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Courtney's Closet Is Vital Resource for SAU6 Community

School Social Worker's Office Doubles as Distribution Center for Those in Need

By Eric Zengota
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CLAREMONT, NH—"The main goal of a school social worker," says Courtney Porter, "is to remove barriers that prevent students from accessing their educational opportunities."

Porter, SAU6's school social worker, carries out this mission by "building relationships, developing the connective tissues that extend to not only students but also families and the wider community."

"The popular view of school social workers is that all we do is direct kids to mental health services. In reality, we work from a 'whole-child' perspective." Porter "alerted the faculty when this school year started as full-return, in-person education. These kids are coming back with more 'stuff' made worse by pandemic isolation."

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Claremont Elks Lodge recently held a footwear drive. All 43 pairs found their way to the shelves in Courtney's Closet (Eric Zengota photo).



Bucking National Trend, Overdose Deaths in New Hampshire Decline

CONCORD, NH – Bucking the national trend, New Hampshire is projected to reduce the number of lives lost to drug overdose by more than 11% from 2018 – 2021. According to the latest CDC data, there were an estimated 101,263 drug overdose deaths in the United

States between June of 2020 and June of 2021. This was an increase of 20.6% from the same period the year before. During this same time period New Hampshire was one of only four states to reduce drug overdose deaths. "This data solidifies New Hampshire's track

record as a nationwide leader in bucking the national trends and saving lives," said state officials..

"Addiction is a lifelong battle for individuals and families, and it is not over after 28 days of
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treatment,” said Governor Chris Sununu. “Over the last few years we have made substantial progress in our long term fight against the opioid epidemic by prioritizing a community-based Doorway response to this epidemic that puts individuals ahead of systems. We have not won this battle — far from it, but with the tools and resources we’ve deployed, citizens can rest assured that we are leaving no stone unturned in our battle against addiction.”

In January of 2019, the Governor’s Commission on Alcohol & Other Drugs released an ambitious three-year Action Plan, titled Expanding Our Response. Even with the numerous challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, significant progress has been made towards the goals of this plan, said officials. Highlights of this work include:

- A reduction in the alcohol and other drug related negative health outcomes, up to and including death;
- Increased access to substance use dis-

order, peer recovery support, and recovery housing;

- Downward trends in binge drinking and use of illicit drugs other than marijuana; and
- Significant increase of investments in prevention, treatment, recovery, and other areas of the alcohol and other drug continuum of care.

The Commission is updating the action plan and setting priorities for 2022-2024. Included in those priorities, and at Governor Sununu’s request, the Commission formed a Stimulants Committee, made up of a diverse group of local experts. The committee was tasked with making recommendations to address increased use of stimulants in New Hampshire. The committee’s recommendations will include expanded investment in a comprehensive NH prevention approach that is more inclusive of stimulants use. This approach expands training, technical assistance, and implementation of evidence-based treatment approaches that include harm reduction for youth and adults.

“The Governor’s Commission, with input from its eight Task Forces, has taken a collaborative approach to investing significant resources across a continuum of Prevention, Treatment and Recovery programs,” said Patrick Tufts, Chair of the Governor’s Commission on Alcohol & Other Drugs. “Including starting an important conversation and creating solutions to addressing increased stimulants use in New Hampshire. Many of these programs are unique to New Hampshire and engage a broad group including military, not for profit, courts, corrections, health care, education, and business.”

Expanding Our Response and a summary of its progress to date can be found at <https://nhcenterforexcellence.org/governors-commission/>.

Claremont School District Election

March 8

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

If you wish to **write in a candidate’s name for any of the positions**, be sure to fill in the oval on the ballot with ink after writing in the name. Votes will **not** be counted if the oval is not filled in.

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Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce President's Award Design

Description: The Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit 501(c)(6) organization formed to enhance, promote, and support economic stability and growth in the community we serve. Each year, we present the President's Awards to recognize organizations and individuals in the greater Claremont region who epitomize service, dedication and positive change for the community. Each year, nominations are accepted from community members, and then winners are chosen by a committee of Chamber members and past recipients. Chamber membership is not required to be selected as an award recipient.

Goals and Objectives: The Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce is seeking to use a more local resource for our physical trophy/award that we present to award recipients for the May 2022 event and future President's Awards. We are also open to ideas for an updated design and concept to more closely align with our mission and location. Potential design ideas could include but are not limited to representation of the Claremont City Hall clocktower, ties to our past as the precision valley/manufacturing excellence, and/or an homage to our location along the Sugar River. We are open to any materials although glass, metal and/or finished and polished wood are preferable.

Audience: Business/non-profit professionals and owners and other service-oriented individuals dedicated to Claremont and the surrounding area's future success.

Assets and Deliverables & Timeline:

Design file, full size mock-up and 5 replicate copies per the below timeline. The design of the award should not exceed 15" height or 12" width. Any materials can be used although glass, metal and/or finished and polished wood are highly preferable.

1. Design concept of an award submitted to director@greaterclaremontnh.org by March 25th
 - a. Design concept files should be submitted electronically for review as a common file type – e.g. PNG, JPG, PDF
 - b. Design must be replicable at least 10 times over for this and future years
 - c. The Chamber Events Committee will review overall submissions and decide by April 1st
2. Creation of the design into a physical mock-up by April 15th for final review and approval
3. Replicate copies of the design for 5 award categories, engraved with award name, recipient name and year by May 1st.
 - a. The base of the award should have room for an engraving of the award name, recipient name, and year of award - for example:

Non-Profit Organization of the Year Claremont Soup Kitchen 2022

Budget: \$800, negotiable upon design selection

Past award: Photos available on our website www.greaterclaremontnh.org/Presidents-Awards and upon request.

**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	

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senators are in Sullivan County, please visit

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Letter to the Editor

Ocean State Job Lot Charitable Foundation Helping Ukrainians

To The Editor:

This past week, I was in the Ocean State Job Lot store in Newport, NH. At the end of checking out, the clerk asked me if I wanted to donate to "Relief for Ukraine". I donated \$5 and went home to look it up on the internet. I discovered that Ocean State Job Lot has a very extensive charitable effort, for food banks, veterans' organizations, and others, shown on the website. Nothing about Ukraine, yet.

Within a day of my call to Customer Service, I was called by David Sarlitto, who heads Ocean State's charitable activities. He reports to the owners of the organization and works with organizations which are involved in charitable activities.

When actual war broke out in Ukraine, Ocean State decided to work on getting health and hygiene items, food and clothing into Ukraine. The best route was to go through the Ukrainian Orthodox Church networks. These churches, here, and in Poland and Ukraine, have already linked up with Ocean State to receive truckloads of aid and get it into Ukraine. There were loaded trucks leaving for Port Redding, NJ, this past Friday and Saturday. Their contents will be airlifted to a location in Poland, near the Ukrainian border, and received by the Ukrainian Orthodox church network there. The goods will then be loaded into Polish and Ukrainian vans and cars provided by the church networks and taken into Ukraine, reaching their destinations by Tuesday. Ocean State has good connections with military personnel, using them to protect the shipments and transfers. Efforts of this type have often run into problems with theft, and military involvement helps ensure deliveries.

Mr. Sarlitto's explanation was astounding. I plan to go back to our Job Lot store and increase my donation. If you have questions, Mr. Sarlitto said you may contact him at 617-283-1602. I do not do social networking, but if you feel it might help, that is up to you. I was personally glad to find a way, however small, to help the Ukrainians, as they fight for their country.

Priscilla Hagebusch, Newport, NH

Senators Hassan, Young Lead Bipartisan Push to Expand R&D Tax Credit for Startups and Preserve Full R&D Deductions

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senators Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Todd Young (R-IN), both members of the Senate Finance Committee, are leading a bipartisan group of their colleagues in urging Senate leadership to expand the Research & Development (R&D) tax credit and ensure that businesses can fully deduct their R&D investments each year in an upcoming legislative package.

Hassan and Young previously introduced a bill, the American Innovation and Jobs Act, which would expand the refundable R&D tax credit for small businesses and startups and ensure that companies can continue to fully deduct R&D investments each year. In August, Hassan and Young led bipartisan efforts to include a bipartisan provision in the potential Senate budget package on this, and now they are pushing for their bill to be a part of an upcoming legislative package.

"We write to urge you to support U.S. economic competitiveness and innovation in any upcoming legislative package by expanding the research and development tax credit for small businesses and preserving full and immediate expensing for R&D investments," the Senators wrote in a letter to Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell.

Part of the bipartisan group's push is restoring companies' ability to fully deduct R&D investments each year. "Unless Congress acts quickly to restore full and immediate expensing for R&D, this change will jeopardize high-paying American jobs and constrain domestic investment in strategically critical technologies," the Senators wrote.

Forum Held for School Board Candidates; Election March 8

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—A public forum that presented the four candidates for the two open seats on the Claremont School Board was held Wednesday night at the CSB Community Center. The goals of the Local Candidate Community Conversation were 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; and create an opportunity for voters to hear from candidates. The event was led by two facilitators from New Hampshire Listens which has a mission “to help New Hampshire residents talk and act together.” The first half of the evening provided small group discussions; those attending gathered in two different groups, introduced themselves and why they were attending and shared concerns and points of interest that were important to them. Those included the following comments and/or concerns:

How to help motivate kids who aren't doing well; disturbed by proficiency test scores, sees no plan on how to improve those; transparency between board and staff; improve test scores; careers with job security; cutting expenses is not the solution; better ways to use money in budgets; lost opportunities at CMS when classes are dropped; heard that a teacher was encouraged to become a guidance counselor to eliminate teacher position; better communication and dialogue between the district and community; need for transparent public process and how to fix; better pay to attract and retain qualified staff; celebrate improvement of the infrastructure that avoided losing accreditation; problems with programming; programs and services for special needs students inadequate.

Following the group exchanges, the candidates—Whitney Skillen, Bonnie Miles, Nick Stone and Penny Gallow—were asked a series of questions by the facilitators. Skillen is running as a write-in candidate; Stone is running for re-election, having applied for the seat that became available when board member Carolyn Towle passed away. Regarding transparency, Skillen said there seemed to be an issue with communication and getting word out by the school board. With a Master of Public

Health in Epidemiology and working from home for a major contract research organization, she said her training in participatory research would be an asset to the board. Miles, a real estate agent with 36 years experience and whose children went through the Claremont school system, said it concerned her that school board and council meetings are often held on the same night, making it impossible for residents to fully participate. She also said “Bullying is a problem”, and she supports a guidance counselor at the middle school since that age range is a “transitional time” for students. Stone, a graduate of Plymouth State with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, was appointed to the school board in June of 2021. He manages a local business in the city. He said there was no doubt that there was room for improvement when it comes to the district’s quality of education and also said that it would be helpful for the public to have access to agenda packets. Gallow, a former district employee who worked in pre-school, said her youngest child is a student in the Claremont school system (according to her FB post announcing her run for the board, her daughter attends CMS, although they placed her at the Christian Academy last year to avoid remote learning); she said she believed the administration lacked communicating well with staff. “We need to know more details about what’s going on at meetings,” she said, agreeing with Stone’s call for agenda packets. She also said the public needs to know when a class may be cut.

Concerning classes being cut, Stone said the hows and whys depend on the needs at the moment, while Miles said it doesn’t make sense the way classes are cut. Her impetus to run for the school board came from concerns over cuts made to the Tech Center budget. Skillen said they needed to look how revenues



School board candidates, from left: Whitney Skillen, Bonnie Miles, Nick Stone and Penny Gallow (Eric Zengota photo).

are allocated and how to get fair funding for NH schools from the state.

The topic of Critical Race and other “diversity-based” issues was also raised. As Skillen pointed out, CRT is not presented in public schools but is rather taught as an upper level law school course. People hear “CRT” and don’t understand, she said. “We want to have an honest telling of history that the Holocaust happened and that the destruction of Black Wall Street happened. I have ancestors that fought in the Revolutionary War and also had ancestors who had sharecropped to buy their land. I think it’s important to share both the histories I came from.”

Miles said that the issue of racial injustice is difficult and “touchy” and she brought up the practice of “redlining”, an illegal discriminatory practice in which a mortgage lender denies loans or an insurance provider restricts services to certain areas of a community. “I don’t like the idea that people can’t teach certain things,” she said. “That’s history. And the kids need to know that.” Stone said that schools can’t just provide the basics of math, English and science, but that the district needs to adapt classes to the changing climate of today’s world. Gallow said she feels that “history needs to be taught appropriately, free of personal agendas”, presented as fact and “free of personal opinions”, and discussions such as race should be left up to families to discuss at home.

The school district election is March 8.



NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – March 4, 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, March 4, 2022, DHHS announced 172 new positive test results for COVID-19 for Thursday, March 3. Those results included 140 people who tested positive by PCR test and 32 who tested positive by antigen test. DHHS also announced an additional 29 new cases from Wednesday, March 2 (21 by PCR and 8 by antigen test) for a new total of 184. Test results for previous days are still being processed and updated case counts for prior days will be reflected on the COVID-19 interactive dashboard. There were now 1,429 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 were twenty-six individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 58% being female and 42% being male.

The new cases reside in Rockingham (29), Grafton (24), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (22), Strafford (20), Cheshire (18), Merrimack (18), Sullivan (14), Belknap (5), Carroll (4), and Coos (3) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (12) and Nashua (4). The county of residence is being determined for twenty-eight new cases.

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

- 1 male resident of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Hillsborough County, fewer than 60 years of age
- 1 female resident of Merrimack County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older

There were currently 71 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire, since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 299,213 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

As of Friday, the 4th, there were 14 current positively identified cases reported by

DHHS in Claremont; 5 in Charlestown; 18 in Newport; 9 in Grantham and 1-4 cases in other towns. DHHS reported 62 current positively identified cases in Sullivan County.

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

Vaccination rates in NH:

Fully vaccinated: 57.6%

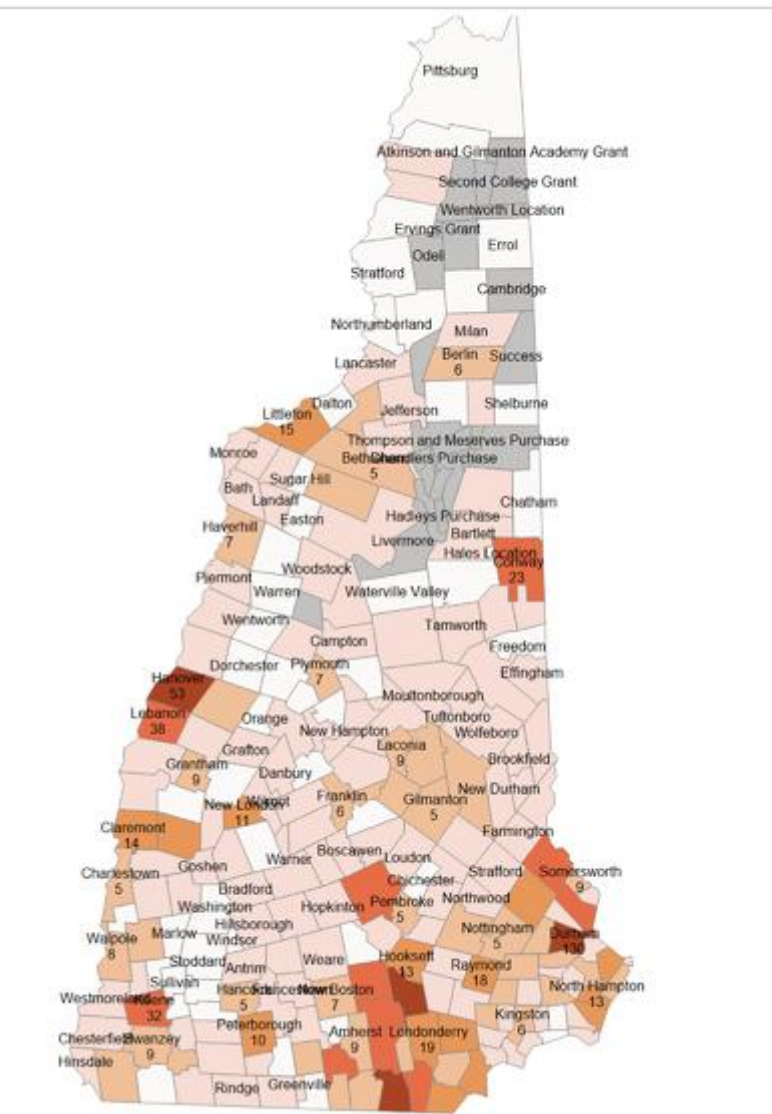
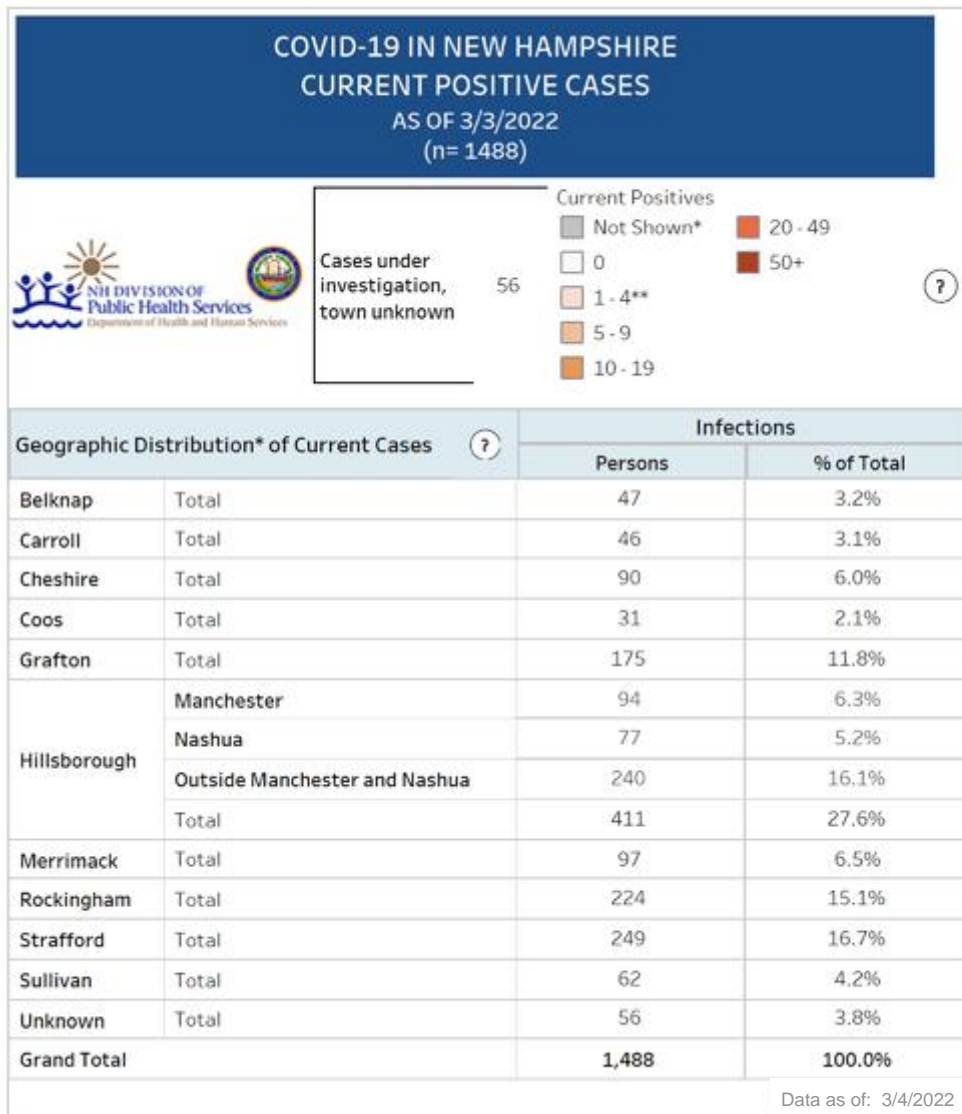
At least 1 dose: 64.9%

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>.



Former Rite Aid to Become Dialysis Clinic

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The Planning Board approved an application Monday night that will pave the way for the former Rite Aid building on Washington Street to be turned into a dialysis clinic. The building has sat empty for many years.

Daniel Flores of SFC Engineering, Windham, NH, did the presentation. The new property owners are Washington Claremont LLC out of Miami, FL. The dialysis center will rent the facility from the owner; the dialysis company is Fresenius Kidney Care.

The clinic is expect to have 11-14 employees, and hours of operation will be 5:00AM – 5:30 PM.

The drive-up window will be removed with that window becoming a door, parking will be restriped and some doors will be relocated. Two lights will also be relocated. An outside generator will be added as will be dumpsters. The shell of the building will remain the same. Water usage will be around 5,200 gallons per day, substantially more than what Rite Aid required.

The one concern that surfaced was the plan to use the east exit as an entrance for tractor trailers to access the property for deliveries. Flores said deliveries were expected to average once a week. Using that as the entrance would allow the tractor trailers to enter the property by making left turns across two lanes of traffic with no light. Board member Bruce Kolenda, who did not like that part of the proposal, said, “A lot of the traffic in the city of Claremont is dangerous...We’re getting busier on two major highways and it’s not getting any better.”

Board member Deb Matteau said that while the setup was not ideal, the property features “an existing structure with existing parking.” She added that she thought Rite Aid probably had far more deliveries. “This is certainly a use that will benefit the community. I think if the Technical Review Committee was okay with it (entrance proposal), it’s not a reason to scrap the project.” Police Chief Mark Chase had said

the Technical Review Committee saw the proposed entrance as the better alternative. “What is recommended is more workable than pulling out onto Washington Street,” he said.

Board member Nick Koloski said that a similar situation occurs at Dunkin’ Donuts further down Washington Street, requiring

trucks to make left turns across two lanes of traffic.

The board would go on to unanimously approve the application. It also approved a waiver request from the applicant for a site plan; Flores said a site plan was not necessary since only minor changes will be done.



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WORK, LIFE AND MONEY: CREATING A LIVING FINANCIAL PLAN

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Time:	12:00 p.m.
Location:	Via Zoom
Register for Webinar:	Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce

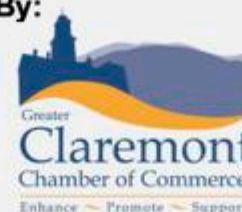
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CEMETERY GROUNDSKEEPER

The Town of Charlestown NH is seeking to hire 2 part-time Cemetery Groundskeepers. These positions will be for 25-30 hours/week from April to October.

High school diploma or equivalent is required as well as a valid NH Driver's License.

Responsibilities to include mowing lawns, trimming hedges, maintaining gardens, weed trimming, spring and fall cleanup preparing outdoor areas for various weather conditions.

Groundskeepers would also be operating and maintaining garden and landscaping equipment.

Interested candidates should complete an application and submit to: Charlestown Town Office - Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 385, Charlestown NH 03603.

An application may be found at www.charlestown-nh.gov or at the Town Office 233 Main St. Charlestown, NH.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022

CORNISH TOWN MEETING DAY

CORNISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Polling hours are from 10am to 7pm.

The business portion will begin at 12 noon.

Please visit the Town Meeting page for sample ballot, warrant, estimated tax rates, and more.

Town reports are now available at the Cornish Town Office and Cornish School.

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

PLAINFIELD TOWN AND SCHOOL BALLOTING VOTING

Plainfield School, Bonner Road
8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

Vote on Proposed Changes to Plainfield Zoning Ordinances.

8am to 7pm at the Plainfield Elementary School

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Justin Ranney
Owner



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**Waxing Crescent moon March 4, at 4 percent.
A Waxing Crescent is the first phase after the new moon, and at
4 percent, the age of the moon was 1.83 days.**

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Closet, from page 1

Some of this “stuff” is “horrible living conditions” that breed domestic violence; abuse and neglect; lack of clean or seasonal-appropriate clothes; homelessness; and food insecurity. After all, she says, “If a student didn’t have supper the night before, it’s difficult to concentrate in class. Their education takes a beating.”

Identifying these problems inspired the Closet to stock up on a wide range of items. Clothing, footwear, sox and underwear, toiletries, school supplies, snacks and food — all have arrived due to the generosity of many local organizations.

“We’re not forgetting the importance of prom, which happens May 14,” noted Porter. “We’re about to put out our ‘ask’ for used prom dresses. We already have several that parents have donated. We’re also collecting gift cards from local hair salons so the girls and boys can look their best for prom.”

All district students are welcome at Courtney’s Closet, where they can be assured of a one-on-one, confidential visit. “We don’t want any kid to feel embarrassed that they’re coming in to get something they need. We honor their struggles and treat them with respect.”

According to Porter, some visits lead to “difficult conversations” touching on serious issues like dating violence and abuse, drug use, self-harm such as cutting, and thoughts of suicide. This is when Porter — as the hub of advice, connections and services — reaches out to families, school staff, and agencies such as West Central Behavioral Health and its Mobile Crisis Response team, to save students from the dangers they’re facing.

This networking maintains the confidentiality that builds relationships in which students learn to trust adult authority figures. For example, Porter cannot reveal what a student has confided, even to the teacher who first reported the possible problem. “All I can do,” she

says, “is email a referral with the words ‘handle with care,’ and whoever gets it realizes this is a serious case.”

Courtney’s Closet has been informally open since September. Walk-ins are always welcome, and teachers have used word-of-mouth to publicize and recommend it.

That said, the big push, the “grand re-opening” is today, March 7, the first school day of National School Social Work Week (March 6-12). This annual event is organized by the School Social Work Association of America (SSWAA). The 2022 theme is “Time to Shine.”

Joining Porter in their profession’s mission to offer hope for students and families who face various challenges are the district’s two other school social workers. Christine Colburn works at Stevens High School, and Leigh Casey is at Claremont Middle School. Porter has overall responsibility for all of the schools in Claremont and Unity.

Porter’s advocacy will soon be on a national stage. She’s co-author of “How to Become Indispensable to School Administrators,” a chapter in the book, “The Art of Becoming Indispensable,” which SSWAA will



publish in April.

The philosophy of helping inevitably focuses on local, day-to-day needs. “Our students are with us for only part of each weekday,” says Porter. “We want to give them the best six-and-a-half hours we can provide.”

Courtney Porter folds one of many sweaters that, along with coats and other winter gear, came into Courtney’s Closet courtesy of One Credit Union and Claremont Savings Bank (Eric Zengota photo).

Donors and Donations

- Backpacks. National Field Representatives is the largest donor. Others include Ed’s Power•Source, Claremont Elks Lodge, Women of the Moose, and Dartmouth Motors.
- Footwear. Claremont Elks Lodge donated 43 pairs collected in its recent drive.
- Coats and winter gear. Claremont Savings Bank and One Credit Union made large donations.
- Food. Cindy Stevens, executive director of the Claremont Soup Kitchen and Pantry, made a large donation and will be donating weekly to ensure no student goes hungry.

For information about Courtney’s Closet, email cporter@sau6.org or call 603-477-6943. To donate, make checks payable to SAU6, noting “for Courtney’s Closet” in the For line.

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- Fostering an engaging and creative learning community
- Honoring divergent opinions and collaborating for a stronger community
- Strengthening the Technical High School



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‘Chronicle’ Feature on Train Hosts Scheduled for March 15

CLAREMONT, NH—WMUR’s “NH Chronicle”, which was in town recently to record a feature on the local Amtrak Train Hosts program, has announced that it will broadcast the segment about the volunteer program on Tuesday, March 15, at 7:00 pm. It will also be streamed from their webpage from the dropdown menu on the left side of the page if people can’t watch live. Click on Menu and scroll through the list of offerings to find “NH Chronicle”.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

Lake Sunapee VNA Annual Meeting

Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA) invites you to its Annual Meeting to be held virtually on Thursday, March 10 at 4:00pm. The meeting will include a review of 2021, Board elections, a tribute to staff, and time for your questions. Contact

Cathy Raymond at 603-526-4077 x231 or craymond@lakesunapeevna.org to receive a link to the annual meeting.

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The City of Claremont is seeking proposals for sidewalk projects as follows:

Bid # 1 Hanover Street – from its intersection with North Street to Disnard School overlay sidewalk w/asphalt – 2,700 feet. Must mill 1” along curb’s edge and tack coat the entire surface. Required ADA compliance – metal truncated domes set in concrete preferred.

Bid # 2 South Street (north side) – from its intersection with Pleasant Street to Baker Street – remove old sidewalk and replace with new 4’ wide 2” thick ½” asphalt sidewalk– 1,325 feet. Requires ADA compliance – metal truncated domes set in concrete preferred. Must loam and seed.

Bid # 3 Added Alternate- South Street (south side)- from its intersection with Pheasant Lane to crosswalk by Henry Street- remove old sidewalk and replace with new 4’ wide 2” thick ½” asphalt sidewalk.

This proposal requires the selected firm to:

- Provide one (1) bid for the Hanover Street project, one (1) bid for the South Street (north) project, and one (1) bid for the added alternate- South Street (south) project– see bid forms
- Provide proper traffic control if needed
- Provide pre-notification to the city one week prior to construction

Proposals can be delivered or mailed in; and must be received by the CITY no later than 10:00 AM – EST on Monday, March 28, 2022 at which time they will be read publicly. Proposals received after this deadline will not be eligible for consideration.

Proposals should be delivered to:
Claremont City Manager
RE: Sidewalk Projects on the outside of the envelope
58 Opera House Square
Claremont, NH 03743
(603) 542-7002

Registration now open for the 41st Annual Prouty

LEBANON, NH – The Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center announce the launch of 41st Annual Prouty. Northern New England's largest family-friendly fundraising event is back and in-person on July 8-9, 2022. Registration is now open for the 41st Annual Prouty, benefiting life-saving cancer research and patient and family support services at Dartmouth and Dartmouth-Hitchcock's Norris Cotton Cancer Center (NCCC).

"We are thrilled to launch the 41st Prouty and bring our community back together again," says Steven D. Leach, MD, director of NCCC. "The Prouty has a profound impact at our Cancer Center. It allows us to give compassionate, disease-specific care to our patients close to their homes. It allows us to fuel ground-breaking cancer research and bring clinical trials to this region. The Prouty has a direct impact on the lives of neighbors and friends, and we are extremely grateful to the entire Prouty community for their continued support."

The Prouty began in 1982 when four NCCC nurses, inspired by the courage of their patient, Audrey Prouty, committed to cycling 100 miles through the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Over the past 41 years, thousands of passionate individuals have come together to bike, walk, row, golf, and more to help end cancer. Since its inception, the Prouty has raised more than \$52 million to support cancer research and patient support services.

For additional details and to register, go to: www.theprouthy.org.

The City of Claremont

will be accepting bids for its 2022 Line Painting Projects. Sealed bids must be received by the office of the City Manager, 58 Opera House Square, Claremont, NH 03743, no later than Wednesday, March 30, 2022 @ 10:00 AM – at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Please contact Ted Wadleigh with any questions, twadleigh@claremontnh.com. The bid packet can be found at <https://www.claremontnh.com/procurement>.

Public Notice

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

March 16, 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 anytime LIVE here: <https://reflect-claremont.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/watch/1?channel=1>

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NHEC to Expand NH Broadband Fiber-optic Network to 32 Grafton County Towns

Buildout Will Provide Broadband Internet to 17,000 Homes and Businesses in Some of the Most Underserved Areas of The State

PLYMOUTH, NH— New Hampshire Electric Cooperative's (NHEC) Board of Directors has voted to move forward with a major expansion of the Co-op's broadband efforts. The Board authorized NH Broadband, the Co-op's internet subsidiary, to proceed with construction of fiber-optic networks that will provide high-speed internet service to nearly 17,000 homes and businesses in 32 towns across Grafton County, one of the most underserved areas of the state. This project does not require bonding or other financial commitment by the towns.

Grafton County has a high concentration of areas that do not have access to broadband internet. Last year, NHEC secured funding to help provide these unserved areas with fiber-optic, high-speed internet service through the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) auction. NHEC's expansion in Grafton County will focus on reaching these unserved members.

NHEC is moving forward with the planning and development of its Grafton County expansion to meet its members' critical need for high-speed internet as quickly as possible. While work gets underway, NHEC will be pursuing grant opportunities that the State of New Hampshire will make available in the near future from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

The Grafton County project will help bridge the digital divide for residents in some of the most underserved areas of the state, with the goal of completing construction in 18 months.

"This expansion is a milestone for rural broadband access in New Hampshire," said NHEC Board Chair Jeffrey Morrill. "Just two years ago we were in the depths of the COVID-19 pandemic and thousands of our members were quite literally cut off from a world that went virtual nearly overnight. It speaks to the value of member-owned cooperatives like NHEC that can respond quickly

and effectively to the needs of its members. I'm proud of the work NHEC and the Board have done to lead the effort for universal broadband access in New Hampshire."

"High-speed internet has been a long time



coming to rural New Hampshire," said NH Broadband Chair and NHEC Board member Leo Dwyer. "This expansion of NH Broadband's network will connect thousands of NHEC members to an essential service in a part of the state that really needs it. It's what we and our members envisioned when they asked us to provide broadband internet service in 2020. In many ways, it mirrors the Co-op's drive to bring light and power to the same areas more than 80 years ago."

NH Broadband's fiber-optic networks are capable of providing upload and download speeds in excess of 1 Gigabit per second to meet NHEC's members' needs today and into the future. The service will be offered to NHEC members in the following Grafton County towns:

Ashland, Bath, Benton, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Canaan, Dorchester, Easton, Ellsworth, Grafton, Groton, Hanover, Haverhill, Hebron, Holderness, Landaff, Lisbon, Littleton, Lyman, Monroe, New Hampton, Orange, Orford, Piermont, Plymouth, Rumney, Sugar Hill, Thornton, Warren, Wentworth, Woodstock.

One of the NHEC members looking forward to receiving service said NH Broadband's expansion is good news for rural residents across the state.

"I respect and appreciate the responsiveness of the Co-op to this member initiative," said Richard Knox of New Hampshire Broadband Advocates, a grassroots group that has advo-

cated for expanded broadband access in the state. "It signifies that NHEC means business when it says it wants to provide this essential service to rural towns overlooked by other internet providers."

In 2020, with support from the Connecting New Hampshire – Emergency Broadband Expansion Program, NHEC constructed fiber-optic networks that provided over 1,000 of its members high-speed internet access in Lempster, Colebrook, Stewartstown, and Clarksville.

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In 2021, NHEC began the construction of fiber-optic networks in Acworth and Sandwich, which will make broadband available to another 1,800 homes and businesses. The Sandwich and Acworth projects are supported by a grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC), and federal funding that Senator Jeanne Shaheen and Congressman Chris Pappas are working to secure. NHEC also anticipates applying for funds from ARPA.

In this early stage of planning, service availability dates by town are not yet available for Grafton County towns included in the network expansion. However, NH Broadband will be posting construction updates and other news on its website: www.NHBroadband.com and on its Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/NHBroadband.

NH Broadband was founded in 2020 to provide high-speed internet access to all NHEC members who lack it. Since then, NH Broadband has built fiber-optic networks and is currently serving members in Colebrook, Stewartstown, Clarksville and Lempster. NH Broadband is building town-wide networks in Sandwich and Acworth, where service is expected to be available to residents in the first half of 2022. Learn more at www.NHBroadband.com.

Mt. Ascutney Hospital Announces “It’s Rally Time” in March 2022, a Celebration of Employees

WINDSOR, VT – Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) is celebrating the accomplishments and resilience of its employees in March with “It’s Rally Time,” a robust schedule of wellness activities, food, games, and more for the MAHHC staff. Part of the Hospital’s Wellness Matters at MAHHC program, the event kicks off on Thursday, March 3rd, on the eve of Employee Appreciation Day across the United States.

Throughout March, Hospital employees will get to participate in special activities including exercise classes, massage therapy, walking groups, and stress-reducing games and relaxation activities.

MAHHC CEO and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Joseph Perras says the event is one way that the Hospital is expressing its gratitude to staff members who have demonstrated their commitment to local health care throughout the COVID pandemic. “For two years and counting, Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center employees have rallied for our communities, going above and beyond their normal responsibilities in

order to ensure that the towns and people we serve are as safe and well cared for as possible, so this month we’re rallying for them,” said Dr. Perras.

Hospital Human Resources Director Victoria Mesropian added, “Our employees have taken on extra duties and often additional hours in the face of changing guidance and ongoing stress. Through it all they’ve been unflagging in their dedication to providing high quality care with compassion.”

Dr. Perras explained, “If you see a Hospital staff member coloring a mural or out back toasting a s’more over a bonfire during March, please know that this is our way of caring for them as they care for you.”



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Financial Advisors Can Help Reduce Anxiety

The long-running coronavirus pandemic has fueled a lot of anxieties – including financial ones. But some people have had far fewer worries than others.

Consider this: Among those investors who work with a financial advisor, 84% said that doing so gave them a greater sense of comfort about their finances during the pandemic, according to a survey from Age Wave and Edward Jones.

Of course, many people experience investment-related fears even without a global health crisis, and that's probably not surprising, given the periodic volatility of the financial markets. But financial guidance can come in handy during relatively normal times, too.

A financial professional can help you ...

... *Look past the headlines* – Inflation, interest rates, pandemics, elections – there's always something in the news that could affect the investment world in the short term. But by helping you construct a portfolio that's built for the long term and reflects your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, a financial advisor can enable you to look past the headlines.

... *Avoid emotional decisions* – Many people let their emotions drive their investment choices. When the market goes through a downturn and the value of their investments drops, they sell to "cut losses," even though these same investments may still have good business fundamentals and promising futures. Conversely, when the market is on an uptick, some people chase after "hot" investments, even when they become overpriced and may have very little room to grow. But a financial advisor can help keep you from making these fear- and greed-based actions by only recommending moves that make sense for your situation.

... *Work toward multiple goals* – At various times in your life, you may have simultaneous financial goals. For example, you could be investing for a retirement that's decades away, while also trying to save for a child's college education. A financial professional can suggest ways you can keep working toward both objectives, in terms of how much money you can afford to invest and what types of savings and investment vehicles you should consider.

... *Prepare for the unexpected* – Most of us did not need a pandemic to remind us that unexpected events can happen in our lives – and some of these events can have serious financial impacts on us and our loved ones. Do you have adequate life insurance? How about disability insurance? And if you ever needed some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home, how would you pay for it? A financial advisor can evaluate your protection needs and recommend appropriate solutions that fit within your overall financial strategy.

... *Adapt to changing circumstances* – Over time, many things may change in your life – your job, your family situation, your retirement plans, and so on. A financial professional can help you adjust your financial strategy in response to these changes.

Achieving your financial goals may present challenges, but it doesn't have to cause you years of worry and distress – as long as you get the help you need.

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Arrowhead Temporarily Closed

CLAREMONT, NH— Arrowhead was closed through this past weekend due to conditions, staffing and a cable on the tube lift that needs to be repaired, the Arrowhead Recreation Club announced. "At this time the next planned operating day, if conditions improve, will be Saturday March 12th," said Chuck Allen. "We also started our spring schedule and will only be open during the day time hours for the remainder of the season," he said.

RVAPL Fundraiser in Charlestown

Raffle-Palooza

Please try to join the River Valley Animal Protection League for a fundraiser (This will be a substitute for our annual Potluck Dinner Fundraiser).

We will have MANY great items for raffle and will be selling some merchandise as well. This will be a one-way "WALK THRU STYLE" event.

We will also have a pie and cake sale. (We will not be doing the usual cake auction but will have items priced for sale).

Saturday March 26, 2022, 1-4pm
VFW, Charlestown NH

Instructions: You can come ANYTIME between 1 and 4pm. You will enter thru one door, buy your tickets and proceed through the room in a one-way direction. You will then exit through a different door.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting

CDA meeting Tuesday - March 15 - 6:30 PM
 - St. Joseph Church Hall, Elm St., Claremont, NH.

Program: Bring a "Green Gift" for Yankee Swap.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8
Fierce Females In Art
6:30pm, Virtual

In recognition of Women's History Month, we continue our virtual art appreciation presentations with Fierce Females in Art. Presented by Jane O'Neail.

This program examines the history of women in art in brief and then explores the lives, careers, and works of several major women artists from the Renaissance to the twentieth century, including Artemisia Gentileschi and Mary Cassatt.

Please email mary.king@plainfieldlibraries.org to register.

PUBLIC NOTICE For a meeting of the CLAREMONT PLANNING BOARD

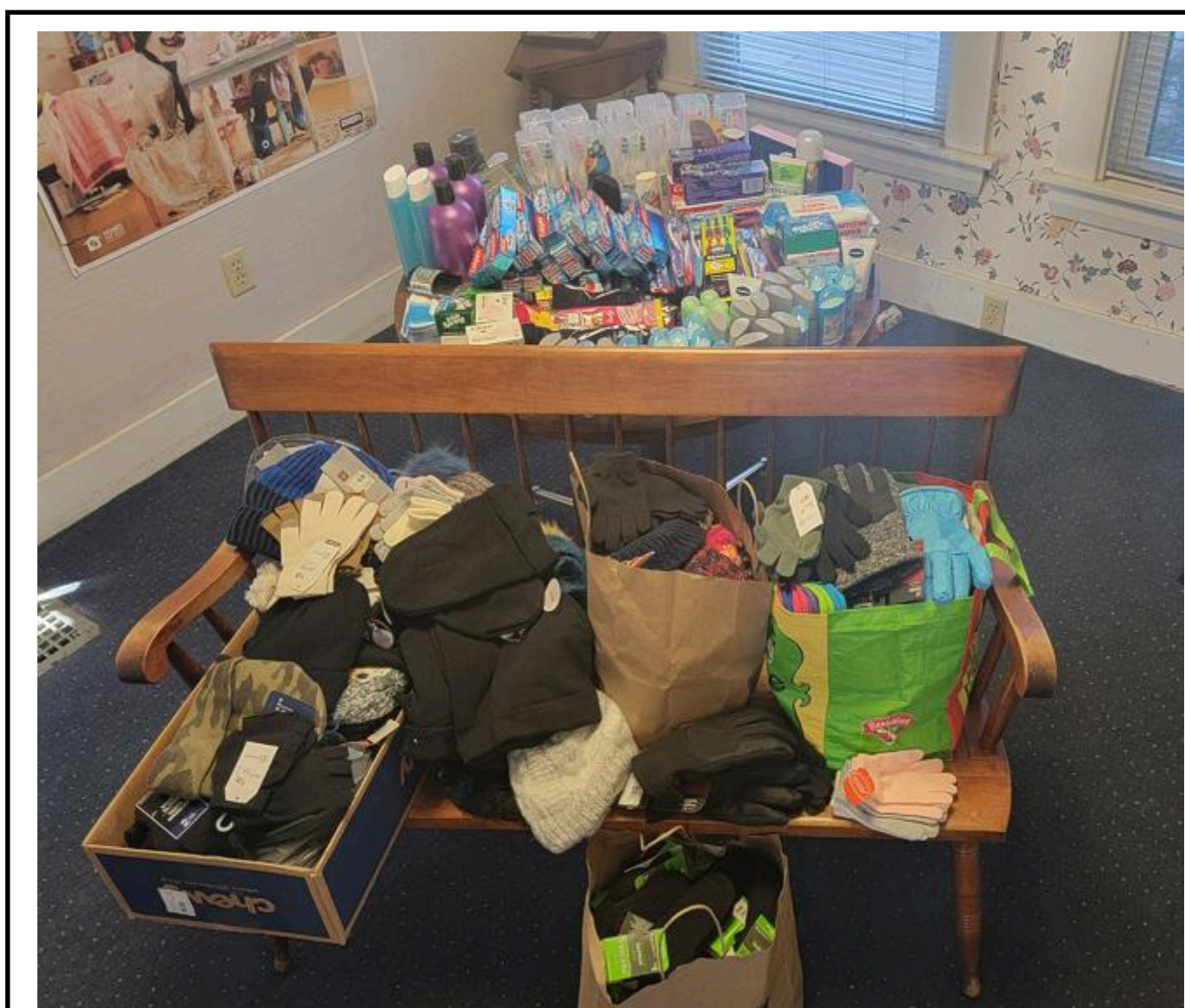
To be held on
 Monday, March 14, 2022 7:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall
 58 Opera House Square, Claremont NH

The Board will continue the discussion of Proposed Amendments to the Claremont Zoning Ordinance relative to housing.
 Richard Wahrlich, Chair

PUBLIC NOTICE For a meeting of the Conservation Commission

To be held on
 Thursday, March 17th, 2022 6:00 PM
 Council Chambers, City Hall
 Claremont NH



The Greater Claremont Board of REALTORS held a hat and mittens drive to benefit local and surrounding schools. The items were donated by REALTOR and Affiliate Members and were purchased at local businesses to help support our community. The drive not only provided hats and mittens to help keep kids warm and finish out the winter but also personal hygiene products to help the "Courtney's Closet" program at SHS. This project allows teens who are experiencing hardship and/or homelessness access to hygiene products at no cost (Courtesy photo).

SATURDAY, MARCH 19**Winter Animal Tracking****10am-11:30**

Location: Saint-Gaudens NHP, Meet outside the Visitor Center

Registration required: Email Joey Sullivan at joseph_sullivan@partner.nps.gov or call 802-457-3368 ext. 218. Registration is required and limited to 25 individuals.

Join us for an introductory lesson in animal tracking at the National Park! Learn how to identify the tracks and signs of many common Vermont mammals, including fisher, red fox, bobcat, and many more! Join NPS Science Communication Specialist Ed Sharron for an introduction to tracking and then put your new skills to the test on park trails.

THURSDAYS

Online Art Class: March Magic in Watercolor via Zoom

Thursdays, March 10, 17, & 24

10:00 am - 11:30 am

presented by the Newport Library Arts Center
Class is online via Zoom

Break out of the "March blahs" with instructor Patti Warren and a few of her "favorite things". Join a veteran watercolor instructor in a four-session remote painting experience. Trees, flowers, tea cups and the coast of Maine, are a

few of Patti's favorite things to paint, and will be featured in each of the four step-by-step lessons.

These online sessions get you inspired, painting, and involved in creative community--all from the comfort of your home. \$40 for the four-session series.

Register online at <https://libraryartscenter.org/>.

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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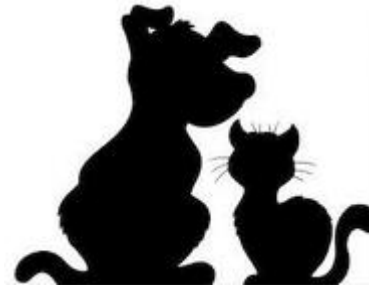
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Whether you want to enroll in a classroom experience or would prefer to learn online, register at www.huntnh.com/hunting/hunter-ed.html.

Select “Find a Hunter Education Course,” select a traditional or online class, then complete the registration to join. Walk-ins are accepted on a space-available basis, but there are no guarantees; pre-registration is highly recommended.



“Spring and summer are your best bets to be sure of getting into a course,” says New Hampshire Fish and Game Hunter Education Coordinator Josh Mackay.

Hunter education is required in New Hampshire before a new hunter can purchase his or her first hunting license. If you are age 16 or older, a license to hunt is mandatory. To meet this requirement, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department offers classes around the state. Participants must be at least 12 years old by the last day of the course to achieve

certification in basic Hunter Education.

Hunters who purchased an Apprentice Hunting License last year must take Hunter Education before they can purchase a hunting license. The Apprentice Hunting License allows people to hunt under the guidance of an experienced hunter, without first taking Hunter Education. Learn more at www.huntnh.com/hunting/apprentice.html.

For more information on Hunter Education in New Hampshire, visit www.huntnh.com/hunting/hunter-ed.html, or call (603) 271-3214.



More than 1,000 fans cheered on the 525 players during the first week of the Twin State Valley Basketball Tournament. Games were played in the gyms at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center and Stevens High School. The double elimination tourney continues this week, with evening games Monday through Friday. Championship games will be held this Saturday, starting hourly from 8am to 2pm. All remaining games will be played at the CSBCC. What: Twin State Valley Basketball Tournament When: March 7-12. Updated brackets noting times and teams are posted on Claremont Parks & Recreation Facebook. Where: Claremont Savings Bank Community Center, 152 South Street, Claremont. Cost: \$1, at the door; kids 5 and under free.



Two SHS Basketball Players Selected for All State, All Defensive Teams

CLAREMONT, NH—Alyssa Paquette and Kiley Bundy of the SHS Girls Basketball team have been selected to the Div. III All-State Second Team. Paquette was also selected as part of the Div. III All-Defensive team.

Inspiration

The Harbingers of Spring

By Priscilla Hull

It's March, so spring is just peeking around the corner. I guess we're all hoping so. It has been a rough winter with the pandemic, the arguments over to mask or not to mask, to vaccinate or not to vaccinate, but two things are for sure: The pandemic is lightening up and spring is coming! I don't know if we've accepted and somehow adjusted to the fear or if it is for real a lighter threat. I suppose it is a combination of both. As people we tend to adjust slowly to a new situation. When a new neighbor moves into the neighborhood, we are slow to introduce ourselves, but when we do, we finally adjust to the situation and enjoy their company. Well, we don't enjoy the "company" of a pandemic, but we do find that as we get to know what it is about, we work ourselves away from an initial panic to the ability to adjust to living with it. So to mask or not, is now up to the individual. So be it. It is our choice to protect ourselves or others, or to decide that the threat is enough to warrant a mask.

However, our relaxation has been short-lived as a new, greater threat has moved into place. That of course, being the threat of another major war. When Russia invaded Ukraine, the initial response was that this was the move of a man greedy to restore the Soviet Union. Or his desire to reign supreme. As we study the situation, we can see much deeper threats. One such threat is that our United States of America could be further divided by this action. Those who want to stay out of world affairs and those who feel that Europe, as a whole, is a place that we feel obliged to defend and with whom we maintain unity. There are ecological agreements, economic agreements that benefit us and the smaller, less powerful nations of Europe and around the world.

It is spring, a time for new life. It is a time for renewal, not destruction. It is a time for new growth, for creation to wake up in our hemisphere and be refreshed. This week on my walks I have seen robins galore, bear prints (someone waking up early to search for a snack?). I can feel the warmth of the sun on my back as I walk. I haven't seen the vultures flying overhead, or the geese headed north, but that will come. My heart thrills at the crocuses which, even under this light cover of snow that we've had, are slowly coming to life. It is all so exciting, as the potholes grow bigger, the sun grows warmer and we know that soon the buds on the trees will expand. I guess I'll cut some forsythia stems and see if I can force some flowers. Did you know that another sign of spring coming are the leaves on the rhododendrons and mountain laurel? When they are curled tight, we know winter is still here, but as they begin to flatten out and stay flat during the night, we know the weather is warming up. Sap buckets are another sure sign of spring! They appear on the trees, or the long plastic tubing that guides that luscious, magic sweetness to tanks so that we can have pancakes and waffles and ice cream smothered in it. Yummy.

Let us hope that as the winds of war blow, the winds of spring will blow stronger and will bring peace into our world. As others prepare bombs and missiles, let us prepare flowers to brighten the lives of those who are devastated by the invasion.

He will settle arguments between nations. They will pound their swords and their spears into rakes and shovels; they will never make war or attack one another. Isaiah 2:4

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





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Calendar Of Events

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 10, 17, & 24

10:00 am - 11:30 am

**presented by the Library Arts Center
Class is online via Zoom**

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

Register online at libraryartscenter.org.

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

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

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

Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo

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

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

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

Sandwiches and snacks available and drinks. Questions: call Sandy at 603-543-7118.

Open to those 18 and older.

Big Money Bingo

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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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 immune system you may still wear a mask for your own protection. We still have masks and hand sanitizer for anyone that may desire either product.

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

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

Claremont Senior Center News

The Claremont Senior Center Board has opened 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.

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 8th – Turkey a la King, rice, vegetable, dessert.

Thursday, Mar 10th – Meatball grinder, salad, 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 re-

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

Bingo – If you have not heard, our Wednesday afternoon Bingo is back. Cards are sold between noon and 12:45 only. We take Ones, Fives and Tens, NO Twenties. Also we had to raise the cost of playing a little. A pack (a sheet of 3 cards for 18 games) for \$6.00, 2 packs (playing 6 cards for 18 games) for \$12.00 and 3 packs (playing 9 cards for 18 games) for \$18.00. The jackpot (final game, 19th) is still \$1.00 for a sheet of 3 cards.

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

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

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. Many NEW items are needed for prizes. Volunteers are also needed to help with the Penny Sale. We will need volunteers weeks and days before the sale for sorting and labeling. Volunteers are also needed the day before for setting up and on penny sale day many are needed to sell tickets and door prize tickets.

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

"Where all men think alike, no one thinks very much." Walter Lippmann.

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)

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.

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.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday 2/27

0830: Ladder 1 responded mutual aid to Newport for a barn fire.

1214: Engine 4 responded to Spring St for a medical call.

1550: Engine 4 responded to Sullivan St for a public assist.

Monday 2/28

1042: Engine 4 responded to Twistback Rd for a medical call.

1349: Engine 4 responded to High St for a well-being check.

Tuesday 3/1

0247: Engine 4 responded to Pleasant St for a medical call.

0927: Engine 4 responded to Washington St for an odor investigation.

1437: Car 1, Engine 4 and Engine 3 responded to Elm St for a garage fire.

1539: Engine 4 responded to Broad St for an alarm sounding.

Wednesday 3/2

1128: Engine 4 responded to North St for a medical call.

Thursday 3/3

0810: Engine 4 responded to West Terrace St for a well-being check.

1441: Engine 3 responded to Plains Rd for a motor vehicle accident.

1901: Engine 3 responded to North St for a motor vehicle accident.

Friday 3/4

1104: Engine 4 responded to North St for a lift assist.

1316: Engine 4 responded to North St for a box alarm.

1352: Engine 4 responded to Wall St for an odor investigation.

1416: Engine 4 responded to Charlestown Rd for a medical call.

1738: Engine 4 responded to Broad St for a box alarm.

2012: Engine 4 responded to Heritage Dr for a medical call.

Saturday 3/5

1401: Engine 4 responded to Heritage Dr for a medical call.

1856: Engine 4 responded to Hanover St for a medical call.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

ANONYMOUS COFFEE HOUSE IN LEBANON 7:30PM

Indie singer-songwriter Allison Fay Brown begins the show at 7:30 pm and is making her debut at the Anonymous. She released her first EP, titled Cardinal in 2019, which was featured on the Vermont music blog County Tracks 'Best New Songs of 2019.' Currently, Allison is developing a second album, and is planning to tour in the Spring of 2022.

At 8:15, Richard Ruane and Beth Duquette, a duo who are stalwarts from the folk community around Middlebury College will take the stage. They perform a terrific repertoire of original and traditional songs sung in tight harmony and accompanied by Richard's tasteful arrangements on a variety of string instruments.

And at 9 pm, 2x2 (two husbands/wives) who wowed us with their quartet singing of songs from around the world last November will round out the show!

More information at <http://anoncoffee.org/>.



CSBCC Member Spotlight Eric Lemieux



Eric, 31, lives in Claremont, and has been a member since 2013.

He's currently training to take part in the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games, to be held in June in Orlando. As a member of Team New Hampshire, he'll swim three races: 50m butterfly (his favorite stroke), 50m freestyle, and a 4x25 relay.

"After, I'm going to Wizarding World of Harry Potter!"

Eric does his lap swimming 3 to 4 times a week. One of his coaches is the Center's Tim Hernon. At home, Eric does strength training and walks the treadmill 5 times a week.

"I like to walk on the track, use the gym equipment and play basketball. I've gone on the bus trips to Red Sox and Manchester Monarch games. I'd like to try more things at the CSBCC, like yoga and cardio drumming."

"I've become stronger and more fit, and I get to spend more time with my friends here."



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Life Tributes

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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.

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Susan J. Coleman, 69

We mournfully announce the passing of our mother Susan J. Coleman, 69, of Claremont, NH. After a brief illness, Susan passed away on February 6, 2022. Born to Virginia Durphey and Winfield J. Coleman on November 18th, 1952. Susan grew up in the Hartford, VT, and Canaan, NH, area; after graduating from Mascoma High School in 1969, Susan then attended The Diorrs Beauty college in Burlington, VT.

Susan is survived by her son Brian Coleman of Claremont, NH, and his girlfriend Leah Rechisky; her daughters Tammy L. Coleman of Newport Beach, CA, and Tabatha J. Coleman of Claremont, NH, and her boyfriend Shawn Partlow; grandchildren Zackary Coleman of Plainfield, NH, and Angellea Coleman of Claremont, NH, and Charlie Tatro and Sammy-Jo Curtis of Newport, NH; and her beloved great grandchildren Leah and Aiden of Claremont, NH. She is also survived by her mother Virginia Durphey of Ascutney, VT; two sisters Nancy Brooks Williams of Virginia and Patty Gale Williams of Windsor, VT; also a brother Richard Coleman, also of Windsor, VT; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brothers Roger Coleman of Newport, VT, and Peter Coleman of Ascutney, VT; and a sister-in-

law, Theresa Coleman also of Ascutney, VT; as well as two brother-in-laws, Peter Brooks of Vermont and Mike Williams of Virginia.

While Susan never married, she lived a full and vibrant life with more friends than you could count. Her grandchildren meant more to her than words can describe. She was also an active member of Polish American Club and The American Legion. We will miss her dearly.

A small intimate celebration of life was recently held for Susan. Friends and family can send cards to her family at 177 Hanover St., Claremont NH. 03743

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

William A. Scala

Bill passed peacefully at home on Saturday, February 26, 2022. Most knew Bill as a conversationalist with incredible recall and a quick wit. He was a teacher, mentor, and an excellent cook.

He was born at Yale New Haven Hospital to Alfred and Lucille Scala, the second youngest of four children. The house was a lively merge

of immigrant Italian cuisine and Maryland family practicality. He distinguished himself as an excellent student with an aptitude for speed reading and comprehension, first at the Helen Street School, then at Hamden High, where he graduated in the spring of 1958. Bill began college at the University of Connecticut that fall, where he joined Delta Chi Fraternity. He met Susan Starr, his future wife and partner for life. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and a Minor in Philosophy. Bill enlisted with the U.S. Army Reserves while at UConn in 1962 and was honorably discharged in 1968.

His first job was with Liberty Mutual in Washington D.C. They married that year and Susan had son Christopher. A year and a half later, Bill landed a sales position with Carpenter Steel which moved the family to Foxboro MA, where daughter Julie was born. After four years in Massachusetts, a client company of Bill's named Sinclair Machine Products made him an offer and the Scalas moved to Claremont, NH.

The young couple immersed themselves in the community, building relationships at the

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Moody and Pleasant Restaurants. Bill became active in the Indian Guides (Adventure Guides) and Sue in the Brownies while both kids attended Maple Avenue School. Bill coached Claremont Flyers Ice Hockey teams for the next several years.

He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, serving as President for two terms, while also active with other local and national business associations. They volunteered for many community events, including the Claremont triathlons.

In 1980, Bill began the Oakley Boxing Club, named for friend Maurice Oakley, who funded the endeavor. The team practiced in the basement of the old Community Center and had a few "Smokers" with a sister club from Rutland, VT, led by Tommy Garrow.

Bill Scala retired from Sinclair in 2000, after more than 30 years with the company.

Bill and Susan enjoyed golf and were members of the Claremont Country Club. He was a devoted fan of the UConn Men's and Women's Basketball programs. He most recently served on the Board of Trustees of the Fiske Free Library.

He was predeceased by wife Susan on July 16, 2021. He is survived by: brother Chuck in Churchton, MD; brother Fred and son Chris in Fallbrook, CA; and daughter Julie in Claremont.

No service is scheduled at this time. Burial to be announced later. In lieu of flowers, he would wish that any contributions be donated to the Fiske Free Library.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

June J. Zweeres, 88

June J. (Shepard) Zweeres, 88, of Claremont, NH, passed away peacefully on March 2, 2022 of natural causes. She was born in Claremont, NH, the daughter of Nina and Charles Shepard on July 4, 1933.

June and her 11 siblings were raised in Unity, NH, and all attended Stevens High School in Claremont, NH. After graduation June went to work at Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital as a secretary. While working at Dartmouth June met her future husband, Favian C. Zweeres. After marrying Favian they moved to Claremont to live and raise a family; June went to work at area nursing homes. After Favian's passing in 1986, June switched to private duty nursing care, which she retired from in 1995 so she could help her children with their children when needed.

June leaves behind two sons, a daughter and a step-daughter, Jeffrey F. Zweeres of Spotsylvania, VA, and his wife, Toya, Gerald R. Zweeres of North Pole, AK, and his wife, Donna, Geri Johnson of Newport, NH, and her husband, Eric and Theresa Dennison of Evansville, IN, and her husband, Bill; ten grandchildren, Matthew, Carrie, Dominic, Joseph, Nathan, Kylie, Beth, Heather, Kyle and Hannah, and ten great-grandchildren.

As well as being predeceased by her husband, Favian, June was also predeceased by her 11 siblings, Raymond, Madelain, Theda, Wilford, Olive, Ruth, Robert, Shirley, Ernest, Wendell and Wayne. She was also predeceased by daughter Carol and stepchildren Dennis and Patricia Zweeres.

Following June's wishes there will be a graveside service on July 2, 2022 with a celebration of life to follow.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Theresa Bergeron

Theresa Bergeron of Sullivan County Health Care passed away quietly on Friday, February 25, 2022, at the age of 96.

She was born in Claremont, NH, on October 4, 1925, the daughter of David Mignault and Laudina (Coulombe) Mignault. After the death of her father in 1926, her mother would later marry Edward Melcher who would adopt her and her older sister, Violet.

Theresa would attend Claremont schools, entering Stevens High School as part of the Class of 1942. She left school in 1941 to enter the workforce as an employee of The International Shoe Company. This move she would always regret throughout the period of her life she spent as a homemaker raising her six children. This regret eventually prompted her to enroll in the Claremont Adult Education Program in her early fifties, where she finally achieved her high school diploma. After graduating, she worked at multiple jobs in the Claremont School District, eventually settling in as an employee of the Adult Education Program she so dearly loved. She retired from her job in 2000 after spending 20 years in the system.

With the responsibilities of family behind her, she enjoyed an active social life that found her attending dances regularly as well as participating in a women's bowling league for years. In later years Terry loved being at the ocean-front and visiting the many lighthouses that dot

the rocky shores of DownEast Maine. Her annual visit to Port Clyde with her daughter Pamela was the highlight of many summers. She is survived by four sons, Richard Bergeron and his companion, Jodie Raymond of Claremont, NH; Timothy Bergeron and his wife, Susan Lee of Strafford, VT; Jeffrey Bergeron and his companion, Susan Kane of Hopkinton, NH; and Michael Bergeron and his wife, Kristi of Albuquerque, NM; one daughter, Deborah Paulette and her husband, James of Alstead, NH; nine grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; brothers, Edward Melcher Jr and his wife Angie; Larry Melcher and his wife Elaine; her sister-in-law Rhoda Melcher and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her daughter, Pamela Bergeron; sisters, Violet Viotto and Marceline O'Brion; brother, Robert Melcher; her former husband, Normand Bergeron; her mother, Laudina M. Melcher and father, Edward Melcher.

A funeral service was held at Stringer Funeral Home Saturday morning with Father John Loughnane officiating. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery.

Fred E. LeClair, 82

Fred Edward LeClair, 82, of Claremont, NH, passed away with his loving family by his side. He was born September 8, 1939, to George and Barbara Daisy Harten LeClair.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Carol Rivet LeClair; sons, Fred Edward LeClair (Lee), Lenny LeClair of Claremont; daughters, Lynn LeClair of Claremont and Sherri Lade Johnson of Green Cove Springs, FL; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He assisted Carol's parents in running Shirley's Donuts on Pleasant Street for many years. They moved to Florida in 1971 until retirement. They relocated back to Claremont five years ago to spend their later years with family and friends.

Funeral services will be held in the spring.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Donald D. Roy, 88

Donald D. Roy, 88 of Sullivan Street in Claremont, NH, died peacefully on Sunday (Feb. 27, 2022) surrounded by his family.

He was born in Berlin, NH, on August 15, 1933, the son of Louis E. and Lydia (Drouin)

Roy and had been a Claremont resident since 1963. He was a graduate of Notre Dame High School, Class of 1951 where he served as president of his class for four years as well as goalie for the hockey team. Following high school Don played semiprofessional Hockey for the Berlin Maroons tending the net. He had been employed as a foreman by the Brown Company in Berlin, NH. He was a veteran of the US Army, serving during the Korean War. He graduated from New England Institute of Mortuary Science in 1959. Don then began his career in funeral service, working for Fleury Funeral Home in Berlin, NH, Knight Funeral Home in Windsor, VT, and McCusker Funeral Home in Claremont, NH, before he and his wife, Doris opened Roy Funeral Home on April 1, 1973. He and Doris retired in 1996 and wintered for many years in Dade City, FL, where they enjoyed the sun, golf and making new friends. He was an avid golfer both here and in Florida. He was a member of the Fr. Cote Council #1820 3rd and 4th degree Knights of Columbus. Don was a quiet man and led by example, a trait that he will long be remembered for.

Members of his family include two sons, James R. Roy and his wife, Lori, Claremont, NH; Jon D. Roy and his wife, Sheila Pierson-Roy, Strafford, NH; eight grandchildren, Michelle Roy, Benjamin Roy, Timothy Roy, Kayla Roy, Zachary Schucart, Nicholas Roy, Jordan Schucart, Hayleigh Roy, six great grandchildren, Calvin, Reagan, Leah, Mason, Turner and Pierson, a sister, Louise Roy and her husband, Eduardo Suarez, Sherbrooke, PQ, Canada, a brother, Maurice Roy and his wife, Debbie, Ayers Cliff, PQ, Canada and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by the love of his life, Doris (Jutras) Roy; two brothers, Dr. Richard Roy, David Roy and a sister, Gloria Mastro.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday (March 5) at St. Mary's Church with the Rev. Sebastian Susairaj, officiating. Interment with military honors followed in St. Mary's Cemetery.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Lake Sunapee VNA & Hospice Care, 107 Newport Road, New London, NH 03257.

You are invited to share a story of Don with the family or leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at www.royfuneralhome.com.

Virginia M. Lewis, 97

Virginia M. Lewis, 97, of Chestnut Street in Claremont, NH, died Saturday (February 19, 2022) at Valley Regional Hospital following a period of failing health.

She was born in Claremont, NH, on July 27, 1924, the daughter of Ernest P. and Ella R. (Lamare) Lewis and had been a lifetime Claremont resident. Virginia had been employed as pay mistress in the payroll office by Joy Manufacturing Co. for 40 years. She enjoyed crocheting and knitting as well as reading mystery novels.

Members of her family include a brother, Kenneth Lewis, Claremont, NH; a niece, Rebecca Lewis, a nephew, Kenneth Lewis II.

She was predeceased by a brother, Roger Lewis, and a sister, Mildred Ruest.

Graveside Committal services were held on Thursday (March 3) in St. Mary's cemetery, Claremont, NH.

You are invited to share a memory of Virginia with the family or leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at www.royfuneralhome.com.



Left: Rev. Sebastian Susiraj, HGN, was welcomed at a reception follow-

ing his installation as Pastor of St. Mary Church and St. Joseph Church on Sunday, March 6. Father Sebastian comes to Claremont from St. Joseph Church, Woodsville, NH. Right: Rev. Arocki Antony, HGN, holds the cake served at St Joseph Church's Coffee Hour on Feb. 28, where parishioners wished him well as he left Claremont to become pastor of St. Joseph Church in Woodsville, NH. Since 2017, Father Arockia has served as Parochial Vic-

ar assisting Very Rev. Shawn Therrien, V.G., pastor of St. Mary Church. Bottom: The Very Reverend John Loughnane, VF, Dean of the Upper Valley Deanery, who officiated at Fr. Sebastian's Installation as Pastor of St. Mary Church and St. Joseph Church with members of the CDA (Courtesy photos).



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 (Revised)

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| 6:30 PM | 1. | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE |
| 6:32 PM | 2. | ROLL CALL |
| 6:34 PM | 3. | AGENDA CHANGES |
| 6:35 PM | 4. | REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
Minutes of February 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 |
| 7:25 PM | B. | <i>Hazard Mitigation Plan Update</i> |
| | 10. | NEW BUSINESS |
| 7:40 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) |
| BREAK | | |
| 8:10 PM | B. | Class VI Roads Update (City Manager/Public Works Director) |
| 8:30 PM | C. | <i>Acceptance of Multi-Year Lease for Vehicles (City Manager/Public Works Director)</i> |
| 8:40 PM | D. | <i>Resolution 2022-21 Accept and Expend K-9 Unit Grant – Public Hearing (City Manager/Police Chief)</i> |
| 8:50 PM | 11. | COMMITTEE REPORTS |
| 8:55 PM | 12. | FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES |
| 9:00 PM | 13. | CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL |
| 9:05 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.