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A River Runs Through It

Survey Results Show Support for Sugar River Region

By Eric Zengota
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CLAREMONT, NH—Last Thursday, in The Common Man Ballroom in Claremont, about 60 people attended a networking event to learn about the progress of the Sugar River Region Destination Development Initiative. The Initiative, a collaboration between Sullivan County, the University of New Hampshire and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, aims to highlight and publicize the area's many assets, with the ultimate goal of "branding" the region as a unique visitor and recreation destination.

Penelope Whitman, the community and economic development field specialist and a Sullivan County office administrator, presented the results of the online Sugar River Region Stakeholders Survey. Nearly 1,000 respondents from 15 area municipalities — 375 of them from Claremont alone — rated regional attractions such as cultural performances, events and festivals, and restaurants and accommodations.

By far, the highest-rated attractions were those related to recreation: skiing; hiking, biking, snowmobile and Nordic ski trails; as well as water-related activities such fishing, swimming and kayaking.

Respondents also submitted comments on what the region is doing right to promote itself and where those efforts are lacking.

Some key findings and comments include:

- 72% agreed with the statement "We have recreation activities but lack services for visitors to spend money before, during or after"
- Recreation: More trails of all kinds; more

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'The Most Uplifting Visit I've Made'

Kuster Tours Red River, Claremont MakerSpace, Focuses on Workforce Development

Story and Photos by Eric Zengota
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CLAREMONT, NH—Last Wednesday, Rep. Annie Kuster (NH-02) and Claremont Mayor Dale Girard joined leadership from Red River and Claremont MakerSpace to tour their operations and discuss workforce development in the region and ongoing efforts to support labor needs. During the visits, Kuster discussed local initiatives and coordinating federal resources that are helping to bolster the local economy and encourage people to make Claremont home.

"The City of Claremont is pleased to be finalizing our upcoming project at the corner of Main and North streets," said Girard. "Without the support of Congresswoman Kuster and the federal government, this project would not be possible. While very few good things have come from the pandemic, we have been able to continue work on the City's infrastructure."

"New Hampshire organizations and small businesses are leading the way with innovative solutions to meet workforce needs and move our communities forward," said Kuster. "I was so pleased to see this progress in action at Red River and the

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Rep. Kuster praised the strong support for veterans that Claremont businesses are providing. Kim Vacca (right) noted that Red River's Hiring Our Heroes initiative is in part responsible for veterans making up 12% of its workforce. In addition, Red River offers IT scholarships and sponsors adaptive sports clinics to help with veterans' transition to civilian life.

Farewell Dinner Held for Frs. Shawn, Arockia

CLAREMONT, NH—A special farewell dinner was held Feb. 13 in honor of Rev. Arockia Antony, St. Joseph Church, and Very Rev. Shawn Therrien, St. Mary Church, both of whom have been reassigned to new parishes. Fr. Arockia will be going to St. Joseph Parish in Woodsville, NH, while Fr. Shawn will be going to St. Anne-St. Augustin Parish in Manchester.

“It has been a very quick two months since the announcement that Fr. Arockia and I were being reassigned,” said Fr. Shawn in a letter to the parish. “Words cannot express the deep gratitude we have for all of the love that you have shown us in this time and during our service here in Claremont. Many have expressed



to us that we will be missed and I can assure you that you too will be missed by us. However, we all must follow the path that God lays before us, and strengthened

by our faith we assist one another. We thank all who were able to attend the ‘Farewell Dinner’. It was a wonderful time to meet, reminisce, and say, ‘until we meet again’. Thank you for all the cards, gifts, and even tasty goodies. You are all so very generous.

“Nineteen years and eight months has

passed so very

quickly. I take with me countless great memories. Truly we have helped make each other into the people that we are now, and that helps us to press onward into the future.”

The installation of Rev. Sebastian Susairaj as pastor of both St. Joseph and St. Mary will be held on Sunday, March 6, at St. Mary Church at the 10:30am Mass. A light reception, sponsored by the CDA, will be held at the gym following Mass (**Courtesy photos**).

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

NH House Reps Get Back to Work at State House



For the first time in nearly two years, New Hampshire's House of Representatives will soon resume meeting at the State House in Concord.

House Speaker Sherman Packard made this announcement to us representatives via email Feb. 23. Speaker Packard stated that the first meeting of the House will be held Thursday, March 10, at 9 am. Other meetings also scheduled are for March 16, March 17, and March 31. The full House hasn't met in the House Chamber, also known as Representatives Hall, since March 12-13, 2020. This last meeting, a nearly 17-hour marathon gathering that went into the early morning hours of March 13, was immediately followed later on the same date by Gov. Christopher Sununu declaring a "State of Emergency" in response to the rapidly worsening COVID-19 pandemic. In coordination with the Governor, then House Speaker Stephen Shurtleff and New Hampshire Senate President Donna Soucy quickly closed the State House Complex to all representatives, senators, legislative staff, and visitors for several months. In the House's case, meetings of the entire membership were not resumed until June 2020, when the first few meetings were at UNH's Durham campus. Later in 2021 after Republicans had won the majority of House seats and took control, the meetings were held at Bedford's New Hampshire Sportsplex. More recently, 2022 meetings have been conducted in the Exposition Center of Manchester's DoubleTree Hotel.

In a followup to his Feb. 23 announcement, Speaker Packard further explained in the Feb. 25 House Calendar that it is now feasible for us representatives to gather once again in the House Chamber. The Speaker stated, "There is a long list of criteria" to support resuming meetings in the Chamber." He said that among the criteria was "the removal of public health recommendations to wear masks, vaccines, vaccine boosters readily available, increased immunity among the population, and overall reduced risk." He added that the Legislature has provided two vaccination clinics for legislators and staff within the past year. Furthermore, he declared that antigen self-test kits, N95 masks, and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) will continue to be made available to representatives and staff prior to each future meeting. He said "advanced air-filtration units" in addition to the "existing robust air handling system" will be in place for March 10. Finally, he asked representatives to "self screen for any COVID 19 symptoms and stay home, if they are sick."

Speaker Packard defended the decision to return to meetings at the State House by declaring, "We think it is time to get back into Representatives Hall to do what the people of New Hampshire elected us to

do. The benchmarks are moving in the right direction, and with thoughtful management we can continue to move forward towards normalcy." In summary, he stated, "We're now in a different phase of the pandemic, and without some return to normalcy, we risk long-lasting damage to this historic institution and its traditions."

However, in response, House Democratic Leader Renny Cushing stated that moving meetings to Representatives Hall is a "shortsighted decision that will put members at risk." Rep. Cushing added, "House Democrats continue to believe remote access to full House gatherings and committee meetings is "an essential and cost-effective way to navigate the pandemic."

Nevertheless, all such attempts by House Democrats to persuade our fellow Republican representatives to at least consider remote gatherings have gone down in flames by votes of the full House since Jan. 2021. These rejections have come even after the New Hampshire Supreme Court issued an advisory opinion in the Fall of 2020 indicating that remote meetings of the full House, if done so a quorum of all members can be determined, do not violate the State Constitution. Such consideration has included offering representatives the "hybrid" choice of meeting in person at the State House or remotely that could allow representatives who believe their health might be compromised by in-person meetings to still participate and represent their constituents. In fact, Rep. Cushing and House Democratic Leadership have believed so strongly in such a hybrid choice that they took Speaker Packard to federal district court in Concord last year. They claim that House Republican Leadership by not offering a hybrid choice to immune-compromised representatives violates the federal ADA (American with Disabilities Act). But the district court judge ruled against the Democrats' suit, claiming that the New Hampshire Legislature has "sovereign immunity" from such ADA suits. Democrats then appealed the adverse decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals in Boston. The three-judge court heard the appeal in Sept. 2021, but has yet to issue a ruling as of Feb. 27.

For the readers' information, I have mixed feelings about returning to the State House for in-person meetings at the much more cramped State House. I look forward to sitting in my seat, which is Number 3-53 for the first time, a seat number listed on my license plate, but in which I haven't sat since being sworn in for this term December 2020. It will also be easier to get any needed hard copies of bills or amendments for floor debates and votes, rather than just relying on committee and political party recommendations. It will be certainly easier to drive to the in-person meetings in the familiar State House, rather than driving to the three other sites where I attended previous in-person meetings. But I am concerned that some of my less healthy colleagues will have to make difficult decisions—either to risk their physical health by attending future in-person meetings or deprive their constituents from having a voice on the House floor. I wish Democrats and Republicans could come up with a compromise to this dilemma.

In other news, Gov. Sununu has vetoed his first measure of 2022. This measure is House Bill 319, which would require the University

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as well as Community College Systems of New Hampshire to have their students pass the United States Citizenship and Immigrations Services Civics Naturalization Test. In his Feb. 23 veto message, he stated he objects to the measure for two reasons. First, House Bill 319 would only serve to address the lack of civics education in out-of-state public post-secondary students. Second, the bill would also represent “the first time the legislature has imposed a universal graduation requirement” for students in public colleges and universities, a possible precedent that could result in “future legislatures mandating “extreme requirements”. He added, “We can all agree that education in civics is fundamental to our students”, and declared that another measure he had earlier signed into law, House Bill 320, does mandate a similar civics competency exam for New Hampshire high school students only.

House Bill 319 was approved by the House April 8, 2021 by a narrow 188-187 roll call vote. The bill was sent to the Senate which ultimately adopted the bill on a 14-10 roll call vote Feb. 3, 2022, despite a recommendation by a majority of the Senate Education Committee to reject the bill. It is sponsored by a bipartisan group of seven lawmakers led by Loudon Rep. Michael Moffett, a Republican.

For the record, I voted against House Bill 319 for many of the same reasons mentioned by the Governor in his veto message. I agree with him that civics education is fundamental to our students. But we legislators shouldn’t be requiring post-secondary students, especially out-of-state students who may come from states that already mandate such civics competency exams, to again take such exams before graduating from our state’s post-secondary institutions. Therefore, I plan to sustain this veto when the House takes it within the next few months.

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Shaheen Applauds UNH’s Selection As Lead Institution to Spearhead \$6M Research Project on Biotechnology

WASHINGTON, DC— U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) , Chair of the Senate Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies (CJS) Appropriations subcommittee, and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) along with Representatives Annie Kuster (NH-02) and Chris Pappas (NH-01), congratulated the University of New Hampshire (UNH) for being chosen to lead a prestigious \$6 million research project in biosensor design, biotechnology and engineering industries.

UNH will receive \$3.6 million of the total \$6 million budget over four years as the lead institution. Auburn University, the University of New England, the University of Wyoming and the University of Maine are also partners on the research project, which will help develop on-demand biosensors for biomanufacturing processors and build skilled workforces in New Hampshire, Alabama, Maine and Wyoming. Funding comes from the National Science Foundation (NSF), which Shaheen oversees funding for through her leadership on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

“I’m thrilled that UNH was selected to spearhead a groundbreaking \$6 million research project on biotechnology. As Chair of the subcommittee that funds the NSF, securing funding to propel American excellence in science and innovation is a top priority of mine – I’m particularly excited to see this funding awarded to UNH, a premier research institution,” said Senator Shaheen. “As we continue to recover from the economic downturn caused by the pandemic, it’s important we invest in groundbreaking research and a skilled workforce to advance fast-growing industries like biotechnology.”

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Claremont MakerSpace alongside Claremont Mayor Girard.

“Red River has forged a path forward to develop the skilled workforce they need by forming innovative partnerships with community colleges and local school districts, setting an example for other businesses,” added Kuster. “It was wonderful to meet with their leadership today to discuss these ongoing efforts, as well as ways Congress can support workforce programming through legislation and federal funding.”

“We were pleased to host Congresswoman Kuster’s visit to Red River’s headquarters today,” said Kim Vacca, Red River Charitable Foundation director, and Richard Ackerman, VP of Workforce Development. “We shared details about Red River’s programs such as Think SMART for high school students, IT scholarships for veterans, and our STEM Lab program with the Boston Bruins Foundation. One of our goals is to help prepare students for future careers in STEM fields, and we believe engaging students at the middle school level and even younger is the best way to spark interest.”

Kuster also visited Claremont MakerSpace, where she thanked their leadership for “welcoming me into their facility and discussing how federal funding has helped them continue to serve our communities. From communal workspace to high-tech tools and training, Claremont MakerSpace is an incredible resource and artistic outlet for the community and provides a central location for makers to meet, socialize and collaborate. Spring is around the corner, we’re coming out of Omicron. The arts have a big role in this metamorphosis as we’re reconnecting with each other.”

“We’re thrilled to welcome Congresswoman Kuster back today,” said MakerSpace co-founder Jeremy Katz. “Her support was instrumental to making this project possible, and the federal relief and recovery funding authorized by Congress made all the difference in our ability to survive the unique and unprecedented challenges brought on by the COVID pandemic.”

Through her work in Congress, Kuster has helped to increase Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) funding to support communities in northern New England. The Claremont MakerSpace received a \$250,000 NBRC Grant in 2015 and a New Hampshire Community Finance Authority tax credit of \$360,000. The MakerSpace also received an NBRC award in 2019 for \$164,800 to construct a solar array with Revision Energy.

Kuster’s last stop was at Monadnock Mill. The project on Water Street, a total rehabilitation of a 19th-century building, will have 83 market-rate apartments. Nancy Merrill, the City’s director of economic development, noted, “The rental rate has been 0% for the last two years, and the unemployment rate is very low, at 2%. But local businesses are looking for workers, and Monadnock Mill will help ease Claremont’s housing shortage.”

Kuster noted that everyone was drawing upon the themes of partnership and community.

“Claremont is unique with all its collaborations. This is the best part of living in a small community, everybody here knows everybody else,” said Kuster. “I’m excited to see so many entrepreneurial ideas and creative projects coming out of Claremont. This is the most uplifting visit I’ve made in months.”

Above: During her tour of MakerSpace, Rep. Kuster was introduced to the art of quilting by Allison Zito (left) and Ann Campbell. Left: Rep. Kuster took a walk-through of Monadnock Mill with project manager Rob Pearson. The building is being developed by Chinburg Properties.





NH DHHS COVID-19 Update February 25, 2022

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

On Friday, February 25, 2022, DHHS announced 529 new positive test results for COVID-19 for Thursday, February 24. Those results include 386 people who tested positive by PCR test and 143 who tested positive by antigen test. DHHS also announced an additional 11 new cases from Wednesday, February 9 (3 by PCR and 8 by antigen test) for a new total of 800; an additional 70 new case from Thursday, February 10 (54 by PCR and 16 by antigen test) for a new total of 627; an additional 47 new cases from Friday, February 11 (18 by PCR and 29 by antigen test) for a new total of 676; an additional 5 new cases from Saturday, February 12 (3 by PCR and 2 by antigen test) for a new total of 71; an additional 9 new cases from Sunday, February 13 (6 by PCR and 3 by antigen test) for a new total of 12; an additional 43 new cases from Monday, February 14 (23 by PCR and 20 by antigen test) for a new total of 798; an additional 34 new cases from Tuesday, February 15 (16 by PCR and 18 by antigen test) for a new total of 268; an additional 12 new cases from Wednesday, February 16 (10 by PCR and 2 by antigen test) for a new total of 99; an additional 6 new cases from Friday, February 18 (5 by PCR and 1 by antigen test) for a new total of 442; an additional 24 new cases from Tuesday, February 22 (0 by PCR and 24 by antigen test) for a new total of 313; and an additional 17 new cases from Wednesday, February 23 (12 by PCR and 5 by antigen test) for a new total of 708. Test results for previous days are still being processed and updated case counts for prior

days will be reflected on the COVID-19 interactive dashboard. There were 2,130 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire.

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are one hundred and fifty-one individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 60% being female and 40% being male. The new cases resided in Rockingham (158), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (122), Strafford (77), Grafton (66), Coos (54), Merrimack (43), Cheshire (37), Carroll (27), Sullivan (27), and Belknap (23) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (59) and Nashua (40). The county of residence is being determined for seventy-four new cases.

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

- 1 female resident of Belknap County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Strafford County, 60 years of age and older

There were currently 92 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire, since

the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 297,729 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

As of Friday, the 25th, there were 37 current positively identified cases reported by DHHS in Claremont; 8 in Charlestown; 22 in Newport; 6 in Sunapee; 7 in Plainfield; 13 in Grantham and 1-4 cases in other towns. DHHS reported 110 current positively identified cases in Sullivan County.

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

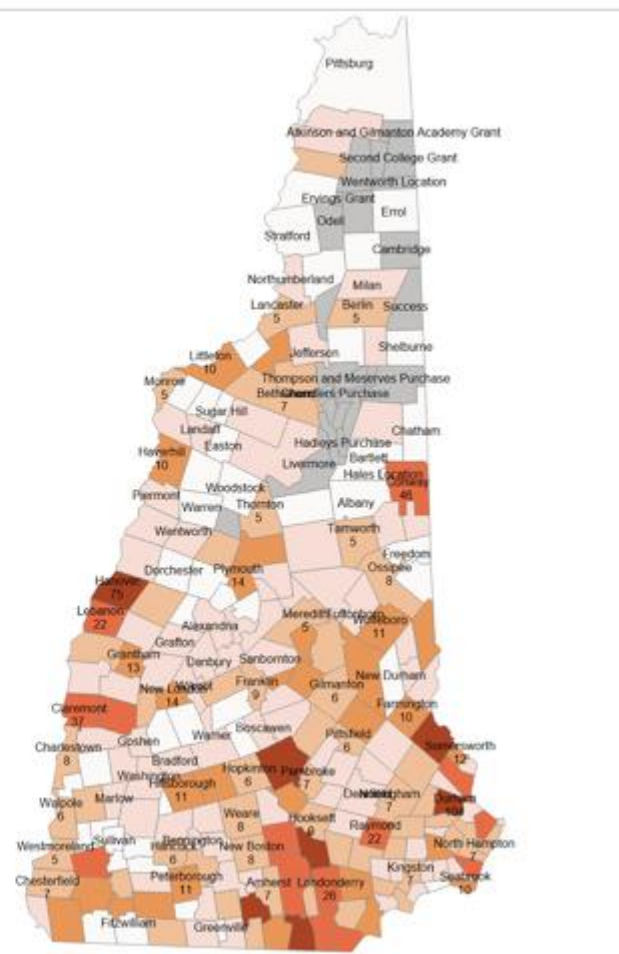
Vaccination rates in NH:
Fully vaccinated: 56.3%
At least 1 dose: 63.0%

COVID-19 Hotline

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

Vaccine Information in NH

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



Sununu Signs Executive Order to Remove Russian Spirits from NH Liquor Stores

CONCORD, NH—On Saturday, Gov. Chris Sununu announced that "This morning I signed an Executive Order instructing outlets to begin removing Russian-made and Russian-branded spirits from our liquor and wine outlets until further notice. New Hampshire stands with the people of Ukraine in their fight for freedom." The announcement was pinned on his official NH Governor's Twitter page and included a Ukrainian flag emoji.

According to *NH Journal*, "New Hampshire is one of seventeen states where alcohol sales are directly controlled by the government. The New Hampshire Liquor Commission (NHLC) "regulates the manufacture, importation, warehousing, and sale of alcoholic beverages," according to the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association. 'The NHLC is a wholesaler and retailer for all wine and spirits. It is the sole retailer of spirits in New Hampshire.' Sununu acknowledged that his move is 'a little bit symbolic,' but he added that there is a financial aspect as well. 'It's what we can do to stand with the folks of Ukraine who've been thrown into a war they didn't ask for.'"

According to the State of NH Liquor Commission, there are 68 statewide NH Liquor & Wine Outlets in the state.

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll

NH DOE Issues Technical Advisory on Face Coverings in Schools

CONCORD, NH—On Wednesday, the NH Department of Education issued a Technical Advisory regarding the use of face masks in schools. It read in part: "The New Hampshire Division of Public Health updated its recommendations for the use of face coverings on February 23, 2022. This new guidance no longer recommends universal face mask use, in either indoor or outdoor settings, including specifically in school settings.


"Prior to the issuance of this new health guidance and since the onset of the pandemic, the Department had maintained that school districts had the authority to require students to wear masks under their own school health

and safety policies. See Ed 306.04(a)(2) and (22). Given the new public health guidance released today, however, mask requirements in school policies are inconsistent with the Ed 306 rules. A mask requirement may violate the district's obligation to maintain policies that "Meet the instructional needs of each individual student," Ed 306.04(a)(6), "[p]romot[e] a school environment that is conducive to learn-

ing," Ed 306.04(11), and that "[m]eets the special physical health needs of students." Ed 306.04(a)(22). Therefore, consistent with prior public health recommendations, schools should transition to adopt these new public health recommendations as quickly as possible."

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll

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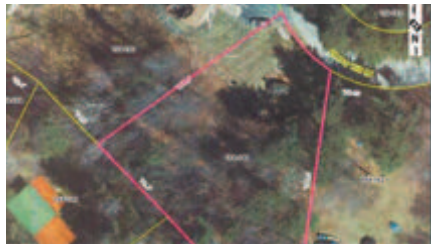


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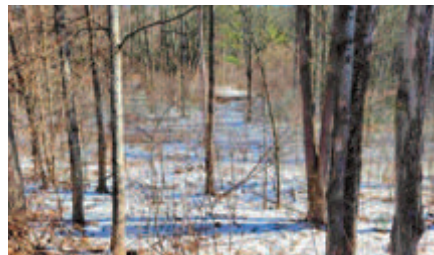
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CLAREMONT—This beautifully renovated office building with an apartment has wonderful exposure and visibility on Washington St. The office spaces are in the front of the building with a residential unit in the back. This turnkey property was recently renovated with new roof, new furnace, air conditioning, bathrooms, fresh paint inside and out, some new flooring, parking lot, and so much more. **\$315,000 (MLS#4895480)**



CHARLESTOWN— 2+ acre lot just off Rte. 12, easy access to I-91, Charlestown, Claremont, Connecticut River, boat landings, ski mountains, lakes. Neighborhood setting. Currently town zoning indicates if a lot has water & sewer a camper is allowed to be parked and occupied by the owner for 6 months out of the year. Other than that, you cannot store a camper on the lot without a house. Many possibilities here! **\$32,000 (MLS#4897412)**



NEWPORT— Own a piece of Newport history! This was once the site of the Old County Jail in 1842 and is on the National Historic Register. Lovely courtyard offering a nice garden/terrace area, 2 established business on the first floor, and 2 large apartments upstairs. A 2-car oversized garage is located on-site. This investment opportunity has great numbers and long-term tenants. **\$450,000 (MLS#4888260)**



NEWPORT—Unique opportunity to build a new home in this established neighborhood. Close to golf course, skiing and town. Bring your plans and builder to this nice 4+ acre lot. A small portion along the seller's side of the lot may or may not have to be annexed. Waiting for surveyor to confirm boundaries. **\$70,000 (MLS#4888962)**



ACWORTH—Right on the snowmobile trail sits this ideal getaway! Amidst trails, wilderness, and 6.4 acres of hardwood, located on both sides of a private Class VI road. Gas stove and gas lights, woodstove, cathedral ceilings with a loft for sleeping, large deck to enjoy the serenity, and an outhouse. The road has been greatly improved over the years with culverts and gravel. Say goodbye to neighbors and hello to peace and quiet. **\$89,900 (MLS#4868032)**



CLAREMONT— Historic old Schoolhouse recently used as a religious facility. Ideal for daycare use, clubs, churches. Two new bathrooms, applianced kitchen (including 2 stoves and refrigerator), 2 furnaces, function hall, office, and meeting room. **\$125,000 (MLS#4831733)**



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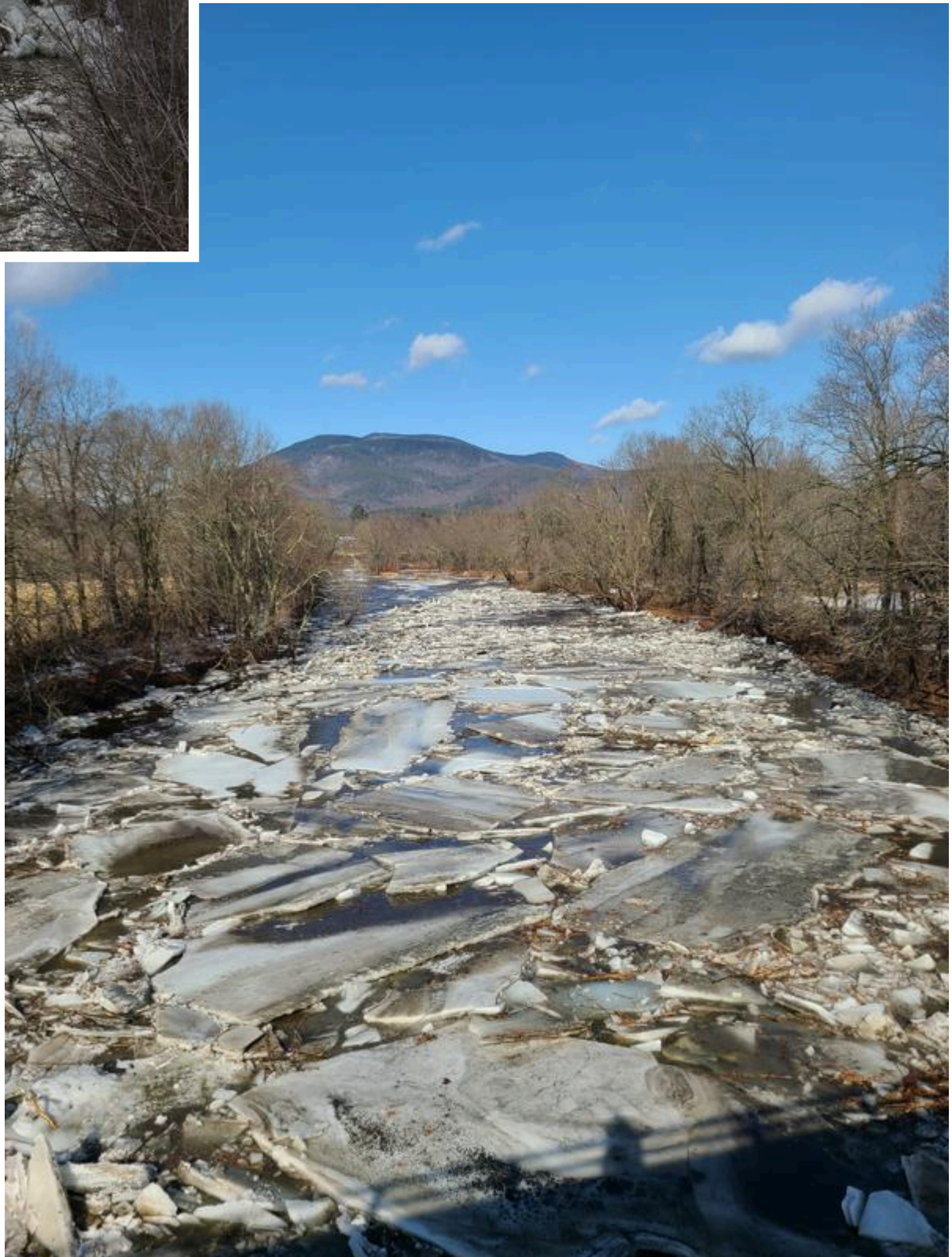




Going With the Floe(s)

Wednesday's near-record high temperatures sent another rush of ice floes and water down the Sugar River through the City. Claremont Fire Department vehicles were at the ready all day as firefighters monitored the possibility of flooding, leading to impassable roads and evacuations. But, as fire chief Bryan Burr said in an exclusive interview with the *e-Ticker News*, "As it turned out, there was no major flooding, only scattered locations of spillovers onto lower Main Street. Also, there was water behind the Claremont Center, where their land is below the level of the river. However, none of their property was damaged or otherwise affected." The department will continue to monitor the river in light of the current weather cycle of freeze-melt-flood-freeze-repeat. Above: The rushing Sugar River with small chunks of ice thunders over the dam near the paper mill, seen from Main and Elm. Right: A downriver view of the large ice floes in the Sugar River on their way to the Connecticut River last week.

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The goals of the Local Candidate community conversation are to:

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

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School District Candidates

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

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

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

The City of Claremont, NH

is seeking bids for its 2022 Paving Projects to be completed by October 1, 2022. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2022 @ 10:00 AM at the DPW Office, 8 Grandview St, Claremont NH. Sealed bids must be received by the office of the City Manager, 58 Opera House Square, Claremont NH, 03743 by 10:00 AM on Thursday, March 17, 2022. Please contact Ted Wadleigh at (603) 542-7020 or twadleigh@claremontnh.com for additional information. The bid packet can be found on the City’s website at <https://www.claremontnh.com/procurement>.

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Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health Physicians Honored as "Top Doctors" in NH

LEBANON, NH – One hundred fifty-four Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health (D-HH) physicians have been named by their peers as among the best doctors in New Hampshire, according to *New Hampshire Magazine's* annual "Top Doctors" survey of the state's doctors.

The recognized physicians are employed and provide services at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon and at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (D-H) clinics around the state; Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital in Lebanon; Cheshire Medical Center in Keene; and New London Hospital. They are named across 47 specialties ranging from behavioral pediatrics and gastroenterology to nephrology and vascular surgery.

"Our 154 honorees is a significant increase from the 115 named last year, and underscores that our patients increasingly recognize the clinical excellence and warm, personalized care provided across the D-HH system," said Joanne M. Conroy, MD, CEO and President of D-H and D-HH. "No matter where a patient connects with D-HH – whether at the academic medical center in Lebanon, at one of our critical access hospitals across the region or through our home health and hospice organization – they experience the full strength and skill of our academic health system."

New Hampshire Magazine partners with the national research firm Castle Connolly to distribute surveys to every licensed practicing Granite State physician. The physicians are asked to nominate specialists who they would recommend to friends and family for treatment. Those receiving the most nominations are named as the top doctors and represent leading physicians in their respective specialties.

To see the complete list of D-HH's 2022 "Top Doctors" honorees, please visit <https://www.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/find-provider/top-docs>.

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Vital Communities Offering Mini-Grant Programs

Thanks to the Wellborn Ecology Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Vital Communities is offering two mini-grant opportunities to support outdoor and place-based education. Grantees must be within the Vital Communities service area to be eligible. Its 69-municipality service area includes the Upper Valley, which straddles the Connecticut River between New Hampshire and Vermont with the tri-city core of Hanover and Lebanon in New Hampshire, and White River Junction in Vermont. The area also includes other hubs such as the Lake Sunapee region, Greater Randolph, former industrial towns of the Route 11 Corridor to the south, and Northeast Kingdom towns to the north. These grants will help your school, after-school program, or school-related wellness program launch (or continue) projects. Interested parties are welcome to apply for both grants—Vital Communities will allocate funding to successful individual applications first, and if sufficient funding remains, additional projects may be funded.

The Upper Valley Farm to School Network is offering mini-grants of \$500 to support farm to school projects in the Upper Valley related to farms, our agricultural heritage, farm products, food production, or local food consumption at the school. Funds are intended for projects that will be executed by the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Applicants must fill out a simple application by March 18 to be considered. The form may be found at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSecHzewDmiLD7pE1OGjelFoGLE15SfaHhBoUHs0BN-b5V1Gwdw/viewform>. We have 10 grants of \$500 to distribute, and eligible applications will be awarded on merit and geographical representation around the Upper Valley.

Questions? Reach out to lauren@vitalcommunities.org.

The Upper Valley Teaching Place Collaborative (UVTPC) will award 8 grants of up to \$1,000 each. These grants are designed to help teachers and schools implement programming in the spring or fall, or prepare during the summer for the coming school year. Grants are available for, but not limited to, professional development, curriculum development and planning, procurement of supplies, developing flexible classroom spaces indoors and outdoors (including gardens and other farm to school projects), and collaboration with the community. Fill out a simple application by March 11 to be considered. Reach out to gabrielle@vitalcommunities.org for additional information.

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Right on Track

'NH Chronicle' to Feature Amtrak Train Hosts

CLAREMONT, NH—For the past few years (except for the rail system's pandemic-induced shutdown) volunteer Train Hosts have been assisting passengers at the Claremont Amtrak station climb aboard and disembark from the Vermonter, twice a day, every day of the year.

Working in pairs, they take on a range of tasks: greet passengers who drive up to park and meet the train, confirm arrival and departure times, offer the comfort of the pavilion on the platform, point out the contact information of local taxi services, and even set up the stepstool that allows passengers to negotiate the higher door of the train.

All they've ever wanted, and what they always get, is the hearty thanks of passengers. But now, their operation is going to be on TV — WMUR to be exact.



Last Monday, "NH Chronicle" co-host Sean McDonald and videographer Joel Wade traveled to Claremont. For more than an hour, they interviewed and filmed several of the Hosts, finding out why they had joined the group, what they've learned about train travel, and how they accommodate passengers' needs. They also recorded the arrival of the southbound train and how the Hosts helped with the luggage of the boarding passengers.

McDonald also interviewed Rob Walker, manager of a bike shop that's housed in what used to be the train station. Walker has had to disappoint several people who come in to buy Amtrak tickets, telling them they can make their purchase online or on the train.

"NH Chronicle" airs weekday evenings at 7pm on WMUR. McDonald said that the segment will air in two or three weeks, that is, early or mid-March.

Clockwise: Maggie May, who made the initial contact with "Chronicle," expressed her love of Claremont, saying, "We want to make everyone feel comfortable with train travel and especially to welcome visitors to our community." Charlene Lovett was stationed in Germany for seven years of her U.S. Army career. "Everybody travels by train all through Europe. When I retired and came back to Claremont, I found out that a lot of

people didn't even know we had a station. All I can say is, *get on the train!* You'll travel to some exciting places and meet really interesting people." Rob Walker, a dedicated mountain bike racer, and his volunteer crew have built and maintained many of the trails in Moody Park and Arrowhead Recreation Area. "In 2021 we hosted two huge races, the Enduro and the Collegiate. Both are returning this year. As Claremont becomes known as a destination for serious bikers, we think that a lot of them will come here on Amtrak by taking advantage of the on-board bicycle racks." Videographer Joel Wade records passengers boarding, with Train Hosts and Amtrak personnel helping.



Story and Photos by Eric Zengota

Women May Need Financial 'Catch-up'

It's unfortunate but true: If you're a woman, you face more obstacles than men in achieving financial security. And that means you may well need to put in some extra effort.

Just how serious is your challenge? For one thing, women still face a gender pay gap – based on median incomes, women earn about 82 cents for every dollar a man makes, according to the Census Bureau. This pay gap amounts to a nearly \$470,000 difference in lifetime earnings, according to an Edward Jones/Age Wave study. Furthermore, when factoring in the career disruptions women face because of caring for children and elderly parents, that \$470,000 becomes a \$1.1 million lifetime earnings gap, according to the study. Finally, women tend to live longer than men, meaning their lifetime earnings must last longer.

Everyone's situation is different, but these figures at least point to the challenges many women encounter. To help yourself, consider these moves:

- *Pay yourself first.* You always have to pay your bills – but, at the same time, pay yourself by moving money automatically from your checking account each month into a low-risk, liquid vehicle, such as a money market account or some type of cash management account connected with your investment portfolio. This move can help give you a “bucket” of money to use for any reason, such as the need to step away from your job to care for children or aging parents.
- *Increase your 401(k) contributions each year.* If you have a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, take full advantage of it. At a minimum, contribute enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered, and increase your contributions every year, or every time your salary increases.
- *Fully fund your IRA.* Even if you contribute to a 401(k), you may still be eligible to invest in an IRA – and you should. You can put in up to \$6,000 per year to a traditional or Roth IRA, or \$7,000 if you're 50 or older. (However, a Roth IRA does have income limitations that may prevent you from contributing the full amount.)
- *Learn about Social Security options.* Because Social Security provides a lifetime income stream that includes cost-of-living increases, it can help mitigate two key risks you face in retirement: longer life expectancies and inflation. You can start taking Social Security as early as age 62, but your monthly checks will be significantly larger if you wait until your “full” retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. If you delay taking benefits beyond your full retirement age, your payments will increase by 8% per year, until age 70, when your benefits max out. You'll also want to learn about spousal and survivor benefits, which can affect how much you'll receive.
- *Get some help.* You may be able to benefit from working with a financial professional, who can evaluate your situation, make investment recommendations, and help answer questions you may have, such as, “What moves can I make so I can afford to become a caregiver for an elderly parent?”

Hopefully, there will be a day when women won't have to play financial catch-up. For now, though, use all the means at your disposal to help yourself.

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Key Areas of Focus

The first step to achieving a higher level of education is EMPOWERING our teachers and staff and giving them the support they need. Getting the most out of people requires empowering them and not micromanaging. Teachers are one of the most critical assets to our schools as they interact with the kids every single day. Giving them support through many avenues such as a healthy budget, professional development, curriculum support, among many other tools, is key to our overall educational success.

Another key component to educational success is understanding that Sugar River Valley Technical can help create critical foundational skills for EVERY student. The Technical Center is often thought of as a place where ONLY students who like to learn hands-on go. That is just not so; every student can benefit from learning technical skills. Making the Technical Center more efficient starts with designing a schedule that allows more flexibility with course offerings. Offering courses that fit the current job market is crucial for growing the Technical Center adequately. Having recently graduated from Stevens, the importance of the Tech Center is not lost on me. In my junior year, I was selected to join the National Technical Honor Society, and the skills I learned there were priceless. This is a vital part of improving our current level of educational quality. The Technical Center needs to be looked at as an asset not only for some students but for all.

A crucial part of the success here is learning from different perspectives and new ideas. Having graduated just four years ago helps give me a fresher outlook and can help pave the way for new ideas to help grow our schools. Having been on the board for the last 6 months has taught me to look at and appreciate many different ways of looking at situations. This is a community-wide focus and learning how to work with everyone is the only way the education can improve.

Long term success also requires focusing on early literacy. The sooner kids get into classrooms the more they can learn and grow. Giving kids access to a strong educational foundation will lead to more academic achievement not only short term but will pay dividends throughout the course of their school years and beyond.

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A Student Crisis Outreach Story

Rapid Response and Mobile Crisis Come Online in NH

Submitted by Dave Celone
Director of Development & Community Relations, West Central Behavioral Health

A 16-year-old high-school student uttered the words "I'm going to hang myself."

Soon after, the Mobile Crisis Response team at West Central Behavioral Health received an alert from the NH Rapid Response Access Point crisis line that they were needed at a local high school. In my role as community relations director at West Central, I get to see the impact of our work in the community. As of January 1, we are being called upon with greater frequency with the State's new model for crisis response—we've gone mobile.

The school had quickly called the student's father for permission to contact the NH Rapid Response Access Point hotline to request a Mobile Crisis Response outreach. Thankfully, our Mobile Crisis Response teams, led by Bill Metcalf, LICSW, had been working with local schools for the past several months to develop just such a crisis protocol. They knew to call the State's newly-established Rapid Response hotline to address a situation like this. That toll-free number, now available to anyone in New Hampshire, is 833-710-6477.

Dispatched as a two-person team consisting of a Mobile Crisis Clinician and a Mobile Crisis Counselor, my two colleagues discussed how to problem solve this situation as they drove. At the school, the Dean of Students brought them to a room away from prying eyes and ears to meet with the young woman in distress.

They quickly made the space more presentable by clearing off chairs and making the most comfortable chair available for the student. A relaxed sense of place is important. A great deal matters in those first few seconds to set the stage for a successful outreach and develop a trusting clinician-client relationship. When the Dean returned with the student, the clinicians greeted her warmly, as a friend. The student then sat down in the most comfortable chair with a sigh.

It was important to reassure this young woman that she was not in trouble. The clinicians stressed that if she was uncomfortable with any of their questions, it was fine to simply move on to other questions. My colleagues explained the evaluation process, discussed confidentiality, and what information might not be confidential. The student understood and agreed to proceed.

The young woman talked about family life, her friends, how she was doing in school, and whether she looked forward to doing anything later that day, that week, or that month. She was open and honest. She then began to guide the conversation. She soon realized she had friends and family who loved her, and that ending her life is not a way to solve her prob-

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lems. When the subject matter was tough, this group of three talked about the confidential nature of the conversation. The student seemed visibly relieved to be with people who cared and wanted to help—at her school, in familiar surroundings.

In one hour, this young woman discussed her protective factors such as sports, friends, a supportive social circle, her pets at home, and games she enjoys. She mentioned her risk factors such as the time she spends at home isolating. This was particularly frustrating for her. There were some other anxieties, but it became clear that she had many things she wanted to do in life. She had hopes and dreams!

Helping this young woman understand that her distress was temporary made the difference. So, too, did a discussion of how hard the pandemic's isolation was for everyone, that

she wasn't alone, and that people were willing to help her. She let out a deep breath and said she was feeling better. She then settled back in the chair as if a burden had been lifted from her shoulders.

During the conversation, these two Mobile Crisis Response clinicians helped the student understand that she had many options that were far better than suicide. She understood and agreed to meet with a therapist, with her father's approval. The lead crisis clinician promised to call the student's father to explore next steps with her doctor, a therapist, school counselors, and teachers. She was pleased to know she would not be the first person to discuss this plan with her father.

As they spoke, this young woman's energy and self-esteem seemed to get back on track. It was apparent in how she carried herself as she left the room to return to her school day. Body language also matters in a crisis evaluation. Often, the unspoken is as powerful as what is said. Being sensitive to these factors, showing compassion and understanding, and being keen listeners makes a difference. Upon leaving, the student mentioned proudly how she planned to tell her friends that she would be seeing a therapist to help her de-stress. And then—she thanked the two clinicians and smiled.

The clinicians determined that this young woman did not need to visit the hospital. Prior to the recent rollout of West Central's Mobile Crisis Response teams, the school would have called the student's parents to pick up their child, then referred the child to the emergency room. Today, with a single call to the NH Rapid Response Access Point and a visit by a trained Mobile Crisis Response team, a stressful, costly, and time-consuming Emergency Room visit was avoided.

This situation epitomizes the “call early, call often” statement expressed by West Central's CEO and President, Roger Osmon, PhD. His work over many years with mobile crisis teams in Pennsylvania demonstrates the importance of embedding this notion across New Hampshire. The sooner a person is treated by a trained crisis clinician before things reach a tipping point, the higher the likelihood of success. Early crisis intervention is key, be it over the phone or in person. Most calls are resolved over the phone, but today, there are mobile crisis teams throughout the State ready to help people in need directly.

Back at the office, the routine follow-up work began. The lead clinician called the student's

father who set up an appointment with his daughter's primary care physician that afternoon. The father also scheduled a few times for his daughter to meet with a West Central crisis clinician to bridge the gap until regular therapy could begin. That same clinician then reached out to the school to update the counselors, to their surprise and delight. This helped them relax, knowing their student was in capable hands with a plan of action in place. Using available community resources is an important goal for Mobile Crisis Response.

This outreach was a success. Preventing an emergency room visit for a high school student is a very big deal. While an ER visit can help, it can also increase stress and anxiety, making matters worse. Calm in an ER is rarely the order of the day. And it carries with it the increased potential of moving the patient to a psychiatric hospital bed depending on how the person responds. This was all avoided thanks to the newly established Rapid Response Access Point hotline and its corresponding Mobile Crisis Response outreach program, now in place at all ten community behavioral health centers in NH.

Statewide, this new way of delivering crisis response services to all New Hampshire residents in need will be a game changer. It will minimize unnecessary emergency room visits, save lives, and help people recover more quickly and more fully in their own comfortable surroundings thanks to compassionate mobile crisis clinicians and a community that cares.

Dave Celone is director of development & community relations at West Central Behavioral Health. West Central has clinics in Claremont, Lebanon, and Newport. It is the community behavioral health center for the Upper Valley and Sullivan County, NH region, one of ten community behavioral health centers around the State. He may be reached at dcelone@wcbh.org.

OUR TURN

Turning Points Network

Title IX: It Is More Than Sports

While people may be familiar with Title IX as it prohibits gender-based discrimination in sports, many are less familiar with other anti-discrimination protective factors it has, including protecting against sexual assault and harassment in school. Title IX is a U.S. federal

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School District Seeks Community Input for ARP Relief Funds

CLAREMONT, NH—In an email to local “school community stakeholders” on Tuesday, superintendent Mike Tempesta wrote, “I am reaching out to you to ask for your feedback regarding the use of American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) Funds to address student learning recovery and to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on our school community. These funds are designated for one-time, or short-term, expenditures to address the ongoing impact of the pandemic. All funds must be expended by September 2024.

“The Claremont School District is seeking feedback from all district and community stakeholders to help determine how the district should best utilize these resources to address unfinished learning and ongoing COVID-19 recovery. Your responses will help us to finalize the major areas of need for which we will use “ESSER III” funding in the Claremont Public Schools.” The survey may be found at:

<https://forms.gle/hqa7X4prMdfupJGaA>

Deadline is no later than March 11, 2022.

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civil rights law that prohibits sex-based discrimination within K-12 schools, higher education and any educational programs that receive federal funding.

While strides have been made in reducing discrimination and ensuring equitable funding in women's sports, Title IX's prohibition against gender-based violence and harassment are worthy of similar attention. This includes when sexual assault, dating violence, sexual harassment, and stalking occur during school activities, as these can impact a student's ability to fully access their education. Under Title IX, students who are eligible under Title IX can request supportive measures from their school.

What do supportive measures look like in the case of someone seeking assistance from their school? It could mean that an individual has an educational plan in place so that assignments they may have missed due to their experience can be cut in half or they could make them up without consequences for being late. It could mean that they get to retake any tests that they failed or missed due to their experience. It could also mean that they get to take breaks throughout the day when they're overwhelmed without risk of being punished for it. And, if their perpetrator is another student on school property, the survivor may be allowed to switch classes and have a no contact order on school property and during school sanctioned events.

The Title IX Coordinator is a person within the school or school district who can answer questions about Title IX, the process of receiving supportive measures, and options for filing a complaint. The Title IX Coordinator's information is readily available at schools and can be obtained by asking the principal or administrator or by calling the Superintendent's office. One can look at a school's website and student handbook to locate Title IX information. Turning Points Network is also a resource to all of those in Sullivan County who want to find out more about Title IX, and for anybody who is a victim-survivor of sexual assault or harassment.

OUR TURN is a public service series by Turning Points Network (TPN), serving all of Sullivan County with offices in Claremont and Newport. We provide wraparound supports for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, and sex trafficking and we present violence-prevention education programs in our

schools. We can be reached 24/7 on our crisis and support line at 1.800.639.3130. Between 9-4 Monday-Friday, we are available on our chatline at www.turningpointsnetwork.org or by text at 603.506.6553.

Council Okays Minor Changes to Pleasant Street Project

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The City Council passed two motions Wednesday approving minor changes to the Rethink Pleasant Street project. One changes the length of the diagonal parking spaces on Pleasant Street from 17 to 19 feet. A foot will be taken from sidewalks on each side of the street to allow for the increase, eliminating a foot wide granite band at the back of the street furniture zone. Furniture zones include trees, benches, and bike racks. The second change moves the crosswalk from the south to the north side of the intersection at Broad and Glidden Streets to ease concerns about pedestrians crossing Broad as cars turn right from Glidden.

Brian Colburn and Kevin McMahon of the engineering company, McFarland Johnson, attended the council meeting remotely. Colburn said that several areas of concern had arisen since the arrival of changes on Pleasant Street, including the parking dimensions on Pleasant Street, the traffic signal at Broad and Glidden and the truck route around Pleasant Street. One option raised was changing Pleasant Street to northbound traffic which would eliminate the need for the traffic signal at Broad Street, but that would create operational challenges and likely traffic bottlenecks in the Square.

A number of residents and business owners attended Wednesday's meeting and most supported the overall project with a few saying they wanted to see Pleasant Street return to two-way traffic. Candace Crawford favored the project going forward as planned, reminding those attending that there had been a series of hearings and presentations prior to the start of the project. "Any time you have change, it takes a while," she said. "Change again only compounds the problem. I think downtown will be invigorated."

Bonnie Miles said, "I really like what you're doing so far. If you change the route, it really looks like you don't know what you're doing."

She did say she would like to see people slowing down "a little bit" driving on Pleasant Street. David Putnam said that yes, things seem confusing now, especially with the project only half finished, but once it's completed and the signage is up, "it will be very different."

Assistant Mayor Deb Matteau said that "Going back would basically scrap the whole project. This whole project was called 'Rethink Pleasant Street', not leave it the way it is." She added that years of planning had gone into the project and that while many residents, including business owners, attended the public presentations, others did not, for whatever reason. "Yes, change is hard but people will get used to it."

Those who wanted to change the road back to the way it had been before cited safety reasons for pedestrians, vehicles, including emergency vehicles, and snow removal.

Councilor Bill Limoges said he had spent time visiting downtown, talking with various business owners and customers, some of whom wanted to go back to two-way traffic on Pleasant Street. He said he felt a need to make a motion to return the road to two-way along with parallel parking to acknowledge their viewpoints. Councilor Jim Contois said he heard the opposite opinion from other downtown businesses. Limoges' motion failed, 7-2, with only Limoges and Councilor Jonathan Stone voting yes.

Also raised at Wednesday's meeting was the issue of the Sullivan smokestack and the nearby pump house. The area has been fenced off due to the deteriorating nature of both but especially the stack. Interim city manager John MacLean said that he had hoped to have an engineering report which could provide additional information on its condition but said there had been no interest returned from any engineering firm; the City will likely have to go out and ask again and see if they can get a firm to render enough data to make a decision to keep or remove all the structure. He said they would like to see what is "causing the reluctance, people may be busy, we may need to make some calls." Councilor Nick Koloski said he knew of two companies, including Eric Chinburg's crew—renovating the Peterson Building—that could possibly come up with estimates of taking it down. MacLean recommended getting the issue on a "proper agenda" to move the topic along.

Sports/Recreation

Two Awards + Two Scholarships = Four Cheers for Claremont

Text and Photos by Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Last Wednesday Richard Tracy, president of the New Hampshire Football Officials' Association, presented the 2021 Sportsmanship Award (Division III) to the Cardinals of Stevens High School.

"This award is not given for how the game is won but how the game is played," said Tracy. "The association takes into account the behavior of everyone associated with the Cardinals team. Players, coaches, the spirit team and fans all demonstrated how support for student athletes benefits an entire community."

Tracy also presented \$500 school spirit scholarships to seniors Ava Johnson and Zack Bundy. Doug Beaupre, Stevens athletic director, received the Game Administrator Award for his leadership.

The banner will hang in the SHS gym, along with the many others honoring the achievements of Stevens athletes through the years.

More Than 500 Young Athletes to Converge in Claremont

CLAREMONT, NH—The Twin State Valley Youth Basketball Tournament was cancelled in 2021 because of the pandemic.

"But this year we're back!" reported Justin Martin, superintendent of recreation programs at the Claremont Parks and Recreation Department. "We have 525 players on 49 registered teams, coming from all over the Upper Valley and beyond." Five of the teams are made up of Claremont kids, many of whom have just finished playing in the department's winter league.

TSV is a double-elimination tourney for six divisions: 3/4 boys, 3/4 girls, 5/6 boys, 5/6 girls, 7/8 boys, 7/8 girls.

Games will be played starting today, Feb. 28, and run through to the championship games for all six divisions on Saturday, March 12.

Most of the games will be played in the gym at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center. Some games on March 5 and 6 will be played in the Stevens High School gym. Fans

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Football official John Barry (left) joins NHFOA president Richard Tracy, who presented \$500 scholarships to Zack Bundy and Ava Johnson. Zack will attend a yet-to-be-chosen college for mechanical engineering. Ava will enter Keene State College.



SHS athletic director Doug Beaupre was the recipient of the Game Administrator Award.

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are welcome at both venues.

Admission is only \$1 per person; children 5 and under are free.

Brackets are posted on the bulletin board outside the CSBCC gym. They'll also be periodically updated through the Claremont Parks and Recreation Facebook page.

—Eric Zengota Text and Photos

**Lebanon-Stevens-Mount
Royal Boys Ice Hockey**

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

Lebanon-Stevens-Kearsarge Girls Ice Hockey

12/21/21	at St. Thomas-WNC-DOV	W 4 - 1
12/29/21	Bishop Brady-Trinity	W 4 - 1
01/08/22	at ConVal-Conant	W 9 - 0
01/21/22	Hanover	L 0 - 5
01/24/22	at Bishop Guertin	L 1 - 7
01/26/22	at Hanover	L 0 - 5
02/01/22	Concord	L 0 - 8
02/05/22	Keene-Mon-Fall Mountain	W 2 - 1
02/07/22	at Berlin-Gorham-Kennett	W 1 - 0
02/09/22	at Kingswood	W 3 - 0
02/11/22	at Man. Central-Memorial	W 7 - 1
02/14/22	Berlin-Gorham-Kennett	L 0 - 4
02/16/22	Exeter	L 2 - 4
02/18/22	Bedford	W 2 - 0
02/19/22	Oyster River-Portsmouth	L 0 - 4
02/23/22	Souhegan	W 8 - 0
02/26/22	at Pinkerton	L 0 - 6

odically updated through the Claremont Parks and Recreation Facebook page.



**The Tall and the Short of It
Basketball Leagues Take the Court
at CSBCC**

Last week, evening basketball games were heading in different directions. The youth league was wrapping up their season, with only one “for fun” playoff for the 3/4 boys division. On the other hand, the adult league was just starting play-offs, which last until mid-March. No matter their age and experience, all the players were in high gear, excited to hone their skills in fast-paced games. Whether dribbling, passing, stealing, nailing a lay-up or mastering 1-and-1 free throws, they gave the game their all. (Eric Zengota photos)



Inspiration

When Will We Ever Learn?

By Priscilla Hull

It was Pete Seeger who wrote those words to protest another war, years ago. Today we sing that song again.

We just finished three weeks of watching the Olympics. The games, and sports, are wonderful. The competition of the games is amazing. From the slow, graceful throw of the 42-pound stone in curling to the half pipe snowboarders who ride that pipe like it is the easiest thing in the world. Did you see the height they reach? It is truly defying gravity! Not only defying gravity, but twisting, turning and making summersaults in the air. I remember when the Olympic skiing events were races down hill, both skis on the ground except for the ski jumps. The jumps were just jumps. There are also the relationships of the participants that will last a long time. While they are all competing for the gold, they care about the others and are able to congratulate each other when another wins. Oh, I know there have been instances that scar the events, there was even one this year, but those scars do not make permanent wounds to the games. In fact, maybe the scars are a signal to us all that things can go wrong and when they do, the thing is for the rest of us to move forward and put the injury behind us. Don't make a huge issue of it, but keep up with the spirit of the games and still do the best we can with whatever situation presents.



As the games closed, a threat erupted. Without concern for the lives of thousands of people, Ukraine was invaded. We have just finished the games which united people from all over the world, and now we have greed overcoming humility and the invasion of the land of innocent people. Thousands driven from their homes to avoid the rule of a tyrannical dictator. Without thought for the homes, the lives of thousands, the invasion grows day by day and ahead of it people are fleeing their homes. Can we imagine what the feeling is to have our homeland invaded, taken over by a hostile force? We do live in the land of the free. We do live in a land which has experienced war on our own property, but only once by a hostile force and that, terrible as it was, was short lived. We don't know what it is to have our cities bombed and our homes destroyed. The people are leaving treasures, pictures and their livelihood to avoid the invasion.

I was asked once why I am such a believer in peace. I think it comes from my very early impressionable days, when at the movie theaters, we would see the news clips about the War (WWII). I remember the clips of dead children in the streets, of people starving and living in the woods, and of course, the iconic picture of the little girl fleeing the bomb in Hiroshima. These things impressed a little girl who was too young to understand war (who is ever able to understand war?). It made such an impression that I grew up with a horror and fear of war. It isn't such a bad thing to be a pacifist, except for the feeling of abhorrence which grows each day of any war.

We have faced too many wars. The wars turn friends against friends, families against families. The devastation that they bring reminds us of the evilness of war. I'm sure it makes the peace sweeter, but we have not had enough years of peace to even know what it is. Some have only known a world that has been at war with itself. The one good thing that I see about war is that it brings people together in solidarity. Sweden, I think it was, has refused to play in the World Cup soccer games. Others have agreed. While that isn't good for the soccer world, and I apologize to all who love the game, these countries have stood together to refuse to play if the invading country is allowed to play. It's a small thing, but indicates that the world can stand together when the cause is great.

Let us stand together in support of the people of Ukraine and let us stand together for the cause of peace and the end of invasion and war.

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and the spears into pruning hooks, nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore."

Isaiah 2:4

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

Calendar Of Events

Open Snowmobile Registration Weekend Is March 4-6

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

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

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

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

For information on snowmobiling, including rules and regulations in New Hampshire, visit www.ride.nh.gov.

Cone Charitable Foundation Scholarship Program for '22-'23

The Cone Automatic Machine Company Charitable Foundation scholarship program

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

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

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

Tickets Now on Sale for CHaD Battle of the Badges

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

Fan capacity will be limited to encourage fans to enjoy the game in a physically-distanced manner. Tickets are available only on the event's website, www.CHaDHockey.org with no in-person ticket sales on game day at SNHU Arena. Spectators and volunteers must wear masks, and full COVID-19 guidelines and protocols are listed on the website.

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

**Art Exhibit: Selections 2022
Through March 30, 2022**
Gallery Hours:
Tues.-Fri. 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sat. 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Library Arts Center Gallery
58 N. Main St.
Newport, NH 03773
Price: Free

Winners of the Juried Regional
On Exhibit: Through March 30

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

**Drop-in Open Studio Art Group
Wednesday Mornings (ongoing)**
9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Library Arts Center Studio (lower level)
58 N. Main St.
Newport, NH 03773

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

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

**Please note that class is occasionally canceled due to inclement weather or other circumstances. Check libraryartscenter.org for any status updates before attending the group for the first time.

Online Art Class: March Magic in Watercolor via Zoom
Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24
10:00 am - 11:30 am
presented by the Library Arts Center
Class is online via Zoom

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

ative community--all from the comfort of your home. \$40 for the four-session series.

Register online at libraryartscenter.org.

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

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

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

Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo

Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo is back every Thursday; doors open at 4:00 pm and games starts at 6:00 pm.

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

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

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

Big Money Bingo
Every Sunday, Doors open at 11:00 and games start at 1:00pm. Check out our new hall at 183 Plains Road, Claremont, NH.

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

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

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

Grief Support Available Through Lake Sunapee VNA

NEW LONDON, NH – Lake Sunapee VNA offers three virtual grief support groups for the community at no cost. The "Recently Bereaved Group" is for men and women who have experienced the loss of their spouse within the last year and is held on the second and fourth Thursday of every month from 10:00-11:00am. The "Widow to Widow Group" is for women in all stages of grief and meets on the first Monday of every month from 3:30-5:00pm. Newly bereaved widows are welcome at this group as well, especially if they are feeling the need for more frequent support. In addition, a "Bereavement Check-in Group" is available for men and women experiencing a loss of any kind and is held on the third Wednesday of every month from 4:00-5:00pm.

All of these groups provide an opportunity for participants to come together in a safe place of compassion and confidentiality. Attend once, multiple times or as needed. If interested, email your contact information to Elizabeth Gantner at egantner@lake-sunapeevna.org and a member of the Lake Sunapee VNA bereavement team will call you with further details.

Charlestown VFW Bingo Schedule

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

It is now time to take the lessons we have learned over the past year plus and act accordingly. If you're sick – stay home. Cover your nose / mouth when you cough, wash and or sanitize your hands frequently, and we'll all be healthier. The attendance limit has also ended. In keeping with the state CDC recommendations, if you have a compromised im-

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

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

Claremont Senior Center News

The Claremont Senior Center Board has voted to open the center but masks are required if non-vaccinated. We are open every Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. We are also open Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6pm to 9 pm. As many of us do not like having to drive in the dark, a new game afternoon has started on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 pm to 3 pm. Lunches will continue as drive-thru for now. We have many activities. There are sign-up sheets at the reception desk and the calendar in the lobby. Activities can be done anytime, including pool, knitting, hand and foot, mahjong, corn hole, and quilting. Socializing is always an option.

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

We are still holding our drive-thru meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tuesday, Mar 1st – Taco Salad, dessert. Thursday, Mar 3rd – Shepherd's Pie, dessert. Must call 603-543-5998 by 10:30 to reserve your meal. Price is \$4 for members and \$5 for non-members. Drive-thru pickup is from 11:45 am to 12:15 pm. Meals are always subject to change.

On Thursday, March 17th, everyone is Irish and we will be having a Corned Beef Dinner with all the fixings. Because of the price of corned beef we will have to charge \$15 per meal. Must call 603-543-5998 by 10:30 to reserve your meal. Drive-thru pickup is from 11:45 am to 12:15.

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

AARP will be doing taxes at the center on Fridays beginning February 4th thru April 8th. Please call 802-345-5415 to make an ap-

pointment. DO NOT CALL THE CENTER FOR APPOINTMENTS.

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

Men's Breakfast – Our next men's breakfast will be on March 21st. Doors open at 8 am and serving starts at 8:15. Open to the public. MEN ONLY. Members \$2.00 and non-members \$3.00.

We have a tentative date to hold our 9th Penny Sale at the center on May 15th. Doors are scheduled to open at 11 am and the tickets are pulled at 1 pm. New items are needed for prizes. Volunteers are also needed to help with the Penny Sale.

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

"Failures are divided into two classes – those who thought and never did, and those who did and never thought." John Charles Salak

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

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

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

Discussion dates and titles:
(all meetings at 6:30PM)

February 24: *Islands of Abandonment* by Cal Flyn

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

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

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

Spring Plant Sale Order Deadline is March 2, 2022.

The Sullivan County Conservation District plant sale is held every spring and features a variety of quality plants at good prices - shade trees, fruit trees, berry bushes, wildlife plants,

and flowering plants. This is an annual fundraiser that supports local conservation activities throughout the year, including public workshops, school education programs, and projects. All of the plants offered are hardy, healthy, and adapted to our growing conditions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Coffee with the Chief on St. Patrick's Day

SUNAPEE, NH—The next Coffee with Sunapee Police Chief David Cahill is on St. Patrick's Day: Thursday, March 17, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. at the Safety Services Building. There is always a lot to talk about so bring your comments and questions and join us for coffee on March 17th.

Survey, from page 1

public canoe, kayak and paddle board put-ins; fishing derbies

- OHRV: People are always asking about accommodations, camping, parking and trail access — areas that need improvement for all, including residents
- Festivals and events: venues along the river, craft and art shows, a summer block party, beer gardens and local breweries/pubs, wreath making, guided foraging walks, paint and sip, more quality outdoor music events
- The majority of respondents agreed that there are not enough restaurants in the region, there is a limited number of accommodations, and there are not enough retail/shopping opportunities
- History: A history cruise interpreting the Native American past and the manufacturing past showing how we used the river for growth
- Amtrak: Day and overnight package trips could be a unique experience for travelers without vehicles
- 67% agree with the statement “Visitors are not aware of our destination and the attractions available”
- Perception of the region: “People from other areas recognize the potential of this area. Bringing them in (which will require improved

accommodations) will help shift the overall perception.”

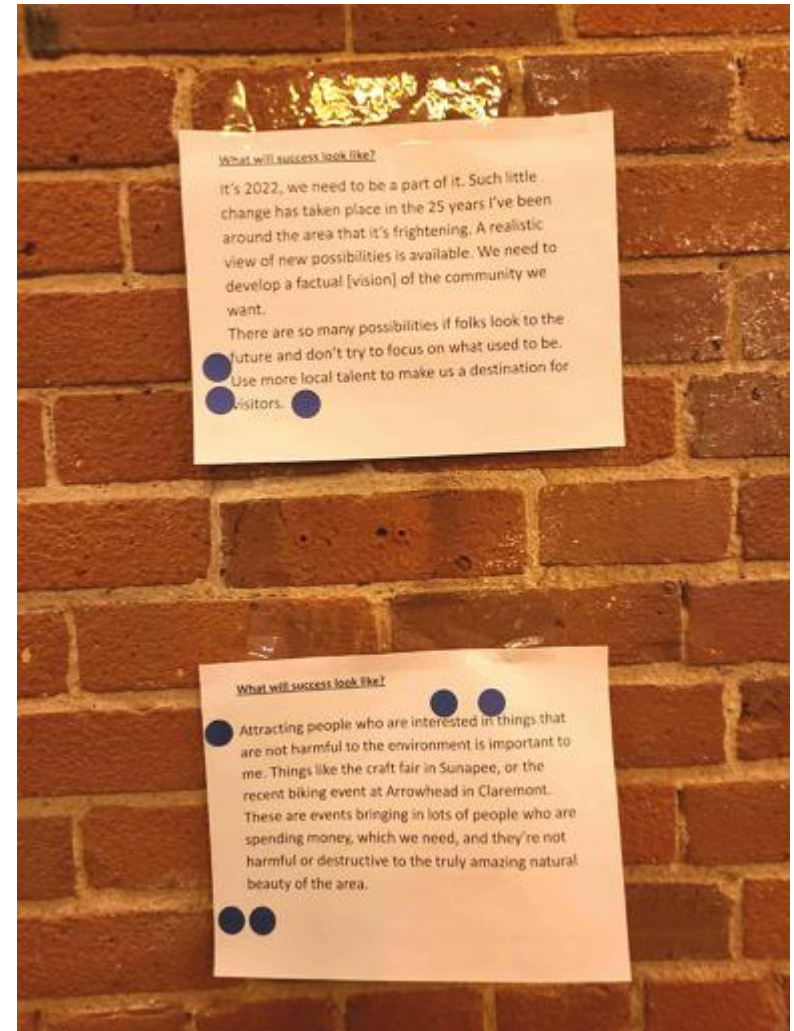
Whitman summarized the results by saying, “It became clear that we have an identity problem, but also that recreation will emerge as a driving economic force.” A coordinated promotional campaign would incorporate marketing activities such as package tours, social media outreach, a visitors guide, promotional videos, and partnering with the New Hampshire State Office of Tourism.

Chris Seek, a consultant from Solimar International, a destination development company, followed with a presentation of an early draft of the Destination Development Plan. He also talked about the region’s large number of assets and his personal experience traveling to them with his family.

“We want to bring people together who enthusiastically support development, and talk about what we’d like to see this place become,” he said. “With a consensus-oriented process, we can all maximize the benefits to the local economy.”

To learn more about the Sugar River Region Destination Development Initiative, email Penelope Whitman, penelope.whitman@unh.edu or Sullivan

County manager Derek Ferland, dferland@sullivan-countynh.gov. Sign up for a quarterly e-newsletter, Community & Economic De-



Some of the comments from the survey were taped to the wall. Anyone attending the event could add stickers showing their support (Eric Zengota photo).

velopment Update, at unhoutreach.tfaforms.net/217751?CID=7010f0000017sHu.



Penelope Whitman presents the results of an online survey. Respondents rated the Sugar River Region’s assets and suggested improvements and activities that would enhance the region’s economy (Eric Zengota photo).

Public Notice

The Claremont School Board will be holding a Public Hearing for donation acceptance and Regular Meeting immediately following.

March 9, 2022 at 6:30pm

Location Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center

The meeting will also be available on CCTV Channel 8 and online using one of these links. You can watch channel 8 at any-time LIVE here:

<https://reflect-claremont.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/watch/1?channel=1>

Or channel 10 here:

<https://reflect-claremont.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/watch/2?channel=2>

Please visit our website: www.sau6.org under School Boards to review agenda.

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.etickernewsclaremont.com

Marie A. Courtemanche, 99

Marie A. Courtemanche, age 99, formerly of Hanover Street, passed away February 23, 2022, at Sullivan County Health Care having lived a fulfilling life.

She was a native and lifelong resident of Claremont, NH, born on November 11, 1922, the daughter of John F. Cook and Marie A. (LaPointe) Cook, Sr.

She was predeceased by her husband Edward "Ted" Courtemanche on Dec. 02, 1997 after celebrating 56 years of marriage. Members of her surviving family are three daughters, Annette Bushway and her husband, Edward of South Wales, NY, Elaine Stringer and her husband, Robert of Claremont, NH, and Jeanne Anderson of Palm Coast, FL; nine grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by two brothers John F. Cook, Jr. in 1984 and Albert E. Cook in 1997 and son-in-law, James M. Anderson in 2021.

Marie was a graduate of Stevens High School, Class of 1940. She remained an active alumna, class treasurer, reunion organizer and enthusiastic parade participant.

As a parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church, she was a 65 year member of Court Virgil H. Barber No. 892, Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

She served her civic duty as Ward III Supervisor of the Checklist for 17 years during elections. Her involvement also included AARP, Claremont Senior Center and Claremont Garden Club.

Gardening and crafts were her passion. She so loved flowers, especially her prized Gladiolus. Her gardens were filled with color and love. She was a great home-maker and achieved her goal of sewing eighteen quilts for all her great grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Mary's Church on Monday afternoon with Very Rev. Shawn Therrien, V.G. officiating. Interment followed in St. Mary Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary Parish, 32 Pearl Street, Claremont, NH 03743.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Pauline L. Buckner, 97

Pauline L. Buckner, 97, formerly of Claremont, NH, passed away on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

She was born in Winooski, VT, on January

23, 1925, the daughter of Alfred and Eva (Companion) Perry.

Pauline had worked in several shoe shops in the Claremont area as an inspector and tack remover for several years. She enjoyed old movies, arts and crafts, crossword puzzles. She will be greatly missed by all.

She is survived by her daughters, Cynthia Buckner, Debbie Buckner, Darlene Buckner and Lisa White; two granddaughters, Kerry Kellogg and Renee Prescott; great grandchildren, Joshua Kellogg and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Norman "Buster" Buckner who died on March 4, 1989; daughter, Linda Ackerman; sister, Gertrude Miller and brother, Emile Perry.

Visiting hour will be at Stringer Funeral Home in Claremont on Friday, March 4th, from 9:30 to 10:30AM. A mass of Christian burial will be at St. Mary Church at 11AM. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery.

Donald L. Fagan, 90

Donald Leo Fagan, 90, of Acworth, NH, died peacefully at home on February 20, 2022, with

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-Dr. Sam Giveen

All kinds of common eye injuries can be prevented just by wearing safety glasses. That's what Dr. Sam will tell you. Does he sound like your dad? Sometimes. But your dad had some good advice. And so does Dr. Sam. See for yourself.

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family by his side. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, and is survived by his son, Brant, wife Heidi; his daughter, Karen Brotherton and husband John, of Cooperstown, NY; son, Shane of Acworth, NH; grandchildren David, Joshua, and Jacob Cormier, and Zachary and Camden Fagan, along with numerous nieces, nephews, and godchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Diane Fagan and brother Thomas Fagan.

Don received under- and post-graduate degrees from Columbia University in New York City. After graduating, he coached crew at the New York Athletic Club and later at Cienfuegos Yacht Club on the south coast of Cuba. Don served a tour in the U.S. Army during the Korean War attaining the rank of Sergeant.

During his professional career, Don worked in the world of pharmaceutical market research for decades, both as Director of Market Research for Pfizer in the 1970s and early 1980s before starting his own firm, Shachtman-Fagan, Inc. which served all the major pharmaceutical companies for many years. Many products which are household names today were studied and tested by his firm.

Don enjoyed many decades of summers with his family on Great Island, on Lake Sunapee. Whether grilling on the deck, paddling or rowing early in the morning, or just relaxing on the deck with wife Diane by his side, he was always at peace on the Lake.

Don was an active and devoted parishioner of two parishes in Connecticut, and more recently, All Saints Parish in Charlestown, NH, where he served as a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus. He always enjoyed a good meal and conversation, no matter the location, subject, or crowd. He also loved traveling, learning about the world, and visited numerous countries around the globe.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, February 28, at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Charlestown, NH. Burial followed at St. Mary's Cemetery in Claremont, NH. Arrangements are with Stringer Funeral Homes and Crematorium in Claremont.

Donations in his memory can be made to the St. Catherine's Council 6938 Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund.

Dad, you are and always will be, missed by all who were blessed to know you and learn from you!

William N. Clark, 48

William Neil Clark, better known as "Billy", age 48, passed away suddenly on February

7th, 2022, in his Unity, NH home, where he lived with his wife Mary. Billy leaves behind a legacy of love, music, and laughter.

Billy was born September 26, 1973, in Bridgeport, CT, to William and Janet Clark, and was the youngest of four siblings. Billy was a self-taught craftsman and jack-of-all trades, whose handiwork can be seen throughout the streets of the Upper Valley, NH – including his own home which he built himself. One of Billy's greatest passions was music, both playing and listening/appreciating – something he shared with his family, his influences becoming theirs. Billy is survived by his wife of 20 years, Mary; beloved children Zachary, Jacob, Hannah, and Emily; siblings Michael, Christine, and Kenneth; mother Janet; nieces Michaela, Jacqueline, Madeline, and Eleanor; and other extended family including aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Stringer Funeral Home of Claremont, NH, will host a public memorial on March 5th between the hours of 1 and 3pm. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that Billy be remembered through music, laughter, and love.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday 2/20:

2:30 AM: Engine 4 responded to Tutherly Ave. for a medical call.

5:58 PM: Engine 4 responded to Pleasant St. for a medical call.

6:51 PM: Engine 4 responded to Colin Place for a medical call.

Monday 2/21:

8:21 AM: Engine 4 responded to Snowshoe Hill for a medical call.

9:41 AM: Engine 4 responded to Pleasant St. for a well-being check.

10:44 AM: Engine 4 responded to Webster Ave. to assist Golden Cross Ambulance.

5:12 PM: Engine 4 responded to Veteran's Park Rd. for a smoke investigation.

Tuesday 2/22:

8:56 AM: Engine 3 responded to Pleasant St. for and electrical issue.

4:30 PM: Engine 4 responded to Myrtle St. for an electrical problem.

4:47 PM: Engine 3 responded to Jarvis Hill for a report of an electrical line on fire.

6:57 PM: Engine 4 responded to Putnam St. for a water problem.

Wednesday 2/23:

9:43 AM: Engine 4 responded to Putnam St. for a public assist.

10:02 AM: Claremont Fire responded to High St. for an alarm sounding.

11:31 AM: Engine 4 responded to Front St. for a report of a tree on wires.

11:55 AM: Engine 4 responded to Sullivan St. for a report of a tree on wires.

6:35 PM: Engine 4 responded to Pleasant St. for a possible overdose.

10:08 PM: Engine 4 responded to Manor Drive for a medical call.

Thursday 2/24:

8:43 AM: Engine 4 responded to Ledgewood Rd. for a medical call.

4:27 PM: Engine 3 responded to Washington St. for a motor vehicle accident.

9:35 PM: Engine 4 and Engine 3 responded to Central St. for a report of a mattress fire.

Friday 2/25:

1:42 PM: Engine 4 responded to Wildwood Ave. for a check of well-being.

4:31 PM: Engine 3 responded to Jarvis Hill for a motor vehicle accident.

5:17 PM: Engine 3 responded to Grisom Lane for a motor vehicle accident.

5:49 PM: Engine 4 responded to Sullivan St. for a water problem.

10:13 PM: Engine 4 responded to Summer St. for a fire alarm sounding.

11:02 PM: Engine 4 responded to Summer St. for a report of an extinguished fire.

Saturday 2/26:

1:43 AM: Engine 4 responded to Bay St. for a medical call.

2:52 AM: Engine 4 responded to Sullivan St. for a report of a broken utility pole.

4:23 AM: Engine 3 responded to Clay Hill for a motor vehicle accident with rollover.

1:39 PM: Engine 4 responded to Clover St. for a 911 Hang Up.

2:54 PM: Car 2 responded to Hillside Terrace for a public assist.

6:36 PM: Engine 4 responded to Redwater Brook Rd. for a medical call.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6 TEA AND TALK

The next gathering of Living a Sustainable Lifestyle is Sunday, March 6, from 4-5 pm at the following ZOOM link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6275609302?pwd=cDd0eDlqYytx-a0xKek5FRVVYcJlVUT09#success>
Meeting ID: 627 560 9302
Passcode: garden

The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

AGENDA

- 6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL
- 6:34 PM 3. AGENDA CHANGES
- 6:35 PM 4. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
Minutes of February 23, 2022, City Council Meeting(s)
- 6:37 PM 5. MAYOR'S NOTES
- 6:42 PM 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
General Remarks
- 6:55 PM 7. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
- 7:00 PM 8. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))
9. OLD BUSINESS
- 6:55 PM A. Transfer Station Recommendations
10. NEW BUSINESS
- 7:25 PM A. Proposed Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement, with Great River Hydro, LLC, in Accordance with
RSA 72:74 – Public Hearing (City Manager/Assessing)
- 7:45 PM B. Class VI Roads Update (City Manager/Public Works Director)
- BREAK
- 8:15 PM 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 8:20 PM 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 8:25 PM 13. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 8:30 PM 14. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Letters to the Editor

Supporting Bonnie Miles, Whitney Skillen for Claremont School Board

To the Editor:

Elections for the Claremont School Board are coming up March 8th. I will be supporting Bonnie Miles and Whitney Skillen (write-in) for the two seats open this election cycle.

These races come at a critical time for our public schools. Recent community conversations revealed alarming transparency issues with the School Board, with some members having access to crucial budget information that others did not have. Stevens has the 3rd lowest graduation rate in the state. The Sugar River Valley Technical Center (SRVTC) once boasted eight vocational programs but is now down to four. All three of my children went through the Claremont School System and Stevens, including one who took advantage of the opportunities at the tech as a non-trades student. It was encouraging to see the community come out at the 2/9 budget deliberative session to voice overwhelming support for the SRVTC. But that by itself isn't enough. Claremont schools desperately need a board dedicated to addressing our local issues, finding innovative ways for the district to improve student outcomes, and exploring new possibilities to return the SRVTC to full capacity.

Bonnie is a respected businesswoman and Claremont resident of four decades. A realtor, Bonnie like me put three children through our Claremont public schools, one who benefited greatly from the programs SRVTC provided. Bonnie is determined to see that the SRVTC will thrive for years to come.

Whitney, a recent resident of Claremont, chose to move here because of her family's roots in the city, which she visited every summer as a child. Whitney has prior experience in community programs meant to benefit youth. Her commitment is to focus every discussion on the needs of our students. She has a unique opportunity to bring fresh ideas to a community that she knows and loves.

Both candidates will make strong additions as our School Board works to improve its transparency, secure the SRVTC's future, and shore up our educational resources. Please join me in supporting Bonnie and Whitney (write-in) on March 8th.

Joshua Nelson, Claremont, NH

School Board Candidate Introduces Himself, Focus Areas For The District

To the Great People of Claremont,

I wanted to formally introduce myself as a candidate running for a seat on the Claremont School Board. My name is Nicholas Stone, and I am a lifelong resident of Claremont, a 2018 Stevens Alum. I also just graduated from Plymouth State with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. I was appointed to the school board in June of 2021. I manage a local business in the city and have been in the General Manager position for two and half years. The skills that I have learned through my education and real-life experience have made me understand the importance of strategic thinking, efficiency, and innovation. Claremont is my home, and I am proud to say this. This is why I want to play a part in improving our community and helping shape our youth. During my time in college, I played football, served on the Student Court, got inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, and worked as a Resident Assistant. These experiences have helped make me a well-rounded person. Having learned from these experiences taught me to appreciate and value all perspectives. I can't think of what could help make this board more well-rounded than having a freshly graduated student perspective. One of the primary reasons I am running is having just recently graduated and gone off to college; it is clear that the quality of education is not where it should be. Being as young as I am, I believe that I can help give new and more practical ideas on the issues that are in our schools. I feel we as a community owe it to our children to help give them the best quality of education to have more knowledge and more education when they go out into the world. I look at it as there is a lot of room to grow, and looking at that as an opportunity rather than a problem is critical in improving the overall education that our children receive.

Some of my main focus areas in our schools are:

- Providing a higher quality education for ALL students
- Advocate and expand on early child development
- GROWING our current technical center
- Enriching the overall student experience

The biggest lesson I have learned is that we are all in this together as a community. Being on the board taught me that even if we all don't agree on something, we continue to work together and make positive progress despite differences. At the forefront of every decision needs to be having every one of our children's best interests at heart.

While I have some ideas and thoughts, I would like to hear from people what you believe are some of the most pressing issues within our school system. Please email me at nicholasstone843@gmail.com. I am always open for discussion and value everyone's opinion, this is OUR city, and we are all in this together. I would be honored to have your vote on March 8th.

Thank you,

Nicholas Stone, Claremont, NH

**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

MARCH 8, 2022

Mary E. Woodman
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:

B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.

C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

Article 1: Election of School District Officials

To elect a Moderator, District Clerk, and District Treasurer, each for a one (1) year term, and TWO (2) School Board members, each for a three (3) year term.

FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER	FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK	FOR MODERATOR
Vote for NOT MORE THAN TWO for THREE Years	Vote for NOT MORE THAN ONE for ONE Year	Vote for NOT MORE THAN ONE for ONE Year
BONNIE MILES <input type="radio"/>	MARY WOODMAN <input type="radio"/>	TRACY POPE <input type="radio"/>
NICHOLAS STONE <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
PENNY GALLOW <input type="radio"/>		
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	FOR TREASURER	
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	Vote for NOT MORE THAN ONE for ONE Year	
	JANE HUNTER <input type="radio"/>	
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	

ARTICLES

Article 2: Main Budget

Shall the Claremont School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session and second session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling THIRTY-SEVEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED NINETY-THREE THOUSAND EIGHTY-EIGHT DOLLARS? (\$37,393,088)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be THIRTY-SEVEN MILLION TWO HUNDRED FORTY-THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS? (\$37,243,825) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Claremont School District or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

YES
NO

(Majority vote required)
(The School Board Recommends this Article)

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 3: Secretaries Association

To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Claremont School Board and the Claremont Association of Secretaries which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase	
2023	\$22,723	
2024	\$16,936	

and further to raise and appropriate \$22,723 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

YES
NO

(The School Board Recommends this Article)
(Majority vote required)

Article 4: Paraprofessional Association

To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Claremont School District and the Claremont Association of Paraprofessionals which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase	
2023	\$157,564	
2024	\$137,709	
2025	\$109,379	

and further to raise and appropriate \$157,564 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

YES
NO

(The School Board Recommends this Article)
(Majority vote required)

Article 5: Maintenance Workers Association

To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Claremont School Board and the Claremont Maintenance Workers which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase	
2023	\$30,791	
2024	\$23,112	

and further to raise and appropriate \$30,791 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

YES
NO

(The School Board Recommends this Article)
(Majority vote required)

Article 6: Administrators Association

To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Claremont School Board and the Claremont Administrator's Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase	
2023	\$53,592	
2024	\$55,055	
2025	\$51,736	

and further to raise and appropriate \$53,592 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

YES
NO

(The School Board Recommends this Article)
(Majority vote required)

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

When/Where to Vote

8AM TO 7PM

WARD 1 | Claremont Middle School | 107 South Street

WARD 2 | Claremont Middle School | 107 South Street

WARD 3 | Disnard Elementary School | 160 Hanover Street

Also running for Claremont School Board as a **write-in candidate** is Whitney Skillen

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
For a meeting of the
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
To be held on
Monday, March 7, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers, City Hall
Claremont NH

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

- A. **(ZO 2021-00016) DPX Properties, Charlestown NH** – Application for a variance from Sec 22-389 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to reduce the density requirement to permit adding a 2nd dwelling unit at 174 Main Street. Tax Map 107, Lot 49. Zoning District: MU
- B. **(ZO 2021-00017) DPX Properties, Charlestown NH** – Application for a variance from Sec 22-537(d) to permit parking in the front yard at 174 Main Street. Tax Map 107, Lot 49. Zoning District: MU
- C. **(ZO 2022-00002) Maria Soriano, Lakewood WA** – Application for variances from Sec 22-389 and 22-387.2 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit a 3rd dwelling unit at 12 Henry Street. Tax Map 132, Lot 196. Zoning District: CR-2.
- D. **(ZO 2022-00003) Salvatore Rabbia, Manchester NH** – Application for variances from Sec 22-389 and 22-387.2 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit conversion of a single-family home to a 3-family building at 34 High Street. Tax Map 120, Lot 210. Zoning District: CR-2.
- E. **(ZO 2022-00004) Fulling Mill Fly Fishing LLC, 329 River Road** – Application for a variance from Sec 22-320 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit construction of an addition within the side and rear setbacks at 329 River Road. Tax Map 163, Lot 4. Zoning District I-1.
- F. **(ZO 2022-00005) John Littlefield, 206 Maple Avenue** – Application for a variance from Sec 22-209 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit construction of a garage within the side and rear setbacks at 206 Maple Avenue. Tax Map 129, Lot 120. Zoning District: R1.
- G. **(ZO 2022-00006) Jose E Peraza Rev Trust, Hanover NH** – Application for variances from Sec 22-387 and Sec 22-389 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit construction of a medical office building within the front and rear setbacks at 25 Chestnut Street. Tax Map 132, Lot 62. Zoning District: CR-2.

CITY OF CLAREMONT - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
ROADWAYS POSTED FOR 6-TON LIMIT

The following list of streets and roads will be posted for a 6-ton limit effective **March 7, 2022**. This posting is due to spring thawing conditions and will remain until the ground stabilizes. We sincerely regret any inconvenience this may cause; but such action is necessary to protect the road surfaces.

Ainsworth Road	Ironwood Hill Road	Sugar River Drive
Alden Road	Kingsbury Street	Tengren Avenue
Beauregard Street	Lane Ridge Road	Thrasher Road
Bible Hill Road	Lincoln Heights (gravel)	Twistback Road (Citizen to Old Church)
Bonmark Drive	Minckler Road	Veterans Park Road
Bonneau Road	Monadnock Park	Whites Hill Road
Bowker Street to Rt 120	Moody Park	Whitewater Brook Road
Calavant Hill Road	Old Highbridge Road	Windy Hill Road
Cat Hole Road	Old Church Road	Winter Street (Washington to Rt 120)
Case Hill Road	Olde Coach Road	
Clay Hill Road	Paddy Hollow Road	
Craigie's Hill Road	Pappas Road	
East Green Mt. Road	Piper Hill Road	
Ellis Lane	Puckershire Avenue	
Elm St. Extension (Thrasher to RT. 120)	Red Water Brook Road (120 to Thrasher)	
Ferry Landing Road	Roberts Hill Road	
Fitch Reservoir Road	Roosevelt Road	
Foisy Hill Road	Russell Jarvis Homestead	
Goss Street	Skyline Drive	
Half Mile Road	Slab City Road	

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

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Michael Hurd, Chair

Comments may be made at the public hearing; submitted in writing to the Zoning Board of Ad-