following the First Night livestreaming event, we knew that this would be a great partnership between our two entities," he said. "Once we saw CCTV's new capabilities, we knew we needed to jump on this opportunity."

Multiple e-mails between the Rec Department and CCTV resulted in the collaboration. "It was actually a very easy process," Martin added. "Josh and his crew at CCTV have been extremely willing to help us out with this request."

For his part, CCTV executive director Josh Nelson was happy to start using the station's

new equipment. "We upgraded two servers to handle livestreaming," he said. "A streaming bridge device connects what's being filmed over the Internet to the studio. Plus we bought two new HD cameras."

Another crucial piece of equipment, the ATEM Mini-Pro, functions as a mobile studio. The device has four ports for connecting video cameras and a laptop, two ports for microphones, a monitor, and a switcher to determine which camera feed is being sent to the station. (During the games, Nelson will work the switcher from courtside.) A 1-terabyte hard disc records everything being filmed, making the games available for replay on the website.

Nelson views the youth basketball program as the first step in reaching out to the entire community. "We now have a more secure infrastructure that will allow us to work all around the city." As COVID-19 recedes and restrictions ease, he added, "we'd like to collaborate with the Opera House, the schools, arts organizations and other groups. I want to show Claremont off."

Youth basketball games are scheduled for the next six Saturdays: Feb. 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27; and April 3, starting at 9am.

Follow the teams' schedules (including game times) at leaguelineup.com/schedules.asp?url=claremontsports

Watch the games at claremontv.org, channel 8.



Clockwise: The HD cameras can be handheld or mounted on tripods. The zoom feature is ideal for capturing sports activities. The entire mobile studio takes up very little space. All the equipment connects to the ATEM Mini-Pro. Executive director Josh Nelson inspects the two new small, green-paneled servers that allow CCTV to livestream events. Youth basketball action will be livestreamed on CCTV channel 8 on Saturdays from Feb. 27 to April 3 (Eric Zengota photos).

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Please bring proof of previous rabies vaccination if possible.

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COVID-19 policies: this is a curbside event.

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Please do not attend if any members of your household have recently been ill or exposed to persons with COVID-like symptoms.

Pet parents will be asked a series of health questions upon arrival.

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SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS FOR TREASURER

Will take place as follows:

Date: Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021

Time: 6:45 p.m.

Place: Zoom Meeting.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting. on Feb. 23, 2021 6:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada). Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYvf-mtrD8jH9I0-5Jn8nqYloB814n0uFsV>

After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email with information about joining the meeting after it is confirmed that you are a registered Democrat.

If you want to attend, please contact Judith Kaufman at JPK52@aol.com. We'll be electing our Democratic Committee Treasurer. All registered Democrats are eligible to vote or run for Treasurer. This is a special midterm caucus to fill an open slot. Sullivan County Democratic officers will have to run for office again this spring.

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NH Drinking Water Festival for Students, Teachers

The New Hampshire Drinking Water Festival has educated and inspired fourth graders to conserve and protect our water resources for 27 years. To keep everyone safe, the 2021 festival is moving online. And, to support teachers, students and parents, these FREE online resources will be available March through July.

Major themes include the water cycle, watersheds, groundwater, wildlife, the human water cycle and a Water Poetry Contest! Lessons connect with students' daily lives and explore how they can keep water clean. The online lessons and activities are designed for students in grades 3-5, but with the timeless importance of clean water, students in other grades can also benefit from them.

If you would like to learn more, please contact Lara Hooper at lara.hooper@des.nh.gov.

Spend Less Time Sanding - Free Virtual Learning

CLAREMONT, NH—Do you find yourself spending endless time sanding your wood-working projects? Join Claremont MakerSpace Artist in Residence Eric Diven of Long Walk Wood-working for tips and tricks on how to reduce time sanding. Following his motto 'Proper Planning Prevents Protracted Prep' and gain some new skills for your future projects!

This class is presented free over Zoom. Once you register, you will receive the connection link.

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 6:00 p.m.

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event/2021/2/24/spend-less-time-sanding>.

**FRIDAY, March 5th - First Fridays!
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Public Notice

**Claremont School Board Retreat Meeting March 3, 2021 at 6:30pm
Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center, Teal Room**

The Claremont School Board will be holding a school board retreat meeting at Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center Teal Room. Please call Melissa Small to reserve a seat 543-4200 x6009. Those in attendance will need to adhere to safety rules which include temperature check, hand sanitizer, wearing a face mask, social distancing and others deemed necessary. Please visit our website: www.sau6.org under School Boards to review agenda items. The public is encouraged to reserve a seat.

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Turning Points Network: As Busy As Ever As Agency Helps Survivors, Providing Support During the Age of COVID-19

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—As the country turns the page on the one-year anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic, Turning Points Network (TPN) is another non-profit that continues to provide all of its advocacy, support, and crisis intervention services during these uncertain and challenging times. Support groups have moved to an online platform, and advocacy is virtual as well as in-person. This includes court advocacy in obtaining restraining orders, working with law enforcement in pursuing criminal charges, and assisting survivors in applying for other community services for which they are eligible. Advocates are available to meet with survivors by phone, webchat and in-person by appointment. The shelter remains open.

“TPN is as busy as ever,” said executive director Deb Mozden. “TPN serves more than 1,000 survivors directly or indirectly each year. Last quarter, October-December 2020, during the pandemic, TPN actually served more survivors than in the same quarter the prior year. We are still available 24 hours a day, and six advocates are working remotely and in the office every day while a corps of volunteers continue to staff the crisis and support line evenings and weekends.”

Mozden said that for a period of time, clients were not wanting to go into the shelter due to living with other families during a pandemic. “And so we switched to hotels, but that was hard for some folks to consider, too. Even though we had emergency housing available through the shelter and the hotels, people were leery, and so we were actually able to help people get into safe housing more quickly than usual, which sounds counterintuitive during a pandemic, but we had landlords willing to work with us.” Mozden said a transitional housing grant and donations from the community and NH Charitable Foundation funding have helped to assist people in any way during COVID. Mozden said placements “went really well, we had great help from landlords. The trend has changed now with more folks going into the shelter first, to have a little more time to figure out solutions and what they want to do. But we’re still putting people into permanent housing. What we’re finding out is that there are fewer rental properties available.”

One area that TPN has embraced that it didn’t use before is technology. “Prior to the pandemic, we did not work electronically just because of the safety factor so as not to leave a digital footprint.” TPN turned to an electronic service (the *e-Ticker* is not identifying its name) that doesn’t leave a digital footprint, allowing it to work safely “with survivors and for survivors to work with us, if calling us or coming in doesn’t feel comfortable.” Mozden said she sees no reason to shut down that capability once the pandemic threat has passed.

Mozden said that “Prevention education in the schools slowed considerably since April. However, that is changing with requests from four school districts over the [last few weeks]. TPN has the capability of teaching its programs remotely or in person. And, programs for the community have met with great success, in particular, those focused on healthy relationships and those specific to teen relationships.”

Like most non-profits, revenue is an area that TPN is also watching. “We are bracing for a substantial loss in revenue again this year,” said Mozden. “TPN fundraises about 25% of its budget each year through donations, events and sales from Changes Boutique and Thrift. Changes is now open three days a week, Thursday-Saturday 10-4. We are not able to take donations at this time but the store is fully stocked with high quality, previously-loved merchandise, new items, designer labels and more. Stock rotates daily. All profits from Changes support TPN programs and services.”

TPN is gearing up to host its popular 15th Steppin’ Up to End Violence signature fundraiser through May 15th. This will be a fully virtual event and community members are encouraged to participate “anytime, anywhere, any way they want. It is easier than ever to participate in this fundraiser that generates critical revenue for services for survivors and violence prevention education for youth,” said Mozden. More information will be released in the near future.

Also ongoing is the project to relocate to 231 Broad St. That project has been delayed, but for a good reason, as Mozden put it, saying

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that the USDA had offered funding, a late entry into the projection, “but it was enough funding that we could put in an elevator. It also puts some funds towards the construction of the project, so we had to revamp the project to some degree but all in good ways. We plan to go back out to bid in March and choose a contractor”, with the project getting underway after that. “So delayed for a good reason. The elevator had been desired but seen as a down-the-road project—it would have been external—it just makes sense to get it done now that we have the funds for it.” Mozden said that the USDA is a strict funding source, but the agency is providing its expertise at no cost and that coupled with the funding makes the delay “well worth the wait.” At the moment, the one unknown is the cost of building materials, which have substantially increased during the pandemic.

Mozden finished up saying that the pandemic has been hard on “many of our staff, especially those who are also focused on their children’s education at home. But we are a strong team and work together to make sure that every request for services or for prevention programming is responded to in real time; we’ve been able to honor every request for services. Revenue has been tight but we’ve been able to do everything we’ve wanted to. Our staff has rallied and our volunteers and board have been fabulous. You balance that out with what’s been hard.”

NH to Receive \$20 Million for Child Care Programs

CONCORD, NH—Tuesday, Governor Chris Sununu announced that the NH Department of Health and Human Services received nearly \$20 million from the federal government as part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) to support child care programs across the state.

“All throughout the pandemic, we have worked hard to ensure that our child care programs have remained open, supporting New Hampshire families with this critical service,” said Sununu. “Child care programs have offered much stability and a sense of normalcy for many of NH’s children, and the state has supported the needs of the industry through the pandemic with innovative, record level funding streams. This additional infusion of funds will assist in the continued stabilization of child care programs.”

The funding will be distributed to Family Child Care Providers, Child Care Centers, and Licensed-Exempt individual providers to support their operations as they continue to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic. For Child Care Centers, awards will be based on the following formula:

Number of classrooms

Number of staff directly serving children and families at least 51% of the time

Percent of children enrolled and receiving the NH Child Care Scholarship

The funding formula takes into account programs’ support to families who may be vulnerable, and those who may be working in jobs critical to NH’s economy, such as health care, long-term care, hospitality, and retail. This formula also focuses on capacity, quality and increased staff needs to meet public health guidelines.

The funding provides programs with the flexibility to meet their business needs, including:

Employee wages and one-time bonuses

Income loss

Increased operating and occupancy costs

Materials and supplies

Staff development and/or training

Tuition and fees

The \$19,867,552 will be administered through the DHHS Bureau of Child Development and Head Start Collaboration. The streamlined application for assistance, as well as information for all eligible providers, will be available on March 1st through NH Connections at <https://www.nh-connections.org/covid-19/financial-resources/>.

Programs must have a profile in NH Connections prior to applying for funds and DHHS will issue these instructions to programs that are not already enrolled in NH Connections on February 22nd.

DHHS and the Governor’s Office will continue to work closely with the Council for Thriving Children “to ensure a synergistic vision for this and future federal relief funding,” said the governor’s office.

Need Some Extra Space for Your Next Project/Business/Creative Experiment?

CLAREMONT, NH—Need some extra space for your next project/business/creative experiment?

The Claremont MakerSpace has Personal Studio Spaces that provide personal work areas for dedicated users to call their own. Personal studio spaces are made up of 48” dividers and come in sizes of 60 sq/ft and 100 sq/ft, with each studio including 2 power outlets and an Ethernet jack.

Learn more about CMS Personal Studio Spaces at <https://claremontmakerspace.org/studio-space/>.

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This week I wanted to touch on a couple of items that can really help any of you that are interested in purchasing or renting in this very active Real Estate market. The phrase “Having your Ducks in a Row” has never been more appropriate than in today’s financial marketplace. One of the most difficult and frustrating situations that is an issue in both purchasing and rentals is having the funds needed to qualify. Whether it’s the first and last month’s rent or a percentage of the purchase price, scraping together the finances to meet those requirements can be difficult.

Whether you’re buying or renting you should be ready to:

1. Have your credit score checked - Be aware of items that will stand out and be ready to discuss if asked
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Plate” grants. These were secured through the efforts of Louanne Lewit, the former executive director, and board member John Bennett.

Pinard plans to use the pandemic-induced, no-events downtime to address that and several other maintenance needs. Every aspect of the work must balance the old and the new, he said. “We have to respond to the needs of today’s performers and audiences while maintaining the historic character of the building itself.”

In all, 13 windows were identified for restoration, some half-rounds and the rest rectangles. The 66 panels (the sections between the wooden struts) contain hundreds of individual panes of glass.

Sash & Solder is the project contractor. Owner Tom Driscoll and his team have already disassembled three half-rounds and one rectangle, numbering each frame, strut and pane.

At their Button Factory building in Portsmouth, they will analyze each window and restore whatever it requires, from strengthening the wood to matching the delicate glass tints to complete replacement. Re-installation is scheduled over the next three months.

This first phase takes care of slightly less than one-third of the windows’ total square footage. The next phases depend on securing more funding. The project cost is estimated at \$112,000, with a further \$12,000 to \$15,000 for improvement. To date, about \$60,000 has been secured from several sources: the two Moose Plate grants, the Coronavirus Aid, Re-

lief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the New Hampshire Nonprofit Emergency Relief Fund (NERF), and the State’s Live Venue Relief Program.

The project is part of a broader plan by which Pinard and the board of directors plan to make COH once again a magnet venue and a vital part of Claremont life.

“The windows restoration is a visible, tangible aspect of the programming going on inside. We’d like to light the windows themselves so they could be on display with the flick of a switch. And when we restore the outside window wall of the top-floor gallery facing Washington Street, we could light that up in different colors.”

Ultimately, said Pinard, “the Opera House will become literally a beacon for the community.”

To learn more about the COH’s various maintenance projects — and how to donate to the 2021 Renaissance Campaign — vis it claremont-operahouse.org.

Top: Andrew Pinard examines the windows in the Director’s Lounge, which face Opera House Square. Bottom right: The half-round at the top of this window set is protected



by plywood. To remove these windows, which are on the Opera House Square façade, staging must be erected on the sidewalk. Bottom left: The missing panes of glass can be seen on the right side (Eric Zengota and courtesy photos).



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Dartmouth-Hitchcock Names First Female Chair of Neurology Department

LEBANON, NH – Dartmouth-Hitchcock (D-H) and the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth has appointed Barbara C. Jobst, MD, Dr. med, as the new chair of the Department of Neurology for D-H and Geisel. Previously, Jobst served as vice chair of Neurology and section chief of Adult Neurology. She has directed the Epilepsy Center at D-H and is the Louis and Ruth Frank Professor of Neuroscience at Geisel. She succeeds Jeffrey A. Cohen, MD, who retired as department chair in January 2021. Jobst is the first woman to serve as chair of Neurology at D-H.

“I am thrilled to be chosen as the next Neurology chair as I see it as an opportunity to shape and educate the next generation of neurological researchers and physicians,” Jobst said. “It will be my job to make the department even more successful than it already is, and I am excited to work with my colleagues at D-H and Geisel to achieve that goal.”

Jobst completed her medical training in her native Germany, along with a student exchange at Geisel in 1992, and has been with D-H since 1996. She has successfully grown the reach and impact of the Epilepsy Center regionally and nationally, and is the creator of the Home-Based Self-Management and Cognitive Training Changes Lives (HOBSCOTCH) program, developed at D-H, specifically for people with epilepsy and designed to help improve memory problems. Her other work includes studying implanted brain stimulation devices that detect seizure activity in the brain and wirelessly transmit the information to a patient’s neurologist for treatment. She also studied brain stimulation for memory improvement. Jobst’s many honors



Barbara C. Jobst

and awards include the Transforming Leader Fellowship Award from the American Academy of Neurology, the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Kniffin-Perry Award for Excellence in Epilepsy Care from the American Epilepsy Society, and the New Hampshire Tech Alliance's

TechWomen/TechGirls Tech Professional of the Year Award.

“Barbara embodies the ultimate goal of physicians, which is to better the health and quality of life of our patients,” said Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health (D-HH) Chief Clinical Officer Edward J. Merrens, MD. “Through her research and innovations, there have been marked improvements to the treatment of epilepsy and outcomes for people with the disorder. She inspires her colleagues at D-H to do and be better, and has put our epilepsy program on the map for the quality of care we provide. The Neurology Department overall will benefit greatly from her leadership and I look forward to its continued growth.”

As Neurology chair, Jobst said she hopes to create a Brain Institute between D-H, Geisel
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and Dartmouth College, that brings neuroscience researchers together to study neuropsychiatric disease and develop innovative treatments for diseases such as stroke, epilepsy, Alzheimer's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), multiple sclerosis (MS) and others. Basic and translational research will inform clinical care.

Outpatient Antibiotic Therapy Piloted in Northern New England

WHITE RIVER JCT., VT—Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) have partnered in a pilot program to deliver Outpatient Antibiotic Therapy (OPAT) to patients with injection drug use/substance use disorder in the home.

OPAT is not new in health care, but bringing it to a population that is currently using or has a history of substance use disorder is. Health-care teams have been hesitant to send someone home that has a history or is a current user of substances with direct access to a central line. "We know through other states that have trialed this program, such as Massachusetts and Maine with success, that science supports giving people recovery support, so they can continue to receive IV antibiotics at home. These patients want to be home and to go through whatever phase of recovery they are in," said Briana White, Home Health Care Manager at VNH.

Without this treatment at home, many of them would have to stay in the hospital, taking up beds, or go to a skilled nursing facility. This treatment gives the patient care in the best possible place and supports them with resources to help with their recovery. With OPAT, the patient gets direct one-on-one support from a dedicated nurse for triage and oversight, a dedicated recovery coach, and home visits for line care, assessments and education with the home health nurse from VNH. Through a multidisciplinary approach, patients

can receive treatment for their infection with IV antibiotics along with recovery support in their home.

In one study, published in the National Center for Biotechnology Information, completion rates of OPAT and adverse events for those with a history of drug use and those without did not differ significantly (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7252283). By providing care in a non-judgmental way VNH and DHMC are helping in the patient's recovery journey.

Newport Area Chamber Presents Awards at Annual Meeting

NEWPORT, NH—On Thursday, February 4th, the Newport Area Chamber of Commerce was proud to honor its 2021 Distinguished Citizen Of The Year award winner, Business of the Year award winner and Non-Profit of the Year award winner. This year the organization recognized Ella Casey as Citizen of the Year, Summercrest Senior Living Community for Business of the Year, and Got Lunch! Newport for Non-Profit of the Year. The awards and annual meeting were done virtually over Zoom, instead of the traditional banquet at the Newport Opera House. The Newport Chamber of Commerce plans on recognizing its Student Achievement Award winners at a later date.

Toro Recalls Power Max

Name of product:

Toro Power Max Snowthrower

Hazard:

The auger can fail to disengage when the control lever is released, posing an amputation hazard.

Remedy:

Repair

Recall date:

February 17, 2021



Units:

About 6,700

Description:

This recall involves Model Year 2021 Toro Power Max 826 OHAE Snowthrowers with Model Number 37802. The model and serial number are located on the back of the snowthrower. Serial numbers included in this recall are listed on Toro's website at <https://www.toro.com/en/product-safety-information/product-recall-information>.

Remedy:

Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled Toro Power Max Snowthrower and contact a Toro authorized dealer for a free repair.

Incidents/Injuries:

The firm has received five reports of incidents related to auger failing to disengage when the control lever is released. No injuries have been reported. This item was sold at Home Depot, Ace Hardware, and Toro Authorized Dealers nationwide and online.

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Protect Benefits for Children with Special Needs

If you have a child or other family member who has special needs due to physical or mental conditions, you face a variety of challenges planning for their care, including financial ones. You may also have some well-meaning relatives who want to help, but who may not realize that their moves could actually result in some serious lifestyle and monetary problems for your loved one. Fortunately, by planning ahead, you can avoid these potential traps.

As you probably already know, individuals with special needs are eligible for a variety of government benefits and local programs that provide assistance with housing, medical needs, specialized equipment, independent living, job training and other services. You may also know that some of these programs require participants to meet financial criteria to qualify for benefits. Usually, this isn't a problem if your loved one has little income and few assets.

Difficulties can arise, though, when other relatives, such as grandparents, include loved ones with special needs in their estate plans by naming them as beneficiaries of insurance policies or retirement assets, or as beneficiaries of any trusts the grandparents have established. In these situations, loved ones who receive or inherit a sizable amount of assets may then be ruled ineligible for some important services.

Hopefully, your relatives will have informed you of their plans. If so, let them know that although you appreciate their generosity, the way they've chosen to show it could have unanticipated – and harmful – effects. You could then suggest ways they could structure their gifts to be more valuable.

Specifically, they can help through a special needs trust, either one that's already been created or one they create for their gift. A special needs trust is designed to help people with special needs use financial gifts or inheritances for a variety of purposes while keeping their eligibility for some government programs and other services. There are two main types of special needs trust:

- **First-party special needs trust**

An individual with special needs, their legal guardian or the court can establish a first-party special needs trust benefiting that individual. The first-party special needs trust is funded by the individual's own assets, either through earnings or an inheritance or a personal injury award. A first-party trust contains a "payback" rule, which means that when the individual beneficiary with special needs dies, the trust must pay back the state for certain benefits received.

- **Third-party special needs trust**

A relative or person other than the individual with special needs who wants to include that individual in their estate plan can set up a third-party special needs trust. The third party trust is funded with assets from someone other than the individual with special needs. With a third-party trust, no "payback" provision is required.

Many issues are involved in establishing an appropriate special needs trust. Consequently, you'll need to consult with your legal advisor to determine your next steps. Afterwards, you'll want to involve everyone in your family who could contribute to a trust, so they'll all know what to expect and how they can participate. Once the arrangements are made, you can all feel like you've done your part to make things easier for the loved one in your life with special needs.

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Sports

Fisher Cats Announce 2021 Schedule

Single-game tickets for the month of May go on sale March 15

MANCHESTER, NH— The New Hampshire Fisher Cats (Toronto Blue Jays Double-A affiliate) have announced their 2021 schedule, a 120-game season from May 4 - September 19 loaded with warm-weather baseball, Atlas Fireworks, and 18 home games against the Future Red Sox at Delta Dental Stadium.

The Fisher Cats home opener is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11 against a new division rival: the Somerset Patriots (New York Yankees). A spectacular Atlas Fireworks show will follow the game to celebrate the return of Fisher Cats baseball.

"We couldn't be happier to announce our schedule and gear up for another season of Ferocious Fun," said Fisher Cats President Mike Ramshaw. "It's been over 500 days since the last Fisher Cats game at Delta Dental Stadium, so we're really looking forward to welcoming back our fans in a safe, family-friendly environment in accordance with state guidelines and protocol."

Single-game tickets for the month of May will go on sale March 15. Single-game tickets for the rest of the season will be made available in the coming months as stadium capacity regulations continue to evolve.

Season Tickets, Mini Plans, Group Outings, and Suites are now available for purchase over the phone at (603) 641-2005.

The Fisher Cats front office staff will follow all state and federal guidelines to ensure fan and player safety. This includes wearing masks, practicing safe social distancing, and thoroughly sanitizing the stadium.

"I'm thrilled baseball is returning in 2021, and look forward to safely cheering on the Fisher Cats when they kick off their season this spring," said Mayor Joyce Craig. "Through this difficult time, they have continued to give back to our community by hosting safe, socially distanced graduations, concerts and movie

nights. I'm grateful for their partnership and commitment to our city."

The Fisher Cats will host the Portland Sea Dogs (Boston Red Sox) 18 times in 2021 -- including the entirety of Fourth of July Weekend -- and treat fans to 17 Atlas Fireworks Shows throughout the season. The 18 matchups in Manchester between the Fisher Cats and Sea Dogs tie a record set in 2007.

The Fisher Cats will play in the Double-A Northeast League, a 12-team circuit including familiar Eastern League foes like the Hartford Yard

Goats (Colorado Rockies), Binghamton Rumble Ponies (New York Mets), and Reading Fightin' Phils (Philadelphia Phillies). The Somerset Patriots (New York Yankees) are the league's only new member, as the Trenton Thunder have been reassigned to the MLB Draft League.

Under Minor League Baseball's new scheduling format, teams will play six-game series throughout the season, and each Monday will be a league-wide off day. In a more typical year, Double-A teams will be scheduled to play 138 games. The 2021 season will not include an All-Star Game or playoffs.

After starting the season on the road in Portland on May 4, the Fisher Cats will open their home schedule with back-to-back six-game series against the Patriots and Sea Dogs from May 11-23.

Eighteen of New Hampshire's final 24 games will be played at home, including a Labor Day Weekend matchup with the Sea Dogs, and a season-ending homestand against the Harrisburg Senators (Washington Nationals) from September 14-19.

For more information, visit NHFisherCats.com.



Lebanon-Stevens-Mount Royal Boys Ice Hockey

01/28/21	at Belmont-Gilford	L 2 - 3
02/01/21	Berlin-Gorham	W 3 - 1
02/03/21	Keene	W 3 - 0
02/06/21	at Keene	L 3 - 5
02/10/21	Mon-Fall Mountain	W 6 - 0
02/11/21	Plymouth	W 4 - 1
02/13/21	at Mon-Fall Mountain	W 5 - 0
02/15/21	at Berlin-Gorham	L 2 - 4
02/17/21	ConVal	Cancelled
02/17/21	Kearsarge-Plymouth	W 3 - 2
02/24/21	Berlin-Gorham	07:10 PM
02/24/21	Berlin-Gorham	07:10 PM
02/27/21	at Berlin-Gorham	06:00 PM

Lebanon-Stevens-Kearsarge Girls Ice Hockey

01/16/21	Hanover	L 0 - 6
01/23/21	at Oyster River-Portsmouth	L 1 - 2
01/26/21	Hanover	L 1 - 7
01/27/21	Keene-Mon-Fall Mountain	Cancelled
01/30/21	at Hanover	L 0 - 8
01/30/21	at Keene-Mon-Fall Mountain	Cancelled
02/03/21	at Bishop Brady-Trinity-West	W 2 - 1
02/06/21	Bishop Brady-Trinity-West	W 3 - 2
02/12/21	Keene-Mon-Fall Mountain	W 1 - 0
02/19/21	Concord	L 1 - 4
02/20/21	at Concord	L 2 - 6
02/24/21	Berlin-Gorham	05:20 PM

SHS Boys Basketball Scores First Wins of the Season Vs. Newport

The Stevens Cardinals boys' basketball team was looking for their first win this past Monday, as they traveled to Sunapee for a game with the Lakers.

The Cardinals took a 10 point lead into the 4th quarter but an inspired Laker defense held them to just 5 points in the quarter and Sunapee's Harper Flint scored all 12 of his points in the final quarter as Sunapee came back to grab a 46-44 win when a Clayton Wadsworth shot, that was online, bounced out at the buzzer.

Wadsworth led all scorers with 21 points. Kayden LaClair scored 11 points, and Owen Taylor added 6 points.

The Cardinals were back in action Friday evening at Frederick Carr Gymnasium. Stevens played host to their neighboring rival, the Newport Tigers. The Cardinals built on the momentum they gained at Sunapee and rolled to a 62-33 win, their first of the season, and the first for new coach Ray Curren.

Clayton Wadsworth scored a game high 21 points for the Cardinals. Hunter LaRocque scored 9 points, as did Brady Moote, who also hauled down 8 rebounds. Owen Taylor chipped in with 7 points, 6 rebounds, and blocked 3 Tiger shots.

Under the COVID guidelines established by the NHIAA, teams play home and away games with the same opponent each week, to help with contact tracing should the need arise. With a weather cancellation earlier in the week, and limited dates for a reschedule, the two teams would meet again in less than 24 hours with a Saturday matinee at Towle Gym in Newport.

The game was pretty much a repeat performance for the Cardinals, as they defeated



Left: Another big win for the SHS boys basketball team Saturday afternoon at Newport. Right: The SHS varsity girls completed Saturday's three game sweep over Newport with a 52-35 comeback victory (Courtesy photos).

Newport 68-35 in their rematch, improving the Cardinals record to 2-5.

Wadsworth again led the way for Stevens as he drained 7 shots from beyond the arc en route to his 24 points. Sophomore Kayden LaClair scored a career high 12 points. Brady Moote again scored 9 points, Hunter LaRocque tossed in 7 points, Devin Genes, Reeve Wilkinson, and Owen Taylor each chipped in with 4 points, and freshman Lucas Belisle scored his first varsity point, connecting on 1 of his 2 free throws.

The junior varsity Cardinals had just a single game last week, playing at Sunapee on Monday, prior to the varsity game. Their record would fall to 1-4 as they lost a close game 34-31.

Hunter LaRocque hit a pair of 3 point shots to lead Stevens with 10 points, Dylan Chambers scored 8 points, Barrett Companion added 5 points, and Lucas Belisle chipped in with 4 points.

Stevens will be in action at home on Tuesday night with a boys and ladies Varsity doubleheader against the Wildcats of Fall Mountain. The Lady Cardinals will get the evening started at 5:00 with the boys playing at 6:30.



Sunapee Recreation Spring & Summer programs update

SUNAPEE, NH—Sunapee Recreation Dept. is implementing a "pay later" system for all programs as this will ensure that you still receive the pertinent information regarding the activity you have registered for. Therefore, please still register for programs at no cost. As we re-evaluate, we will send out information on start dates and fees. Register online at www.town.sunapee.nh.us

Currently taking Registration for:

- Tee-ball - pre school & kinders
- Majors, Minors & Rookie level Baseball - grades 1st-6th
- Softball-grades 3rd-5th
- Summer Day Camp x 8 weeks **New for summer 2021
- Swim Lessons - Dewey Beach
- Sailing Lessons
- British Soccer Camp
- Adult Easter Egg Hunt ** New for Spring 2021
- Jr Adventure Camps - fishing, Archery, fort building ** New for summer 2021
- Granite State Track & Field- ages 9-14 **New for Spring 2021
- Special Programs for Seniors!! ** New for summer 2021

Council Passes Resolution to Make Several City Buildings More Energy Efficient Following Lighting Audit

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—At the Feb. 10 City Council meeting, councilors voted unanimously to pass a resolution regarding an energy lighting audit and upgrade for several municipal buildings. The action follows an energy audit prepared by World Energy Efficiency Standards at no cost to the City; the project was conducted in September of 2020.

Planning and Development director Nancy Merrill explained that an energy lighting audit was done on the library, Visitor Center, City Hall and Fire Station. “Eversource has a program called New Hampshire Saves and put out a bid to contract with municipalities to bring a program to them. World Energy won the bid and was selected for the region. A lighting audit was done at no cost to the City and they prepared a proposal that would convert all the lights in City Hall, Fire Station, library and Visitor Center to LED.” Similar programs to convert lights to LED have been done at the CSBCC and DPW, meaning these are the remaining municipal buildings to be upgraded, said Merrill.

The total cost of the project was placed at \$102,379, with Eversource providing an incentive of \$51,191; the City’s share will be \$51,187, taken from fund balance. The payback was placed at 2.5 years. Savings over 10 years is anticipated to be approximately \$200,000, said Merrill. She added that the library benefits the most with a 48% energy reduction. The City Hall savings, combined with the Fire Station, was placed at a 17% reduction, while the energy reduction at the Visitor Center came in at a 9% reduction.

Claremont Mobile Food Pantry rescheduled

Due to last week’s inclement weather, the Mobile Food Pantry scheduled last week in Claremont at Runnings was rescheduled to Wednesday, Feb. 24, from 12–2 pm.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Claremont, Zoning Board of Adjustment

will meet on Monday, March 1, 2021 7:00 PM Via ZOOM

*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting is being conducted via Zoom.

The public is invited to join the Zoom meeting online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81720938956?pwd=ZEtjVmxGMmtSTVdLQVdua3JBNGN-FUT09>

Passcode: 193534 By Phone: 1-646-558-8656 US (New York) Webinar ID: 817 2093 8956

If there is a problem getting through to that number, please call 603-504-0341.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held concerning the following application:

A. (ZO 2021-00001) Heather Thyne, 66 Bible Hill Road – Application for a Special Exception to establish a hair salon on the property at 66 Bible

Hill Road. Tax Map 155, Lot 27. Zoning District: R1

Interested parties may review this application at the City of Claremont’s Planning and Development Department, 14 North Street during normal business hours.

Comments about This application may be submitted by any of the following methods:

In person at the hearing, or

In writing at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or

By email at cityplanner@claremontnh.com.

Michael Hurd,

Chair

NHCF Scholarships Available

Student scholarship opportunities are available through the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

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Inspiration

Making Choices

By Priscilla Hull

From a wee early age, we have had the responsibility for our own decisions. Oh, true, those decisions in early life weren't overwhelmingly difficult. They didn't have a huge impact on life, but they set the stage for future decision. Did we get praise for those small decisions? Were the consequences pleasing to us? Did we get rewarded well for those decisions? All of that influences us in later life. Such decisions that we make in early life seem trivial now, but as we grow and mature, they do become important, conscious decisions or not. We learn wrong and right.

When I was a little girl, my next older sister and I decided to play store. We shopped with Mom at a little store which had very high shelves. Some of you, dear readers, remember—no big chain stores. The Mom and Pop stores had a big, long wooden counter which the grocery man presided over. There were shelves on the other side where you could select some items and a meat counter at the back, a refrigerated glass case where on a hot summer day a little girl could cool her face, leaning onto it (that must have driven the meat man wild, as he'd then have to clean the front, but he never scolded us.). The grocer had a handy tool that he could hook cereal boxes from the top shelf or he could grab hold of cans from the next shelf.



Well, we were fascinated by the process but didn't have that handy tool. So we improvised. For some reason we made a decision to play store. Looking back, I'm not sure that was a good choice, in fact, I know it wasn't now! Back then we thought it would be fun. We also chose to use the shelves where the dishes and glasses were kept. Another very poor choice. Being the more adventurous, I climbed on the cast iron oil stove and leaned over to take things off the shelf; this glass was the can of beans, that dish was the box of crackers and so on. We had almost a grocery bag full, when Mom walked in. Well, maybe two dishes were broken but several glasses were broken because, as my sister received the groceries, she kind of dropped them in the bag, because I was fast taking the "groceries" off the shelf!

Poor choices! Poor choices! A lot of fun, but poor choices. You see, the oil stove had pilot lights for the top surfaces and the oven, so the surface was warm. I took off my shoes, but was standing in my sock on that hot surface. Of course, dropping the glasses and dishes to my sister was also a poor idea, because I was going faster than she was and she dropped some. Finally, the third bad decision was playing store with dishes. I suppose that it was better than playing store with the canned things in the pantry. You see, Mom had spent days canning things in glass canning jars which would have broken and what a mess that would have been! So maybe we did make one right choice.

As we all grow older, the choices become more difficult and make a greater impact on us and the world around us. I choose to save the water that I wash veggies and fruit with and the water I run to heat for bath and dishes to water plants and gardens. It doesn't make a huge impact on the ecology, but it helps. Little choices like that make a little impacts. You know what choices you make and how they affect the world and people around you. So think carefully about your choices. Don't play grocery store with the family china and glasses! Watch out for others! Watch out for yourself!

Finally, my brothers and sisters, fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, Noble, right, pure, lovely and honorable.
Philippians 4:8

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



Tiny worlds abound around us, there for the viewing but for a short time.

Photo by Phyllis A. Muzeroll

Calendar Of Events

Prepare for the Unexpected— Buy Your Voluntary Hike Safe Card for 2021

CONCORD, NH – Hikers, snowshoers, cross country and back country skiers, climbers, and all other outdoor enthusiasts are encouraged to purchase their voluntary annual Hike Safe card for 2021. Card sales help ensure that the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Conservation Officers, trained in wilderness rescue, are there to come to your aid if the unforeseen happens.

Valid for the entire calendar year, the 2021 Hike Safe cards cost \$25 for an individual, or \$35 for a family, and are good through December 31, 2021. The price is the same for both residents and nonresidents, and the card also exempts holders from certain liability for repaying search and rescue costs.

Cards can be purchased online at www.wildnh.com/safe and at New Hampshire Fish and Game Department Headquarters, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH.

Wednesday, February 24, at 7:00 pm Senator Sue Prentiss to Address the Plainfield Democratic Committee Caucus Meeting

Senator Suzanne Prentiss will speak on the work that she has done in the NH Senate during the current session. She is a member of

the Executive Departments and Administration Committee, Education Committee, and Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR) committees. In this session she has sponsored 32 bills.

All registered Democrats in Plainfield are eligible to vote in the caucus elections. We encourage all registered Democrats to attend the caucus.

The meeting will be held by Zoom and all attendees must preregister for the meeting.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/64811211211>

Public Announcement from the NH Health Department

Please be aware that we have had a recent case of rabies within our community. Local livestock have recently been infected.

Please be on the look out for animals acting strangely. Please do not confront wildlife.

Contact your local police department for assistance or NH Infectious Disease, 271-4496.

Stephanie M. Schell,
Director of Community Resources,
Town of Plainfield, NH

Virtual Grief Support Available Through Lake Sunapee VNA

NEW LONDON, NH—Lake Sunapee VNA offers two virtual grief support groups for the community, which can be attended once, multiple times or as needed. To help anyone grieving during this pandemic and time of social dis

tancing, a "Bereavement Check-in" group is available on the third Wednesday of every month from 4:00-5:00pm. A "Widow to Widow" group is held on the first Monday of every month from 3:30-5:00pm.

Anyone interested in participating in these free groups should email their contact information to Lori O'Connor at loconnor@lake-sunapeevna.org and a member of the bereavement team will call with further details.

SCCD Seeks Nominations for Conservation Legacy Awards

UNITY, NH—In honor of the 75th anniversary for Conservation Districts in the State of NH, the Sullivan County Conservation District seeks nominations for the Conservation Legacy Award. This award seeks to honor the nominees sustained commitment to the stewardship of natural resources in Sullivan County.

For 75 years the County Conservation Districts have worked tirelessly with landowners and communities to promote the conservation and responsible use of natural and agricultural resources. The Legacy Award endeavors to shine a spotlight on those who embody this mission. Businesses, organizations, individuals, and families are eligible for the award if they live in or are based in the County, have a minimum of 5 years experience of sustained commitment to conservation and stewardship.

Nominations should be no more than two pages and include a summary of why the nominee is deserving of this honor. Nominations



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could include information on the nominees' property stewardship, overall impact of the County's environmental health, activism on behalf of conservation and agriculture, education and outreach in the community, their willingness to share natural resource information with the public, service as a mentor for others, service to conservation organizations, and/or any notable accomplishments or awards.

Nominations are due to the SCCD no later than March 31, 2021 and can be submitted digitally or by hard copy in the mail. Nominations can be mailed to Conservation Legacy Awards, Sullivan County Conservation District, 95 County Farm Rd. Unity, NH 03743 or emailed to ddextraze@sullivancounty-nh.gov.

These awardees will be announced in June 2021.

For further information about legacy awards, contact: Dawn Dextraze at 603-504-1004 or ddextraze@sullivancounty-nh.gov.

NEWS FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The 2021 Spring Plant Sale is Here! We are taking orders now.

This year's Plant Sale is now underway, featuring a variety of quality plants at good prices. The money raised from the sale supports conservation activities throughout the year, including workshops, programs and projects aimed at promoting and conserving the county's natural resources. This sale is also a service we provide for our community. All of the plants offered are hardy, healthy, and adapted to our growing conditions. Most are native, and none are invasive. New items this year include blueberries from Bascom Road Blueberry Farm in Newport. Bonus and Chandler Blueberries produce the largest berries. We are offering many Wild Edibles that are good for humans and wildlife alike. Elderberry is back due to popular demand and an increased awareness of the health benefits of elderberry syrup. We are selling it bare root and potted this year. You can find a recipe for elderberry syrup here or on our website.

Visit <https://www.sccdnh.org/local-agriculture> to view the catalog and download an order form. The order deadline is Wednesday, March 3rd.

Plant pick-up will be on Friday, April 30, and Saturday, May 1, at the Ahern Building garage, Sullivan County Complex, County Farm Rd. Unity, NH. You will receive an email or phone call to schedule a time frame for pick-

up. ***Some wildflowers will not be ready for pick-up until the first week of June.

If you would like a catalog and order form mailed to you, please contact Dawn Dextraze at 603-542-9511 x269 or ddextraze@sullivan-county-nh.gov.

Catalogs and order forms may also be found starting the first week of February at these places: Grantham Public Library, Acworth General Store, Claremont Community Center, Newport and Lempster Town Offices, Goshen Country Store, 100 Mile Market, and Plainfield Country Store.

Need Some Extra Space for Your Next Project/Business/Creative Experiment?

CLAREMONT, NH—Need some extra space for your next project/business/creative experiment?

The Claremont MakerSpace has Personal Studio Spaces that provide personal work areas for dedicated users to call their own. Personal studio spaces are made up of 48" dividers and come in sizes of 60 sq/ft and 100 sq/ft, with each studio including 2 power outlets and an Ethernet jack.

Learn more about CMS Personal Studio Spaces at <https://claremontmakerspace.org/studio-space/>.

As well, they are currently offering tours of CMS. Tours are scheduled in advance and participants must follow our COVID-19 policies. To schedule a tour, please email info@twinstatemakerspaces.org.

Charlestown VFW Bingo Schedule

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown VFW Bingo schedule for the new year:

Charlestown VFW Bingo is offering a weekly opportunity for some semblance of normalcy. Wednesday nights 5:00 for early birds and 6:30 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. In Gov. Sununu's most recent mandate request is that when moving about the hall, please wear a face covering whenever 6' social distancing can't be maintained. While seated at the tables, masks may be removed. Be mindful that in the Gov.'s mandate there are many reasons

why someone may choose to not wear a mask – and they cannot be questioned or made to prove why they choose not to; nor will they be penalized for not wearing a mask. Please be respectful of others.

Attendance will be limited to 94. We do have some masks on hand as well as plenty of hand sanitizer for your use. To all our patrons that choose to attend, thank you for your patronage during these turbulent times. For those who don't feel comfortable attending at this time, we understand and wish you well until we can meet again.

Tom St.Pierre, Commander, Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497

A Message from ServiceLink

NH ServiceLink offices across the state are open via phone and email during the COVID-19 pandemic. In this time of social distancing it's easy to feel alone and isolated. ServiceLink is a phone call away! Trained, nationally and state certified staff is available via phone during normal working hours.

ServiceLink staff is here to listen, answer questions, problem solve, and link you to resources and services.

In addition, ServiceLink helps individuals connect to long term services and supports, access family caregiver information and supports, explore options and understand and access Medicare and Medicaid. We are, as always, confidential, unbiased, and free to the public.

Call 1-866-634-9412 toll free or find us online.

Direct phone numbers and email addresses for each local office are listed on our website. Offices are located in Atkinson, Berlin, Claremont, Concord, Keene, Laconia, Lebanon, Littleton, Manchester, Nashua, Stratham, Rochester, and Tamworth.

Area Grocery Store Hours Reserved for High Risk Population

HANNAFORD - Most stores reserve 7 AM – 8 AM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. In Massachusetts, those special hours are 7 AM – 8 AM daily
MARKET BASKET 6 AM - 7 AM EVERY DAY
Claremont
CO-OP FOOD STORES 7AM - 8 AM EVERY-DAY
WRJCT, Lebanon & Hanover

PRICE CHOPPER 6AM - 7AM EVERYDAY-
Windsor & West Lebanon
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PLAINFIELD COUNTRY STORE Call ahead
for curb side pickup, 709-7055. Prepared
meals, grocery items.

Claremont Senior Center News

Hi everyone. Well, what shall we talk about this week. Just to let you know, we are still here. We are following the news on guidelines now that it looks like the light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter. Believe us, when we are sure we can fully open safely, our door will be opened sooooo fast. We miss all of you.

Let's see what is going on at the Center this week.

Special Thank You: Thank you to everyone who donated at the Blood Drive on Monday. It was greatly appreciated. We will let you know when the next chance will be to save a life.

Here is the menu for Tuesday and Thursday: Tues. Feb. 23-Soup, Mongolian Chicken, Rice, Vegetable and Dessert.

Thurs. Feb. 25-Soup, Baked Fish, Funeral Potatoes, Vegetables and Dessert. Take out only. Members-\$4, nonmembers-\$5. Pick-up: 11:45am-12:15pm. Call 543-5998 before 10:30am to reserve your meals.

By the way, Ken was nice enough to share the recipe for Mongolian Chicken in the Claremont Senior Center newsletter.

Foot Clinic-Wed. Feb. 24th. Call 603-748-1731 for an appointment. The Clinic dates for March will be in the next newsletter.

Make your tax preparation appointment by calling 1-802-952-3154. Remember, the Center will not be making the appointments this year. But the nice group of tax preparers will be here to serve you.

Bored? Cabin Fever? Members can call for a time to come in and pick up a book or a puzzle. For those of you who have never put together a puzzle, what have you got to lose? Give it a try. It's quiet, challenging, frustrating and rewarding. There's nothing like putting in the right piece.

Well, we guess that's it for this week. Like we said, we are watching the reports for guideline changes. Schedule your shots, wear a double

mask, distance and call a friend. See you next week. Stay well, stay safe.

Thought of the Week: Aging is not lost youth but a new stage of opportunity and strength.

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Rd., Claremont, NH, 606-543-5998. Masks required.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday, February 14th 2021

17:04 Responded with E-3 to North St. for a water problem

19:43 Responded with E-3 to Pleasant St. for a medical call

20:14 Responded with E-3 to Heritage Drive for a medical call

Monday, February 15th

08:10 Responded with E-3 McKenzie Ave for a medical

09:42 Responded with E-3 to Broad St. for a public assist

16:38 Responded with E-3 to Elm St. for a medical call

Tuesday, February 16th

09:54 Responded with E-3 to Sullivan St. for a Box Alarm

11:18 Responded with E-3 to Little Lane for a low hanging wire

20:30 Responded with E-3 to Bessie Ave for a public assist

21:05 Responded with E-3 to Main St. for a smoke investigation

Wednesday, February 17th

16:02 Responded with E-3 to Pleasant St. for a medical call

20:11 Responded with E-3 to Winter St. for a medical call

20:42 Responded with E-3 to Heritage Drive for a medical call

Thursday, February 18th

04:57 Responded with E-3 to Broad St. for an alarm sounding

12:10 Responded with E-3 to Pearl St. for a medical call

12:36 Responded with E-3 to Cardinal Lane for a public assist

15:51 Responded with L-1 and R-1 to Chestnut St. for a person in the river

17:27 Responded with E-3 to Pleasant St. for a medical call

23:19 Responded to Providence Ave for a

medical call

Friday, February 19th

09:35 Responded with E-3 to Pearl St. for an alarm sounding

14:13 Responded with E-3 to Green St. for a medical call

20:22 Responded with E-3 to Lonsdale Ave for a medical call

Saturday, February 20th

11:13 Responded with E-3 to Main St. for a public assist

16:45 Responded with E-3 to Davis St. for a medical call

21:53 Responded with L-2 to Wayne Ave for a public assist

Center for the Arts: Lake Sunapee Region

March 5th - First Fridays! Virtual Winter Dance Performance Passion Prevails Pandemic 7:00-8:30

A virtual evening of new works by Kearsarge Conservatory of the Performing Arts

Get the link at www.cfanh.org

www.centerfortheartsnh.org/first-fridays

March 13th - St Patrick Comes to New London! - Part of the CFA Performing Arts Series Postponed to 2022 www.centerfortheartsnh.org/performing-arts-series

April 2nd - First Fridays! Poetry Night! "Native American Beauty is Diversity" - 5:30-6:30

FREE

Guest Poets and readings by this year's contest winners- In collaboration with the Mt Kearsarge Indian Museum

A Sign Language Interpreted Event - Newbury Town Hall Community Room

ALL AGES: To submit a poem to this year's contest: VISIT <https://centerfortheartsnh.org/poetry-contest>

www.centerfortheartsnh.org/first-fridays

April 9th-11th - "Turning Toward the Sun"

Postponed TBD

A SKIT theater production - by Ceil Warren - "Safely" at Whipple Hall-New London

www.centerfortheartsnh.org/performing-arts-series

April 16th-18th - "Turning Toward the Sun"

Postponed TBD

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.etickernewssofclaremont.com

William D. Waite

William David Waite passed away quietly, just as he preferred to live his life, Saturday, February 20, 2021, at the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center to join those who had previously known and loved him. Bill was a person who was committed and loyal husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend to those who took the time to know and understand his independent nature.

Bill was born September 10, 1933, in Oneonta, NY, the son of the late Stephen Ernest Waite and Elizabeth King Waite. Having been raised in Cambridge, NY, and graduating from Cambridge Central School in 1951, he later resided in Windsor, VT, and Claremont, NH, returning to Cambridge upon retirement in 1997. Upon graduating from Albany Business College in 1953, he served three years in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany. Bill's career was in banking, having been employed with State Loan and Finance, City Bank & Trust of Claremont and Connecticut River Bank in Charlestown, NH. He was one of the original founders of the Cambridge Saddle Club, a member of the Salem Fish & Game Club in Salem, NY, and the Coon Hunter's Association in Windsor, VT.

While retired, he also volunteered as a driver through the RSVP Association. Bill was an avid fly fisherman, always looking for the right ripple in the Battenkill, and was an avid

hunter. He hosted many gatherings at his camp in Ashgrove, indulged in woodworking, attended to his blueberry patch and watched the financial numbers daily on the news.

He leaves behind his wife and partner, Martha Hutcheons Waite; children, Stephen (Cheryl), daughter, Laurel Curtis (Mark); grandchildren, William Waite (Megan) and Stacie Kerin (Zachary), Stefanie Curtis (Evan Russell) and Katelyn Curtis; great grandchildren, Wyatt and Abram Waite, Caden and Maeve Kerin; stepchildren, Charlene Lovett, Suzanne Hawley, Charles Marcotte and Janette Coombs.

Bill always asked for simplicity and therefore his funeral will be for immediate family only with no calling hours.

Memorial contributions in Bill's memory may be made to the Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad, 37 Gilbert St., Cambridge, NY 12816.

Burial will be at a later date when family can gather at Woodlands Cemetery in Cambridge and enjoy happy memories of their patriarch knowing that he lived his life just as the famous singer said, “I lived it my way”.

To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.gariepyfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements are with the Ackley, Ross & Gariepy Funeral Home in Cambridge, NY.

Cynthia J. Grenier, 68

Cynthia “Cindy” Jean Grenier (Campbell) was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. On February 16, 2021, she left this world, joining the angels in heaven at the age of 68.

Born on December 13, 1952, to Earl D. Campbell and Ellen Jean Campbell (Donovan), she called Charlestown, NH, home for most of her life. Cindy worked for the United States Postal Service for more than 20 years. Prior to that she worked for the Student Conservation Association. Cindy was a fun loving, adventurous lady who loved outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, and swimming. From a young age she had a strong desire to travel which she did with her grandmother as a girl. As a young adult, she spent time with a host family in England, later returning with her father and daughter to visit again. She loved going to the beaches in Maine, Florida and California. She enjoyed visiting with

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friends and family, dancing, playing the guitar, and was always up for a game of canasta!

Though in recent years, her mobility and health declined, her positive, passionate spirit continued to shine. She was a strong, fierce woman with an infectious laugh who always reminded us to look on the bright side of every situation and that if you work hard you can do anything you set your mind to.

She is survived by her husband Gary Grenier, Daughter Jamie Lake, son-in-law Jared and their children Logan, Ethan, and Violet, her stepdaughter Erica Aubin, her husband Austin and their son Liam, and stepson Trevin Grenier.

Cindy was predeceased by her father and mother.

A church service and a burial will be held this summer. Specific information regarding the service will be announced at a later date.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Lloyd M. Wilson, 93

Lloyd Merrill Wilson, 93, of Claremont, NH, died peacefully Tuesday, February 16, 2021, surrounded by his loved ones. Lloyd was born in Woodsville, NH, on February 10, 1928, the son of Charles T. Wilson and Ruth E. (Ware) Wilson. He was raised in East Rygate, VT, for 12 years, resided in Claremont since 1940 and graduated from Stevens High School in 1946. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict having served in the US Army.

He worked at the Dartmouth Woolen Mill for 18 years and retired in 1990 from Lovejoy Tool Co. in Springfield, VT, where he worked as a machinist for 23 years.

He was a member of Grace River: A Life Giving Church, member of the Charlestown Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars post #8497, the Sullivan County Sportsman, and a former member of the Rod & Gun Club, the Mantowa #40 N.A.F.C.A. and the Circle 8 Square Dance Club.

His wife, love of his life, Vera Belle (Larcom) Wilson of Claremont whom he married on October 7, 1950, preceded him in death.

He was a loving father to his son, Terry Scott Wilson, fiancé Trish Royce, his daughter Donna Lee (Wilson) Neider, son-in-law Rodney Neider and daughter-in-law Jennifer (Bodwell) Wilson.

His parents, loving brothers Roger D, Wilson 2002 and Francis Wilson in 1989, son Timothy Merrill Wilson, May 29, 2006, his loving daugh-

ter Debra Lynn (Wilson) Corcoran, March 20, 2017, son-in-law Stephen Jon Corcoran, February 15, 1993, daughter-in-law Dona Lynn (Hershel) Wilson, April 24, 2004, also preceded him in death.

He is also survived by his sister, Nancy (Wilson) Robitille and sister-in-law Stella (Ferland) Wilson; grandchildren, Jeremy and Andrea Wilson, Fawna and Keith Moore, Tonia and Robert Maccioli, Misty and Michael Boutin, Heather and Matt Gfroerer, Brandon and Meghan Wilson, Valerie and Michael D'Aloia, Michael and Christine Corcoran and Molly and Stephen McManus. Lloyd was also blessed with many great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and even great-great nieces.

Lloyd was a loving and supportive husband, dedicated father and kind-hearted friend. Lloyd enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, bird watching, New England sports, card games, board games, dancing and woodworking: making board games, butterflies, popsicle stick spinners, large bald eagles with wings that moved and much more. He also enjoyed traveling (winters in Florida, visiting friends in Maine, or adventures like an Alaskan cruise or Anniversary celebration in Hawaii). He was the Patriarch of his family and exemplified how to be selfless and kind, yet strong and honorable. Lloyd did everything with purpose. Whether it be a gift or kind word, he always made you feel loved.

Lloyds unwavering faith and positive outlook inspired many. Though the sadness and loss here on earth are deep and profound, we rejoice in knowing he has eternal life.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Grace River: A Life Giving Church, with Pastor Kyle Allen Officiating.

Burial followed at the West Claremont Burying Ground.

In lieu of flowers, donation may be made in honor of Lloyd Wilson to one of the following two places, checks payable to Grace River addressed to 56 Main Street Claremont, NH 03743 or check payable to Claremont Senior Center addressed to 5 Acer Heights Claremont, NH 03743.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Catherine Scott, 87

Catherine Firenze Scott passed away peacefully on February 14th, 2021, at Valley Region-

al Hospital in Claremont, NH. She was 87 years old.

Catherine was born in Florence, Italy, on July 8, 1933, and lived in Claremont, NH, for a large part of her life; she was a graduate of Stevens High School. She always spoke fondly when she recalled living in the beautiful mountains of Northern Italy and therefore naturally loved the fields, hills, mountains, and clear open skies of New Hampshire and Vermont. Once retired, she spent a few winter months in warm sunny Florida now and then with family and friends which was wonderful for her as well. Anyone that knew Catherine found her to be of genuine Catholic faith, kind, loving, and caring.

Catherine is survived by her two sons: John Sawchik of Claremont and Michael Sawchik of Charlestown, NH; her sister Gianna Gregorutti of Claremont; her brother Arthur Beebe of Charlestown; daughter-in-law, Mary Ann Sawchik; grandchildren: Curtis Sawchik and Alyssa Sawchik and great granddaughter Vyctoria Sawchik.

A Catholic Mass was held at St. Mary Church in Claremont on Thursday, February 18. Burial followed at St. Mary's Cemetery.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

MONDAY, MARCH 1

Meet Lucy Stone: Enter the Antebellum World of the Abolition and Women's Rights Movements presented by Judith Black 7 pm Virtual

Living history presenter Judith Black introduces Lucy Stone, the first woman hired by the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society as a public speaker and the "Shining Star" of the Abolition and Women's Rights Movements.

Her presentation paints a dynamic and detailed picture of what it takes to change the world you are born into.

Follow Lucy as she makes her case for tax resistance, her challenges to marriage laws and motherhood, and her pro-Emancipation response to the Civil War. Go with her to The American Equal Rights Association Convention in May 1869, where she eloquently supports the 15th Amendment, which gave African-American men the vote.

Email mary.king@plainfieldlibraries.org for the Zoom link

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The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall and via Zoom.

To join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81529457408?pwd=dmpEQ1BRNXNibVFUblYNU1nWnZIQT09>

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AGENDA (Revised)

- 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 January 13 and 27, 2021, City Council Meetings
- 6:35 PM 5. MAYOR'S NOTES
- 6:40 PM 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
- 6:45 PM 7. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))
- 8. OLD BUSINESS
- 6:55 PM A. Legislative Update
i. Tiny Home Discussion (HB588)
ii. Redistricting (CACR 4, HB121, SB80)
- 7:00 PM B. Donation Policy Discussion
- 7:10 PM C. Council Goals Discussion
- 7:25 PM D. *Ordinance 582 Amend Merit Plan – First Reading*
- 7:40 PM E. *Funds Transfer (Merit Plan)*
- 9. NEW BUSINESS
- 7:45 PM A. Order for Abatement Costs Pursuant to RSA 147:7-b – 302 Plains Road (City Manager)
- BREAK
- 8:05 PM B. Apply for Grant Funds from the N.H. Department of Transportation - Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) (City Manager)
- 8:15 PM C. Resolution 2021-22 Airport Fuel Credit Card Reader – Public Hearing (City Manager)
- 8:25 PM D. Content of Departmental Reports (Mayor Lovett)
- 8:35 PM E. Council Budget Priorities (Mayor Lovett)
- 8:50 PM 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 8:55 PM 11. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 9:00 PM 12. *NON-PUBLIC SESSION PURSUANT TO RSA 91-A:3,II(a) – PERSONNEL*
- 9:30 PM 13. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall and via Zoom.

Skis, Boards + Tubes

Arrowhead Will Be Open for School Break Week

Basking in 32F yesterday afternoon, Arrowhead was the perfect spot for winter enthusiasts. The tubing sessions were completely reserved, as they had been since Friday evening.

Arrowhead will be open all this week so that kids on winter break can take to the slopes, shooting down by whatever means they choose.

Special opening hours for this week are Monday through Friday, noon to 4pm.

Reservations are required for tubing. Make them at arrowheadnh.com/Info/atube/tprpp/treserv.php. For more information: arrowheadnh.com; phone: 603-542-7016.

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