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Near-Unity in Unity

At Town Meeting, a Vote for a Broadband Network

**By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News**

UNITY, NH—"Tax Impact \$0." This may have been the most convincing line in Article 3, which Unity's registered voters approved at Saturday's Town Meeting.

The article regarded the raising and appropriation of \$2,512,110 "for the purpose of furnishing, constructing, and installing facilities and equipment to make a Fiber Optic Broadband Network available" in the town. Of that sum, \$1,749,375 would be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes, and \$762,735 as a donation from the broadband provider, in this case, Consolidated Communications (CCI). Further, the Board of Selectmen was authorized "to apply for, obtain, and accept federal, state, or other aid, gifts, and donations" to the project.

The result will be a 20-year contract between Unity and CCI.

Four CCI representatives attended Town Meeting to answer questions, such as when service would be available on a specific road, and who is responsible for maintenance of the fiber optic lines.

Mike Cannon, CCI senior director of operations, explained that the system would be installed in waves throughout the town.

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In Town Meeting tradition, residents could address issues, voice concerns and ask questions about any of the articles on the agenda.

(Eric Zengota photo).



Use Extreme Caution on the Ice as Spring Approaches

CONCORD, NH – With fluctuating and unpredictable temperatures commonplace throughout the month of March in the Granite State, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department officials urge outdoor enthusiasts to exercise extreme caution when enjoying late-winter activities on or near the ice. Ice anglers are advised to plan ahead for bobhouse removal; all bobhouses must be removed from

waterbodies and private property by April 1, 2021.

"Caution is in order for those going out onto any ice, especially following this winter's changeable weather," said NH Fish and Game Colonel Kevin Jordan. "With erratic temperatures, some areas of ice may look safe, but may not be. We are urging people to check the ice thickness before going out onto any frozen

waterbody."

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

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ness of the ice will not be uniform over the entire waterbody. Snow-covered ice can be deceiving and should always be inspected carefully.

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

Keep in mind that thick ice does not always mean safe ice. It is possible for ice to be thick, but not strong, because of varying weather conditions. Weak ice forms when warming trends break down the ice, then the surface re-freezes. Be especially careful of areas with current, such as inlets, outlets, and spring holes, where the ice can be dangerously thin.

Tips for staying safe on the ice include: It is never advisable to drive vehicles onto the ice.



Don't venture onto any ice during thaws. Stay off the ice along the shoreline if it is cracked or squishy. Docks, rocks, and downed trees absorb the sun's heat and can cause the ice around them to be thin.

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

Small bodies of water tend to freeze thicker. Rivers and lakes are more prone to wind, currents, and wave action that weaken ice.

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

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

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

If someone you are with breaks through the ice, don't rush over to the hole—keep yourself safe. Look for something to throw or to use to reach out to the person such as a rope, tree branch, or ice

spud. Lie down flat and reach out with your tool. After securing the person, do not stand—wobble backwards on the solid ice pulling the person with you.

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

To watch a short video on how to correctly check ice thickness visit www.wildnh.com/outdoor-recreation/ice-safety.html.

Coffee with the Chief on March 17th

SUNAPEE, NH—Join us for Coffee with the Chief on Wednesday, March 17th, from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Safety Services Building. We are continuing to follow Covid-19 safety recommendations: We will be meeting in the Fire Department's apparatus bay which will allow more room for us to spread out; any attendee with a handicap may park their vehicle in front of the apparatus bay; tables with seating will be 6 feet apart; only the first 35 attendees will be allowed into the building. If you attend with family members, you will be allowed to sit together at a table. You are asked to wear a mask into the building.

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NH Lottery Numbers

03/13/2021

NH PowerBall

5 11 51 56 61 2

NH Mega Millions 03/12/2021

2 24 25 31 65 18

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5 13 26 35 38 2

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SHS Alumni Meeting Moved to March 24

CLAREMONT, NH—The SHS Alumni meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 17th, has been moved to Wednesday, March 24th. All alumni are welcome.

CDA Meeting March 16

CLAREMONT, NH—Catholic Daughters of the Americas meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, at 6:30 PM., St. Joseph Church, Elm St.

CDA Pecan Sale

CLAREMONT, NH—Catholic Daughters of the Americas are sponsoring an Easter Holiday Pecan Sale on Saturday, March 27, and Sunday, March 28, in St. Mary Church after all Mass services; 12 oz. Mammoth Pecans, 12 oz. Jumbo Roasted Cashews, Glazed Pecans and Pecan Clusters will be available.

Health Equity Photovoice Project in Claremont, Newport and Keene

UNH Cooperative Extension 4-H, in partnership with National Extension's Well Connected Communities initiative, has launched an opportunity for young people to lead our communities as change-agents for health equity through a project called Photovoice.

This project will bring youth perspective front and center and provide a safe structure for youth to work alone and together on what matters most to them.

WHO: Up to 12 participants aged 8-18 years old that live in Sullivan or Cheshire

County.

WHAT: Photovoice is an internationally known participatory research method that uses photographs and narratives presented by traditionally underrepresented populations, like young people, to make a data-driven statement about an issue in their community.

WHEN: Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm, March 31st-May 5th. A final exhibition will follow, details organized by the project participants and adult facilitators.

WHERE: In person location still to be determined. This project will abide by all CDC guidelines and University of New Hampshire COVID-19 policies and procedures. When weather or policy does not permit the group will meet online via ZOOM.

WHY: This project will help focus local leadership to the issues youth face today and will lead to the beginnings of systemic change at

the local level. Through preliminary discussions with youth, many of the issues that have come to the surface are centralized around health equity and social justice. This project will allow for peer socialization, empowerment and change at a local level through youth-adult partnerships and youth voice.

REGISTER: Go to the UNH Cooperative Extension Event Page for more information and to register. Registration closes on March 22, 2021: <https://extension.unh.edu/events/youth-health-equity-photovoice-project>.

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. Gary Merchant

What to Build? That Is the Question



The Sullivan County Delegation, composed of elected state representatives from throughout the County, has the power under RSA 24:13 to raise County taxes, make appropriations for County use, and authorize real estate purchase. Also, it is responsible for the sale of its real estate, building construction, repair and enlargement, and issuing bonds to cover its debts. This spring, the Delegation faces an important decision – one it has not had to make in over fifty years.

The question is: what will happen to Sullivan County Health Care (SCHC), the Unity facility owned by the citizens of our County and operated by our County Commissioners, which provides residential nursing care? Should a new facility be built in a different location or on the existing site? Must the existing facility be entirely replaced, or can it be cost-effectively renovated and enlarged?

As a state representative of Claremont, I am weighing these options carefully. It is certainly not easy to balance the challenge of ensuring nursing home residents have an appropriate facility with the risk to residents' ability to retain their homes in the face of continual property tax increases.

As the Delegation and County commissioners address the building question, recognition goes to the nursing home administrator, Ted Purdy, the nurses and staff caring for residents. In the past few years, government inspections found no deficiencies, and Medicare rates the home with five full stars, the highest achievable Medicare ranking. An outstanding achievement.

Here is the background: The County purchased 395 acres of land in Unity in 1866. In 1869, 1903, 1907, and 1921, the County acquired adjacent parcels of land. In 1930, a new building to care for Sullivan County patients was built for \$150,000. The property, once called the Sullivan County Farm, was renamed the Sullivan County Home in 1931. The County Commissioners named the facility after Dr. Henry Sanders, Jr, in 1942.

Updated federal regulations related to Medicare and Medicaid led to planning a new building in the mid-1960s. While there was discussion at the time to erect the new building, a split vote ultimately favored its construction at the current location. In 1970, the County dedicated the new building to Dr. Carl M. Stearns for years of service.

The last major renovation occurred in 1997 when the County opened a 32-bed special care unit designed for patients with Alzheimer's. That unit was named for Commissioner Frank MacConnell, who played a crucial role in its creation.

In 2016, a feasibility study evaluated renovations options with a price tag of \$18 million. The design would reduce capacity to 148 beds, a

smaller addition for 36 beds, renovate the Sanders building, and deferred some maintenance.

In the fall of 2019, County management brought forth a proposal to bring the entire facility up to current standards and provide additional space for residents and visitors. Plans called for demolishing the Sanders building, renovating the Stearns and MacConnell buildings, and constructing a new addition. Upon completing the project, residents would move into bigger, more family- and visitor-friendly rooms, with each resident able to view the outside world. Currently, four residents share a room, with only two of them having access to a window. Today it is necessary for staff to transport a resident down a hallway corridor to shower or bathe. After the project, each resident would share a room and a walk-in bathroom with a single roommate. Then the proposed price tag was \$35 million.

Last month County management presented an update on the project. Increases in building materials and labor costs, coupled with the need to comply with newer regulations, have driven the project's likely cost to \$50 million, nearly three times the price in 2016. A \$50 million bond at 2.5% interest over 29 years means the total cost of funding this project would be around \$70 million, or \$2.5 million per year for 29 years, or a price of \$900,000 by room occupied with two residents.

For the past few years, average occupancy at the nursing home has been around 135 residents, 20 less than 156 beds. These extra 20 come with purchasing more beds, room furniture and equipment, and have operational costs including heat, maintenance, and repairs.

At present, Sullivan County has a structural deficit. Its revenues, including County property taxes, are not sufficient to cover County operational costs. The County has been borrowing from the County savings account (known as the Fund Balance) to close the gap. Adding a bond payment to county expenses increases the deficit's size, which translates into an eventual increase in local property taxes to pay for a new mortgage (bond).

The actual impact on local property tax rate varies for each community within Sullivan County and the size of the bond approved by the Delegation and supported by County commissioners. A challenging decision with no easy answer or correct answer. Before agreeing with a bond for several millions of dollars, I request input from Claremont residents regarding a new building at the Unity location or another site within Sullivan County, renovating and expanding a smaller facility at the Unity location, moving forward with the current proposal, or another option.

Please send your thoughts or suggestions via email to merchant4nhouse@gmail.com.

Hassan Leads Push to Fully Reimburse NH Schools for Personal Protective Equipment and Other Emergency Supplies

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan's office announced that the senator is leading a group of her colleagues in calling on the Biden administration to fully reimburse schools in New Hamp-

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shire and across the country for emergency COVID-19 related expenses, including personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies.

The American Rescue Plan that was recently signed into law included \$50 billion for the Disaster Relief Fund administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to reimburse states and localities for COVID-19 related emergency expenses such as personal protective equipment. This funding is on top of the \$45 billion that was allocated to the Fund through the federal CARES Act that Congress passed last year. However, under the previous administration, FEMA denied reimbursement that schools in New Hampshire and across the country were counting on. While the previous administration did not reverse its decision, the Biden administration heeded Senator Hassan and colleagues’ calls to do so. Currently though, the reimbursement is not retroactive, so it does not cover expenses from 2020.

Hassan and colleagues are calling for the reimbursement to retroactively cover COVID-related costs incurred by schools dating back to the beginning of the pandemic.

“We write today to urge the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to review and retroactively approve Public Assistance requests from schools and other education facilities for eligible emergency protective measures necessary during the COVID-19 pandemic,” the Senators wrote. “While FEMA works to ensure that these expenses will be eligible for reimbursement going forward, it is critical that FEMA retroactively applies this decision to expenses incurred since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

In their letter, the Senators highlight the administration’s decision to retroactively reimburse states for other costs incurred under FEMA Public Assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and urged the administration to apply this same policy to schools.

The Senators concluded, “We look forward to working with FEMA and the entire Biden administration to support our schools throughout the course of this pandemic.”

Kuster Questions Food Supply Chain Experts, Addresses Food Insecurity and Hunger in NH

WASHINGTON, DC—Thursday, Rep. Annie Kuster (NH-02), a member of the House Agriculture Committee, participated in a full Committee hearing entitled, “A Look at Food Insecurity in America.” The Agriculture Committee heard from food supply chain experts about the impact of COVID-19 on food insecurity and how to build a more resilient food supply chain moving forward.

Since the spread of COVID-19, approximately one in seven Granite Staters are food insecure, meaning they do not know when or where their next meal will come from. COVID has made an additional 55,000 people in New Hampshire food insecure, a 69% increase from pre-pandemic levels. In total, more than 180,000 people across the state are now food insecure, including an estimated 21-23% of children.

“Food insecurity is such a heartbreaking but important issue, and one that we can solve with diligent and targeted action,” said Kuster. “COVID-19 has pulled back the curtain and exposed the staggering degree of food insecurity that already existed in New Hampshire and across the country before the pandemic. No one should have to go hungry in America — we can do better. I was proud to help champion increased funding for food assistance programs in the COVID response packages Congress passed last year. The American Rescue Plan Act, which we passed and sent to the President’s desk yesterday, provides billions in additional food support at a time when Americans still desperately need it. These are important steps we must continue in order to end food insecurity.”

“Our nutrition partners and stakeholders in New Hampshire have done a tremendous job in their response to this crisis, but it’s also clear that food banks, soup kitchens, and dedicated volunteers cannot stem the tide of hunger alone,” Kuster continued. “Without robust support from SNAP, WIC, and other federal nutrition and food assistance programs, countless more of our friends and neighbors wouldn’t know where their next meal is coming from. To that end, I’ve been excited to see SNAP online purchasing pilots launched in 47 states, including New Hampshire. My hope is that these pilots will continue to grow and will eventually be expanded to WIC...”

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Residents could add their names to a contact list to receive updates; they can also follow the project's progress through town notices. CCI would be responsible for line maintenance, upgrades to the system and access for any new housing developments.

Unity's was the sixth of seven "Yes" votes for CCI broadband-service contracts at last week's Town Meetings. Gilsum, Troy, Fitzwilliam, Charlestown and Langdon approved similar articles. Later on Saturday, Goshen approved theirs, 64-4. CCI provides broadband services in 23 states.

During the public comment period, some residents expressed their thanks to the town for its work over many months to bring a broadband network to Unity. Their appreciation was music to the ears of Heather Bliss and Cathy Lombardo, co-chairs of the broadband committee. They had organized several public hearings over the last few months to ensure that residents learned all about the proposed project.

The votes were nearly unanimous in favor of the article: 130 in favor, 3 opposed.

A post-vote timeline includes several steps. April: submission of bond application. July: Bond Bank approves application. August: funds released and system installation work begins. Service to parts of the town is expected to launch in March 2022.

Unity residents approved 14 other articles by majority vote. Among them: Article 4, \$1,260,320 for general municipal operations; Article 8, \$300,000 for reconstruction of Stage Road; and Article 12, \$5,000 to be added to the fire department emergency vehicle maintenance capital reserve fund.

Voters can cast their ballots for a full hour after discussion closes on an article. Here, moderator Fred Bellimer carries a box filled with ballots on Article 3, the broadband network issue, to a table for counting. The box is emptied, and the Yes/No ballots are separated and counted. The tally on Article 3 was 130 "Yes" in favor, 3 "No" opposed.

Photos by Eric Zengota



When a voice vote is so close as to be "uncertain," voters hold up yellow slips, in favor of or against any article, to be counted. Town Meeting was held in the gymnasium of Unity School under COVID-19 mask and social-distancing protocols.





NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – March 14, 2021

CONCORD, NH – On Sunday, March 14, 2021, DHHS announced 307 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 2.6%. Today's results include 223 people who tested positive by PCR test and 84 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 2,190 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported Sunday:

3/13: 307 new cases

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are sixty-four individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 43% being female and 57% being male.

The new cases reside in Rockingham (60), Merrimack (49), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (39), Strafford (28), Cheshire (24), Grafton (24), Carroll (7), Coos (6), Belknap (3), and Sullivan (2) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (26) and Nashua (23). The county of residence is being determined for sixteen new cases.

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

There are currently 71 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 78,615 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

As of Sunday, there were 8 current positively identified cases in Claremont; 33, in Sullivan County.

COVID-19 Hotline

211NH has been mobilized to handle all COVID-19 related calls from New Hampshire

residents. All residents with questions or concerns regarding COVID-19 can call 2-1-1.

Vaccine Update

At his weekly COVID press conference on Thursday, Gov. Chris Sununu announced that the state is launching its own vaccination sign-up system; the Vaccine and Immunization Network Interface, referred to as VINI, will be launched this Wednesday, March 17. School, child care and youth camp staff members will be able to start signing up for appointments. VINI will replace the federal VAM system that the state has been using and which has resulted in user frustration in many cases. Sununu said the system will be "much easier to navigate, and it will be easier for someone to find an appointment."

Granite Staters age 50 or older will be able to start signing up for vaccination appointments as part of Phase 2B on March 22; first appointments will begin March 25.

Other Updates

The governor also announced that the state is easing some of its pandemic restrictions, while saying that safety measures and distancing must still be in place. The state's mask mandate also remains in place. Sununu said mask-wearing has proven to be effective, given that there has been little to virtually no influenza in New Hampshire.

Under the newly released guidelines, salons and barbershops can have walk-in customers and use their waiting rooms; bars and restau-

rants can now allow darts, pool, karaoke and bands of three members or less, provided they can stay 10 feet from the audience.

The state will no longer require out-of-state travelers to quarantine when they arrive in the Granite State but it is still recommended.

"Things are going in a good direction," Sununu said. "We're not just going to rip the Band-Aid off and open everything up wide open, that would not be a very smart thing to do. "We're just not there yet."

Earlier Thursday, the Governor's Economic Reopening Task Force recommended updated guidance on performance arts venues, amusement parks and tourist trains. Seating capacity at performance venues would allow at least three feet of distancing between associated groups, on the condition they wear masks. Game equipment, rafts, and tubes at amusement parks would have to be cleaned and disinfected between each use, and rides would have to be cleaned and disinfected at least every few hours and at the end of each shift.

Sullivan County Health Care Updates Visitation Policy

Sullivan County Health Care has started scheduling visits once again, and the Visitation Coordinator is available to start scheduling your visits. She is available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday to arrange "visitation station visits". She can be reached at 603-542-9511, X-298; if you get her voicemail, please leave a message. She will return your call as soon as possible.

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated March 14, 2021, 9:00 AM)

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|---|--------------|
| NH Persons with COVID-19 | 78,615 |
| Recovered | 75,226 (96%) |
| Deaths Attributed to COVID-19 | 1,199 (2%) |
| Total Current COVID-19 Cases | 2,190 |
| Current Hospitalizations | 71 |
| Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ² | 641,265 |
| Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ² | 38,171 |
| Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL | N/A |
| Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ³ | 30 |

Very Low Turnout Marks School District Election

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—A low turnout of voters often marks the annual Claremont School District Election, but this year's voter turnout on March 9 of just 7 percent likely set a new record. Whether it was due to a lack of school board candidates, only two warrant articles, the drive-through voting system set up this year due to COVID or general voter apathy, it's hard to say. There was a smattering of complaints on social media where some residents said they didn't know who was running or hadn't seen a sample ballot, that despite thorough efforts by the SAU, City and local media to post or publish all the pertinent information more than once during the weeks preceding the vote. The district even snailmailed a four-page flyer to residents explaining details for the deliberative session in February and the March 9th election.

Claremont School Board Chair Frank Sprague told the *e-Ticker News*, "I think the idea of 'I didn't know' is the cop-out response to voter apathy; we vote every year on the 2nd Tuesday in March. That being said, in spite of a late write-in campaign, the school board election was for three uncontested seats, which might be a contributing factor to low turnout. I do believe the community has faith in the board to bring forward the most responsible school budget it can. The budget subcommittee spends hours each year with administrators in a line-by-line vetting of the budget; I think the community knows this and trusts us, hence does not mobilize to defeat the budget. I did notice that voter turnout was low statewide, which has been attributed to Covid 'fatigue'. The good news is that we have a budget that passed in spite of this most unusual format."

Running uncontested for school district officials' seats were clerk, Mary Woodman; and moderator, Tracy Pope. No one filed for treasurer; Jane Hunter won as a write-in candidate, receiving 25 votes.

The three who filed for the three open school board seats won: newcomer Joshua Lambert, incumbent Heather Whitney and Steve Horsky, who served on the board a few years ago. Write-in candidate Sue Gaspard, who announced her intentions just days before the election, received 151 votes.

Article 2, the operating budget of \$37,785,406, passed by a vote of 330-127. Voters were also asked to vote on the Alternate Ballot. The optional process was approved.

Of the 7,082 voters on the checklist, only 467 voted.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 PLUMBERS' LICENSE RENEWAL AT RVCC

Upcoming Plumbers' License Renewal Class is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17th, at 6:00 p.m. For more information or to register, please go to: <https://rvcc.coursestorm.com/category/plumbing-licensure>.

CLAREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION TALLY SHEET

Tuesday, March 09, 2021

| | WARD I | WARD II | WARD III | TOTAL |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------|----------|-------|
| MODERATOR | | | | |
| Tracy Pope | 113 | 137 | 141 | 391 |
| SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK | | | | |
| Mary Woodman | 123 | 149 | 151 | 423 |
| TREASURER | | | | |
| Jane Hunter (via Write-In) | 6 | 5 | 14 | 25 |
| SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS 3 YR | | | | |
| Joshua Lambert | 106 | 131 | 116 | 353 |
| Heather Whitney | 91 | 116 | 107 | 314 |
| Steven Horsky | 65 | 73 | 90 | 228 |
| ALTERNATE BALLOT | | | | |
| Yes | 94 | 106 | 107 | 307 |
| No | 28 | 46 | 46 | 120 |
| ARTICLE 2 | | | | |
| Yes | 107 | 122 | 101 | 330 |
| No | 26 | 43 | 58 | 127 |
| TOTAL BALLOTS CAST | | | | |
| | 134 | 169 | 164 | 467 |
| TOTAL VOTERS ON CHECKLIST | | | | |
| | 2047 | 2703 | 2332 | 7082 |
| SAME DAY REGISTRATIONS | | | | |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VOTER TURNOUT % | | | | |
| | 7% | 6% | 7% | 7% |



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The Arrowhead Recreation Area Is Now Closed for the Season

The Arrowhead Recreation Club announced last week that the recreation site has closed for the winter season. “We were hoping to get in one more weekend but it was not in the cards for us this year,” said Chuck Allen. “We made the decision to not open this [past] weekend and closed for the season. A combination of the weather, slope conditions (continual thawing and freezing), parking lot conditions (mud) and staffing concerns led to this decision. Looking ahead to 2021-2022, we hope to have a less stressful season and return to regular operating conditions and hope you are able to visit us or volunteer next season and to help celebrate the Arrowhead Recreations Club's 20th year of providing skiing, snowboarding, and tubing for the Greater Claremont region and beyond.”

~ Eric Zengota

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We've got even more classes/events on the calendar, so check out the full line up at <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event-list>

Questions about upcoming classes, events or the Claremont MakerSpace in general? Let us know at info@twinstatemakerspaces.org.



PUBLIC NOTICE Conservation Commission MEETING

**Thursday, March 18, 2021 6:00 PM
Via ZOOM**

*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting will be conducted via Zoom.

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Cone Scholarship Program

The Cone Automatic Machine Company Charitable Foundation scholarship program will continue for the coming school year 2021-2022. This scholarship is available to the children or grandchildren of former employees of Cone-Blanchard Machine Company having a minimum of five years of continuous service with Cone-Blanchard Machine Company who meet the eligibility requirements.

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

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

Sunapee Recreation Spring & Summer Programs Update

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

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Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health

Lempster Man Charged Following Investigation of Child Sexual Abuse Images Case

On Friday March 12, members of the New Hampshire Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force comprised of investigators from the New Hampshire State Police, Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, Cheshire County Sheriff's Office, and Grafton County Sheriff's Office with the support of the Lempster Fire Department and Newport Police Department executed a search warrant at 23 Unity Springs Road located in the Town of Lempster, NH.

New Hampshire State Police reported that "This investigation initiated with a CyberTip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), which indicated the illegal use of computers and alleged possession and/or distribution of sexual abuse images of prepubescent children from within this residence. As a result of this search, Christopher Ferland, DOB: 09/01/2001, was arrested and is currently charged with 10 counts of Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Images (Class A Felony) pursuant to NH RSA 649-A:3 and/or 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(4)(B). Additional charges may be forthcoming pending the forensic analysis of the digital evidence seized during this investigation," said the NHSP.

Law enforcement officials said that "This investigation is ongoing; however, investigators believe that Mr. Ferland has only had very limited unsupervised in-person exposure to children. We asking the public to report any odd or



Christopher Ferland (NHSP)

suspicious behaviors that they may have observed regarding Mr. Ferland."

Anyone who may have useful information regarding this investigation is asked to please contact Detective Sergeant Michael McLaughlin at (603) 419-0130 or michael.McLaughlin@dos.nh.gov or Detective William Neilsen at (603) 931-0854 or william.Neilsen@dos.nh.gov.

Ferland was expected to appear before the Sullivan County Superior Court on Monday, March 15th, for an

arraignment and was currently being held at the Sullivan County House of Corrections.

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The City of Claremont's Department of Public Works

is soliciting formal proposals for the purchase of a 2021 19,500k GVWR extra cab; cab and chassis, 4x4, with mechanic/ enclosed service body. Proposals will be accepted at the Office of the City Manager, 58 Opera House Square, Claremont, NH 03743, by Tuesday March 30, 2021 at 10:00 AM at which time they will be opened and publicly read aloud. Please mark "Mechanic Truck Bid" on the outside of the sealed envelope. Please contact Nichole Myers at (603) 542-7020 for bid packet and more information.

Public Notice
Claremont School Board Meeting
March 17, 2021 at 6:30pm
Location Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center

The Claremont School Board will be holding an in person, audio broadcast and virtual meeting.

Open to the Public (in person) - limited seating

Due to covid-19 and the health and safety of our residents, only a limited number of citizens are allowed to attend. Those in attendance will need to adhere to safety rules which include: temperature check, hand sanitizer, wearing a face mask, social distancing, and others deemed necessary. To reserve your seat, please call Melissa Small at 603-543-4200 ext. 6009

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

City Chosen as Site of Mountain Bike Race Series

Council Meeting Roundup

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—City manager Ed Morris announced during his City Manager's Report at Wednesday night's council meeting that Claremont "has been selected by the Eastern States Cup Enduro Mountain Bike Race Series [which has] targeted Arrowhead Recreation Area as their desired location to host an East Coast Enduro Race and one of three Enduro World Series qualifying events. The dates scheduled for this event are August 20 through the 22nd."

Morris added, "Our trails and the City of Claremont have started to draw the attention of many local mountain bikers, as well as some on the pro circuit and event promoters. Cycle Depot has agreed to continue their partnership with the City and to continue to develop trails, not only for this race, but for future use by everyone. This race will be a great economic boost to the City of Claremont as we are recovering from the effects of the pandemic as well as great publicity for the City. This is a great event to showcase Claremont."

According to its website, the organization was "developed in 2010 as a USA Cycling Eastern Regional Downhill MTB Championship Series and featured two USA Cycling State Championships...[it] exists to ensure the future of gravity mountain bike racing on the East Coast..."

In other action taken at Wednesday night's meeting, the council voted to authorize the City to enter into a 36-month net metering agreement with Standard Power of America to accept a quarterly default service reimbursement payment based on the generation of the two small hydro power projects in town. Bob Hayden of Standard Power said he was representing the two projects which were offering quarterly reimbursement payments of \$1,000. The reenergized units pay a small amount of taxes; Hayden said they wanted to do "a little bit more to benefit the community..."

Morris said the money would be used to offset the street light bill. Either party may terminate the agreement at any time upon 30-days notice.

The council narrowly voted to authorize the transfer of some \$35,000 from the Police-Regular Pay account to Legal. Morris explained that "we have had a substantial increase to legal services needed because of the 91-A requests following the Supreme Court decision on May 29, 2020, involving the seacoast newspapers and the *Union Leader* regarding the release of police records and internal investigation records. As of today, our legal costs associated with these 91-A requests equal \$30,734.84. We do expect that there will be continued costs throughout the rest of the year." He said the court ruled that cities needed to do a balancing test between the personal interest of the former officer and if it outweighed the public interest. "There really is no guidance with that court decision," he said. Because of these unexpected costs, Morris said they project a need of approximately \$31,000 in order to cover legal costs the City incurs on a regular basis. The transfer, said Morris, would make the legal budget "whole again."

The vote to approve the transfer was 5 (Councilors Girard, Damren, Matteau, Koloski and Lovett) to 3 (Councilors O'Hearne,

Sweetser, Contois) with Councilor Jonathan Stone abstaining. The available money in the police department budget is due to several unfilled positions.

The council also discussed the option of having department heads attend council meetings, to be present if questions arise regarding those departments. The topic has arisen in the past. While Councilor Deb Matteau said it would be "nice" to have them all there at the first meeting of the month, Councilor Nick Koloski said he thought it was a waste of their time, noting that departmental information contained in the council packets had improved in recent years; Mayor Charlene Lovett wondered if it made sense to have those who get very few questions show up as well as those whose departments generate more inquiries. Several councilors said they wanted to see Finance Director Mary Walter regularly attend meetings as she had done in the past.

A majority of councilors, raising their hands via the Zoom meeting, indicated they agreed with the idea of doing a 3-month test of having the department heads attend the first meeting of the month, at least through the City Manager's Report.

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Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health Physicians Honored As Top Doctors in NH

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

The recognized physicians are employed and provide services at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon and at 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 45 specialties ranging from behavioral pediatrics and gastroenterology to nephrology and vascular surgery.

"Given the extraordinary challenges of this past year, I'm very proud of each and every one of our Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health physicians for their resiliency and dedication to caring for our patients against some incredible obstacles," said Joanne M. Conroy, MD, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health CEO and President. "Being part of this list is an opportunity for our physicians to be acknowledged by their peers for their unwavering focus on delivering safe, high quality and exceptional care to our patients."

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 a complete list of D-HH's 2021 "Top Doctor" honorees, please visit <https://www.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/stories/article/3025>.

Whipple Hits Two Million Dollars in Sales

Coldwell Banker Homes Unlimited, Claremont, congratulates Brian Whipple again, this time for reaching two million dollars in sales within three weeks of reaching one million in sales.

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"The team at Coldwell Banker Homes Unlimited is proud of Brian's accomplishments and thank him for all his hard work and dedication."



New London Hospital Releases Statement Regarding Cyber Incident

NEW LONDON, NH—In a statement dated March 9 posted on its website, New London Hospital announced that it had discovered a data breach. "After an extensive investigation conducted by New London Hospital (NLH) and an external cybersecurity firm, NLH determined that it was the target of a cyber incident. The

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detailed forensic investigation found that the unauthorized third party gained access to a file on NLH's network for a short period of time on July 30, 2020. On February 16, 2021, NLH confirmed that the file contained patient names, limited demographic information, and Social Security numbers. The file did not include diagnosis, treatment, medication, or hospitalization information. The network system that was compromised is no longer in use at NLH. NLH has no evidence at this time of any misuse of the personal information as a result of this incident.

"Cyber-crimes targeting hospitals are at an all-time high and NLH continues to implement appropriate safeguards to protect patient information," said Tom Manion, President and CEO of NLH. "Our patients' privacy is always a primary concern."

"NLH is currently in the process of notifying the potentially impacted patients and has arranged for complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services. A call center (1-888-603-2588, operating from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time) has been set up to address patient inquiries.

"As a precautionary measure, impacted individuals should remain vigilant to protect against potential fraud and/or identity theft by, among other things, reviewing their account statements, monitoring their credit reports closely, and notifying their financial institutions if unusual activity is detected. They should also promptly report any fraudulent activity or suspected identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, including the police and their state's attorney general. Affected individuals may also wish to review the tips provided by the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") on fraud alerts, security/credit freezes and steps that they can take to avoid identity theft. For more information and to contact the FTC, please visit www.ftc.gov/idtheft or call 1-877-ID-THEFT

(1-877-438-4338). Affected individuals may also contact the FTC at: Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580."

Nation's Only Rural Level 1 Geriatric Emergency Dept. Designated at DHMC

LEBANON, NH – The Geriatric Emergency Department at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) in Lebanon has earned Level 1 accreditation from the American College of Emergency Physicians, making the medical center the only rural academic medical center in the United States to earn Level 1 accreditation and one of only 14 hospitals nationwide to hold the distinction. This accreditation program was created to recognize emergency departments that uphold the highest standards of care for older adults.

The voluntary Geriatric Emergency Department (GED) Accreditation Program, which includes three levels of accreditation similar to trauma center designations, provides specific criteria and goals for emergency clinicians and administrators. The accreditation process provides more than two dozen best practices for geriatric care; the level of GED accreditation achieved depends on the total number of best practices that an emergency department is able to meet. As a Level 1 GED, DHMC will incorporate many of these best practices and monitor performance using quality improve-

ment methodology, along with providing interdisciplinary geriatric education, and making available geriatric appropriate equipment and supplies.

"We established our Geriatric Emergency Department Program out of our strong and ongoing commitment to provide the best care possible to older adults, who make up a significant portion of our patient population," said Joanne M. Conroy, MD, CEO and president of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health (D-HH). "Earning Level 1 GED accreditation is just another important example of the ways in which we are improving patient outcomes for our older patients, standardizing approaches to care that address common geriatric issues, ensuring optimal transitions of care to other settings and supporting geriatric-focused quality improvement programs."



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Be Ready for Bears This Spring: Bring in Bird Feeders and Protect Poultry with Electric Fencing

CONCORD, NH—The Granite State's black bears will soon be emerging from their winter dens and be actively searching for any available food sources. While there will be some acorns left from last fall, once the snow melts bears will also be easily enticed by a wide variety of human-produced food sources.

Because of the recent onset of spring-like conditions, officials are asking the New Hampshire public to be both proactive and responsible by taking down bird feeders no later than April 1 in the North Country, and immediately in central and southern parts of the state where bear activity has already been reported.

Backyard farmers should protect poultry, livestock, and bees with electric fencing, being sure to remember these fencing needs when picking up new chicks this spring. Additionally, residents can help prevent attracting bears by securing dumpsters and garbage cans, and storing grills, pet food, and animal feed indoors. The easiest way to solve a bear-human conflict is to prevent it in the first place. Please do your part to help protect New Hampshire's bears!

"This winter has felt more like a normal one, and bears have been denned and inactive in response," said Andrew Timmins, Bear Project Leader for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. "However, the current spring-like weather undoubtedly will result in some bears becoming active, particularly in the southern parts of the state where the snow pack is limited. It's time to prepare for foraging bears and remove or secure all backyard food sources."

Building good bear-human relationships is far more successful when people are preemptive, and it is easier to avoid a conflict than resolve one. "Bears have an extremely acute sense of smell, long memories, and high intelligence," said Timmins. "We really need the help of residents this spring to prevent emerging bears from returning to locations where they have been previously successful in finding backyard food sources. It is harmful for bears to become conditioned to forage around homes and in residential areas because they will lose some of their natural aversion to humans. Bears are much better off in the wild relying on natural food sources."

Reports of bear activity and sightings are already beginning in the southern regions of New Hampshire. By taking action now, you can prevent attracting a hungry bear to your home this spring. Do not wait for a bear to discover the bird feeder, accessible garbage, or other residential food attractant and then respond.

Despite continued pleas asking homeowners not to feed birds during the non-winter months, bird feeders typically are the direct cause of 25% of annual bear-human encounters. There is abundant food for birds in the spring and summer, so consider a bird bath or flowering plants that attract birds instead. In addition to bird feeders, other

bear attractants include unprotected chickens and other poultry (23%) and unsecured garbage cans/dumpsters (38%).

"If the public would be willing to address these three common attractants, we could quickly reduce annual bear-human encounters by more than 80%, which would be tremendous," said Timmins.

Help build respectful relationships with bears:

- Stop feeding wild birds by April 1 or at the onset of spring-like weather conditions, whichever comes first since conditions fluctuate throughout the state.
- Clean up any spilled birdseed and dispose of it in a secured trash container.
- Secure all garbage in airtight containers inside a garage or adequate storage area, and put garbage out on the morning of pickup, not the night before. If using a dumpster, inform your dumpster company that you need one with metal locking tops and doors that are inaccessible to bears and other wildlife.
- Never put meat scraps in your compost pile.
- Don't leave pet food dishes outside overnight.
- Clean and store outdoor grills after each use.
- Never deliberately feed bears. You will be encouraging these animals to rely on human-related foods which will affect their wild behavior and reduce their chance of survival.



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Time for Some Financial Spring Cleaning

In just a few days, we will experience the vernal equinox – one of the two times in the year when the sun is exactly above the equator. Apart from this astronomical anomaly, though, the equinox is mostly known as the beginning of spring – a fresh beginning and the time to spruce things up. This year, as you tidy up your home and surroundings, why not also consider some financial spring cleaning?

Here are a few ideas for getting your financial house in order:

- **“De-clutter” your portfolio**

Over the years, many of us tend to pick up duplicate items that find their way into the nooks and crannies of our homes, gathering dust and remaining unused. Over time, your investment portfolio can also accumulate redundancies – that is, you might own several investments that are essentially similar. It might be appropriate to replace some of these and broaden your holdings.

- **Own your investments purposefully**

You own certain things for certain reasons – a broom to sweep the floors, a microwave to heat the food and so on. As an investor, you should be following a goal-based strategy that includes the matching of certain investments with certain objectives. For example, you might own stocks or mutual funds to eventually provide the capital appreciation potential you’ll need to retire comfortably. But you might also own other vehicles, such as bonds or other fixed-income investments, to provide you with a source of regular income.

- **“Dust off” your investment strategy**

Over a long winter, your windows can get dirty and grimy, so, when spring arrives, you may want to get out the glass cleaner – and when you’re done, you’ll be able to see out more clearly. Over time, your investment strategy may get somewhat “dusty,” too, especially if you’ve experienced significant changes in your life, such as a new job, a new child or even a new plan for retirement. By periodically reviewing your investment strategy, you’ll be able to clarify your vision for the future.

- **Protect yourself from hidden dangers**

If you poke around your garage, shed or other storage area, you may well find some objects – gardening tools, paint thinners and engine fluids, leaning ladders and so on – that could be dangerous, either because they aren’t stored properly or they’re hard to see and can cause trips and falls. As part of your spring cleaning, you’d want to get these objects out of harm’s way to safeguard yourself and your family. But when you think of your financial situation, are you also exposing yourself and your loved ones to risk? If something were to happen to you, could your family members stay in their home? Could your children still go to college? To help keep their lifestyle intact if you weren’t around, you’ll need adequate life insurance. And to avoid burdening your grown children with potentially huge expenses should you ever need some type of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay, you may want to talk to a financial advisor about protection strategies.

By taking some spring cleaning measures, you can brighten your living space for the seasons ahead. And by applying some of the same principles to your financial environment, you can help improve the prospects for meeting your important goals.

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Sports

NH Fisher Cats Tickets On Sale April 12

MANCHESTER, NH—New Hampshire Fisher Cats (Toronto Blue Jays Double-A affiliate) single-game tickets for the month of May will now go on sale on Monday, April 12.

"Moving our tickets on sale date closer to Opening Night allows us to adjust to any potential changes in the CDC's capacity guidelines, and create the best fan experience at our ballpark," said Fisher Cats President Mike Ramshaw. "We can't wait to see our fans again this spring, and cheer on the best young talent in baseball at Delta Dental Stadium."

The Fisher Cats home opener is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, at 6:35 p.m. Fans can enjoy a spectacular Atlas Fireworks show after the Fisher Cats take on the Somerset Patriots (New York Yankees).

Season tickets, mini plans, luxury suites, and group outings are now available online at NHFisherCats.com or over the phone at (603) 641-2005.

For more information, visit NHFisherCats.com.

CYBSA Youth Baseball/ Softball Is Back & Registration Is Now Open

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont Parks and Recreation has announced that CYBSA Youth Baseball/Softball is back this spring. "We have been working hard with the CYBSA Board to be able to offer this program," said the department. Registration is now open online at www.claremontparks.com.



The Lebanon-Stevens-Mount Royal Boys Ice Hockey team lost a heartbreaker to Berlin-Gorham Wednesday afternoon in the semifinals in Concord. The Upper Valley team had the lead at 3-0 at the beginning of the third period, but Berlin would rally to a 5-3 victory. Congratulations goes out to head coach Jim Damren, as well as Stevens players—Tyler & Hunter Christian and Ryan West—for a very exciting season (Courtesy photo).

Hey, Coach!

Volunteers Encourage, Develop Young Basketball Players

CLAREMONT, NH—No coaches — no teams — no games. Simple as that.

But not where Claremont's Parks & Recreation Department wanted its youth basketball league to end up. To the rescue: volunteer coaches who have taken players in Grades 3 through 6 from initial skills evaluations to team formation to weeknight practices and, as of Saturday, to half a season of Saturday



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games.

Teams continue to pour on the points. On their third of six game days, they tallied 197 points, surpassing the previous week's 190.

CCTV livestreams every game. Watch them online at claremontv.org channel 8, or on public access cable channel 8.

—Eric Zengota



| Division | Youth Basketball Teams — Head Coaches |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| 3/4 Girls | UConn — Chris LaClair |
| 3/4 Girls | Tennessee — Mark Brislin |
| 3/4 Boys | Kentucky — Dave Roberts |
| 3/4 Boys | Louisville — Jesse Howe |
| 3/4 Boys | Michigan State— Jason Beeman |
| 5/6 Girls | Sparks — Shawn Morin |
| 5/6 Girls | Storm — Aimee Friesen |
| 5/6 Boys | Nets — Shawn Morin |
| 5/6 Boys | Celtics — Dave Roberts |

Game Day — March 13, 2021

| Division | Team / Score | Team / Score |
|-----------|--------------|-------------------|
| 5/6 Boys | Celtics 36 | Nets 32 |
| 5/6 Girls | Sparks 16 | Storm 14 |
| 3/4 Girls | UConn 20 | Tennessee 7 |
| 3/4 Boys | Kentucky 15 | Michigan State 13 |
| 3/4 Boys | Kentucky 25 | Louisville 19 |

On behalf of the Claremont Parks & Recreation Department, thank you to our volunteer coaches. We wouldn't have a season without you!

—Justin Martin, Superintendent of Recreation Programs

Photos by Justin Martin and Eric Zengota

Inspiration

To Thine Own Self Be True!

By Priscilla Hull

This phrase, from Shakespeare's Hamlet, perhaps has more meaning today than it has had for many years. It is always appropriate when a life changing decision, any serious decision, must be made. It was written by Shakespeare as Polonius, the chief minister of Claudius, is advising and blessing his son, Laertes, who is leaving home for university. While it was directed at a young man leaving for a new and adventurous life, it is equally applicable to us today as we face challenges that have come about in our current situation. We are challenged with serious decisions about many things we have taken for granted. We are challenged to change our thinking about old standards which we grew up with and learned from. We learned a way of life from lessons incorporated in books, movies, songs and everyday life that have stood for the morés and methods which we lived.

I remember so clearly, when my husband was fighting cancer and one thing he wanted to see again was the *Song of the South*, a movie which you may or may not remember. It had been taken over by Walt Disney Films. We tried to find it in stores, online, and whatever other resources we could think of. It was nowhere to be found. The answers to our inquiries were always the same. It was no longer produced because it was politically inappropriate.

The point is, that because of some political censorship, a great movie with great stories and lessons about life was removed from public enjoyment due to someone having had an idea that the method of delivery made the value somehow less than the value of the lessons delivered. The lesson in this case was one of love and acceptance. In a case such as this one, family had lost their ability to be true to themselves.

Today there are even more influences, good, bad and indifferent, which pull us this way and that, always looking for guidance and support. We seek more and more to have our decisions accepted by others, yet when we look for that acceptance, we compromise our own conscience. Instead of looking for self approval, we succumb to the influence of others. We allow ourselves to be guided or directed by others who we think might be more educated or, more liberal, or more conservative, or more "up" with the times. Those same people might be all of those things, but what is it that has given us our ideals, morés, life goals? If my life goal is to live my life as others would have me live it, am I being true to myself? Can I be comfortable with myself, when I listen to outside forces and not to my own deep seated beliefs? In eight decades I have developed my own ideals, they haven't changed much over time. They have become, if anything, stronger and more deeply rooted.

When we face difficult decisions, we need to make those decisions based on our own wishes and needs. We can't allow others to make decisions about how we live, think, believe. We can only make our decisions based what we, ourselves, have decided. If we allow others, family, friends, or strangers make our decisions, we are not living true to ourselves. In not living true to our own beliefs, we become puppets to societal influences.

That is the meaning of "to thine own self be true".

"He knows how to refuse the evil and know the good."
Isaiah 7:15

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



Calendar Of Events

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

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

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

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

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

Time to Nominate People for the Older Adult Volunteer Award

The nomination period is now open for the NH State Commission on Aging and EngAGING NH annual "Older Adult Volunteer"

awards! Nomination submission accepted up until Friday, March 19, 2021.

The goal is to celebrate and recognize individuals or couples over the age of 60 who are volunteering in ways that serve to build strong communities. Email Rebecca.Sky@nh.gov for a Nomination form.

Virtual Grief Support Available Through Lake Sunapee VNA

NEW LONDON, NH—Lake Sunapee VNA offers two virtual grief support groups for the community, which can be attended once, multiple times or as needed. To help anyone grieving during this pandemic and time of social distancing, a "Bereavement Check-in" group is available on the third Wednesday of every month from 4:00-5:00pm. A "Widow to Widow" group is held on the first Monday of every month from 3:30-5:00pm.

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

SCCD Seeks Nominations for Conservation Legacy Awards

UNITY, NH—In honor of the 75th anniversary for Conservation Districts in the State of NH, the Sullivan County Conservation District seeks nominations for the Conservation Legacy Award. This award seeks to honor the nomi-

nees sustained commitment to the stewardship of natural resources in Sullivan County.

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

Nominations should be no more than two pages and include a summary of why the nominee is deserving of this honor. Nominations could include information on the nominees' property stewardship, overall impact of the County's environmental health, activism on behalf of conservation and agriculture, education and outreach in the community, their willingness to share natural resource information with the public, service as a mentor for others, service to conservation organizations, and/or any notable accomplishments or awards.

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

These awardees will be announced in June 2021.



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

Charlestown VFW Bingo Schedule

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

Charlestown VFW Bingo is offering a weekly opportunity for some semblance of normalcy. Wednesday nights 5:00 for early birds and 6:30 for regular fun and games. Currently we play 12 regular and two 2 part games, as well as a 50/50 game, Winner–take-all game, Carry Over Coverall game and a Jackpot game. In Gov. Sununu's most recent mandate request is that when moving about the hall, please wear a face covering whenever 6' social distancing can't be maintained. While seated at the tables, masks may be removed. Be mindful that in the Gov.'s mandate there are many reasons why someone may choose to not wear a mask – and they cannot be questioned or made to prove why they choose not to; nor will they be penalized for not wearing a mask. Please be respectful of others.

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

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

A Message from ServiceLink

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

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

In addition, ServiceLink helps individuals connect to long term services and supports, access family caregiver information and supports, explore options and understand and access Medicare and Medicaid. We are, as al-

ways, confidential, unbiased, and free to the public.

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

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

Area Grocery Store Hours Reserved for High Risk Population

HANNAFORD - Most stores reserve 7 AM – 8 AM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. In Massachusetts, those special hours are 7 AM – 8 AM daily
MARKET BASKET 6 AM - 7 AM EVERY DAY Claremont
CO-OP FOOD STORES 7AM - 8 AM EVERY-DAY WRJCT, Lebanon & Hanover
PRICE CHOPPER 6AM - 7AM EVERYDAY-Windsor & West Lebanon
SHAWS 7AM - 9AM TUES & THURS West Lebanon
WALMART 6 AM - 7 AM TUESDAYS ONLY Claremont & West Lebanon
PLAINFIELD COUNTRY STORE Call ahead for curb side pickup, 709-7055. Prepared meals, grocery items.

March Virtual Classes at Claremont MakerSpace

Join us this March for a live & free virtual class! Follow the Claremont MakerSpace links to the relevant event pages to register and learn more. Space is limited and some events have registration deadlines.

Registration for all classes may be found here:

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/>

Getting to Know The ShopBot

March 23, 3 PM

In this beginner level virtual class, participants will learn the basic operation of the ShopBot CNC Router. Covered topics include the axis', attaching material, the ShopBot software and basic safety. This class is presented free of charge and will be presented via Zoom. Upon registration, you will be sent a link to the Zoom connection information.

Learn How To Laser Cut A Box

March 23, 4 PM

In this free virtual learning class, learn how to use a laser cutter to cut a small wooden box. We will look at a variety of resources and watch the Claremont Makerspace laser cutter in action and give a demo of Corel Draw. This will be a great overview for anyone that has not laser cut before or are looking for some possible new tricks.

Their Stuff, Our Stories

March 24, 31, April 7 & 14, 2 PM

Remember show & tell from elementary school? Whether it was your favorite day or not... Let's experience it again in a warm and welcoming community. What's the favorite photo or object you inherited? Why do you keep it? How did it come into your life? What story does it tell? Let's gather together to share the stories of the things we keep. Each week you'll be asked to bring a photo or object that holds a piece of the story of your loved one lost or an ancestor found. Join us for one or all of these story-sharing gatherings focused on the theme Passed & Present. How do you keep their memories alive? Register for sessions 2, 3 & 4 here.

Make A Chain Maille Bracelet

3/25/21, 6 PM

In this virtual class, we'll create a Byzantine bracelet by weaving links of chain. Byzantine is an ancient pattern for weaving chain and is an excellent starting point for learning chain maille. The finished chain features an intricate appearance and great flexibility.

Introduction To Music Theory & Composition

3/29 - 6/14, 9:30 AM

Introduction to Music Theory & Composition takes a fun approach to grasping the fundamental ideas and tools that are used to compose music that resonates with us. With a range of listening exercises and composition games, this course teaches the language of Western music from the most basic elements through to more nuanced expressions. Participants are encouraged to bring recordings, questions, and observations to class for discussion as we unlock the secrets of what makes music meaningful.

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/advanced-music-theory.jpg>

Advanced Music Theory & Composition

3/29 - 6/14, 2:30 PM

Advanced Music Theory & Composition is for folks who have already taken the introductory as well intermediate courses and are looking to further expand and apply their music knowledge base. We will study how to employ dy-

namics, voicing, forms, examine Western music history and capitalize on tracking, mixing and mastering music composition software. Students are encouraged to bring recordings, questions, and observations to class for discussion as we evolve our understandings of how to compose and record music with subtlety and nuance.

Intermediate Music Theory & Composition 3/29 - 6/14, 6 - 7 PM

Intermediate Music Theory & Composition is for folks who have already taken an introductory and want to take it all to the next levels. We will get more deeply into alternative scale types, how to write harmony sections and how to use music composition software. Students are encouraged to bring recordings, questions, and observations to class for discussion as we delve more deeply into how to compose music which resonates with us.

Dream it, Make it, Print it

March 30 - April 20 at 6 p.m

Over four sessions, participants learn how to use a CAD program to create their very own designs. Learn about the engineering design process and make your own original pieces in Tinkercad. We'll then print your designs on our 3D printers. Projects can be mailed to you! Recommended ages 8 and up. Should be comfortable using a computer mouse and keyboard.

Design Technology For Kids

April 20 - 22nd, 2:00-3:30pm

In this 3-part series kids will experiment with designing towers, bridges, and launchers using simple materials, most of which can be found in your home. Each session will begin with a warm-up activity, and will revolve around a different principal - balance, strength, and motion – through hands-on design activities. While there's a progression of challenge across the 3 workshops each session stands alone.

Questions about upcoming classes, events or the Claremont MakerSpace in general? Let us know at info@twinstatemakerspaces.org.

Claremont Senior Center News

As we sat on the deck in the warm sun, we silently scolded it for taking so long to come back to us. It assured us it would try to come more often. We keep looking for our first robin. No luck yet. Has anyone heard or seen one?

We at the Center are gearing up for Spring and new adventures and happenings. As for this week, let's see what's happening.

Attention, attention, attention!! The AARP Tax Group has a new telephone number for appointments. Please call: 1-802-345-5415. Again, that's 1-802-345-5415. Call today. Remember, the Center is not making appointments. Thanks.

Hungry? We have three opportunities to fill that hole.

Meal one. Please make your reservations for the Complete Turkey Dinner on Saturday, March 20th. The fabulous kitchen volunteers will be offering Roast Turkey, Gravy, Mashed Potato, Squash, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Dinner Roll and Pie for Dessert. Take-out only, Pick-up: 4:30pm-6:00pm. Cost-\$10. Where else can you get a bargain like that. Call 543-5998 and reserve your meals.

Meals two and three are this week Tuesday and Thursday take-out meals.

Tuesday, March 16-Salad, Stuffed Shells, Vegetable, Garlic Bread, Dessert.

Thursday, March 18-New England Boiled Dinner with Ham, Cabbage, Carrots, Rutabaga, Potato, Onions, and Birthday Cake.

Take-out only. Pick-up: 11:45am-12:15pm. Members-\$4, nonmembers-\$5. Call 543-5998 to reserve your meals.

The footsies can just feel that sun on them and getting out on the long hikes. So, make an appointment to keep them in shape. The Foot Clinic will be in session on Wednesday March 17th and March 24th. Call 603-748-1731 for an appointment.

The Blood Drive is coming up fast. Please plan to visit the Center and do your part to save a life or help someone heal. Date: Monday, March 29th.-Noon-5pm. First timers welcome. Call 1-800-Red-Cross for an appointment.

We told you we are gearing up for Spring and the promise for a better year. Here is where we need your help. Would you like to take a trip? You read right! A trip! Even though this is just in the dreaming and planning stage, we want to know what you would like to do. A day trip? Stay over for 2-3 days? A long adventure? Please look on pg. 6 of the Monthly Newsletter for a survey. Fill it out and mail it to us at the Center. You will find the Newsletter on our website at cnhcs.org. You can also send an email to seniorctr5@comcast.net. Anyway you can get your desires to us is great. We will follow all the guidelines to ensure your safety.

Memberships are always open with a 30-day free trial period available, Come on in, Don't be shy. We really are a friendly, fun loving group.

As we said, we are gearing up for Spring. Next week, we will tell you about a wish come true for us. So stay tuned!

Thought of the Week: There are good ships and wood ships. Ships that sail the sea. But the best ships are friendships. And may they always be. An Irish Saying.

Have a good week everyone. Happy St. Patrick Day. Stay safe, stay well, call a friend or neighbor.

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Rd., Claremont, NH. 543-5994. Masks required.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Claremont, Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet on

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 7:00 PM

Via ZOOM

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

The public is invited to join the Zoom meeting online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86817468369?pwd=UWpzbzl5Mm1NNzJPTmFDREVWd05h-UT09>

Passcode: 110094 By Phone: 1-646-558-8656 US (New York) Webinar ID: 868 1746 8369

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

This meeting will be a training session for the Board.

Public Notice

Claremont Development Authority Full Board Meeting

Thursday, March 25, 2021, 7:30 AM

Via ZOOM

*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City is suggesting citizens participate in this meeting by Zoom.

Join online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86336033430?pwd=N3ZITEZraFVYTEErSWpta-ExZUDIQdz09>

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VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

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Tuesday, March 23, 7 - 8 pm via zoom.
To sign up email call (603) 543-3400 or email
lwilber@newenglandclassicalacademy.com



Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday, March 7th, 2021

08:00 Responded with E-3 to Beauregard St. for a medical call
 13:05 Responded with E-3 to Chestnut St. for a motor vehicle accident

Monday, March 8th

12:44 Responded with L-2 and E-3 to Pleasant St. for a fire

Tuesday, March 9th

16:40 Responded with E-3 to Stathers Rd. for a medical alarm

Wednesday, March 10th

02:00 Responded with E-3 to Charlestown Rd. for a smoke investigation
 04:01 Responded with E-3 to Central St. for a medical call
 16:46 Responded with E-3 to Thrasher Rd. for a medical call
 17:43 Responded with E-3 to Walnut St. for a motor vehicle accident

Thursday, March 11th

09:20 Responded with E-3 to Wildwood Rd. for a medical call
 16:59 Responded with E-3 to Red Water Brook Rd. for a tree on wires
 18:02 Responded with E-3 to Pearl St. for a medical call
 18:35 Responded with E-3 to Pleasant St. for a medical call
 20:08 Responded with E-3 to LaFayette St. for an odor investigation
 20:53 Responded with E-3 to Briggs St. for an odor investigation
 20:59 Responded with E-3 to Laurel St. for a medical call

Friday, March 12th

05:12 Responded with E-3 to Goyette Ave for a medical call
 12:16 Responded with E-3 to Broad St. for a medical call
 14:32 Responded with E-3 to School St. for a medical call
 14:45 Responded with E-3 to Pleasant St. for a public assist
 14:55 Responded with E-3 to Heritage Drive for a medical call
 15:38 Responded with E-3 to Bowen St. for a motor vehicle accident

19:57 Responded with E-3 to Pleasant St. for wires down
 23:45 Responded with E-3 to Canter Place for a medical call

Saturday, March 13th

08:28 Responded with E-3 to Winter St. for a Box Alarm
 08:46 Responded with E-3 to Wildwood Ave for a medical call

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

To join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81529457408?pwd=dmpEQ1BRNXNibVFUblYnU1nWnZlQT09>

Passcode: 739587

Or by telephone:

1-646-558-8656

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AGENDA

- 6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL
- 6:34 PM 3. AGENDA CHANGES
- 6:35 PM 4. MAYOR’S NOTES
- 6:40 PM 5. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
- 6:45 PM 6. CITIZEN’S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))
- 7. OLD BUSINESS
 - 6:55 PM A. Legislative Update
 - 7:00 PM B. Focus Areas to Support Priority Areas
 - 7:15 PM C. Stevens Brook Conservation Easement Access Update
- 8. NEW BUSINESS
 - 7:30 PM A. Parking Rental Agreement for 29 Water Street (City Manager)
 - 7:45 PM B. Sullivan County ATV Club Biennial Trail Permission (City Manager)
 - BREAK
 - 8:10 PM C. Water/Sewer Rates Presentation (City Manager)
 - 8:40 PM D. Return to In-person Council Meetings Discussion (Councilor Koloski)
 - 8:55 PM E. Claremont Cultural Resources Discussion (Council)
- 9:10 PM 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 9:15 PM 10. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 9:20 PM 11. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council’s next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall and via Zoom.

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.

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June Fleury, 90

Mrs. June Fleury, 90, of Thrasher Road in Claremont, NH, passed away peacefully to her eternal home with Jesus on Wednesday (March 10, 2021).

She was born on March 21, 1930, the daughter of George Slack and Juliet (Leinker) Slack. She was one of 14 children born and raised on the Slack farm in West Unity, NH, and attended school there at the one-room schoolhouse. She met the love of her life and married Arthur Fleury, Sr., sharing 55 happy years at Thrasher Road until his death in 2003. She was a homemaker and mother to her two cherished sons.

June and Arthur were respected members of many churches in the area. They gave their heart and soul to leading others to their precious Savior, Jesus Christ. June would always have her door open and welcome anyone who needed a kind word or just sit and visit over a cup of coffee and her delicious blueberry muffins. Together she and Arthur attended many Billy Graham Crusades and other evangelical events around the country.

She is survived by two sons, Arthur, Jr. (Larry) and his spouse Sandra; Dennis and Claret Carroll. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by five brothers: Raymond, Herbert, Cliff, Howard and Kenneth. Richard and Frederick died as infants. Six sisters, Hazel, Ethel, Alyce, Florence, Marilyn and Dorothy.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday (March 16) at the Roy Funeral Home with the Rev. Eugene Kemp officiating. Interment will follow in Union Cemetery. There will be a walk-through visitation at the Roy Funeral Home from 6 – 8 pm on Monday. Due to the current Covid pandemic, the Fleury family and the Roy Funeral Home remind those attending to wear masks and practice social distancing.

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

John Husack, 72

John Husack, age 72, of Jackson Street, Claremont, NH, died at his home surrounded by his family on Monday (March 8, 2021) following a period of failing health.

He was born in Wilkes Barre, PA, on May 25, 1948, the son of Harriet (Van Buskirk) Houssock and Stephen Houssock. He is survived by his wife, Barbara (Neale) Husack; his two daughters, Christine Martin and husband Michael Martin Jr. and Cindy Ashe and husband Kevin Ashe; and two grandsons, Nolan

Ashe and Michael Martin III. Two sisters, Alice Kondratick and husband Donald of Wilkes Barre; and Jackie Forte of Dothan, AL; and two brothers, Stephen Houssock and wife Linda of Little Meadows, PA, and Daniel Houssock of Madison, ME. Also an uncle, Michael Houssock, from Pennsylvania and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents; two sisters, Delores Norris and Nancy Barry; a niece, Leah Cool; and nephew, R J Cool; and a great niece Kaitlyn Cole-Acosta, all from Pennsylvania. Also a great niece, Christina Thatcher Cripps from Claremont, NH; a nephew, Tony Pattinson, from Florida; Elaine (Neale) Brewer, sister-in-law from Florida; and Gary Coolidge Sr., brother-in-law from Claremont, NH.

John graduated from Larksville High School, Larksville, PA, in 1966. He joined the United States Air Force and served till September 1970. He married Barbara Neale from Claremont, NH, on April 17, 1971. They would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April 2021. Before retirement, John was employed at MJ Hayward Mechanical Electrical Services in West Lebanon, NH, and over the years several machine shops in the Claremont

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area. John loved the outdoors. He very much enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing, boating and camping with friends and family. He was a "jack of all trades" and would help anyone in need. He most of all loved his family and friends. He was very proud of his grandsons, Nolan and Michael, and loved them so much. He will be missed by many.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Roy Funeral Home, 93 Sullivan St. Claremont, NH. There will be no calling hours, but a graveside committal and celebration of life will be held in late spring.

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

Lorraine Coffin, 75

Lorraine (Chartrand) Coffin, 75, formerly of Newport, NH, died Sunday, March 7, 2021, at Concord Hospital after failing health.

She was born May 13, 1945, the daughter of Bernice and Emile Chartrand. She graduated from Towle High School in 1963.

Lorraine was a resident of the Sullivan County Health Care for the past year.

She was predeceased by her husband, Robert Coffin and her daughter, Rita Stone. She worked at Sportwell Shoes Company as a stitcher, Tambrands as a forklift operator and Disney in Florida as a security officer for many years.

Lorraine enjoyed doing counted cross stitchery, reading and jigsaw puzzles. She loved watching birds and loved her many dogs she had over her lifetime. When she was younger, she loved horseback riding.

The family includes her son, Scott Stone and his wife, Cassie of South Carolina; her sister, Dolores Chartrand of Newport and Shirley Fisher of Newport who was like a sister to her. Many grandchildren, cousins and friends.

A graveside service will be held at St. Mary Cemetery on June 1st at 11 AM.

Donations in her memory can be made to the Upper Valley Humane Society, PO Box 789, Lebanon, NH 03766.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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