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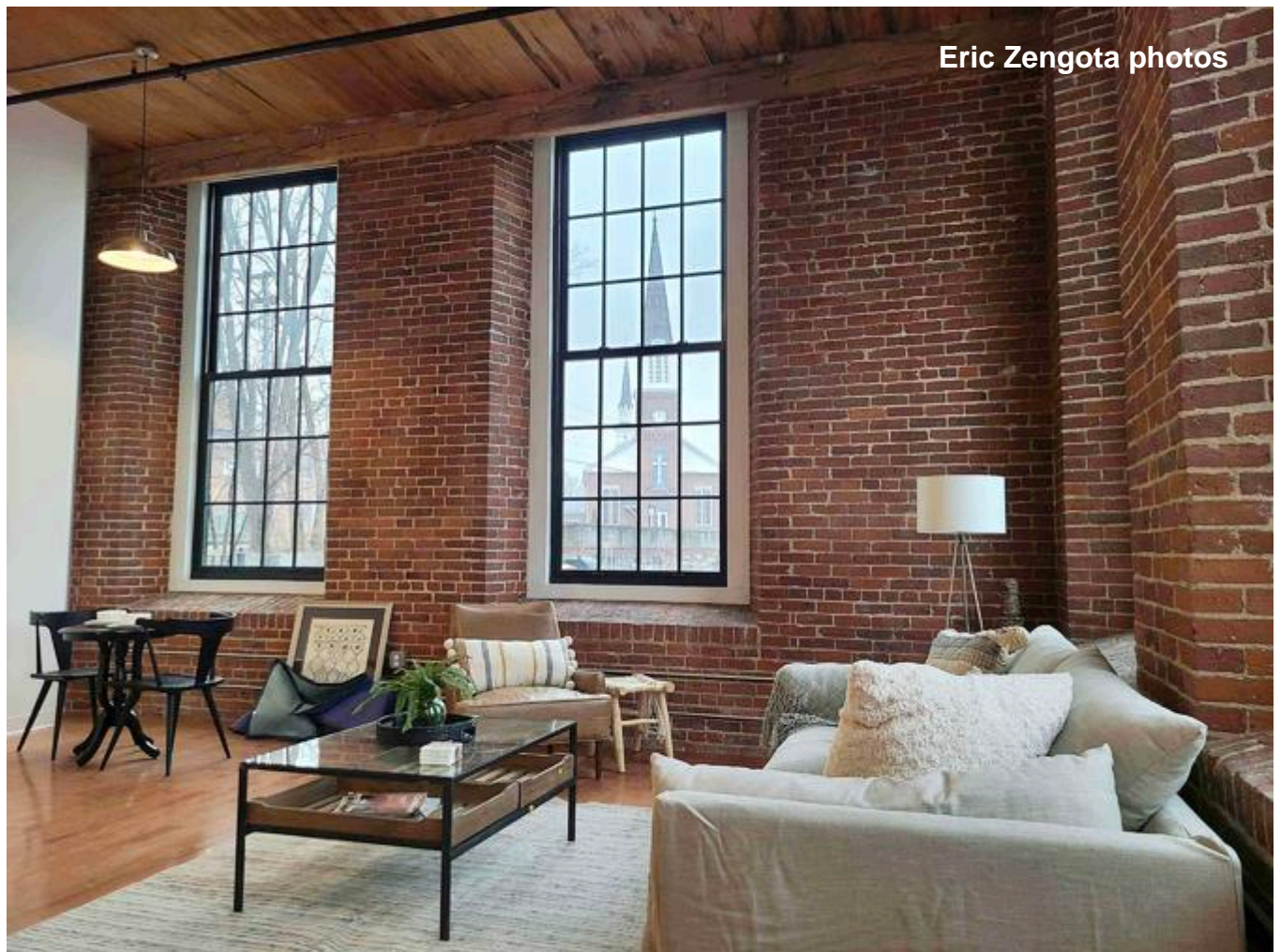
Two-Phased Approach Proposed for Route 12 Repair Work

CONCORD, NH—The NH DOT has proposed a new two-phased plan for the Route 12 repair work. On March 23, Kathleen Mulcahey-Hampson, Legislative Liaison Senior Hearings Examiner, NHDOT, announced to elected officials of Charlestown, Walpole, and Claremont that “Work to construct the soil nail wall was halted due to movement of the rail lines and excessive groundwater at the construction site. The movement, recorded by the devices installed prior to construction beginning, caused the railroad to lower speeds to 10 mph for the Amtrak and freight trains.

“...Photos of the soil nail wall construction depict the issues created by the excess water (see page 6). And while it may seem logical to de-water (removing the excess water by pumping), dewatering could lead to additional settlement of the rail tracks. De-watering may remove silty soil with the water, as well as creating more instability by leaving voids in the railroad embankment.”

Mulcahey-Hampson continued, “The Department has been actively working with the Railroad, the consultant, and the contractor to develop the best approach to repair Charlestown Rt. 12 with the poor soil strengths, high groundwater, and settlement experienced. As the contractor was conducting initial tests, it was found the soil did not have the required strength. In order to stabilize the embankment without dewatering, other more extensive retaining wall options were conceptualized; however all were determined to be cost prohibitive.

“The Department is proposing a two-phased approach with a short-term and a long-term
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Monadnock Mill Is Ever-Closer to Welcoming Tenants: Update

Shown here: Two-bedroom corner apartments in the Monadnock Mill, currently being rehabbed in Claremont, have views west down Main Street and over the Connecticut River to Mount Ascutney, as well as north to the Sugar River (seen here last summer).



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Hanover Firefighters Rescue Deer That Had Fallen Through The Ice

HANOVER, NH—At 07:07 on Friday, the Hanover Fire Department was notified by the Hanover Regional Communications Center that a deer had fallen through the ice at Occom Pond. On-duty Hanover firefighters responded to the location and observed a deer in distress approximately 100 feet from shore. Ice conditions were quickly evaluated, and it was determined that a safe rescue operation could be conducted. Due to the poor ice conditions, firefighters had to break the ice and create a channel in order to reach the deer. Lt. Jeremy Labombard and FF Kevin LaHaye donned ice rescue suits and were able to successfully make their



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way to the deer, secure it with rescue harness, and assist it to shore.

A consultation with New Hampshire Fish and Game Sgt. Heidi Murphy was conducted; she advised the crew to secure the area and allow the deer ample time to regain its strength. Within an hour, the deer was able to regain its strength and join two other deer.

The Hanover Fire Department reminds the public that the ice is unsafe to be on now. Warmer temperatures and recent rains have drastically reduced the amount of ice (Courtesy photos).

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Irish Play, ‘Mary and Me’, at COH Explores Gender, Power, and Society

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Opera House will present the performance of “Mary and Me” on Saturday, April 2, at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$17-\$23. Tickets can be purchased online at www.cohnh.org or can be reserved by calling 603-542-4433.

Ireland 1986. Fifteen-year-old Hannah Brennan lives in a claustrophobic small town. Sure, she has friends, but no one who understands her, no one she can confide in who will listen to her. And she is going to need a lot of understanding.

After touring Ireland, appearing in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and in the Brighton Fringe in 2017 with playwright and actor Irene Kelleher as Hannah, “Mary and Me” is beginning its United States premier tour in New Hampshire. Directed by Peter Josephson and starring producer and actor Emily Karel as Hannah, this 65-minute one-woman show

takes its audience on a journey of laughter, determination, love, and heartbreak. It is the relevance of the play that first resonated with Miss Karel.

“Hannah struggles against the constraints imposed upon her by the strict moral and social doctrine that governs her community,” said a press release from COH. “She laments the fact that people ‘don’t talk’ to one another truthfully for fear of being ostracized. Consequently, she has no one to turn to for help or guidance except Mary, a statue of the mother of Jesus who watches over a Magdalene Grotto. As a society we continue to struggle with constraints imposed upon us by the doctrine of the day, whether that be religious or social, and the fear that we will be ostracized for expressing opinions and beliefs that may run contrary to what is deemed ‘acceptable’. Female bodily autonomy is of course, another issue raised by



the play. It is sobering to think that 34 years after the events in ‘Mary and Me’ would have taken place, we are still unable to come to a consensus about a woman's right to make decisions about her body.”

Despite the dark subject matter, Karel stresses that audiences will not come away from “Mary and Me” feeling beaten down. “The playwright, Irene Kelleher, writes with nuance, compassion, and humor.”

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

Marathon Session for NH House



“March Madness” has returned to New Hampshire’s House of Representatives as it usually does every year.

Last week the House met for three consecutive days—March 15-17, and considered approximately 100 pieces of legislation with numerous debates as well as voice, division, and roll call votes. The three days of meetings were long and contentious with many speeches, political divides on many issues, and constant reminders by Speaker Sherman Packard to maintain decorum as well as keep unnecessary talking in Representatives Hall to a minimum. Nevertheless, both Republican Speaker Packard, and House Democratic Leadership still mourning the loss of late Democratic Leader Renny Cushing, who passed away March 7, jointly agreed to postpone consideration of remaining legislation until March 31, Crossover Day, which is the last date for all House measures to be approved in order to be sent over to the New Hampshire Senate. I believe they both came to the agreement because most of us representatives were too tired to continue.

During the just-described three days, we representatives considered approximately 346 pieces of legislation according to my rough count. But of these 346 pieces, approximately 152 were disposed in a block group via voice vote because those 152 had been placed on the Consent Calendar for March 15-17. As explained in previous columns, the Consent Calendar is where noncontroversial measures with either unanimous or nearly unanimous recommendations from their assigned House committees are put that are either Ought to Pass, Ought to Pass with Amendment, Inexpedient to Legislate, or Refer for Interim Study. The full House then proceeded to the approximately remaining 194 measures which were on the Regular Calendar.

Of those 194 measures, approximately 41 were tabled, according to my rough count. There were also numerous unsuccessful attempts to table other measures. Basically, tabling legislation is just a more courteous way of rejecting them, based on past experience. But legislation can be removed from the table depending on deadlines as earlier approved by us representatives at the start of each calendar. Some of the tabled measures that were either tabled this year or tabled after review by two different House committees can only be removed by a two-thirds majority of representatives. All of the remaining measures can still be removed by a simple majority up until March 31, which is Crossover Day. But after Crossover Day, it will require a two-thirds majority.

Among the Regular Calendar legislation, the most contentious items were many of the 35 bills with recommendations from the House Education Committee. Of these 35 measures, several were sponsored by

Democratic representatives, and were so introduced so as to either abolish, curtail, or more strictly regulate so-called “Education Freedom Accounts”, or EFAs for short, which were created last year as part of the state operating budget approved by the Republican-controlled New Hampshire Legislature. These EFAs, which are similar to school vouchers in my opinion, have been utilized by a lot more K-12 public school students than originally projected last year. This higher than projected utilization has resulted in \$8 million of additional costs to the state, and comes out of the Education Trust Fund, which is resulting in less state aid to local schools like Claremont’s. Among the measures was House Bill 1683, which would have repealed the EFA Program. Introduced by four Democratic representatives led by Hopkinton’s David Luneau, the bill was defeated by a 189-166 roll call vote after a narrow majority of the Education Committee had recommended against approval. I did vote for House Bill 1683 and several related measures sponsored by my fellow Democrats in order to at least slow down the growth of EFAs that in my opinion are mainly benefiting more wealthy families at the expense of middle class families living in communities like Claremont.

Legislation aimed at increasing the supply of affordable housing in New Hampshire was also debated. Unfortunately, two bills—House Bill 1087, relative to zoning for single family housing as well as House Bill 1177, relative to permissible rental units in a residential zone—were tabled. The first bill tabled by voice vote would have prohibited municipalities from limiting lot size for single-family homes in areas served by public water and sewer. House Bill 1087 is sponsored by a bipartisan group of four representatives led by Fremont’s Josh Yokela, a Republican, and included Plainfield’s Lee Oxenham, a Democrat. The second bill would have required local legislative bodies to permit by right certain single-family lots in residential districts to be used for up to four residential units. It was tabled on a 167-157 roll call vote, despite the fact a majority of the House Municipal & County Government had recommended its passage. House Bill 1177 is sponsored by a tripartisan coalition of 11 legislators led by Peterboro Rep. Ivy Vann, a Democrat. I voted against tabling both bills because I believe both could have helped ease our state’s severe affordable housing shortage and was disappointed there wasn’t even a debate about both.

Nevertheless, there were bright spots during the most recent three days of meetings by us representatives. First, House Bill 2022, the biennial update to New Hampshire’s 10-Year Transportation Plan, was approved on a voice vote after an unsuccessful floor amendment only affecting the Town of Merrimack was easily defeated after brief debate. The update was overwhelmingly recommended by a 20-2 bipartisan majority of the House Public Works & Highways Committee, of which I am a member. Additionally, House Bill 103, which would provide dental benefits to adults over age 21 with Medicaid Health Insurance was given final approval by a 237-100 roll call vote after being recommended for passage by a majority of the House Finance Committee. Both House Bill 2022 and House Bill 103 now go to the New Hampshire Senate for more scrutiny.

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Rep. Cloutier, from page 4

However, the best bright spot at least from a local perspective was the adoption of House Bill 1046 by a 192-141 division vote. But the bill was adopted only after the House had first overturned the Municipal & Government Committee’s 10-9 majority recommendation of Inexpedient To Legislate by a 169-158 division vote. This bill would change the method of how Sullivan County’s three County Commissioners are now elected. At present, the three Commissioners are chosen by all Sullivan County voters in biennial state primaries and general elections, even though each Commissioner must live in three separate and distinct districts. For example, if a Claremont voter or Cornish voter wants to run for Commissioner, they must file to run in Commissioner District #1 which consists of only those two communities.

House Bill 1046 now proceeds to the Senate for further examination. It is sponsored by a group of three Democratic Sullivan County representatives, led by Sunapee’s Linda Tanner. The group also included Claremont’s Gary Merchant and Sunapee’s Suzanne Gottling. As now written, the change in how Sullivan County Commissioners would be elected would take effect 60 days after passage. Consequently, this change could take effect in time for this year’s Sept. 13 State Primary and Nov. 8 General Election, if the Senate approves the bill, and Gov. Christopher Sununu signs it into law. House Bill 54, which describes all the County Commissioner Districts for all 10 of New Hampshire’s counties, had been signed into law by the Governor Feb. 24. As for Sullivan County, Commissioner District #1 will consist of Claremont and Cornish as mentioned earlier. District #2 will be made up of Croydon, Grantham, Newport, Plainfield, and Springfield, while District #3 will include Acworth, Charlestown, Goshen, Langdon, Lempster,

For the record, I voted for House Bill 1046 because I believe that it will help voters more easily remember at least one of their county commissioners by name, so they can contact them with suggestions, questions, or complaints about county government. Also, it should reduce the primary and general election expenses of candidates running for county commissioner because they will not have to reach as many voters as in past primaries and general elections.

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Shaheen, Hassan Applaud \$4.2M in Funding Awarded to Charlestown Drinking Water Project

WASHINGTON, DC— U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) celebrated \$4,289,000 in funding heading to Charlestown to support critical water system improvements. The Senators helped secure federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund.

This drinking water project in Charlestown is the first to receive final approval of ARPA infrastructure funding in the state.

“Every Granite Stater deserves access to clean drinking water – I’m thrilled that Charlestown will soon receive essential funding to improve water quality. During negotiations around the American Rescue Plan, I fought to ensure state and local governments had flexibility in funding so they could best respond to the needs on the ground. Responding to critical infrastructure needs, like updating aging water systems, is part of that flexibility,” said Shaheen. “Charlestown is the first of many towns across New Hampshire to receive ARPA funds that I fought for to make our communities stronger coming out of the pandemic.”

“This federal funding to Charlestown will provide a much-needed investment to help ensure that Granite Staters in the community have access to clean drinking water – which is fundamental to the public health,” said Hassan. “Between the American Rescue Plan and the bipartisan infrastructure package that we worked to pass into law, Granite Staters will continue to see critical investments in infrastructure that will strengthen our communities and our economy.”

Specifically, this funding will help address arsenic levels exceeding drinking water standards in the wells serving the North Charlestown Water System (NCWS), as well as construct a booster pump station to address low water pressure in NCWS. The project will improve the quality and reliability of water between NCWS and the Charlestown Water System.

Repairs, from page 1

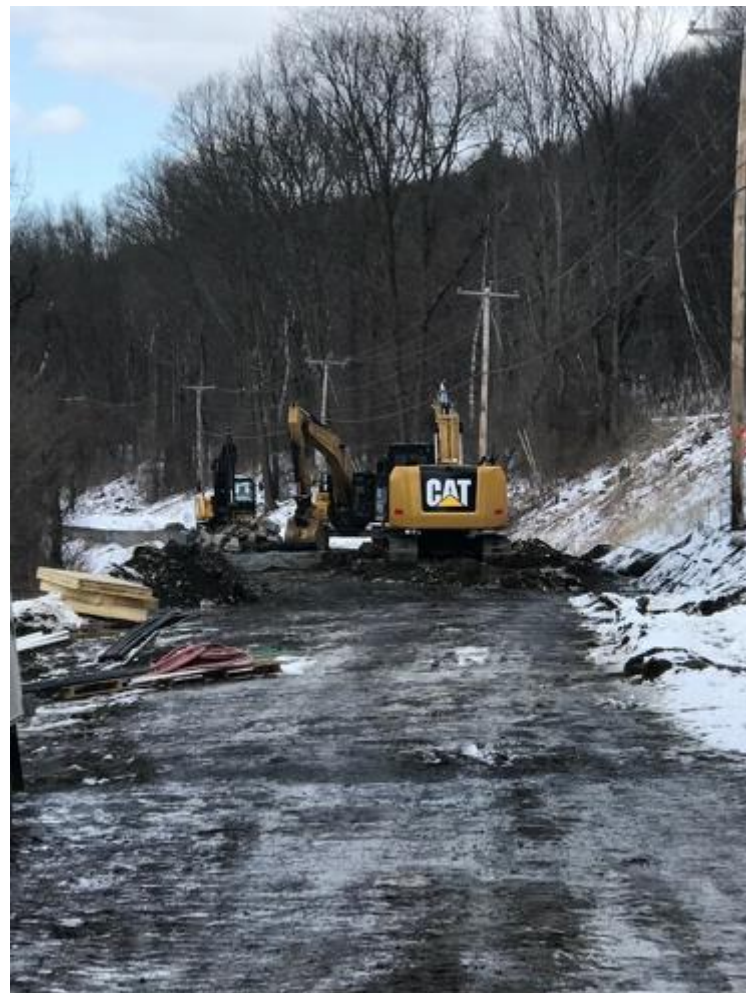
solution. The short-term solution would reopen Charlestown Rt. 12 in the interim. This approach was discussed last week with the Railroad, which was amenable to this short-term solution. Under the short-term plan, the current soil nail wall will be discontinued. The embankment will be stabilized. The road will be built back up with fill and gravel and paved so that the two-lane section of Charlestown Rt. 12 can be re-opened. Although the Department considered opening a one-lane roadway, any future work to construct a second lane would require closures. Additionally, the roadway is not wide enough for construction equipment, workers, and vehicles to pass safely. (Attached photos show the constrained space.) It is a relatively short section of road to build back up and should proceed fairly quickly.”

The re-opening of Charlestown Rt. 12 is considered a temporary solution, as the conditions that caused the road closure still exist and poor soils will not be removed, said Mulcahey-Hampson. The Department will install monitoring equipment to observe the conditions but cautions that the same situation could arise with another major weather event. The short-term solution would be the route until the long-term solution can be designed and implemented. This will likely involve full reconstruction and consideration of realignment alternatives to increase the distance between the road and the Railroad.

“The long-term solution will be investigated within the comprehensive Ten-Year Plan project,” said Mulcahey-Hampson. “The Department has already selected a consultant and initiated the scoping to determine the alternatives available. The efforts to date will be valuable in weighing the alternatives and investigations to determine the best location for NH Route 12.

“A change order will be required, and the Department and consultants are working diligently to prepare revisions and minimize the contractor’s downtime. The Project Manager will meet with Town officials and other interested parties for further discus-

sions on schedules, cost, and other pertinent information,” said Mulcahey-Hampson (Courtesy photos).





NH DHHS COVID-19 Update March 25, 2022

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

On Friday, March 25, 2022, DHHS announced 98 new positive test results for COVID-19 for Thursday, March 24. Those results included 76 people who tested positive by PCR test and 22 who tested positive by antigen test. 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 1,024 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire.

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are ten individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 54% being female and 46% being male. The new cases reside in Strafford (21), Rockingham (13), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (11), Merrimack (10), Cheshire (7), Grafton (7), Coos (3), Sullivan (3), Belknap (2), and Carroll (1) counties, and in the cities of Nashua (10) and Manchester (5). The county of resi-

dence is being determined for five new cases.

DHHS had no additional deaths to report.

There were currently 26 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire, since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 301,777 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

As of Friday, the 25th, there were 13 current positively identified cases reported by DHHS in Claremont; 7 in Charlestown; 7 in Newport and 1-4 cases in other towns. DHHS reported 35 current positively identified cases in Sullivan County.

Note: Data does not include positive home testing results.

Vaccination rates in NH:

Fully vaccinated: 59.0%
At least 1 dose: 67.4%

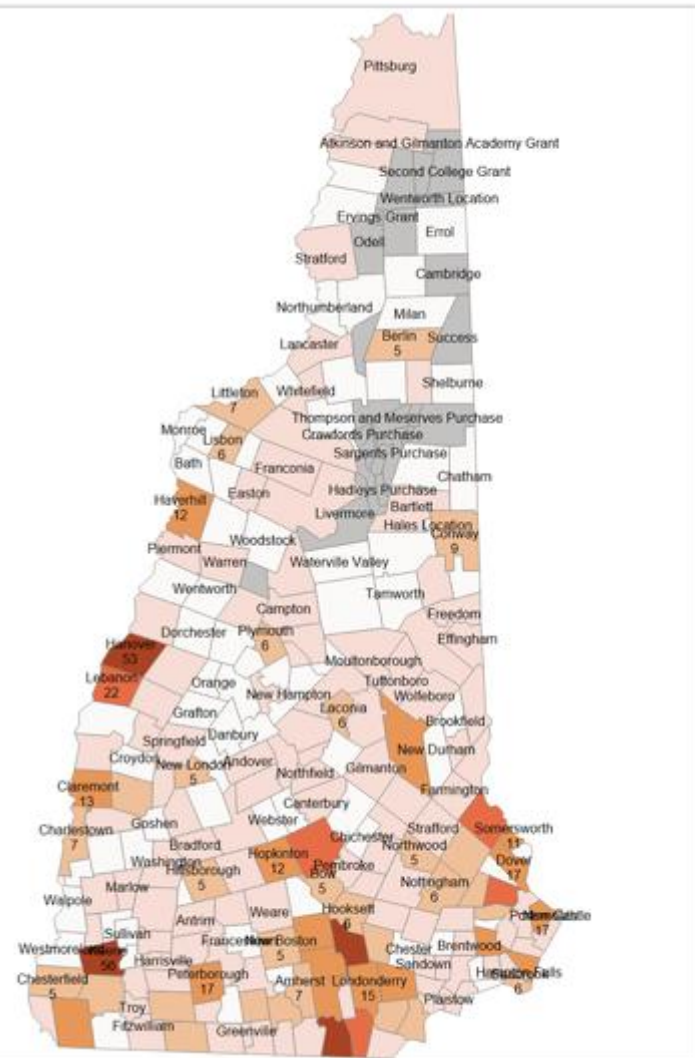
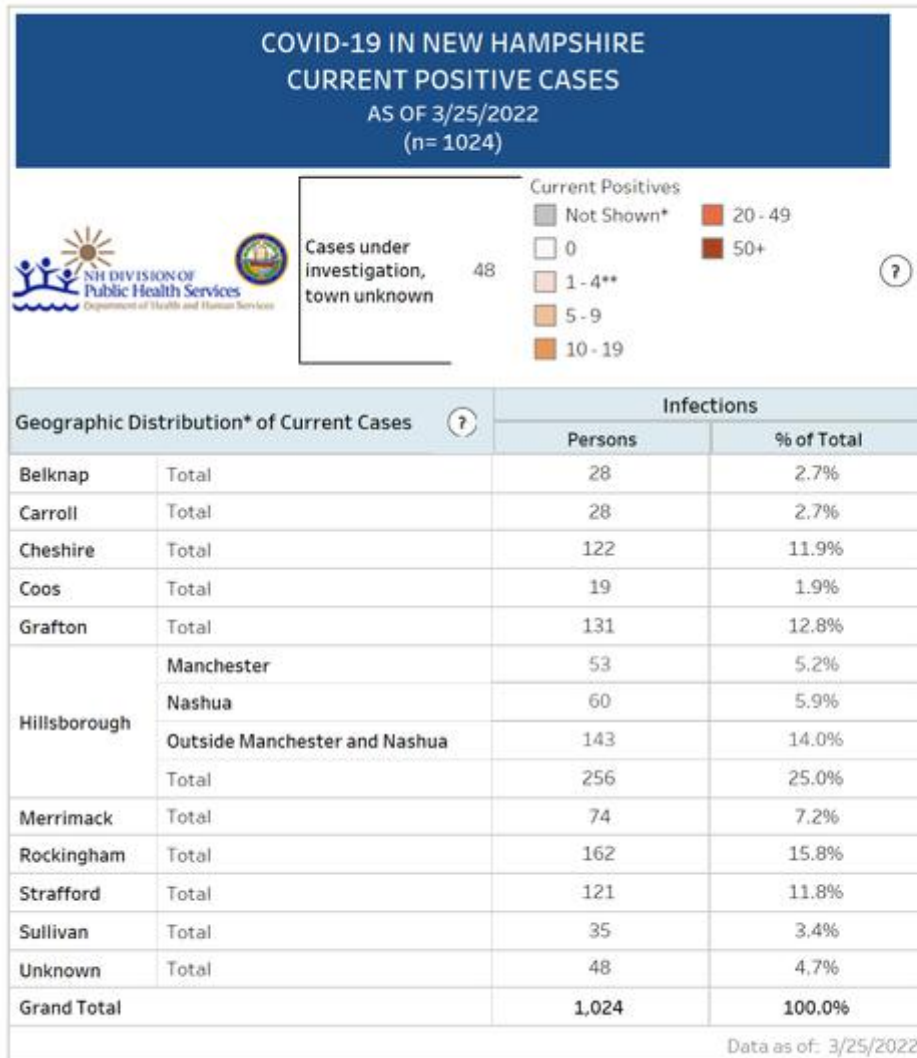
COVID-19 Hotline

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>.

NH Persons with COVID-19	301,777
Recovered	298,308 (99%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	2,445 (1%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	1,024
Current Hospitalizations	26



Discover WILD New Hampshire Day Returns Saturday, April 16

CONCORD, NH – Discover WILD New Hampshire Day, a celebration connecting attendees with life outdoors, is set for Saturday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of the Fish and Game Department at 11 Hazen Drive in Concord, NH. Admission is free.



Discover WILD New Hampshire Day is a fun way for the whole family to explore New Hampshire's wildlife resources and outdoor traditions. See live animals, big fish, trained falcons, and retrieving dogs in action. More than 60 outdoor and conservation organizations from around the state will be on hand to share exhibits and demonstrations. Kids will love arts and crafts and other hands-on activities such as archery, casting, and air rifle. This event is your chance to explore new ways to get outdoors and be active. Explore new trends in recycling and environmental protection with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Enjoy live animal presentations throughout the day. Admire the big trout in the Fish and Game stocking truck, and see how many warmwater fish you can identify in the demonstration tank.

Don't miss the giant raffle of outdoor gear and other great prizes at the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of New Hampshire tent! All proceeds benefit the Foundation, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's nonprofit partner.

Demonstrations of Conservation Officer K-9 teams will be conducted on the half-hour,

and there will also be live animal demonstrations throughout the day.

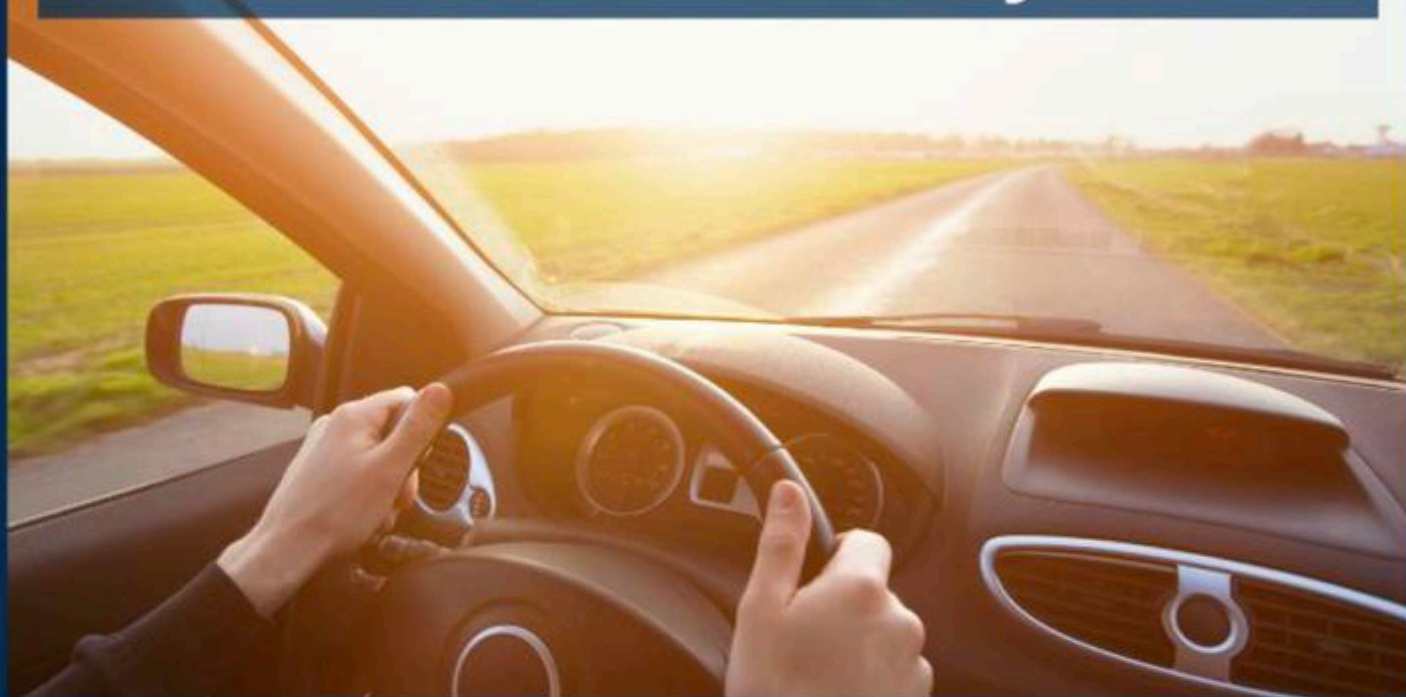
Discover WILD New Hampshire Day is held rain or shine. Save room for lunch at one of the many specialty food trucks that will be on site this year!

Please note: no animals, with the exception of trained service dogs, will be permitted at the

event. This rule will be strictly enforced. Please leave your pets at home.

Discover WILD New Hampshire Day started in 1989 as an observance of Earth Day and a celebration of the state's wealth of natural resources and outdoor recreational opportunities. The event is hosted by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

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School Social Worker's Overnight Highlights Youth Homelessness



From left: Courtney Porter sets up her tent on the property of some friends on Clay Hill Road in Claremont. “I could manage the one night,” she said on Saturday morning, but “youth experiencing homelessness may be sleeping in tents because they have nowhere else to go.” Before and after. Settling in on a cool evening is very different from waking up to a below-freezing morning. Still, Porter manages a brave smile (Photos: Eric Zengota, Courtney Porter).

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—On Friday evening, Courtney Porter crawled into her tent, secured the flap and zipped up her sleeping bag. The temperature was a cool but bearable 48F. It was quite a different story when she woke on Saturday morning and emerged into a dawn of 31F.

Porter, the SAU6 school social worker, was taking part in Waypoint SleepOut 2022. “This is a statewide event,” she said. “All of us hope to raise awareness of the struggles being faced by youth experiencing homelessness. We also aim to increase support and resources for this vulnerable population.”

Waypoint, formerly known as Child and Family Services, is a private, non-profit agency whose mission is “Empowering people of all ages through an array of human services and advocacy.” One of its divisions, Homeless Youth & Young Adult Services, provides “homeless youth and youth in high-risk situations ages 12 to 24 with resources to survive the night and achieve for a lifetime.” Waypoint is also active in advocating for change at the legislative level.

Under New Hampshire law, all school districts must have a McKinney-Vento Liaison/DCYF Point of Contact. As the liaison for SAU6, Porter’s work follows the McKinney-Vento definition of homeless: “individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.”

“We track the number of youth experiencing homelessness for children in public preschool through grade 12,” she stated. “For several years we teetered around 10% of our enrollment population being identified as homeless. COVID has created a barrier to ‘finding’ families. With the lack of affordable housing and the moratorium on evictions, many families had to move outside of our school district. During the 2019-2020 school year, SAU6 identified 111 students; in 2020-2021 that number dropped to 58.”

The number of home visits by the district’s school social workers is daunting. Porter maintains that “home visits are a key component of building relationships with all students. For those experiencing homelessness, home visits are the lifeline to connecting them with their education and a pathway out of poverty. In any given year I may go out on dozens of home visits. From March of 2020 to the end of the 2020-2021 school year, that number was in the hundreds due to COVID and the increased needs of students and families.”

Where do homeless youth sleep? “The majority are living doubled up or ‘couch surfing’ with their families. Some are identified as unaccompanied, which means they’re not with their parents. They could be sleeping at a friend’s house, in a car, or in spaces not suitable for nighttime sleeping.” Porter added that “the recent opening of Oasis Teen Shelter in Claremont has provided an alternative to unsafe living environments.”

It’s unsurprising that food insecurity and absenteeism are frequently associated with youth homelessness. As Porter puts it, “If you don’t have a solid foundation for living, you don’t have the resources necessary to store and prepare meals. That being said, currently all students can access free breakfast and lunch at school thanks to funding from the USDA in response to COVID-19. Our elementary schools and middle school are provided with weekend food bags from Trinity Episcopal Church. Students at the high school can access the non-perishable food bank in Courtney’s Closet.”

As for absenteeism, “We certainly see an increase. But before jumping to a truancy visit, SAU6 will deploy the services of a school social worker in an effort to remove barriers which may be impacting a student’s ability to get to school.”

Porter believes, “We need to increase the public’s awareness of the issues being faced by youth and families experiencing homelessness, including concentrated efforts to remove the barriers and provide resources that will help to break the cycle of poverty.”

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Proposed Amendments to the Claremont
Zoning Ordinance regarding
ADUs and Shared Parking

Richard Wahrlich, Chair

APRIL 10 DEADLINE

Seed Packet Art Project: Butterflies

Art Submission Deadline: April 10, 2022

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Works of art will be displayed on the front of the seed packets and the artist information will go on the back. A gallery of all submissions will be put on this website and possibly exhibited during the summer at a local venue.

Theme: Butterflies

Mediums: We are looking for a diversity of mediums including but not limited to watercolor, oil, collage, quilting, carving, assemblage, stained glass, etching, seed mosaic, plant material collage, wood burning, etc.

Art on seed packets will measure 3 x 4" tall in final form.

Submissions: Please submit 2 digital photos of your art work to Dawn Dextraze at ddextraze@sullivan-county-nh.gov. Please include artist name, grade, and school as well as artwork title.

Plants included in the Native Pollinator Mix may include: Golden Alexanders, New Jersey Tea, Swamp Milkweed, Butterfly Weed, Boneset, Spotted Joe Pye Weed, Closed Gentian, New England Groundsel (ragwort), New England Aster, Great Blue Lobelia, Broad Mountain Mint, Sundial Lupine, Northern Blazing Star, and Yellow Wild Indigo.

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History Preserved in Future Fashion

Monadnock Mill Is Ever-Closer to Welcoming Tenants

Text and Photos
by Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Work inside and outside the completely rehabilitated Monadnock Mill (fka Pedersen Building, fka Mill No. 3) has been constant throughout the winter months.

The project, which is being developed by Chinburg Properties on Water Street in Claremont, will have 83 rental apartments: 31 studios, 31 1-bedroom, 13 2-bedroom and eight lofts.

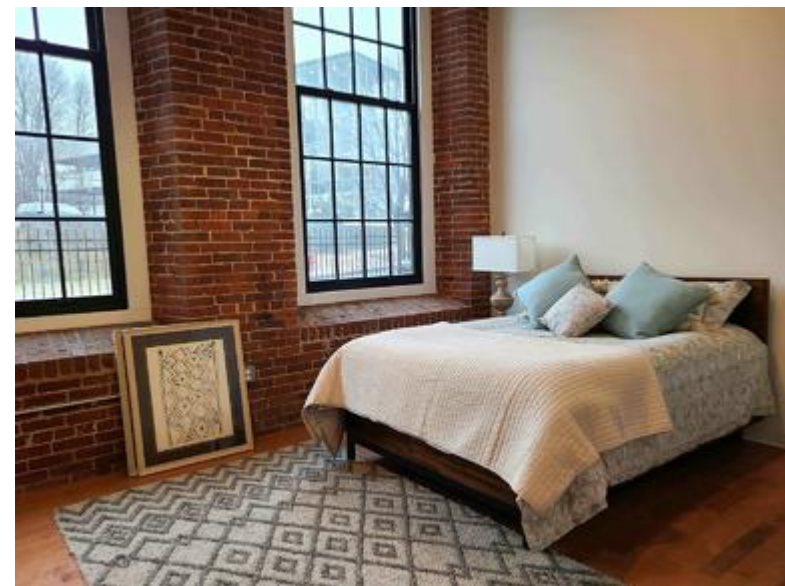
Last week, site supervisor John Brighton showed two model units to the *e-Ticker News*. “We’re discussing the actual occupancy date,” he said, which is anticipated to be in mid-summer. “Our leasing agent has already fielded calls from several interested indi-

viduals. And Dartmouth Hitchcock has expressed interest in renting a number of apartments.”

The building will have laundry rooms, a first-floor common area with wi-fi, and a roof deck with 360-degree views. Some first-floor apartments will have their own private patios, and all tenants can access a landscaped patio area on the east side.

tional Park Service — which approves the historical-preservation aspects of such projects — the masons cut in new windows on the third through fifth floors. This poster shows the floor plans, the layout of the roof deck, a rendering of the main façade and a map.

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Clockwise: Mitsubishi HVAC units on the roof were connected by feeders first to the top three floors, then branched out from a central control there to the two lower floors. All apartments have mini-splits for individual climate control. Rent includes heat and hot water; tenants pay for electricity and cable. A studio apartment faces south to Water Street. The 10-foot windows in all of the Mill’s apartments will be fitted with blinds. The east façade had original windows on the first and second floors, but they had been bricked up decades ago. Masons re-opened them. Then, with permission from the Na-





Mill, from page 12

Clockwise: Masons at work. Many of the bricks that came off the building will be re-used. Where necessary, both old and new bricks will be re-pointed (some masons say “re-toothed”) to ensure an integrated design. The Water Street side, which serves as the Mill’s main entrance, is an example of 19th-century artistic brickwork — and the 21st century’s dedication to preserving history.



Photo by Phyllis A. Muzeroll

Does It 'Stack' Up? Council Learns Details About Condition of City Landmark

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—City councilors, and perhaps some residents, have been reviewing the 81-page inspection report prepared by an engineer with Structural who recently conducted an analysis of the interiors and exteriors of the Sullivan smokestack and powerhouse. The deteriorating stack has become a point of safety concern and the council will have to make a decision as to whether it wants to demolish the 146-foot tall structure or salvage part of it for its historical significance. The report includes dozens of photos of the structures' conditions.

The report notes that the stack's exterior condition ranged from "structurally unsound to fair." It noted that there were several generations of repointing work, with the most recent having been done more than 25 years ago. The uppermost 16 feet of the stack are "structurally unsound and should be demolished. Mortar throughout this region was severely eroded and completely missing from joints in many areas. A large region of the upper south side wall had previously dislodged, most likely due to a lightning strike..." The interior condition of the chimney varied from poor to good. Construction (step) irons existed on the west side; all of these interior rungs appeared severely deteriorated and should not be used for support, said the report.

The report suggested a number of options for the stack should the city opt to save and repair.

A drone was used to do a visual inspection of the exterior of the

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Fair condition of the concrete cap atop the chimney (south side). The 9-inch wide cap was continuous for the full perimeter. Note the damaged region below the cap; missing and dangerously positioned remaining brick at the top of the south side. The lightning protection encircling cable was preventing the two courses from falling.

Photos from the Structural engineering report.



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- Undescended Testicles
- Varicocele
- Vasectomy

Stack, from page 15

powerhouse. Access into the building was blocked on the day of the inspection, said the report. "The overall condition of the building ranged from fair to good. Several obvious areas of concern were noted but no significant structural defects were identified."

According to the report, it would cost \$170,000 for the City to demolish the stack, at taxpayer expense.

Planning & Development director Nancy Merrill said that there have been phase 1 and 2 brownfield studies done on the site and that there is some contamination on the property, but "not like some others we've seen," she said. She added that a community can demolish a building on a brownfield, it's when there's significant digging that the state has to be brought in.

Councilors discussed the matter of what to do with the stack and powerhouse at Wednesday's meeting but made no decision. Councilor Jonathan Stone said he favored demolishing the stack and made a motion to go forward in that direction. Councilor Bill Limoges seconded the motion. However, several residents spoke in favor of giving the matter more time. "As a former councilor, I wouldn't make that motion without getting public input," said Keith Raymond, who called it a substantial demolition. Jeff Barrette said, "There's not an ounce of grant money to tear stuff down. But there is grant money out there to save stuff. So prior to making any decision like this, at least running it up the flag pole to see if there is money, potentially even to offset the \$170,000 to tear it down, makes perfect sense. There are intangibles there that I think really need to be considered...It's a phenomenal piece of property...To tear down something that is unlike anything we build today, I think, is a mistake." He added that he thought private investment would come forward to help make something happen and reminded the council what was lost when the Toy Castle was demolished.

Derek Ferland commented that the City would be on the hook for the demolition costs and wondered if that cost could be reduced and the site turned into an asset, saying there would be future tax revenue if the City were able to get private investment to redevelop the site.

Stone said the stack was "pretty much" unsalvageable and stood by his motion. Bob Porter said the structure was a "matter of historical interest" and that there was a motion 50 years ago to turn the mill district into a parking lot, saying councilors from that era would be surprised to see "what it looks like now."

A new motion was made, and passed, to table the topic until the next meeting so that City officials could pull together information on possible grant money to help with restoration. Interim City manager John MacLean suggested tabling the item until the meeting after that to give the City more time to do some grant searches, to which the council agreed. The delay would also give the public a chance to learn more from the report, which is available for download at <https://www.claremontnh.com/city-council>.



The condition of the powerhouse was described as ranging from fair to good.

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Business News

Springfield Hospital Receives 2022 Governor's Excellence in Worksite Wellness Award

SPRINGFIELD, VT—Springfield Hospital is pleased to announce that it has received the 2022 Governor's Excellence in Worksite Wellness-Gold Level Award. This award is presented each year by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports and the Vermont Department of Health to worksites that encourage their employees to establish a healthy environment in which to work and create programs that help reduce chronic disease and support emotional wellbeing.

"Having a supportive, healthy environment at work is beneficial to both employees and their families," said Janet Lyle, Springfield Hospital's VP of Human Resources. "We are pleased with this recognition by the State of Vermont and will continue to promote positive healthy initiatives for our employees," continued Lyle.

"We thank you for your commitment to health and wellness at your workplace, especially during these unique times," said Ashwinee Kulkarni, Public Health Specialist with the VT Department of Health.

BRAT Receives Grant From Trout Unlimited

SPRINGFIELD, VT—"We love our rivers, streams, lakes, and ponds, and so do fish! Healthy water is vital to the recreational enjoyment of our waterways, as well as their ecological integrity and shoreline property values. Volunteers with the Black River Action Team will once again be collecting data on water conditions around the region in 2022, as part of the group's 10th year of 'River Dipping'," said BRAT director Kelly Stettner. "Thanks to a generous donation of \$1,000 from the Greater Upper Valley chapter of Trout Unlimited, BRAT's River Dippers will be able to perform several field tests at more than 50 sites this year, starting at the end of April."

GUVTU's donation allowed Stettner to purchase kits for testing nutrient levels as well as pH, and will also cover the lab fees for a whole

summer of bacteria testing at Twenty-foot Hole, a popular swimming hole in Reading on the North Branch of the Black River.

Learn more about BRAT's many programs by email at blackrivercleanup@gmail.com or leave a voice mail at (802) 738-0456.

Governor's Commission on Cryptocurrencies Announced

CONCORD, NH—On Thursday, Governor Chris Sununu announced details of the Governor's Commission on Cryptocurrencies and Digital Assets.

"New Hampshire is a hub of financial innovation, and the formation of this Commission will further our commitment to attracting high quality banking and financial businesses in a safe and responsible manner," said Sununu. "I am excited for the work the members of this Commission will undertake and the recommendations they will provide so that New Hampshire can continue to advance necessary reforms that promote economic growth, foster innovation, and meet changing customer needs while ensuring safety, soundness, and consumer protection."

Established via Executive Order 2022-1, on February 9, 2022, the Cryptocurrencies and Digital Assets commission will be tasked with:

- Reviewing and investigating the current status of the cryptocurrency and digital asset industry, and the underlying technologies supporting development of the industry.
- Reviewing and investigating the current status of United States federal and state laws and regulatory rules, and laws of other non-United States jurisdictions, applicable, or potentially applicable, to banks and other businesses that provide services with respect to cryptocurrencies and other digital assets.
- Holding public hearings to hear testimony regarding the development of cryptocurrency and digital asset economies and appropriate regulatory regimes from business, finance, academic, and non-profit sectors, government and regulatory officials, owners of digital assets and consumers of digital asset financial services.

- Making findings and determinations regarding the role and effectiveness of current state laws and regulations governing cryptocurrencies and other digital assets and the reasons why modifications and improvements to such laws and regulations are necessary, addressing factors such as: the effect on innovation, and the effect on the economic competitiveness of the State of New Hampshire and the United States; the effect on the use of and access to digital assets and the potential impacts on the financial system; and the effect on privacy and liberty rights of citizens and interests of taxpayers and other persons affected.

- Making recommendations for specific modifications and improvements to such laws and regulations and with respect to how to support the capacity of State departments and agencies to implement such regulations.



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Watch Out for Amphibians Crossing Roadways on Rainy Nights

CONCORD, NH – Spring has officially arrived in New Hampshire, and as the days get warmer and those remaining stubborn snow piles melt, a variety of wildlife are waking up from their winter slumber. Over the coming weeks and months, amphibians will begin to migrate to breeding sites throughout the state, with the largest volume of movement occurring on warmer, rainy evenings around dusk.

Migration to breeding sites can be a dangerous feat for amphibians. Motorists should be aware that spotted salamanders, American toads, spring peepers, four-toed salamanders, Eastern red-backed salamanders, wood frogs, and Northern leopard frogs frequently must cross roads to reach their vernal pool breeding destinations. Whenever possible, please consider not driving on rainy nights when temperatures are greater than 40°F for the next few weeks. If you must drive, delay your travel time until at least two hours after sunset or adjust your route to larger streets and avoid smaller, wooded roads with higher concentrations of wetlands and vernal pools.

Residents are encouraged to get involved by reporting areas where high amphibian activity or mortalities are observed as well as any encounters you may have with state-listed or rare amphibian species, such as marbled salamanders, Fowler's toads, and Northern leopard frogs. Become part of the Reptile and Amphibian Reporting Program (RAARP) and report your findings online through New Hampshire Wildlife Sightings at <https://nhwildlife-sightings.unh.edu/>.

Other citizen-science opportunities include participating in a frog call survey (<https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/surveys/frog.html>) or mapping and surveying vernal pools on our property (

[tate.nh.us/nongame/vernal-pools.html](https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/nongame/vernal-pools.html)).

If you assist amphibians across roads, or handle them for another reason, be sure that your hands are free of lotions and other chemicals such as bug repellent. Wood frogs often make the first calls of the spring, followed closely by spring peepers, American toads, Fowler's toads, pickerel frogs, and gray tree frogs, with calling lasting into May and June. Mink frogs, green frogs, and bullfrogs are late-season callers and typically begin their refrain from June into July.

Learn more about New Hampshire's diversity of amphibians and reptiles at www.wildnh.com/nongame/reptiles-amphibians.html.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Starting Seeds Indoors and Out with Henry Homeyer

11 AM

Cornish Store

Garden writer Henry Homeyer will teach a short class on how to start seeds, both indoors and out. It's easy, fun, and saves money. On April 2nd, Henry will give a hands-on demonstration at the Cornish Store and explain the process. This will tie in with the free seeds available in the seed library at Stowell Free Library in Cornish Flat.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

First Fridays! Poetry Night!

5:30

Readings by Special Guest Poet, Betsy Snider, and this year's contest winners- Sign Language Interpreted.

Newbury Town Hall Community Room, Newbury.

For more information, please visit <https://centerforheartsnh.org/first-fridays>.

REMINDER

to all Owners of property in Claremont

– your 4th quarter property tax bill is due by March 31, 2022.

This bill should be the same amount that was due on January 28, 2022.



Don't Be Surprised by Social Security Taxes

When you reach the appropriate age, it's easy to apply for Social Security retirement benefits – just go to Social Security's website, fill out the online form and you're essentially done. But many people overlook the next step – completing Form W-4V, which asks you how much federal income tax you want withheld from your benefits. And if you skip this step, you could face an unpleasant surprise when it's tax-filing time, because Social Security benefits can indeed add to your taxable income.

Here are the details:

- *If you're a single filer...* If your "combined" income is between \$25,000 and \$34,000, you may have to pay income tax on up to 50 percent of your Social Security benefits. ("Combined" income includes your adjusted gross income, non-taxable interest, and one-half of your annual Social Security benefits.) If your combined income is more than \$34,000, up to 85 percent of your benefits may be taxable.

- *If you're married and file jointly...* If you and your spouse have a combined income between \$32,000 and \$44,000, you may be taxed on up to 50 percent of your benefits. If your combined income is more than \$44,000, up to 85 percent of your benefits may be taxable.

These numbers might seem high, but they don't mean you'll lose 50 percent, or 85 percent, of your benefits – they are just the percentages of benefits you may be taxed on, at your personal income tax rate.

To help avoid a big tax bill or an underpayment penalty, you can file Form W-4V with the Social Security Administration and request to have 7, 10, 12 or 22 percent of your monthly benefit withheld. Your tax advisor can help you choose the withholding percentage that's appropriate for your situation.

The amount of taxes you may need to pay will also depend on when you start taking Social Security. The earlier you take benefits, the smaller your monthly checks, and the smaller the taxes. But taxes should not be a key issue in deciding when you need to begin collecting your payments. Rather, you should consider other factors, such as your anticipated life expectancy, your employment situation, your spending needs and the benefits for your spouse.

Here's something else to keep in mind: Because Social Security taxes are based on your overall income, as described above, the amount of money you withdraw during retirement, and where that money comes from, can also affect your tax situation. For example, withdrawals from a traditional IRA are taxable and will increase your adjusted gross income, but withdrawals from a Roth IRA will be tax-free, provided you've had your account at least five years and you're over 59 -1/2, so this money won't enter into your taxable income calculations and it won't increase the tax you owe on your Social Security benefits. Similarly, withdrawals from health savings accounts (HSAs) used for qualified health expenses also won't count toward your taxable income.

By knowing exactly what to expect from Social Security, including the tax effects, you can more effectively incorporate your benefits into your overall retirement income planning – and the better your plans, the more you'll be able to enjoy your life as a retiree.

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Road Work on Route 9 in Keene and Route 11 in Claremont

This Project Will Require Periodic Night and Daytime Lane Closures Throughout the Summer

CONCORD, NH—The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) will begin work on a pavement preservation project on April 4, on Route 9 in Keene. The work on Route 9 includes replacement of seven slope pipes, new guardrail, and 1 ½ inches of full width overlay over nine miles of pavement from Friedsam Drive in Chesterfield, easterly to just east of Ashbrook Road in Keene. Paving is scheduled to begin at the end of June.

The project also includes pavement preservation on Route 11 from Claremont to Newport that will begin on May 31. Route 11 will receive 1 ¼ inches of full width overlay for 4 miles of pavement from Old Newport Road in Claremont, easterly to just west of Ayers Road in Newport. There are also guardrail improvements as well. Paving to begin in the middle of August.

Daytime alternating one-way traffic and shoulder closures will be utilized for guardrail and drainage work. Nighttime alternating one-way traffic for milling and paving operations. Message boards will be used to notify the traveling public of ongoing construction activities. Motorists should remain alert while traveling through the construction zone and follow all posted signs.

Eurovia Atlantic Coast (Northeast Paving) is the contractor for the \$7.5 million project, which has a completion date of September 23, 2022.

Sullivan County Grand Jury Indictments

NEWPORT, NH—The following Sullivan County Grand Jury indictments were released on Thursday:

Nicholas Ayotte, 25, Newport, NH, indicted for Possession of Fentanyl, Dec. 2, 2021.

Shaun Walsh, 29, County Farm Road, Unity, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited, Possession/

Intent, methamphetamine, March 18, 2022.

Emily Oja, 20, Charlestown NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited, Possession/Intent, methamphetamine, Aug. 20, 2021; Acts Prohibited, Possession/Intent, heroin/fentanyl, Aug. 20, 2021; Acts Prohibited, Possession/Intent, cocaine, Aug. 20, 2021.

Sarah Harford, 41, Claremont, NH, indicted for Bail Jumping, Sept. 16, 2021.

Douglas Dipesa, Jr., 24, Newport, NH, indicted for Operating After Certification as a Habitual Offender, Dec. 31, 2021; Conspiracy to Commit Witness Tampering, between March 14, 2022, and March 17, 2022; Witness Tampering, March 17, 2022.

Olivia Mountain, 22, Lempster, NH, indicted for Conspiracy to Commit Witness Tampering, between March 14, 2022, and March 17, 2022.

Christopher Trombley, 40, Newport, NH, indicted for Conspiracy to Falsifying Physical Evidence, between Feb. 22, 2022, and Feb. 25, 2022; Second Degree Assault-DV (enhanced), Feb. 20, 2022; Second Degree Assault-DV (enhanced), Feb. 21, 2022; Reckless Conduct-DV (enhanced), Feb. 20, 2022; Reckless Conduct-DV (enhanced), Feb. 21, 2022; Simple Assault, Feb. 21, 2022; Simple Assault, Feb. 20, 2022.

Bianca Bagley, 33, Newport, NH, indicted for Falsifying Physical Evidence, between Feb. 22, 2022, and Feb. 25, 2022; Simple Assault-DV, Feb. 20, 2022.

Kevin Fowler, 54, Newport, NH, indicted for Violation of Protective Order-subsequent, Dec. 21, 2021; Witness Tampering, Dec. 21, 2021.

Jared Horsfield, 30, Croydon, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited (Possession of a Controlled Drug), April, 26, 2021; Acts Prohibited (Possession of a Controlled Drug), April 26, 2021.

Bethany S. Whitcomb, 45, Claremont, NH, indicted for Theft by Unauthorized Taking-3rd Offense-On Release, Dec. 30, 2021.

Brandon Washburn, 22, Claremont, NH, indicted for Operating After Certification as Habitual Offender, Jan. 24, 2022; Operating After Certification as Habitual Offender, March 22, 2022.

Shynece Segar, 19, Claremont, NH, indicted for Theft by Unauthorized Taking \$1001-\$1500 (from a drawer belonging to Walmart), Feb. 12, 2021; Theft by Unauthorized Taking Greater than \$1500 (from a drawer belonging to Walmart), between and inclusive of Jan. 26, 2021, and Feb. 11, 2021.

Ethan Fontaine, 29, Newport, NH, indicted for Theft by Unauthorized Taking - Attempt (Home Depot), Nov. 23, 2021.

Nicholas Thurman, 39, West Field, MA, indicted for Theft by Unauthorized Taking \$1501+ (Home Depot), Jan. 17, 2022.

Corey Ricker, 35, Charlestown, NH, indicted for Theft by Unauthorized Taking-two prior convictions (Walmart), Dec. 30, 2021; Possession of Heroin Committed While on Release, Dec. 30, 2021.

Corey Raymond, 47, Unity, NH, indicted for Theft by Unauthorized Taking-Two Priors, Jan. 16, 2022; theft by Unauthorized Taking, Jan. 11, 2022.

Ryan Vincent, 26, County Farm Road, Unity, NH, indicted for Theft by Unauthorized Taking, Jan. 30, 2022; Bail Jumping, March 4, 2022; Possession, Heroin/Fentanyl, Oct. 10, 2021.

Michael Kemp, 42, Charlestown, NH, indicted for Bail Jumping, Feb. 23, 2022.

Jeremy Fitzgerald, 37, Charlestown, NH, indicted for Bail Jumping, Nov. 5, 2021.

Robert Nadeau, Jr., 45, County Farm Road, Unity, NH, indicted for Escape, Feb. 28, 2022.

Vermont State Police Collects 3 Tons of Body Armor for Ukraine

WILLISTON, VT— Law enforcement agencies and members of the public have donated about 1,000 body-armor vests and 45 helmets to the Vermont State Police, which coordinated an extensive effort to collect the items and prepare them for shipment to Ukraine.

The donations came from across Vermont and throughout the Northeast and totaled roughly 6,600 pounds — or just over 3 tons. The donations included about 875 soft-armor vests and 125 tactical vests. VSP received donations at all 10 barracks statewide, and then consolidated all the items at the Williston Barracks. The Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles on Thursday, March 24, helped weigh the items and prepare them for shipping to the war zone.

“This is a good use for this equipment, to help protect the people of Ukraine who are fighting for their freedom,” said Capt. Mike Manley, who coordinated the project for the state police. “We’re extremely grateful to our fellow law-enforcement agencies, the people of Vermont, and members of the public from outside our state who stepped up and made generous donations.”

Sports/Recreation

SHS Baseball

04/13/22	at Manchester West	04:00 PM
04/15/22	at John Stark	04:15 PM
04/18/22	Bow	04:00 PM
04/20/22	at St. Thomas Aquinas	04:00 PM
04/22/22	Fall Mountain Reg	04:00 PM
04/25/22	ConVal	04:00 PM
04/29/22	at Coe-Brown Northwood	04:00 PM
05/02/22	Pelham	04:00 PM
05/04/22	at Plymouth	04:00 PM
05/06/22	Hanover	07:00 PM
05/13/22	at Newport	03:30 PM
05/13/22	Newport	07:00 PM
05/18/22	Pembroke	04:00 PM
05/20/22	Laconia	07:00 PM
05/25/22	at Oyster River	04:30 PM
05/27/22	at Fall Mountain Reg	07:00 PM

SHS Softball

04/13/22	at West-Trinity	04:00 PM
04/15/22	at John Stark	04:15 PM
04/18/22	Bow	04:00 PM
04/22/22	Fall Mountain Reg	04:00 PM
04/25/22	ConVal	04:00 PM
04/29/22	at Coe-Brown Northwood	04:00 PM
05/02/22	Pelham	04:00 PM
05/04/22	at Plymouth	04:00 PM
05/06/22	Hanover	07:00 PM
05/13/22	at Newport	03:30 PM
05/13/22	Newport	07:00 PM
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05/19/22	Laconia	07:00 PM
05/25/22	at Oyster River	04:30 PM
05/27/22	at Fall Mountain Reg	04:00 PM

Fisher Cats Home Opener April 12

The Fisher Cats home opener is on Tuesday, April 12 at 6:35 p.m. against the Hartford Yard Goats (Colorado Rockies) at Delta Dental Stadium, with a magnet schedule giveaway from Eastern Propane & Oil and a postgame Atlas Fireworks show.

For information, visit <https://www.milb.com/new-hampshire>.

SHS Lacrosse

04/12/22	Campbell	04:00 PM
04/13/22	at Trinity	04:00 PM
04/18/22	at Hopkinton	04:00 PM
04/20/22	Bishop Brady	04:00 PM
04/22/22	Laconia	04:00 PM
05/02/22	at Milford	04:30 PM
05/04/22	at Plymouth	04:00 PM
05/06/22	at Pelham	04:00 PM
05/09/22	Lebanon	04:00 PM
05/11/22	at Hillsboro-Deering	04:00 PM
05/13/22	at Inter-Lakes-Moultonborough	05:15 PM
05/16/22	Kearsarge	04:00 PM
05/18/22	Gilford	04:00 PM
05/23/22	Trinity	04:00 PM

SHS Girls Tennis

04/04/22	at Conant	04:00 PM
04/08/22	at Pelham	04:00 PM
04/11/22	Trinity	04:00 PM
04/13/22	Wilton-Lyndeborough	04:00 PM
04/15/22	at Berlin	04:00 PM
04/22/22	at Trinity	04:00 PM
05/03/22	at Wilton-Lyndeborough	04:00 PM
05/06/22	Monadnock	04:00 PM
05/09/22	Pelham	04:00 PM
05/12/22	at Monadnock	04:00 PM
05/16/22	Kearsarge	04:00 PM

Vermont Hunter Education Courses Starting this Spring

If you or someone you know would like to go turkey hunting this spring, but they have never taken a hunter education course, this is the time to act. Vermont's volunteer hunter education instructors are now holding a limited number of courses throughout the state.

A person must pass the hunter education course before they can purchase their first hunting license.

"Many of these courses are held in August and September, but our volunteer instructors will be holding courses this spring to help new

turkey hunters as well as anyone else who wants to take a course now," said Vermont Fish and Wildlife's Hunter Education Coordinator Nicole Meier. "Our volunteer instructors teach because they are passionate about hunting and want to ensure that Vermont's safe hunting legacy continues."

"Volunteer instructors are the backbone of the Vermont Hunter Education Program. They are vital to Vermont's strong record of safe hunting. Hands-on and in-person learning from an experienced instructor are the best ways to become familiar with the hard-skills associated with safe hunting and firearms handling."

Anyone of any age is permitted to take the course. The class content, exam and paper and electronic materials are written at a grade 6 reading level.

"Courses are available in basic hunter education and combination hunter-bowhunter education," said Meier. "We expect more classes to be posted in the future, so check our website frequently."

The courses will be listed as they become available on Vermont Fish and Wildlife's website www.vtfishandwildlife.com. On the Home page, click on Hunt and then Hunter Education and Find the Right Class for You. To register for a course, go to this link: <https://www.register-ed.com/programs/vermont>.

A Vermont hunter education card entitles you to hunt in all 50 states, as well as some international locations.

VT Trout Season Opens April 9

Vermont's trout fishing season opens Saturday, April 9. Despite lingering snow cover in some areas of the state, the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department says anglers can still have fun and be successful early in the season if they keep a few strategies in mind.

"Just like any other time of year, anglers fishing early in the spring should adjust their tactics based on conditions," said State Fisheries Biologist Shawn Good. "Trout will become more active with warmer water temperatures. An overview of the new fishing regulations can be found at: <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/new-2022-fishing-regulations-overview>.

Inspiration

Waiting for the Crocus

By Priscilla Hull

1. I've waited 12 months for the crocus to reappear.
They poke their spear-like buds up
Through the brown grass and snow
Through the brown leaves of
The fall before.

2. They've waited a long time too.
Hidden below the snow of winter
They feel the warmth of the sun before we do
They stir and stretch their frozen roots
They wriggle up through the dirt.

3. And then it snows!
The spear-like buds stop pushing,
But the roots keep making their way
Through the cold ground
Looking for nourishment below.

4. Deeper and deeper they wiggle through the dirt.
The sun comes out again,
The little flowers still tight in bud
Suddenly are free and open to the sun
Revealing their beauty to the waiting world.

5. Then the flower blooms
Little cups of lavender, purple, pink and white
At night it snows and in the morning
The flower is closed up again
Then the sun shines and the flower opens.

6. Spring is here.
It was here all winter long
It just had to call the crocus up
It just had to feel the sun warm the ground
It just had to wake us up.

7. Look at the crocus!
Tiny little flowers everlasting below the ground
Waiting 12 months to bloom again
Waiting for the calendar to turn the pages
So life blooms again!



Many years ago, I planted crocus in the front yard for my mother. The next year there were only a few in the front yard but there were many on the other side of the house. I suppose some squirrels or chipmunks knew better than I that that is where Mom would see them better. You see, she spent most of her time on that side of the house, where the sun shines in the windows. I had planted the crocus in the front where she didn't spend much time. God and the squirrels and chipmunks knew and moved the crocus to where she would see them. After all, they were for her!

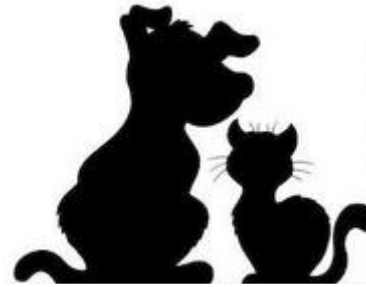
Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Mark 6:28-29

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



**Sullivan County
Humane Society**



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Calendar Of Events

2022 Foam Collection Day

Please save your styrofoam for the 2022 Foam Collection Day

Event Details: Saturday, April 16, 2022, 9-11 am behind Jake's Coffee, 227 Mechanic Street, Lebanon, NH

Sustainable Lebanon is once again partnering with the Lebanon Rotary Club to offer a polystyrene (Styrofoam) collection day on Saturday, April 16, from 9 - 11 am at 227 Mechanic Street in Lebanon (behind Jake's Coffee). The event will take place rain or shine.

Various types of foam will be collected for recycling, including polystyrene #6 (EPS), polyethylene #4 (EPE), and #6 XPS insulation board foam which will be driven to a recycling facility in Massachusetts. This includes packaging foam used for TVs, computers, and appliances, as well as foam coolers. Food service foam, including clean food containers and egg cartons will be recycled via Terracycle. We ask that all tape and labels be removed and all foam is clean, dry, and free of food residue or other debris.

PLEASE NOTE: Foam peanuts should be brought directly to the UPS Store at True Value Hardware in Hanover.

There is no fee to participate, but donations are welcome to support the costs associated with this event. To cover transportation and recycling costs, we need to raise \$500. Donations can be made at the event via cash or check (payable to Sustainable Lebanon) or online at www.facebook.com/SustainableLebanonNH. Thanks in advance for considering a donation.

For more information and to volunteer, please contact Liane Avery at L99Liane@aol.com, 860-556-3114.

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.

Health and safety are top priorities. Event plans and logistics will be based on local public health guidelines to ensure a safe experience for all participants and volunteers. COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions continue to evolve, and more details on protocols and plans will be shared in the spring at www.theprouty.org.

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

APRIL 9 AND APRIL 23 RABIES CLINIC

Low cost rabies clinic!

On Saturday April 9 and April 23, Sullivan County Humane Society will be holding a rabies clinic for dogs and cats from 10-2 at the Ladies Auxiliary Bingo Hall, 183 Plains Rd, Claremont. Rabies and feline/canine distempers available for only \$10/each.

No appointment necessary.

By law, shots will be good for 3 years with proof, in the form of a rabies certificate, of previous vaccination, otherwise it is a 1 year shot.

If you have questions, please call 542-3277 for more information.

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.

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.

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@lakesunapeevna.org and a member of the Lake Sunapee VNA bereavement team will call you with further details.

Charlestown VFW Bingo Schedule

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

It is now time to take the lessons we have learned over the past year plus and act accordingly. If you're sick – stay home. Cover your nose / mouth when you cough, wash and or sanitize your hands frequently, and we'll all be healthier. The attendance limit has also ended. In keeping with the state CDC recommendations, if you have a compromised 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 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. 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, March 29th - Chicken with dumplings, vegetable, dessert. Thursday, March 31st - Liver & onions OR Hamburger, potatoes, vegetable, 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.

Bingo – Our Wednesday afternoon Bingo is back and running. Cards are sold between noon and 12:45 only. We only 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, winner takes all) is still \$1.00 for a sheet of 3 cards. You need not be a member to play Bingo but you must be at least 55 years old.

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



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pointment. DO NOT CALL THE CENTER FOR APPOINTMENTS.

On Tuesday, April 19th 1:00 – 2:30 pm, we will be holding a free class on painting flower vases with glass paints. All material will be supplied for the class at no cost to you. Instructor will be Patricia Jacobus. For members only. MUST sign up at the reception desk.

Nomination - It is time again for Nomination to the Board and Finance Committee. If you would like to be on the board, please fill out an application for nomination and leave at Reception Desk before the first of April when the list of candidates will be presented. Absentee ballots shall be submitted 1 week before the May Membership Meeting. Election will be held at the May Membership Meeting.

Blood Drive – There will be another Red Cross Blood Drive at the center on April 18th. You must make an appointment at 800-RED-CROSS. 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 April 25th. 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.

Penny Sale - We will 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. We are beginning to collect donations of NEW items for the Penny Sale. Please bring to the center during business hours Mondays thru Fridays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm or contact us in you need assistant. 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.

“Happiness is found in doing, not merely in possessing.” Napoleon Hill

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)

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.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday, March 19th, 2022

09:53 Utility 1 responded to Veterans Park Rd. for water in a basement.
11:58 Engine 4 responded to Maple Ave. for a medical call.
21:36 Engine 4 responded to Mann Court. for an alarm sounding.
2358 Engine 4 responded to Winter St. for a medical call.

Monday, March 20th, 2022

00:26 Engine 4 responded to Puckershire Ave. for a medical call.
00:49 Car 2 responded to Washington St. for a public assist.
02:22 Engine 4 responded to Heritage Dr. for a medical call.
07:20 Engine 4 responded to Crescent St. for a medical call.
11:04 Engine 4 responded to Winter St. for a Box Alarm.
16:29 Engine 4 responded to South St. for an odor investigation.

Tuesday, March 21st, 2022

11:40 Engine 4 responded to Lincoln Heights. for a well-being check.
14:54 Engine 4, Brush 1 responded to Thrasher Rd. for a brush fire.
21:34 Engine 4 responded to Washington St. for a medical call.
22:01 Engine 4 responded to Broad St. for a medical call.

Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022

10:32 Engine 4, Ladder 2 responded to Curtis St. for smoke in a basement.
10:50 Engine 4 responded to Broad St. for a medical call.
10:53 Engine 4 responded to Summit St. for a medical call.
13:23 Engine 4 responded to South St. for a medical call.

Thursday, March 24th, 2022

09:38 Engine 4 responded to Twistback Rd. for a Box Alarm.
12:39 Engine 4 responded to Ridge Ave. for a smoke detector sounding.
13:38 Engine 4 responded to Charlestown Rd. for an alarm sounding.
20:11 Engine 4 responded to Trinity St. for an alarm sounding.

Friday, March 25th, 2022

09:34 Engine 4 responded to Central St. for a medical call.
10:46 Engine 4 responded to Main St. for a Box Alarm.
15:12 Ladder 2, Engine 4 responded to Hanover St. for a Box Alarm.

Saturday, March 26th, 2022

19:51 Engine 4 responded to Pleasant St. for a medical call.

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April 9 & 23, 2022

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

First come, first serve

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Ladies Auxiliary Bingo Hall

183 Plains Rd, Claremont

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Dog & Cat Distemper shot available for \$10.00.

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Obituaries May Be Found On Our Website

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

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

www.etickernewsclaremont.com

Robert E. Greenwood, 76

Robert E. Greenwood, 76, a resident of Palm Bay, FL, passed away on March 17, 2022, after a long illness at Kindred Hospital in Melbourne, FL, with his wife and children by his side.

Robert was born on February 21, 1946, in Ayer, MA, to Herbert Greenwood, Sr. and his wife, Grace Coburn Greenwood.

Robert was married for 52 years to Sandra Hills Greenwood. He was predeceased by his son Toby Phillip Greenwood, his parents Herbert and Grace Greenwood, his brother Herbert Greenwood Jr., his brothers-in-law Joseph Parrotto, Rev. James Hills and James Hurst as well as his sister-in-law Susan Greenwood.

Robert is survived by his wife Sandra, his children, Rev. Michael Greenwood and his wife Linda Greenwood. His daughter Darcy Kinney and husband Mark Davis. His brothers Larry Greenwood and his wife Mary. His brother Donald Greenwood and his wife Judy. His brother Richard Greenwood and his wife Joan. His sister Elisabeth Parrotto, and sister Jean Koladish and husband John. His sister-in-law Joanne Greenwood, sister-in-law Marjorie Bruce, Cindy Hills and Cindy Hurst.

Robert's grandchildren include Jeffery Kinney, Jr. and wife Kimmy. Emily Watson and husband Richard. Jesse Baril and Sidney Price.

Robert's four great grandchildren are Richard, Rowan, and Rhett Watson, and Lillianna Kinney.

He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, aunts, and cousins.

Robert was an accomplished artist and craftsman who enjoyed woodworking, camping, fishing, and going to the beach. He was a Royal Ranger Sr. Commander and was part of a family puppet ministry with his local church in Claremont, NH.

Robert served in the US Army active duty in 1967 – 1968 in Vietnam. There he was awarded a battlefield promotion and 2 bronze stars. He then served in the National Guard in both Claremont, NH, and Springfield, VT, where he deployed for Operation Desert Shield 1990-1991. Robert was honorably discharged from the military after 24 years of service.

There will be a graveside service July 24, 2022, at 2PM at the Mountain View Cemetery in Claremont, NH, followed by a Celebration of Life ceremony at 38 Grannis Street in Claremont.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made out to Mountainside Community Church in New-

port, NH. The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Frank H. Reed, 90

Frank H. Reed, 90, a long-time resident of Claremont, NH, passed away on March 21, 2022. He was born in Claremont on July 1, 1931, the son of Albert and Abbie Reed of Unity, NH; he graduated from Stevens High School in 1948. He was proud of his service in the United States Navy from 1951-1955.

He married his wife, Maryellen McCullough Reed, in 1957. In 1958 they made Claremont their home.

Frank spent the majority of his working life as a mechanic. He worked for his brother, Ed, at Ed's Equipment Service, which was then bought by Frank's son, Scott, and became Reed Truck Services. He worked for the family business for more than 60 years. Frank went to work every day until he was 85 years old, working alongside his sons. Frank enjoyed spending his time fixing challenging projects, but never let tasks get in the way of telling a

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good story. He had a warm smile and great sense of humor.

Frank is survived by his wife of 64 years, Maryellen McCullough Reed; his son Scott Reed and his wife Katie of Claremont; his son Jeffrey Reed and his wife Meagan, and their daughters, Molly and Emma of Sunapee, NH; his sister-in-law Margery Reed; his brother Edwin Reed and his wife Barbara; his brother Ralph Reed; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Charlie Reed. Frank was a friend to many.

Calling hours were held on Saturday, March 26, at Stringer Funeral Home with a brief prayer service following.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Sullivan County Humane Society.

Robert E. Ransom, 70

Robert Earl Ransom, age 70, known as Bob, passed away March 11, 2022, in his home in Croydon, NH. He was born in Claremont, NH, on October 18, 1951, the youngest of 5 children of the late Daniel Parke Ransom and Jane Ann (Zigman) Ransom. He grew up in Claremont, NH, and graduated from Stevens High School in 1969 and later from Keene State College. Bob joined the Peace Corps and spent some time in Africa. He then worked for private contractors, primarily as a teacher of communications for the United States and Saudi Arabian military. At the conclusion of hostilities in Iraq, he accepted a position as a professor of literature at an Iraqi university for a year for the US State Department. When not working overseas he would sporadically teach at local high schools and colleges. In between his overseas working assignments, he traveled in Europe and the Middle East. Bob greatly enjoyed spending time at his home in Croydon, NH, and was a supporter of the Croydon Historical Society. He enjoyed renovating his historical home. He was a lifelong learner with a love of history, genealogy and travel. He is a published author of an action book and wrote other fiction stories in his spare time.

Bob was predeceased by his parents and brothers, Daniel Ransom and Paul Ransom. He is survived by his sister, Joan (Ransom) Guilmette of Fayetteville, NC, and brother Ronald Ransom of Minneapolis, MN. Other surviving family members include nephews Christopher Ransom and Todd Guilmette, and nieces Teri (Guilmette) Fezza, Jean Ransom, Julie (Ransom) York, and Laurie (Ransom)

Lamb. He is also survived by grand nephews, Marshall Guilmette, Matt Kirsch, Matthew Fezza, Karl-Eric York, and Ethan Lamb, and grand nieces, Jenna (Kirsch) Fleming, Zoe Guilmette, Megan Fezza and Gabrielle Lamb.

There will be no calling hours. A graveside memorial service at Riverside Cemetery in Woodstock, VT, will be scheduled at a later time. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. Donations can be made in his name to the historical society of your choice.

The Newton-Bartlett Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

CFA Arts Education Fund Offered to Help Keep Arts in Local Schools

The Center for the Arts believes that “the arts are essential to a student’s complete education and with so many cuts in programs the CFA believes it is their mission to keep the arts alive in local schools by supporting teachers and the school administrators in their efforts to provide creative programming for all of their students.”

And to that end, the Center for the Arts Arts Education Fund is available to any teacher in the twelve towns of the Lake Sunapee Region, for teacher-led classroom projects and school-wide programs.

Last year the CFA funded live and virtual programs at both the Kearsarge Regional Schools and the Sunapee Schools: an interview with Wampanoag CheeNulka, the Covid Memorial Flag Project, Portsmouth Brass Quintet Concert, and a special program with Abenaki Culture Bearer Jesse Bruchac.

This year the organization was “delighted” to fund the Labyrinth project at KRHS which is being used now by several different departments in collaborative programs across the curriculum, and this Spring, will fund Youth-Beatz, a percussion enrichment program for elementary students.

One example of the reach of these collaborative efforts between the CFA, teachers and schools is a recent presentation by African American artist, Richard Haynes.

Haynes, a renowned artist, culture keeper and visual story teller, who is currently exhibiting at the Davidow Center for Arts and Design at Colby-Sawyer College, visited students at Kearsarge Regional Middle School last week, as part of the CFA Arts Education Program.

Haynes tells impactful stories through his art, stories of the Underground Railroad, the history of jazz, and much more. In his presentation, he explained his artistic process and used his gift as an artist as an example to inspire students to find their own gifts.

In addition to the Arts Education Program, the CFA also offers scholarships to talented students in our region who dream of a future in dance, music, theater, writing or the visual arts. Some \$30,000 has been awarded over the past five years and 2022 applications are currently available. The CFA encourages students to visit the website for more information and applications: www.centerforheartsnh.org/scholarships

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

For a meeting of the

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

To be held on

Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall

Claremont NH

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

- A. **(ZO 2021-00016) DPX Properties, Charlestown NH** – Application for a variance from Sec 22-389 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to reduce the density requirement to permit adding a 2nd dwelling unit at 174 Main Street. Tax Map 107, Lot 49. Zoning District: MU (Cont. from 3/7/2022)
- B. **(ZO 2021-00017) DPX Properties, Charlestown NH** – Application for a variance from Sec 22-537(d) to permit parking in the front yard at 174 Main Street. Tax Map 107, Lot 49. Zoning District: MU (Cont. from 3/7/2022)
- C. **(ZO 2022-00005) John Littlefield, 206 Maple Avenue** – Application for a variance from Sec 22-209 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit construction of a garage within the side and rear setbacks at 206 Maple Avenue. Tax Map 129, Lot 120. Zoning District: R1. (Cont. from 3/7/2022)

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

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



~Eric Zengota