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Their Mission: to Conserve **Cleaning Up Along Claremont's** **Waterways**

CLAREMONT, NH—"It's actually getting a little easier every year," said Gary Dickerman early Saturday morning. "People are taking better care of the environment, which gives us a bit less to haul away."

Dickerman, the chair of the Claremont Conservation Commission, was about to start a periodic pick-up at the Ashley Ferry Landing Boat Ramp off River Road. Also on the "grab and bag it" team were fellow commissioners Jim Contois, Eric Peabody and Shawn Walch, as well as volunteers

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All in a row. From left: Allan Berggren, Eric Peabody, Gary Dickerman and Jim Contois start their clean-up of the boat launch area in Claremont.



Text and photo by Eric Zengota

Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Community College System of NH's ApprenticeshipNH, RVCC Program Launches Healthcare Pre-apprenticeship Initiative for High School Students

LEBANON, NH – Dartmouth Health's Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC), ApprenticeshipNH, a workforce program of the Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH), and River Valley Community College (RVCC) in Claremont have partnered to create an innovative pre-apprenticeship program for high school students interested in pursuing careers in healthcare. The program will prepare students for entry into the medical assistant, pharmacy technician and surgical technologist registered apprenticeship programs of Dartmouth Health's Dartmouth Hitchcock Workforce Readiness Institute (DHWRI). The 14-week program is open to high school seniors age 17 and older, who will participate in classroom

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The cohort of five students began their healthcare apprenticeship program in March with classroom instruction at RVCC before starting on-the-job learning at DHMC. From left to right, starting with the front row: Mary Ann Gaschnig (ApprenticeshipNH), Hailey Deforge, Iris Fukushima, Jessica O'Connor (Dartmouth Health), Lynne Lagasse (Instructor) Amanda Carsey. Back row: Acadia Dellinger, Morgan Sailer (RVCC), Colin Selby and Dan Osborne (RVCC). (Photo courtesy of ApprenticeshipNH).



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instruction at RVCC and paid on-the-job learning as healthcare operations support assistants at DHMC.

The program’s pilot cohort of five students from high schools in New Hampshire and Vermont began Wednesday, March 23, 2022, with introductory classroom instruction at RVCC. The program will culminate on Friday, June 24, with a ceremony that includes an interview opportunity with the DHWRI apprenticeship programs and where they will be recognized with a Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate of Completion.

“We are thrilled to be part of this exciting new pre-apprenticeship program for high school students who are exploring careers in healthcare,” said Jenny Macaulay, manager of Workforce Strategy for Dartmouth Health. “The goal of this program is to help students make informed choices about their plans after graduation. Creating opportunities for our regional youth to enter the workforce with the skills, knowledge and readiness to succeed is at the

heart of this program’s design, and supports the DHWRI’s goal of building a sustainable workforce pipeline that supports the work and mission of Dartmouth Health. This new program offers young people the opportunity to explore healthcare careers while they learn and earn, prepares them to continue employment within Dartmouth Health and to pursue advanced training and education.”

Pre-apprenticeship programs pave the way for participants to enroll in Registered Apprenticeship programs, where they can continue to learn and develop job skills through on-the-job training under the guidance of mentors. As employees from day one using the “earn while you learn” model, apprentices become part of an employer’s culture and are therefore more likely to stay with the employer for a period of time, which benefits both employee and employer.

Students participating in the health care pre-apprenticeship program will gain hands-on experience by working alongside teams that bring them into the inpatient, ambulatory, peri-operative and pharmaceutical environments into which the DHWRI’s registered apprenticeship and training programs lead. While working, pre-apprentices will be able to see first-hand how the many roles in healthcare – clinical, supply, infection prevention, nutrition, diagnostic, surgical and administration – work together for patient care, thereby helping to discover their personal interests and career paths.

“This new pre-apprenticeship program provides an excellent opportunity for high school students to jump-start their careers in healthcare,” said Mary Ann Gaschnig, CCSNH’s high school apprentice and business outreach specialist. “The program provides a unique opportunity for pre-

apprentices to play a vital role in supporting the clinical and operational functions at DHMC, while learning as they go. Now more than ever, we need a talented pool of healthcare professionals to meet the critical workforce needs in New Hampshire.”

The ApprenticeshipNH program was established in 2016 through a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. To date, 371 individuals and 61 New Hampshire companies have benefited from CCSNH’s ApprenticeshipNH programs.

DHWRI is a registered career school with the New Hampshire Department of Education. DHWRI offers training and career advancement opportunities through comprehensive training programs that offer full-time employment with benefits; access to the state’s largest private employer, a nationally recognized teaching hospital and health system; the ability to earn college credits, state/national licenses, and certifications while being paid to learn; and experiential learning opportunities for high school and post-secondary students.

For more information, visit www.apprenticeshipnh.com/highschool/ or Anne Banks at abanks@ccsnh.edu.

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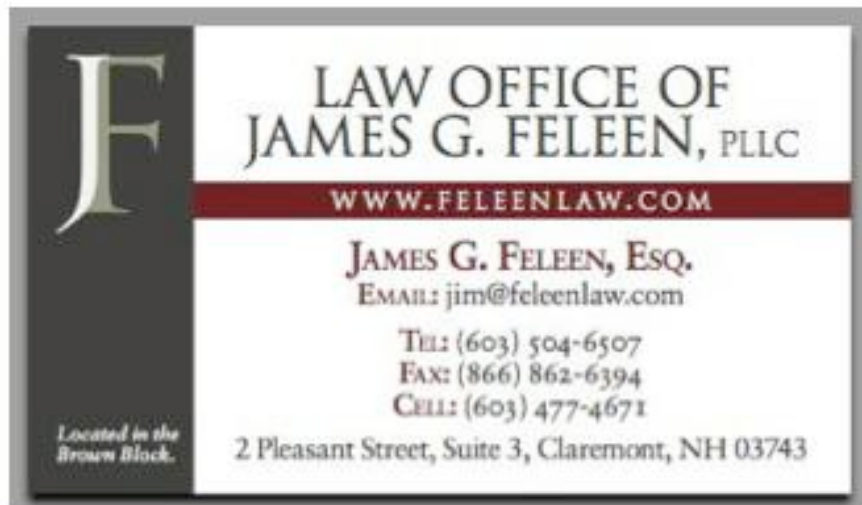
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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier



Same-Day Voters Could Face Additional Requirements

Granite Staters choosing to register to vote on the same day as an election so as to cast a ballot would face additional requirements, if legislation recently given preliminary approval by New Hampshire's House of Representatives becomes law.

On April 21 the House, by a 180-154 roll call vote, adopted an amended version of Senate Bill 418, which would add more requirements to same-day voter registrants. The legislation now goes to the House Finance Committee for more review of its financial impact, and then a second vote by the full House later this week, either May 4 or 5.

At present, individuals wishing to register to vote on the same date as any election can register with the supervisors of the checklist at the polls in the city ward or town in which they reside, and then be allowed to vote in that election. But if such individuals cannot produce some form of photographic identification, then they must complete and sign an affidavit swearing to their identity and address before being permitted to cast a ballot. But if the bill as amended by the House Election Law Committee and given preliminary approval by the full House were to become law, same-day registrants would not have to sign affidavits. Instead, such voters' ballots, also known as "provisional" ballots, would be given a designated number linking the voters to their completed ballots. Then within seven days after the election in question, such voters would be required to produce proper identification verifying who they are and their address within the town or city ward in they claim to reside. These voters could do such verification either by mailing the New Hampshire Secretary of State's Office a prepaid U.S. Postal Service Express Envelope or showing up at this Concord office in person. Otherwise such designated ballots would be removed and subtracted from the overall election vote totals by the Secretary of State.

For readers' information, the amended version of Senate Bill 418 as given preliminary approval by the House would not become law until Jan. 1, 2023. Thus, it would not affect this year's Sept. 13 State Primary or Nov. 8 General Election. The bill is sponsored by a group of five Republican legislators led by Warren Sen. Robert Guida.

Senate Bill 418 resulted in fierce partisan floor debate among my fellow representatives. Proponents included Manchester Rep. Ross Berry, a Republican, who as a member of the Election Law Committee, strongly defended the amended measure which would establish a "provisional" or "challenge" ballot law in our state for the first time in New Hampshire, though some other states have similar laws. Rep. Berry claimed that current law which permits same-day registrants to cast a ballot by simply signing an affidavit "breeds mistrust in the election process, and results in lower voter turnout." He added that the bill as

amended would protect overseas voters, including members of the military and their families from being denied their voting rights. In summary, he declared that the bill would support "the goal of qualified voters casting ballots in our elections."

Nevertheless, Senate Bill 418 opponents made several criticisms of the measure. Among the critics was Concord Rep. Connie Lane, a Democrat, who is also on the Election Law Committee. First, Rep. Lane stated that the bill "removes the ability of a voter without photo identification to sign an affidavit at the polling place, verifying their name and address." Second, it might violate the New Hampshire Constitution's Part II, Article 32, which pertains to general vote totals because some votes might be later subtracted from the totals. Third, the legislation might conflict with a specific state law, RSA 656:16, which provides there are to be no impressions or marks on ballots so as to distinguish one secret ballot from another because election moderators would be required to mark all the so-called provisional ballots. Fourth, it would endanger New Hampshire's compliance with the National Voter Registration Act, and require an overhaul of our entire election system at an estimated total cost of \$65 million. Fifth, the impact to communities with many same-day voters could be "severe, requiring additional staff and training for election workers." Sixth, the bill even as amended would establish time frames that make "it exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, to comply with the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act." This act requires absentee ballots to be mailed out to all military personnel and their families no later than 45 days prior to an election.

For the record, I did vote against Senate Bill 418's preliminary approval. I voted "No" for many of the same reasons listed by Rep. Lane. First, I believe the bill as now written would discourage younger and low-income voters from registering to vote because they either don't have time or are too poor to afford obtaining proper photo identification such as a driver's license. As Rep. Lane earlier mentioned, it could violate at least one current state law as one provision of the New Hampshire Constitution, but I also think it might violate another provision of our state constitution. This provision is Part I, Article 2-b, an article approved by overwhelming majorities of the New Hampshire Legislature and the state's voters in 2018. The article guarantees "an individual's right to live free from government intrusion in private or personal information." More specifically, because this measure would allow moderators to mark all provisional ballots with specific numbers identifying provisional ballot voters, it could destroy the sanctity of the secret ballot for such voters and thus violate their right to privacy. Furthermore, it could result in higher election-related costs for our state, costs which would likely be downshifted to municipalities like Claremont. These costs would include more training for election voters, many of whom are part-timers or volunteers, who may not have the extra time for this training.

Finally, as to the claims of the measure's proponents like Rep. Berry that allowing same-day registrants to vote by simply signing an affidavit breeds mistrust among many people in our state's election process, I

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beg to differ. The fact that recent New Hampshire primaries and general elections have had higher turnouts than other states, including a record turnout in the 2020 General Election, indicates there isn’t as much distrust as such proponents believe. Plus, the fact that former Secretary of State William Gardner, a Democrat, and his successor, David Scanlan, a Republican, have great overall confidence in the election process, leads me to believe that the goal of many proponents is simply to suppress the overall turnout of young and low-income voters, whom they fear will generally cast ballots for Democratic candidates.

In good news, on the same date, the House also gave preliminary approval to Senate Bill 407, which would expand postpartum care for mothers and their infants on the Medicaid Health Insurance Program from its present 60 days up to one year after the infant’s birth. This is an amended version of the bill as earlier adopted by the New Hampshire Senate was passed by a 212-117 roll call vote after brief floor debate and a recommendation by a 17-4 majority of the House Health & Human Services Committee to adopt the bill. Like Senate Bill 418, the bill now goes to the House Finance Committee for further scrutiny of its fiscal impact, and another full House vote later this week. This bill, also known as the “Healthy Moms & Healthy Babies Act” is sponsored by a bipartisan coalition of 15 lawmakers led by Lebanon Sen. Suzanne Prentiss, a Democrat, who is Claremont’s state senator.

Senate Bill 407 supporters like Freedom Rep. Jerry Knirk, a Democrat, stated that the bill would grant new mothers more access to preventive and supportive postpartum care. Rep. Knirk added that such care should likely result in new mothers being “less likely to have emergency health needs which lead to more compensated care at our community hospitals.” He concluded by declaring that the extension of Medicaid coverage for postpartum care in other states has resulted in a “decrease of postpartum deaths in those states.”

However, Senate Bill 407 opponents, including Wilton Rep. Jim Kolfat, a Republican, questioned its fiscal impact on the state budget. Rep. Kolfat said that expanding Medicaid so as to include postpartum care is estimated to only cost New Hampshire between \$200,000 and \$1 million annually for the first few years. But once money from the federal ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) expires in 2027, the costs for such expansion to the state would rise dramatically. He suggested a 2027 sunset provision to the bill, unless additional federal funding for this expansion could be received to help offset its higher cost.

I did vote for Senate Bill 407. I voted “Yes” because it is a worthwhile measure that should help new mothers with low incomes. But it should also reduce the uncompensated costs for community hospitals like Claremont’s Valley Regional when these mothers need extra care for themselves or their babies, but just can’t afford to pay the additional costs. Uncompensated costs often result in higher health insurance rates for the rest of us who have adequate health care coverage. **Email: jocloutier@comcast.net**

Shaheen, Hassan Announce New Hampshire Service Academy Day

CONCORD, NH—U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) invite New Hampshire students interested in attending any of the country’s service academies to attend the New Hampshire Service Academy Day on Saturday, May 21st, in Concord at the New Hampshire National Guard State Military Reservation.

The event will feature staff representatives for Senators Shaheen and Hassan and Representatives Annie Kuster (NH-02) and Chris Pappas (NH-01), who will be available to answer questions about obtaining service academy nominations. In addition, representatives from the five service academies have been invited to provide information and answer questions from interested students.

To be considered for appointment to a service academy, applicants must be nominated by a Member of Congress or other authorized nominating source.

Info: New Hampshire Service Academy Day, Saturday May 21st, 2022 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM, New Hampshire National Guard, State Military Reservation, Building 1, 1 Minuteman Way, Concord, NH 03301. RSVP by email to RSVP@shaheen.senate.gov or contact Senator Shaheen’s office at (603) 647-7500.

Sprucing Up the City's Parks

Church Volunteers Get Garden Beds Ready for Growing Season

CLAREMONT, NH—On Saturday morning, teams of volunteers from Riverbank Church headed out to Claremont's parks, where they helped the City greet springtime by preparing many garden beds for a summer of flowers and greenery.

They raked out and mulched beds in Barnes, Monadnock, Moody and Veterans parks, as well as at Arrowhead Recreation Area, the Visitor Center and the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center.

The City's Parks and Recreation Department is grateful for the volunteers' hard work, which will add to the beauty of these high-use public areas.

Leaves be gone! Riverbank Church volunteers first raked out the garden beds alongside the CSB Community Center, then spread mulch to encourage healthy growth (Text and photo by Eric Zengota).



Charlestown Route 12 Repair Update – April 28, 2022

CONCORD, NH—Kathleen Mulcahey-Hampson, Legislative Liaison, Senior Hearings Examiner, NHDOT, reported on Thursday that “On the contract side, much work is being done by the Department, the contractor, and the consultant to complete the change orders and wetlands permit amendment. Many people have spent multiple days working on the new estimate and formally documenting the 48 items being changed. Work is proceeding as the change orders are being finalized.”

Concurrent to the administrative work, the contractor, Casella, was back on-site working this week along the river side, said Mulcahey-Hampson. “The remaining old concrete slab (former road) was excavated. The drainage structures were delivered on Monday. This week the contractor is working on slope repairs and there is ongoing excavation for drainage. Some drainage has already been installed and Casella is now working on

larger drainage areas, which are 25 feet in depth. Photos are attached that show the slope protection and

drainage excavation work, along with drainage materials. Before work commences on the railroad side, final railroad approval is needed for work within the railroad right-of-way.

“Work is progressing and the project is on track for the road to reopen, as planned at the end of May, 2022. In the meantime, the Chief of Police has been provided with emergency access during off-construction hours.”





NH DHHS COVID-19 Update April 29, 2022

On Friday, April 29, 2022, DHHS announced 452 new positive test results for COVID-19 for Thursday, April 28. Those results included 318 people who tested positive by PCR test and 134 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 now 2,887 known current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Positive results from home testing kits are not included.

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there were forty-seven individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 55% being female and 45% being male. The new cases resided in Rockingham (98), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (66), Strafford (58), Grafton (38), Merrimack (32), Cheshire (20), Coos (15), Belknap (12), Carroll (12), and Sullivan (12) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (45) and Nashua (23). The county of residence is being determined for twenty-one new cases.

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

1 male resident of Strafford County, 60 years of age and older

There were currently 23 hospitalized patients being treated for COVID-19. Current Hospitalizations Treated for COVID-19 is the current metric tracking people hospitalized to treat their COVID-19 infection with Remdesivir, Dexamethasone or both therapies. These therapies are the primary medications for hospital-

ized patients to treat COVID-19. This new metric is modeled on NIH treatment guidelines and provides a more accurate view of the how many people are hospitalized because of severe COVID-19 illness, as opposed to patients admitted for other healthcare needs who may incidentally have COVID-19.

The NH Hospital Association reported 149 cases: it includes total confirmed COVID cases (95), total suspected cases (15) and COVID-Recovering (39). (The last category includes COVID-19 hospitalized patients no longer included in Confirmed COVID-19 statistics once removed from transmission-based precautions but who continue to receive inpatient treatment for COVID-19 related illness).

In New Hampshire, since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 309,982 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

As of Friday's map, April 29, there were 39 current positively identified cases reported by DHHS in Claremont; 12 in Charlestown; 11 in Grantham with 1-4 cases in other towns. DHHS reported 111

current positively identified cases in Sullivan County.

Note: Data does not include positive home testing results.

Vaccinations rates in NH:

Fully vaccinated: 62.0%

At least 1 dose: 71.5%

COVID-19 Hotline

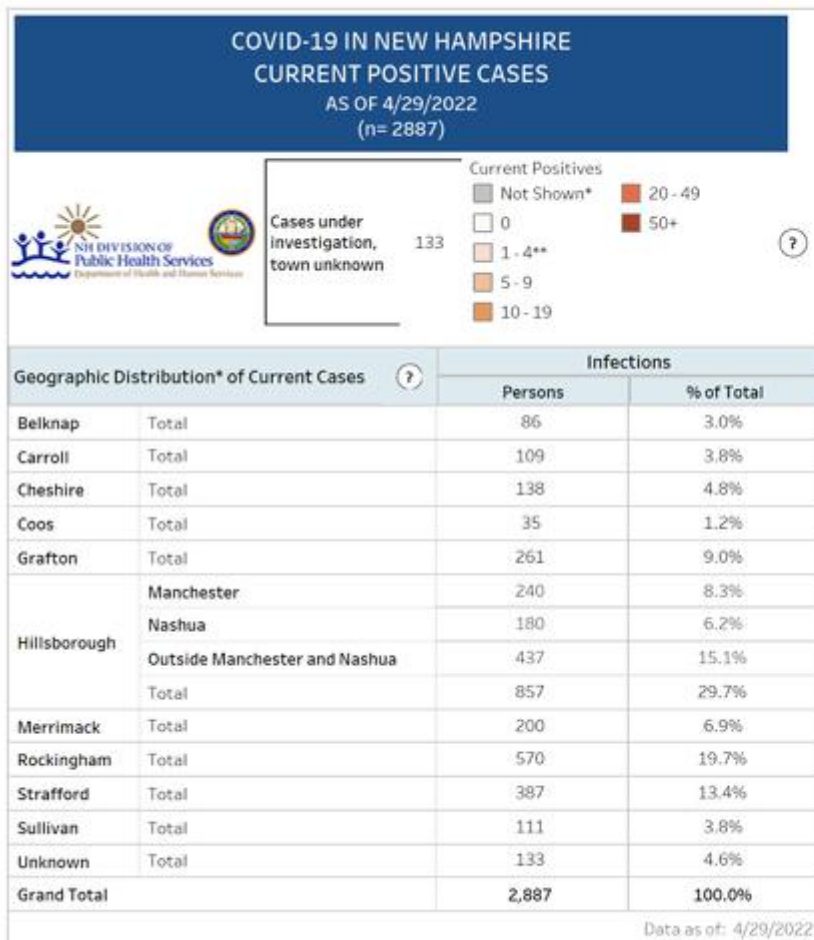
211NH has been mobilized to handle all COVID-19 related calls from New Hampshire residents. All residents with questions or concerns regarding COVID-19 can call 2-1-1.

Vaccine Information in NH

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

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated April 29, 2022, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	309,982
Recovered	304,615 (98%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	2,480 (1%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	2,887
Current Hospitalizations Treated for COVID-19	23



City Embarks on Two-Prong Approach re: Sullivan Smokestack

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH— At Wednesday night's council meeting, City officials and councilors decided to take a two-prong approach regarding the Sullivan smokestack. At a recent previous meeting, councilors had asked City officials to compile more information on what options the City might have, including grants, regarding saving or demolishing the smokestack. Planning & Development director Nancy Merrill told councilors that the options included "demolition, restoration or some part of both, [with] the top off at any case." She added, "When it comes to grants, it's a question of what are you going to do..." She went on to say that DES suggested she contact the University of Connecticut about a free 10-week program in which they would send interns from their engineering program to look at what is at the site, review that whole side of the river and also help search for grants that might be applicable for a project in that location. Merrill said she did contact UConn. "The deadline was this past Monday, I did submit something and they called today to say, 'Great, they'd love to work with Claremont and they could be on the ground in mid-May so that we could start the process.' You could go forward with the stack while we look at the area. I think the top 16 feet really do need to be removed. The hole is getting bigger and there's no mortar, no [anything] that we could do to stop that." The interns would be guided by faculty.

Councilor Nick Koloski said he wanted to see the top part of the stack taken down "for a safety factor."

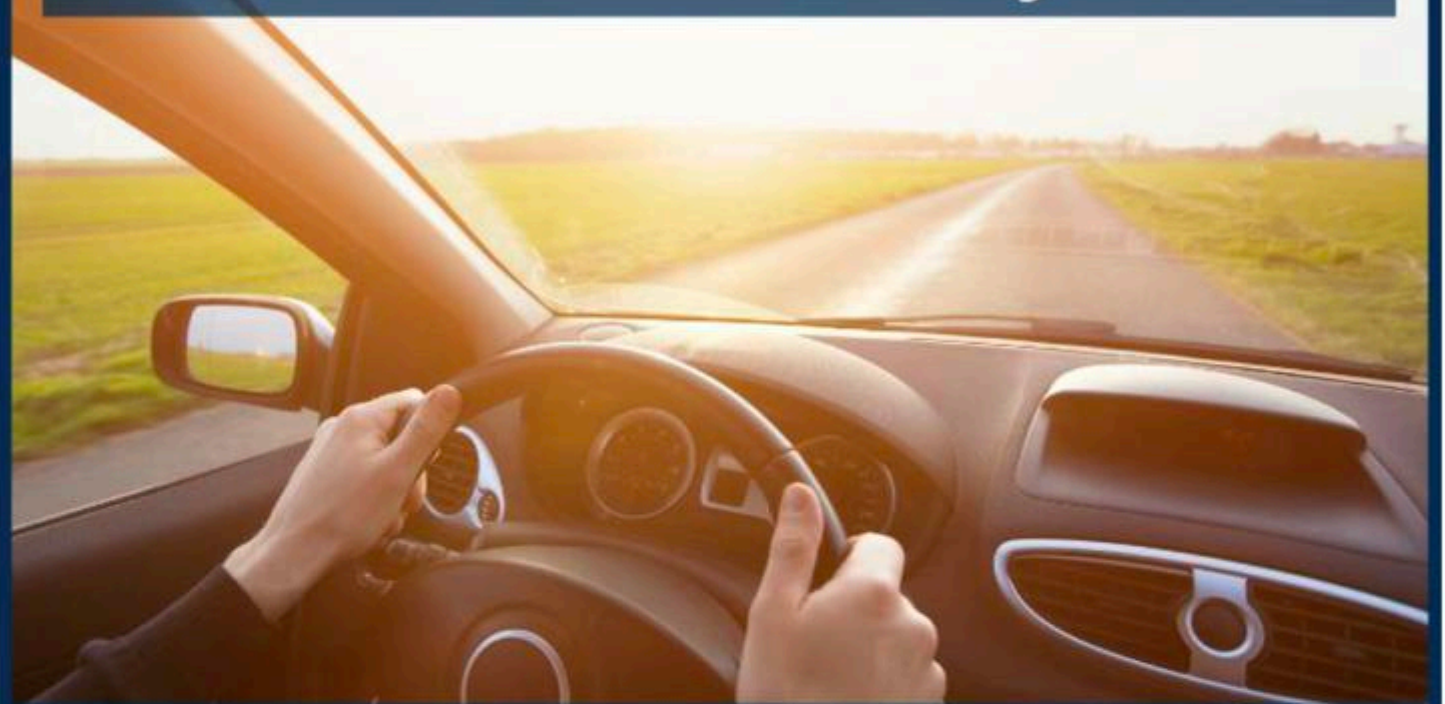
The council sought estimates on taking down the top 16 feet vs. the entire stack and what it would cost for a temporary cap as opposed to a permanent cap that was priced at \$19,000. Asst. mayor Deb Matteau said "UConn sounds great, we need that information and if we can get it for nothing, then let's move forward with it."

Councilor Jonathan Stone asked if some sort of housing development could be located on the site; Merrill said there were "some issues down there" with the City signing off on an air rights agreement with Eversource preventing building new structures underneath the wires in that area.

The council passed two motions following

Wednesday's discussion: one to authorize the City manager to enter into an agreement with UConn at no cost to the City and two, to seek bids for removal of the top 16 feet with an appropriate cap, amended to include an comparison of a complete demolition of the stack vs. the top 16 feet.

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TPN Holds Successful 16th Steppin' Up to End Violence 5K

Supporters Run, Walk Through Downtown Claremont in Aid of Survivors

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Saturday, starting at 8:30am, hundreds of children, adults and dogs convened at Claremont Middle School in support of the 16th Annual Steppin' Up to End Violence 5K Walk and Fun Run sponsored by Turning Points Network (TPN).

Every year, the 5K Walk and Fun Run raises money for TPN to provide free and confidential services and resources for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and sex trafficking in Sullivan County. And this year our community came together in force to raise more than \$82,000 in support of victim-survivors and the services of TPN.

Chaired this year by Claremont Savings Bank, 49 teams and 64 community partners "Stepped Up" to support the event, actively fundraising, sponsoring and donating raffle prizes. Teams and businesses represented faith communities, social services, first responders, local businesses and nonprofits. Top fundraisers for the event include Brenda Shapiro of the Shapiro Schleppers and Wally Borgan of the KCPC Saint.

The rally began at 9:45 a.m. with a speech by grandparents who receive support services from TPN as they work to receive guardianship

of their two grandchildren impacted by abuse. "We had to navigate through all the paperwork," said Jean and Corinda Mercier. "This was not an easy process. We never expected to go through it, yet wanted to keep our grandchildren in a caring, loving and safe environment. While we knew the road ahead was not going to be easy, having support from TPN made it a lot better."

More than 30 individuals participated in the fun run. The top winners were Gage Bernier, Jayce Bernier and Addison Lucero in the children's category; Jenn Lewellyn, Belinda Shropshire and Kristi Snider in the women's; and Kenny Smith, Lucas Jameson and Danny Armstrong in the men's.

Turning Points Network never ceases to be amazed by the amount of passion displayed by those around our county to provide words of encouragement and financial support for our services, which are provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year — all free of charge. The Steppin' Up fundraiser is a critical lifeline for victims who call the crisis and support line to receive peer support counseling and support groups, court accompaniment, emergency and transitional housing, safety planning, information and referrals, and financial empowerment services.

Left: Jean and Corinda Mercier told the crowd about the "panicked call" they got from DCYF concerning the domestic abuse being suffered by their 7- and 4-year-old grandchildren. TPN is guiding them through each stage of the process as they seek guardianship of the children. The Merciers said, "All of you grandfamilies



rock. We know — we've been there." Top: Runners led the field of hundreds of adults, children and canines in TPN's Steppin' Up Against Violence 5K on April 30. **Bottom:** The 5K route included crossing the Puksta Bridge over the Sugar River. The event started and ended at Claremont Middle School on South Street. The last uphill steps from Broad Street gave participants crossing the finish line an extra sense of accomplishment (Photos by Eric Zengota).



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The **Town of Charlestown NH** is in need of a **Recording Secretary for the Selectboard**. The Board meets every Wednesday in the evening with an occasional extra meeting.

This is a part-time position to attend and take minutes of all Selectboard meetings, as well as workshops and produces and delivers meeting minutes within legal time frames.

Knowledge of how to take and prepare minutes and the ability to attend weekly meetings each week required. Accuracy is very important. Minutes must be completed within 5 days of the meeting.

Applicants must possess a High School Diploma or GED and strong typing/keyboarding and note taking or shorthand skills. Experience with municipal record keeping preferred, but not required.

Job Type: Part-time

Hours per week: Less than 10

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume & completed application to:

Charlestown Town Office, Human Resources Department, PO Box 385, Charlestown, NH 03603

An application may be found at www.charlestown-nh.gov or at the Town Office 233 Main St., Charlestown NH, 03603

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Candidates should have a thorough knowledge of local government in New Hampshire and the ability to plan, organize, assign, supervise, inspect and coordinate a broad range of municipal functions. Municipal management experience is highly desirable.

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Applications can be dropped off at our Selectman's Office located at 233 Main Street Charlestown, or mailed to Selectmen's Office, P.O. Box 385 Charlestown, NH 03603 or emailed to ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov.

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT OPERATOR/TRUCK DRIVER/LABORER

The Town Charlestown is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Highway Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/Laborer.

This position is full-time, year-round. A CDL License is required. Duties include but not limited to snow plowing with plow and wing, and general labor. Previous experience with heavy equipment and road maintenance. Additional requirements are a good work ethic, positive attitude, hard worker and a team player. Must pass a physical, and a drug & alcohol test.

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SATURDAY, MAY 7

Gubernatorial Candidate Dr. Tom Sherman to Hold Meet & Greet in Claremont

Dr. Tom Sherman, the only announced Democratic candidate for governor, will be hosting a public meet and greet in Claremont on Saturday, May 7, from 11am-12pm, CSB Community Center. He will talk about his priorities for New Hampshire and answer questions from the audience. He has spent his career dedicated to public service: working as an EMT in high school; designing a medical clinic in a homeless shelter while in medical school; working for over 30 years as a doctor; serving in the State House, now as a State Senator over the past decade.

FINANCE ASSISTANT

The Town of Charlestown NH Selectboard Office is seeking a part-time (20-32 hours/week) Finance Clerk. Job responsibilities include, but are not limited to; processing accounts payable weekly, log general ledger entries, revenue accruals, and corrections, etc. Assist with preparation of quarterly budget reviews and various quarterly fund financial statements. Assist with answering incoming phone calls, walk in customers. Applicants must be detailed oriented and should be comfortable using both Microsoft Word and Excel. Previous experience with Business Management Systems, Inc (BMSI) is a plus, but we are willing to train the right person. Interested persons may obtain an application in the Selectboard Office at 233 Main Street, Charlestown, NH, by calling 603-826-4400, or on the Town's website www.charlestown-nh.gov.

Please return applications/resumes to ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov.

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On April 7th, Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497 presented their first FireFighter Award to Shawn O’Hearne, a Lieutenant on the Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department. O’Hearne continues to develop through outside training in addition to regular in-house training. While working a full-time job he still manages to attend over 60% of all calls for the department; he also volunteers to organize fundraisers for the department and those in need. Charlestown VFW Post 8497 Commander Tom St.Pierre presented O’Hearne with a plaque and a check for \$500. Additionally, the workers of Whelen donated a brand new firefighter vehicle light kit in appreciation of all that he does to protect our communities and citizens. “Congratulations to Shawn, we thank you and your fellow first responders for all you do for our friends and family here in Charlestown and wherever called upon,” said St.Pierre (Courtesy photos).

A Center for the Arts Fundraiser for Ukraine

In response to the devastating events taking place in Ukraine, the Center for the Arts is hosting a fundraiser to raise much needed funds for Ukrainian Relief.

"Art for Ukraine" includes over 25 donated pieces of art by award winning artists in the Lake Sunapee Region. The public is invited to view the art as part of the May 6th First Friday Gallery Night Stroll and also to see additional pieces on-line at www.centerfortheartsnh.org/ukraine.

The CFA asks the public to support this effort by purchasing art, or by making donations online. Art will be available to purchase through the end of May. All proceeds from the sale of this artwork, and all donations, will go directly to Ukrainian Relief Funds.

The CFA thanks the following artists for their generous donations to this fundraiser: Peter Anderson, Anna Marie Ash, Betsy Derrick, Bill Balsam, Mary Belec, Megan Cardillo, Kathleen Curwen, Elizabeth D’Amico, Gwen Fuller, Ludmila Gayvoronsky, Jack Harkins, Nancy Hendrix, Pam Hill, Barbara Hunting, Mimi Wiggin, Andrea Lapins, Gwen Nagel, Rick Stockwell, Juliana Twomey, and many others.

New art is added online everyday. To see the entire gallery of “Art for Ukraine”, please visit the website listed above.

For more information, please contact us at info@centerfortheartsnh.org or 603-526-4444.



The **City of Claremont** is requesting proposals for the operation, maintenance, and commercial use of the Claremont Transfer Station located at 875 Washington Street in Claremont, NH. **There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting held at the Public Works office at 10:00 AM Thursday, May 19, 2022**, with an optional site visit to follow.

Proposals must be marked Claremont Transfer Station Proposal, in a sealed envelope and delivered to the address below no later than 10:00 AM Monday, June 13, 2022 at which time they will be publicly read aloud.

City of Claremont

Attn: Office of the City Manager
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Claremont, NH 03743

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Sullivan County Grand Jury Indictments Released

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

Angela Heino, 45, Claremont, NH, indicated for Acts Prohibited-Sale of Heroin, Dec. 15, 2021; Acts Prohibited-Sale of Heroin, Dec. 22, 2021; Acts Prohibited-Sale of Heroin, Jan. 6, 2022.

Maryanne Baldauff, 32, Newport, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited-Sale of Substance Represented to be Heroin/Fentanyl, 1000 feet of School, March 24, 2022; Ax's Prohibited-Sale of Substance Represented to be Heroin/Fentanyl-1000 Feet of School (Conspiracy), March 24, 2022.

Dylan Cederman, 23, Lempster, NH, indicted for Reckless Conduct Deadly Weapon, (Nissan Frontier), March 1, 2022.

Bethany S. Whitcomb, 45, Claremont, NH, indicted for Theft by Unauthorized Taking-3rd Offense-On Release, Jan. 7, 2022.

John Benoit, 31, Claremont, NH, indicted for Theft by Unauthorized Taking \$1500+, Oct. 5, 2021.

Krystal Pelkey, 36, Cavendish, VT, indicted for Acts-Prohibited-Possession with Intent-Subsequent Offense, Feb. 11, 2021; Acts Prohibited-Possession with Intent-Subsequent Offense, Feb. 11, 2021.

Isaac Garcia, 42, Claremont, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited-Possession While on Release, May 11, 2021.

Michael Ariola, 41, Claremont, NH, indicted for Theft by Unauthorized Taking, Two Prior Convictions, Feb. 10, 2022.

Candace Fontaine, 30, Claremont, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited (Possession of a Controlled Drug, Methamphetamine, Sept. 7, 2021; (Possession of a Controlled Drug, Fentanyl), Sept. 7, 2021.

Ryan Muzzey, 48, Sunapee, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited (Pos-

session of a Controlled Drug, Fentanyl, Nov. 16, 2021.

Owen Elliot, 34, Claremont, NH, indicted for Criminal Mischief Causing Pecuniary Loss \$1500+, Dec. 18, 2021.

Emily Oja, 20, Westminster, MA, indicted for Acts Prohibited-possession, Dec. 28, 2021; Acts Prohibited-Possession, Dec. 28, 2021.

Robert Boudreau, 54, Claremont, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited-Possession, March 17, 2022.

Cynthia Vanguilder, 37, Claremont, NH, indicted for Theft by Unauthorized Taking (Penalties: Twice Convicted) March 14, 2022; Theft by Unauthorized Taking (Penalties: Twice Convicted), Feb. 2, 2022.

Jason Carrier, 36, Claremont, NH, indicted for Receiving Stolen Property \$1500+, Nov. 5, 2021; Receiving Stolen Property (Penalties: Twice Convicted), Nov. 5, 2021.

Maryanne Baldauff, 32, Newport, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited-Sale of Substance Represented to be Oxycodone, March 19, 2022; Acts Prohibited-Sale of Substance Represented to be Percocet-Oxycodone, between March 1 and March 19, 2020.

Lagene Richardson, 41, Newport NH, indicted for Habitual Offender, April 7, 2022.

Michael Franklin, 42, Newport, NH, indicted for Attempted Felonious Sexual Assault, April 4, 2022; Computer Use Prohibited, between March 26 and April 5th, 2022.

William E. Merrill, 25, Warner, NH, indicted for Reckless Conduct Deadly Weapon (Chevrolet 1500 pickup), Sept. 20, 2021.

Logan Moore, 27, County Farm Rd., Unity, NH, indicted for Bail Jumping, April 14, 2022; Bail Jump-

ing, April 14, 2022; Bail Jumping, April 14, 2022.

Friday, May 13, 7:30 pm Sweet Baby James, James Taylor Tribute event at Claremont Opera House

Nashville's Sweet Baby James - America's #1 James Taylor tribute artist - comes to Claremont with his popular acoustic "Walking Man" solo performance.

Join us for the timeless music of 6-time Grammy winner and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame member James Taylor.

Family-friendly event at the Claremont Opera House. Tickets available at <https://ci.ovation-tix.com/35866/production/1121125>.

Bill Griese (aka "Sweet Baby James") sounds so much like Taylor vocally, and plays his signature guitar style so faithfully, you can close your eyes and imagine you're listening to the legend himself. But rest assured, SBJ is not a James Taylor "impersonator" – expect a natural, authentic presentation; a respectful & fitting tribute to an American original.

The Claremont Opera House seating chart is optimized for social distanced seating; we have a limited number of larger groups available but are happy to combine smaller blocks to accommodate your needs. Contact the box office at 603-542-4433 to request.

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Business News



Left: Kelsea Gorey has been sewing since she was six years old; as a child she altered her own clothes and then created her own designs. In her workspace at the back of Tangled Bella Boutique, she'll sew her own creations and consult with women on custom pieces. Right: Cutting the ribbon makes it official. Tangled Bella Boutique opens for business on April 30. From left: partners Lindsey Best, Kelsea Gorey and Jessica Kinson; Claremont mayor Dale Girard (Eric Zengota photos).



made creations) as well as accessories including jewelry, glassware, flip-flops, candles, and body and bath products.

In his remarks welcoming the new business to the City, mayor

Dale Girard said that Tangled Bella “is a female owned and operated clothing and accessory boutique serving women of all shapes and sizes with a complete line of fashion. The three partners met through Jess’s company, Les Bella Photography (44 Opera House Square), which empowers women to embrace who they are through boudoir photography. Kelsea had been making her own clothing through her Tangled Moose Creations, which Jess used during photo shoots.”

Their friendship and partnership grew during the pandemic, and discussions resulted in a fusion/merge: Tangled Bella.

The boutique promotes body positivity and female empowerment. “Not growing up with ideal body shapes, it was difficult for them to

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The Latest Answer to Women’s Fashion Needs

Female-Owned Tangled Bella Opens in Claremont

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Tangled Bella Boutique at 30 Opera House Square in Claremont opened its doors for business on Saturday, April 30.

The boutique — co-owned by Lindsey Best, Kelsea Gorey and Jessica Kinson — offers women’s clothing (some of it original, custom-

 The advertisement features the Valley Overhead Door logo, which is an oval with a mountain range and the text "VALLEY OVERHEAD DOOR". Below the logo is a blue truck with "VALLEY OVERHEAD DOOR" on the front. The background is a blue gradient.

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find cute clothing,” Girard noted. “Either their size wasn’t available or it cost more. Tangled Bella is about size inclusivity — sizes Small through 6X will be at the same price.”

The three partners feel it is important to use ethically sourced supplies, buy items made in the USA and support women-owned fabric stores. They also want to help the community by offering local artisans the opportunity to build their businesses by selling products that complement their offerings in the boutique.

Tangled Bella Boutique, 30 Opera House Square, Claremont. Mon-Fri, 10am to 6pm; Sat 9am to 3pm. Follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

NH Launches Local Restaurant Infrastructure Investment Program

CONCORD, NH – The Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) has launched a new Local Restaurant Infrastructure Investment Program. This new COVID-19 relief program, funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, will provide awards of up to \$15,000 to local restaurants seeking reimbursement for eligible equipment, infrastructure, and technology purchases.

The Local Restaurant Infrastructure Investment Program will help address workforce issues and overall restaurant safety challenges due to COVID-19 that small, local restaurants across the state have experienced.

The deadline to apply for the program is July 13, 2022, at 4:00 P.M., via the GOFERR Grant Portal. Review of applications will begin prior to the deadline. More information on the program can be found at <https://www.goferr.nh.gov/covid-expenditures/local-restaurant-infrastructure-investment-program>.

NHEC Board Appoints New Director to Fill Vacancy

PLYMOUTH, NH – The New Hampshire Electric Cooperative’s (NHEC) Board of Directors has appointed a new member to fill the vacancy created by a recent resignation.

Harry Viens of Center Harbor was voted by the Board to fill the vacancy that was created when Daniel Senie of Charlestown resigned on March 23. Because the vacancy on the Board occurred within 100 days of the next annual meeting of the members, which is scheduled for June 14, the NHEC by-laws require the Board to vote to fill the vacancy by appoint-

ment. Viens will serve on the Board until the next annual meeting of the members, which will be held in June 2023.

Viens had previously served three terms on the NHEC Board from 2010 – 2020.

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New Opportunities for 529 Plan Owners

If you want to provide educational opportunities for your children or grandchildren, you may want to consider investing in a 529 plan. In recent years, this plan has gotten more flexible, and potentially more powerful, than ever.

A key benefit of a 529 plan is that earnings are generally tax free, provided the money is used for qualified educational expenses. As the owner of the plan, you can essentially name any beneficiary you want, and you're free to change the beneficiary as needed. Contribution limits are quite high, so you can put away considerable sums in a 529 plan – and you may want to, because college costs have risen steadily over the years. In fact, for the 2021-22 academic year, the College Board reports that the average cost (tuition, fees, room and board) of a public, four-year college or university is more than \$27,000 for in-state students and nearly \$56,000 for students at private schools.

But 529 plans are no longer just for higher education. Over the past few years, the rules governing 529 plans have changed, so they can now be used for:

- K-12 tuition expenses (up to \$10,000 per student, per year),
- Apprenticeship programs registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, and
- Student loans (\$10,000 lifetime limit for student loan repayments per each 529 plan beneficiary and another \$10,000 for each of the beneficiary's siblings.)

And soon, a major change will affect the relationship between grandparent-owned 529 plans and the financial aid packages awarded to their grandchildren. Families applying for aid have not been required to report grandparent-owned 529 account assets on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). However, under previous rules, you had to report withdrawals from the grandparent-owned plans as untaxed student income, which could reduce aid eligibility by up to 50% of the amount of cash received.

But that's changing for the 2024-25 FAFSA, which won't require students to report cash support, including money taken from a grandparent-owned 529 plan. Instead, a student's total income amount will be reported directly from federal income tax returns. This means that a grandparent-owned 529 plan won't have any effect on need-based financial aid eligibility. This benefit to families is already here, because 2022 will be used as the base year for the 2024-25 FAFSA, so any withdrawals taken in 2022, and also going forward, won't need to be reported as student income.

With this change, families will now have more options on using 529 plans without jeopardizing financial aid. You can generally withdraw any amount from the aggregate of all 529 plans for higher education costs, but only the qualified withdrawals – the ones used for typical education-related expenses – will be tax-free. The earnings portion of non-qualified withdrawals are taxable and could also incur a 10% penalty.

Given the new rules affecting a grandparent-owned 529 plan, you should consult with a financial professional to determine how this plan can work with other strategies to help meet educational expenses while, at the same time, not detracting from the progress you'd like to make on other important goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

In any case, consider looking into a 529 plan – it was already a great tool for education funding, and it can now offer your family even more options.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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'Taking Back' for Everyone's Safety

CPD Drug Drop-Offs Heading to State Disposal Site

CLAREMONT, NH—For four hours on Saturday, police officer Crystal Simonds was on detail in the CVS parking lot at 1 Wall Street in Claremont.

The City's police department was the local coordinator of National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, an initiative that allows anyone to drop off unused, unwanted and expired drugs — confidentially, no questions asked. Even the most dangerous, potentially fatal drugs circulating in the City, especially opioids, could be dropped off, as well as sharps (needles).

The City's website stated that this would "help us prevent substance misuse and overdose deaths in our community."

There are many ways drugs can endanger both people and the environment. Those that are, innocently enough, flushed down home toilets enter the water supply treatment facilities. Those dumped into creeks, streams and rivers put natural resources at risk. They can be stolen from other people's medicine cabinets and travel around the community where they are sold and — commonly enough — traded in schools, even at the elementary level. And users can — and do — overdose.

Simonds reported that drop-offs filled five sharps containers and three large cartons. All of it would be delivered to a New Hampshire National Guard site in Laconia, where everything would be incinerated or otherwise safely disposed. The NH National Guard will total up the weight of all drugs and drug material and report the statewide figures. The *e-Ticker News* will publish those figures as soon as they are available.

The Claremont PD reminds citizens that there is a drop-off bin in the department's lobby that everyone can access every day of the year.

A driver hands over a bag of unwanted drugs to Claremont police officer Crystal Simonds on Saturday, National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.



Text and photo by Eric Zengota

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- Vasectomy



In Council Chambers, a Fond Farewell

Dorée Russell Retires From City

CLAREMONT, NH—After 17 years serving as the executive assistant to the Claremont city manager — including taking minutes for about 400 city council meetings — Dorée Russell officially retired on Friday, April 29.

Initially, she was supposed to leave at the end of January. But, as Mark Chase, Claremont chief of police and assistant city manager, noted, “We were all grateful that Dorée stayed on for three extra months. She guided our new executive assistant through her first months on the job. Plus she had so much institutional knowledge that she answered a lot of the questions that our interim city manager had been asking me.”

Friends and city employees filled the council chambers and spilled out into the hallway, applauding the work that Russell had done to keep the city running smoothly.

“Not until I became police chief did I realize how much you’ve done for the City,” said Chase. “We’re going to miss you, but we all wish you the very best in retirement.”

—Text and Photo by Eric Zengota

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Allan Berggren, 5-year-old Emily Peabody, and Liz Vogel.

After combing through the heavy brush alongside the area’s parking lot, pacing along the top of the riverbank, and clambering down the bank to the edge of the Connecticut River, the crew had filled two large trash bags and “miscellaneous items” (Dickerman’s words) including chain link fencing and construction materials.

The team then moved on to Stevens Brook near Tractor Supply. There they filled four trash bags, and picked up pieces of cardboard and Styrofoam, “and quite a few wine bottles and liquor nips.”

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Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health

Sports/Recreation



Stevens varsity baseball and softball teams hung on late April 25 into each game with ConVal before the Cougars pulled out wins (Courtesy photos).



Thrilling Ninth-inning Rally Comes Up One Run Short

MANCHESTER, NH— The New Hampshire Fisher Cats (10-11) four runs in the ninth inning were not enough, as they fell, 10-9, to the Reading Fightin Phils (Philadelphia Phillies, 8-13) in their final game of the series on Sunday. The Cats batted around the order in the final frame but fell by one run after a late comeback for the second time in as many weeks.

The defeat cemented the Fisher Cats second straight series loss after they won their first two series of the season. New Hampshire is off Monday. The Fisher Cats will travel to Somerset for a six-game series beginning on Tuesday, May 3. They return home on May 10 for a six-game series against the Binghamton Rumble Ponies (New York Mets).

SHS Baseball

04/14/22	at John Stark	L 2 - 6
04/18/22	Bow	L 0 - 14
04/20/22	at St. Thomas Aquinas	L 12 - 18
04/22/22	Fall Mountain Reg	L 5 - 11
04/25/22	ConVal	L 5 - 15
04/29/22	at Coe-Brown Northwood	W 9 - 0
05/02/22	Pelham	04:00 PM
05/04/22	at Plymouth	04:00 PM
05/06/22	Hanover	07:00 PM
05/09/22	at Souhegan	04:30 PM
05/13/22	at Newport	03:30 PM
05/13/22	Newport	07:00 PM
05/17/22	Laconia	07:00 PM
05/18/22	Pembroke	05:00 PM
05/25/22	at Oyster River	04:30 PM
05/27/22	at Fall Mountain Reg	07:00 PM

SHS Softball

04/14/22	at John Stark	L 0 - 14
04/18/22	Bow	W 6 - 4
04/22/22	Fall Mountain Reg	W 11 - 8
04/25/22	ConVal	L 4 - 7
04/29/22	at Coe-Brown Northwood	L 2 - 3
05/02/22	Pelham	04:00 PM
05/04/22	at Plymouth	04:00 PM
05/06/22	Hanover	07:00 PM
05/09/22	at Souhegan	04:30 PM
05/13/22	at Newport	03:30 PM
05/13/22	Newport	07:00 PM
05/16/22	at Hanover	04:30 PM
05/17/22	Laconia	07:00 PM
05/18/22	Pembroke	05:00 PM
05/25/22	at Oyster River	04:30 PM
05/27/22	at Fall Mountain Reg	04:00 PM

SHS Lacrosse

04/12/22	Campbell	L 0 - 15
04/13/22	at Trinity	L 0 - 15
04/18/22	at Hopkinton	L 0 - 20
04/20/22	Bishop Brady	L 3 - 18
04/21/22	Laconia	L 3 - 18
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

Inspiration

Hail to the Dandelion!

By Priscilla Hull

It's dandelion time. Those eager beaver little flowers that are so good in so many ways and so disliked by some. People think that dandelions are weeds, and I suppose by the true definition they could be classed as such. They pop up uninvited where those who seek a perfectly groomed green lawn don't want them. Left to their own devices, the dandelions, whoops, take over your perfect green lawn. They spread like the chickenpox used to. They pay no attention to the desires of those who want a perfect lawn.

On the other hand, dandelions make a unique wine. Add some lemon and/or orange to make a semi-sweet dessert wine. It is sweeter when made with just the petals. If the heads are used in the making, the wine will have a slightly bitter under taste. It is best as a dessert wine, or a wine with snacks as the taste is delicate. Many people also eat the dandelion greens. Sautéed with a little garlic and onion, they make a good side to a hearty meal. They are high in iron.

Who can resist a handful of dandelions in the three-year-old's fist and brought to Mama or Grandma? We take them home, put them in a glass on the window sill (in my case over the sink) and watch as they slowly fade and then turn into a fuzzy fluff of white seeds. How can anyone dislike the dandelion given in true and great love from a toddler. It's almost as if they have created them on their own just for you! When you watch a toddler picking dandelions, usually on the shortest stem imaginable, you've got to love them.

Their bright shining faces blend the green grass with that part of the lawn which hasn't quite made up its mind that spring is here and we should get blooming. When the sun shines on a dandelion, it truly smiles and everyone's day is brightened.

Dandelions are so much more. Being one of the first flowers of spring, it is important to leave them to the bees. The bees, as they emerge from their hives, are in desperate need of something with sweet nectar. So dandelions are their first stopping place. They provide ample pollen for a whole hive of bees. It's important, too, because most flowers are still asleep. The little crocus and the proud daffodils are early bloomers but not as great pollen producers. So the dandelions are important to bee keepers.

Later in the season, the bees will transfer their interest from dandelions to more productive flowers, like bee balm, and lilies, daisies and sunflowers, thyme and marjoram, but leave the dandelions around the edge of the garden and in the lawn because the bees will rely on the dandelion for those lean times between the blooming of other flowers in the neighborhood.

Hail to the gentle Dandelion, that energetic, prolific flower that grows through cracks in the sidewalk, in the middle of the perfect green lawn and around the edge of your garden. Let them grow because we need them. We need them for bees and butterflies. We need them to remind ourselves that we're not all a passion flower or a lily or a hibiscus. We need the little wild dandelion to keep bees and other pollinators alive so that they in turn will pollenate the garden where our vegetables grow and put food on our tables. We need them to remind ourselves that being humble does not mean that we're not important!

Consider how the wildflowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.
Luke 12:27

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



Calendar Of Events

Girl Scout Baked Goods Sale to Help Raise Funds to Fight Cigarette Butt Litter

CLAREMONT, NH—Girl Scout Troop 30261 will be holding a homemade baked goods sale on May 7 at Wal-Mart; the sale (the day before Mother's Day) will be from 10am to 4pm, and they will offer a variety of treats for several diets (vegan, keto and gluten free). The funds raised will go to help support their new "take action project" to purchase pocket ashtrays to distribute to citizens in high tobacco litter areas in an effort to reduce the tobacco litter in our community. Recent studies show cigarette butts take 18 months to 10 years to decompose.

The project continues the troop's commitment to help with environmental efforts: it participated in cleanup days last year and joined the Claremont-Sugar River Rotary cleanup on Sunday. It has also signed up for the "Adopt-a-Spot" program to help keep a particular area maintained and cleaned up. The troop's Adopt-a-Spot is the Visitor Center Green.

Registration Forms Available for Entries in SHS Alumni Parade

CLAREMONT, NH—Any class or organization looking to be a part of this year's SHS Alumni Parade may get a registration form on the Stevens Alumni website. Go to <https://stevensalumninh.com/> and click on the link to the right, "Alumni Weekend Parade Scheduled for June 11" for more information.

Annual Penny Sale at Senior Center May 15

CLAREMONT, NH—We, at the Claremont Senior Center, are busy preparing for our Annual Penny Sale, to be held Sunday, May 15. There are already several items for the raffles and the grand prize. Of course, the 50/50 will be available. We know you will want to get your tickets early, so we will be open at 11AM

for your convenience. Hungry? We can fix that. Our kitchen is humming already about the menu. Relax and watch those numbers as we start drawing at 1PM. There is a rumor that the raffles will be drawn in between. Not sure yet.

Thank you to all the local businesses for their generous donations.

16th Annual Granite State Story Swap May 7

Tony Toledo of Beverly, MA, will be the featured speaker at the New Hampshire Storytelling Alliance's 16th annual Granite State Story Swap (GSSS). on Saturday, May 7, at Canterbury Shaker Village, Canterbury, NH.

Toledo has been telling stories to pay his bills since the end of the 20th Century. He has made elementary students jump, laugh and clap. When he opens his mouth, he always shoots for magic. He modestly said that he doesn't always hit it, but always aims high. One proof of his successful aim came in 2014 when he was surprised with the Brother Blue and Ruth Hill Storytelling Award by NEST (North East Storytelling)

He is the past President of the Board of NEST, the EMCEE Emeritus of Speak Up Spoken Word Open Mic in Lynn, MA, (which he hosted every Wednesday for seven years), Corn Party Host for 29 years, and the Pie Potluck and Pie Story Swap Host every January for 14 years at the Beverly Library (80 people, 40 pies and 14 stories). Toledo is 64 years old but claims to read at a 69 year old level.

Granite State Story Swap (GSSS) is a gathering of storytellers and story lovers in a beautiful New Hampshire setting. The one day event, running from 8am to 4:30pm, is low key and inexpensive. It offers storytellers the opportunity to tell and hear short tales of up to 10 minutes long and to visit with others who share their love of story.

At 9am, Toledo will present his keynote

address, "Stories Duct Tape Our Tired Hearts Together". He explains, "The last two years have been a challenge to say the least. Story faces challenges with a grin. I will share what storytelling has meant for me."

His afternoon concert is titled "Guess Who I Met At The Animal Fair?" He described this concert as putting "more meat on old folk tale bones". A continental breakfast, light lunch, the keynote and the concert are included in the registration fee. In addition, the schedule includes break-out circles for attendees to tell and listen in small groups and a concert of short (up to 10 minute) tales by tellers whose names are "drawn from a hat" that day.

General admission is \$25; NHSA members in good standing get a discounted rate of \$15. The combined price of dues plus admission is \$35. VIP tickets at \$50 help to support NHSA and its efforts to ensure the art of storytelling stays strong in New Hampshire.

For more information go to www.nhstorytelling.org. Canterbury Shaker Village is located 20 minutes north of Concord, NH, an hour west of Portsmouth, NH, and approximately an hour and a half north of Boston, MA. Directions are at <http://www.shakers.org/>.

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

Public Notice

The Claremont School Board will be holding a Regular Meeting May 4, 2022 at 6:30pm
Location Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center
The meeting will also be available on CCTV Channel 8 and online using one of these links. You can watch channel 8 at anytime LIVE here:
<https://reflect-claremont.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/watch/1?channel=1>
 Or channel 10 here:
<https://reflect-claremont.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/watch/2?channel=2>

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

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).

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.

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 ac-

cordingly. 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.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting

Tuesday - May 17 - 6:30 PM
St Joseph Church Hall - Claremont, NH
Program: - Recital of Rosary
Baby Shower (for Pregnancy Center of the Upper Valley).

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YARD SALE !

2nd Annual Cornish Community Yard Sale

Save the Date & Sign Up Now!

Saturday, May 28th from 9:30-2

The sale was very successful last year so we are doing it again. If you are planning a yard sale and would like to have a steady flow of shoppers for the duration of the sale, take advantage of this opportunity! There were hundreds of shoppers last year and we are looking forward to an even more successful event this year while kicking off the yard sale season.

*** Frazer's Place food truck and the Lazy Cow ice cream truck will be on hand to keep shoppers and sellers well fed ***

Cost is \$10 for a 12' X 15' space

A limited number of table rentals are available by donation.

**The sale is at the Cornish Fairgrounds & registration is open through May 13th
Please email Cathy Parks at cshsap@msn.com to register or with questions**

All registration fees and table rental donations will be split between the Cornish Fair Association and the recently re-established Cornish Recreation Department. We are also accepting good quality items for the Cornish Recreation Department to sell as part of their fundraising.



Claremont Senior Center News

The Claremont Senior Center is opened 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. Another game afternoon has started on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 pm to 3 pm. We have many activities. Miracle Ear, Blood Drive and VNA Foot Clinic will continue as scheduled.

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning May 3rd, there will be two options for our meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays – drive thru PLUS indoor seating. Reservations ARE required for indoor seating as there is a limited number of seats. Tuesday, May 3rd - Fish sticks, oven roasted potatoes, vegetable, dessert. Thursday, May 5th – Taco with fixings, black bean with rice, dessert. Must call 603-543-5998 by 10:30 to reserve your meal for either drive thru meal or inside dining. Price is \$4 for members and \$5 for non-members. Indoor dining serving will begin at 11:45 am and drive thru pickup will begin at noon until 12:30 pm. Meals are always subject to change. Indoor diners will not be served at the table. Diners will have to collect their meal at the serving window and return used dishes at the dishwashing window. Beverages will not be included, at this time. Water and soda will be available for purchase or you may bring your own beverage.

Foot Clinic - Our next foot clinics will be held on May 11, 18 & 25th. You MUST call 603-748-1731 to make an appointment with them. The fee is \$25.

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. You need not be a member to play Bingo but you must be at least 55 years old.

AARP – AARP Tax Aide volunteers will be assisting qualified NH property owners with applying for the property tax relief program. Income requirements are for the household which includes all adults (18 and older) who live in the home. Income requirements - \$37,000 or less for single taxpayer, \$47,000 or less for married filing joint or head of household. May 13th, 9 AM to Noon on the first come first serve basis. DO NOT CALL THE CENTER FOR APPOINTMENTS. Need

to bring Copy of 1040 for tax year 2021 and Property Tax bill for last quarter of 2021.

Nomination - The annual business meeting will be held at the May 3th Membership Meeting. We will not need to hold an election because there are 4 openings on the board and we have 4 running (Marilyn Gilbert, Larry Johnson and Shirley LaClair plus Lloyd Mann running for his 2nd term). Denny Francis is the only person running for the Finance Committee.

Blood Drive – There will be another Red Cross Blood Drive at the center on May 9th. You must make an appointment at 800-RED-CROSS. 60 Units (120 lives saved) were collected during our April 18th drive. Thank you to all who can donate and do donate. Every donation is appreciated.

We will hold a Grilled Chicken BBQ meal drive-thru Saturday meal on May 14th and this will be our final Saturday meal until Fall. The drive-thru takeout meal will be BBQ half chicken, fresh made potato salad, petite corn on the cob, roll, strawberry shortcake all for \$12. Call in reservation 603-543-5998 by 4 PM. Drive thru pickup is from 4:30 – 6:00.

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 still collecting donations of NEW items for the Penny Sale. Have you received a gift that you will never use and don't know what to do with? Why not donate it to the Penny Sale. A food concession will be available with delicious offerings. 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.

Yard Sale – is scheduled for July 22 and 23rd. We will need donations of useful items, We can not accept large appliances, large furniture, mattresses, luggage, carpets and rugs, clothes, shoes, typewriters, computers, TVs, exercise equipment, skis, or anything else we feel is not saleable. Yard sale donations will be accepted after the Penny Sale.

Please Note We have heard that a number of members would be interested in Poker, Ping Pong and Corn Hole. Please sign up at the center or call and leave your name, phone number and days if you are interested. This is the only way that we would be able to know if the interest is here.

“Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of value”. Albert Einstein

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Road, Claremont, NH; phone 603-543-5998.

Rhyme, Rhythm, Art, Body, and Mind

Somewhere along the line, our brains developed a keen sense of longing for visual art, music, literature, dance, and poetry. From personal adornment, and the rituals of song, dance and storytelling in nomadic times, to the present day, we enjoy art in a multitude of forms. Our brains crave ways to help us communicate, connect, and create. The arts do just that with their emotional and physically-perceptible pulls on our bodies and minds.

Out of aesthetic experiences and their impact on our brains and our physical selves comes the field of study known as neuroaesthetics. Neuroaesthetic research can focus on how the brain rewards us when we view or create art by secreting feel-good brain chemicals like oxytocin, serotonin, and dopamine. These chemicals trigger sensations of pleasure, reducing stress and anxiety as we engage in aesthetic experiences. Research also reveals that aesthetic experiences impact our bodies, such as changes in breathing, heart rate, and skin responses as people create or experience art.

Fortunately, here in the Upper Valley, the arts abound. It's no wonder, then, that three of our local non-profits are banding together to present an art exhibition and poetry reading all to be filmed and replayed for people to enjoy over time. Currently, the AVA Gallery & Art Center offers an art exhibition titled “The Thing With Feathers” inspired by the theme of “hope” as presented by nineteen local artists showing through May 21st.

A public poetry reading on May 14th at 3 pm on the same theme of “Hope; What brings you light and lifts you up?” is a welcome addition to this community art exhibition, organized by West Central Behavioral Health in collaboration with AVA. And it will all be video recorded by CATV8, yet another local non-profit that understands the need to share the arts to help people grow, learn, and feel connected. The poetry reading will include guest poet Alice Fogel, the former NH State Poet Laureate,

along with ten community poets who will read their verse aloud.

For more information about this free and open to the public poetry reading, art exhibition, and community reception to celebrate National Mental Health Awareness Month on Saturday, May 14th, at 3 pm, please contact Dave Celone, Director of Development and Community Relations at West Central Behavioral Health at dcelone@wcbh.org.

Claremont Fire Dept.
Log

Sunday 4/24

1741: Engine 4 responded to North St for a medical call.
06:01: Engine 3 responded Mutual Aid to Unity.

Monday 4/25

1346: Engine 4 responded to Acer Heights for a box alarm.
1648: Engine 4 responded to Belding St for a illegal burn.
1839: Engine 4 responded to Belding St for illegal burn.
2004: Engine 4 responded to Sullivan St for tree on wires.

Tuesday 4/26

0059: Engine 4 responded to Broad St for an odor investigation.
2150: Engine 4 responded to Winter St for a medical call.

Wednesday 4/27

0945: Engine 3 responded to Charlestown Rd for a MVA.
1231: Car 1, Engine 4, Engine 3 responded to Winter St for an out building fire.
1730: Engine 3 responded to Hanover St for a MVA.

Thursday 4/28

1004: Engine 4 responded to River Rd for a box alarm.
1416: Engine 4 responded to Liberty Pl for alarm sounding.
1614: Engine 4 responded to Charlestown Rd for a medical call.

Friday 4/29

Saturday 4/30

0744: Engine 4 responded to Chellis St for possible chimney fire.
1223: Engine 3 responded to Washington St for a MVA.

1457: Engine 4 responded to Myrtle St for a smoke detector sounding.
1910: Engine 3, Rescue 1 responded to Windsor Rd for a MVA.
1945: Engine 4 responded to Washington St for a medical call.



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Sunday, May 22, 2022

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5 Acer Heights Rd, Claremont NH

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Buy as many \$3 sheets as you'd like to have plenty of chances to win!

Get 1 Free Grand Prize sheet by bringing a donation for our Pet Food Bank

Proceeds will benefit the Sullivan County Humane Society. Pursuant to NH Gaming Laws, no one under 18 is permitted during the event.

Remembering Loved Ones...

Life Tributes

Obituaries May Be Found On Our Website

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

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

www.etickernewsclaremont.com

Celebration of Life for Grace Johnson



A celebration of the life of Grace Johnson who passed away March 21, 2022, will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022, from 1 to 5 PM at the Claremont Elks Lodge, 54 Summer St. in Claremont, NH. Please feel free

to bring your memories or photographs to share

John C. Williams

John C. Williams passed away peacefully at Sullivan County Health Care surrounded by family on Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

He was born in Lebanon, NH, on October 9, 1958, to Mary Ellen (Reside) and Norman C. Williams.

John had worked for the City of Claremont for many years. He had also worked for Ruger and Merriam Graves.

He enjoyed Nascar racing, specifically Dale Earnhardt Sr., watching the different wildlife in the field behind his house, four-wheeling, working on vehicles and spending time with family.

John was predeceased by his parents, Norman and Mary Williams; sisters, Sally Fellows and Mary Jean Ieno; brothers, David L. Williams Sr and Edward Williams.

He is survived by his four children, Ashley Williams, Christy Miller, Nathan Williams and Jeffrey Williams; seven grandchildren, Makaila

Williams, Hazel Grace Aldridge, Noah Macie, Brynlee Blackwell, Ainsley Williams, Hayden and Hadley; his sister, Linda Tyler; brothers, Herbert Williams, Everett Williams, Thomas Williams, Robert Williams and Michael Williams; and many nieces, nephews and other family.

Visiting hours will be held at Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad Street in Claremont on Wednesday, May 4th from 4 to 6PM. A memorial service will be at 6PM with Priscilla Hull.

Janice Lambert, 70

Janice “Jan” Albright Lambert, age 70, of Charlestown, NH, passed away Sunday, April 24, 2022, at The Jack Byrne Center for Palliative & Hospice Care in Lebanon, NH, following a few months of declining health due to cancer.

Jan was born in Washington, DC, grew up in the Virginia suburbs and attended Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA. There she met her husband, John Lambert. They were married in 1973 and bought a piece of undeveloped woodland in the hills of

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9 Dunning St, Claremont
(we’re right there by the hospital)

Charlestown. They had a post and beam frame erected for their house but did most of the work themselves. Jan kept very busy clearing brush, running a small bulldozer, and applying wood finish to their new home. In the midst of all the building activity, their first child, Martha, was born in 1975. In 1979 her little sister Mary arrived. She created vegetable gardens and lawns and ran the household with no electricity for 10 years. She raised her daughters with plenty of time outside in nature, horses and ponies to ride or pull carts, many pets and several farm animals to care for. She found joy in singing and playing the guitar at church, and passed along her love of music to her daughters and grandchildren. After her daughters grew up, Jan had more time to develop her own interests. She earned a Master's Degree in Community Based Education in 1999 and then developed various nature programs for area children and adults. She also had some unusual jobs such as diving in area ponds and rivers to remove invasive plants, and surveying frogs and toads at night by identifying their calls. In recent years Jan was busy caring for her mother, who passed away in 2021.

Jan's love of nature was intertwined with her love of God, and she was passionate about enjoying and protecting God's creation. She was happiest spending time outdoors, sometimes alone, or with her family or one of her several hiking buddies. She was editor of the "Valley Green Journal", and formed relationships with scientists and environmentalists around the world to promote ecological restoration. In 2015, she published a book, "Water, Land and Climate – The Critical Connection". She lit a fire in many people's hearts, and people around the globe benefit from her work.

Jan is survived by her devoted husband, John Lambert of Charlestown NH; daughter Martha Maki and husband Matt Maki; and daughter Mary Morin and husband Jeff Morin Sr. Other survivors include grandchildren, Kayla Rivet, Troy Putnam, Emily Miner, Michelle Holvani, Lukas Maki and Markus Maki; several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and her brother Charles Albright Jr. She was predeceased by her parents, Dr. Charles and Margery Albright, and her sister Julie Albright. A memorial gathering will be held at 65 Bonneau Rd, Claremont, NH, on Saturday, May 28th, at 2:00 pm. Memorial donations can be made to: Biodiversity for a Livable Climate at bio4climate.org or PO Box 390469, Cam-

bridge, MA 02139.

To view an online memorial and/or send a message of condolence to the family, please visit, www.rand-wilson.com.

Patricia M. Osgood, 98

Patricia M. Osgood, 98, passed away on April 24, 2022, at Pine Rock Manor in Warner,



CITY OF CLAREMONT – SPRING CLEANUP

THE SPRING CLEANUP PROJECT WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022, THROUGH FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022.

LEAVES AND GRASS RAKINGS MUST BE LEFT AT THE CURBSIDE IN PAPER COMPOSTABLE LEAF BAGS.

PER CITY COUNCIL POLICY ADOPTED ON 05/12/04, THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT OR PICK UP LEAVES THAT ARE NOT IN PAPER, BIODEGRADABLE BAGS. THESE 30 GALLON BAGS ARE AVAILABLE AT VARIOUS LOCAL HARDWARE, GROCERY AND DEPARTMENT STORES.

ALL COMPOSTABLE, PAPER BAGGED LEAVES MUST BE AT THE CURBSIDE BY 7:00 AM ON MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022.

NO GARBAGE, BRUSH OR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP. ALL AREAS WILL BE COVERED ONLY ONCE.

Alex Gleeson
Director of Public Works

NH. She was surrounded by her family. Pat was born on January 10, 1924, the daughter of Edward W. Rossiter and Alice Marjorie (Hurd) Rossiter.

She was a resident of Claremont, NH, and West Palm Beach, FL. She attended Towle High School, graduating in 1940 at the age of 16. After high school, she went to nursing school and trained at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH. She married Robert C. Osgood Jr. of Claremont on Valentine's Day in 1948. She was a longtime member of the United Methodist Church in Claremont.

Pat worked for many years in the medical community in Claremont. First as a receptionist/nursing assistant at the Claremont General/Valley Regional Hospitals and later as a nursing assistant at the medical practices of Drs. Maxfield, Marshall, and Bradley on Dunning Street in the city. She retired from this position in 1983.

She was predeceased by her husband Robert C. Osgood Jr. in 1981; by one son, Mark J. Osgood of West Palm Beach, FL; three sisters (Madeline McAlpine of Claremont, NH; Betty Pierce of Newport, NH; and Charlotte Lessard of Claremont, NH), two brothers, (Robert Rossiter and Richard Rossiter) both of Newport, NH; a daughter-in-law, Sandra (Juda) Osgood; and a granddaughter, Christa E. Osgood of Claremont. She is survived by three sons, David W. Osgood of Unity, NH; Gary E. Osgood and wife Bethany (Yurek) of Claremont; and Robert C. Osgood and wife Elizabeth (Chalmers) of Dunbarton, NH; one sister, Cathy Potter of Loudon, NH; four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Pat was a loving and dedicated caregiver and tenacious advocate for her family. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Per her wishes, no services will be held. She will be buried in the Mill Village Cemetery in Goshen, NH.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

AGENDA

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| 6:30 PM | 1. | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE |
| 6:32 PM | 2. | ROLL CALL |
| 6:34 PM | 3. | AGENDA CHANGES |
| 6:35 PM | 4. | REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
Minutes of April 27, 2022, City Council Meeting(s) |
| 6:37 PM | 5. | MAYOR'S NOTES |
| 6:42 PM | 6. | CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
General Remarks |
| 6:55 PM | 7. | APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES |
| 7:00 PM | 8. | CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24)) |
| | 9. | OLD BUSINESS |
| | 10. | NEW BUSINESS |
| 7:10 PM | A. | City Fee Schedule – Public Hearing (City Manager/Finance Director) |
| 7:20 PM | B. | Resolution 2022-27 Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund & ARPA Grant – Public Hearing (City Manager/Public Works Director) |
| 7:35 PM | C. | Resolution 2022-28 Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund & ARPA Grant – Public Hearing (City Manager/Public Works Director) |
| BREAK | | |
| 8:00 PM | D. | Sullivan County ATV Club Annual Permission for Class VI Roads – Public Hearing (City Manager/Parks & Recreation Director) |
| 8:15 PM | E. | Ordinance 592 OHRV Class V Roads-First Reading (City Manager/Public Works Director) |
| 8:30 PM | F. | Resolution 2022-29 Relocate Taxiway A - Phase 1 – Public Hearing (City Manager/Airport Manager) |
| 8:40 PM | G. | Ordinance 593 Amend Merit Plan – First Reading (City Manager/Human Resources Manager) |
| 8:55 PM | 11. | BUDGET |
| | A. | Preliminary Budget Discussions |
| | B. | Assessing |
| | C. | Welfare |
| | D. | Library |
| | E. | Elections |
| | F. | Debt Retirement (Debt Service) |
| | G. | Policy |
| | H. | Outside Agency Request |
| 9:35 PM | 11. | COMMITTEE REPORTS |
| 9:40 PM | 12. | FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES |
| 9:45 PM | 13. | CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL |
| 9:50 PM | 14. | ADJOURNMENT |

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. In addition, budget meetings will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022, Wednesday, May 25, 2022, June 8, 2022. Public Hearing and Vote – 2023 Budget will be Wednesday, June 22, 2022.

The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. NOTE: Different date and time.

AGENDA

8:30 AM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

8:32 AM 2. ROLL CALL

8:34 AM 3. AGENDA CHANGES

8:35 PM 4. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))

8:45 AM 5. BUDGET

A. Fire

B. Airport

C. Planning & Development

D. TIFD-Downtown

10:00 AM BREAK (15 minutes)

E. Finance/IT

F. City Administration (Finance)

G. General Services

H. Police

I. Communication 911

12:15 PM LUNCH (1 hour)

J. Sanitation

K. Cemetery

L. Streets and Roads (Highways)

M. Parks

N. CSB Community Center-Recreation

O. Municipal Complex (Maintenance)

3:30 PM CIP Tour

4:30 PM 6. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

4:35 PM 7. ADJOURNMENT

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The Claremont Fire Dept. was called to a brush fire on Dexter Hill Rd. early Sunday evening. Location of the fire made it difficult to access for both firefighters and apparatus. CFD Chief Brian Burr put out a call at 7:08 that the fire was “knocked down” but hot spots remained and requested additional personnel to help. Crew wore water backpacks to get the needed water in to finish putting out the fire. The work included axing down a tree that was scorched about three feet at the bottom, pushing it over and then putting out hot spots on it.

Burr told the *e-Ticker News*, “The cause was careless disposal of smoking material. Conditions are extremely dry and the State of NH fire danger has been high. There have been a number of brush fires in the area due to persons burning brush carelessly and careless disposal of smoking material. Checking with your local fire department to see if conditions are right to properly burn and acquiring a permit to do so are important in limiting the number of brush fires this season.”

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