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Construction Crews Discover 109-Year-Old Newspaper in Ceiling

CLAREMONT, NH—As DEW Construction crews were busy renovating the future direct service and office space for Turning Points Network (TPN) last week, they removed a portion of the ceiling to discover a newspaper left by the original builders of 231 Broad Street in Claremont.

The aged and brittle newspaper, which fell to the floor when a portion of the ceiling was removed, is the "Want Ads" section of the *Chicago Tribune*, dated October 5, 1913.

"Sometimes carpenters will place something, like a dated newspaper or magazine, in a wall system of a building when under construction, as a little time capsule of what was going on at that time," noted Peter Wells, project superintendent for DEW Construction of Keene, NH. "It's pretty cool to find this section of the *Chicago Tribune* laying between the ceiling of the first level and roughhewn boards of the second level flooring. Whoever inserted the newspaper had to wonder how long it would be before it was found."

TPN broke ground in March 2022 on a renovation and addition to the 2,300 square foot building formerly owned by Pierzchala Accounting. The property was generously donated by the Pierzchala family to TPN in 2018. Construction is scheduled to be completed by December 2022 and will result in a two-story, 3,856 sq. ft addition, attached to the existing main house, providing TPN with an additional 1,732 sq. ft of office space per

floor. A new, finished basement area with offices and storage space will provide an additional 1,928 sq. ft of space for future expansion. Interior renovations will provide ADA-compliant restroom facilities and elevator, a large, modern classroom/conference area, kitchenette, co-workspace, and a total of 18 dedicated offices, as well as two common areas that can be used for additional workspace (Courtesy photos).



Town of Newport Amongst 2022 Preservation Achievement Award Winners

The N.H. Preservation Alliance has announced that 2022 Preservation Achievement Award winners include the Town of Newport, for restoration and rehabilitation of the Newport Opera House and Courthouse, with support from Milestone Engineering & Construction, Inc., David Drasba Architect, American Steeple & Tower Co., Inc., Northeast Masonry, Inc., Danaher Floor Restoration, Newport

Opera House Association, N.H. Community Development Finance Authority, and the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program.

The Alliance said that "The robust architectural legacy of Newport's 19th century mill history includes this prominent Main Street landmark, built in 1886 in place of an earlier courthouse and town hall that had burned. Like many town halls of this period, the new build-

ing included a grand second floor performance space. Today, judiciary services for Sullivan County occupy the first floor."

The building needed restoration and new design solutions to continue to function and enhance its role in the community. Three years ago, work began using a "road map" assessment of the building. The local Opera House (Continued on page 2)

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Association, which produces plays and engages other entertainment, moved all its costumes and props out of their storage space to clear the way for construction to begin.

The first phase included a new roof on the entire structure. A year later, the team restored the clock and clock tower, and the historic stained-glass windows. Exterior masonry was cleaned, repaired, and repointed as well.

Sound-attenuation was a critical component of replacing the worn-out opera house floor—the stage sits directly above the judge’s bench. Lighting was upgraded to improve energy efficiency. Accessory rooms were repurposed into Opera House offices and storage. A window opening was cut into a wall to eliminate an awkward serving counter, and matching moldings added.

This project clearly demonstrates the town’s commitment to its downtown, said the Alliance.

“The renewed Opera House is now better poised to resume its role as a lively regional hub for theater, concerts, and shows, and to



Photo by James Perkins

serve Newport people and their many social traditions such as school graduations and crowning a queen at the Newport winter carnival.”

“Our annual celebration features the preservation of rare and iconic properties, the stewardship of community assets and gathering places, and large and small-scale community development successes. Recipients include developers, small business owners, municipalities, cultural organizations and volunteer groups for rescue, revitalization, restoration and rehabilitation projects across the state. Agencies and individuals with significant impact in education, planning and advocacy will also be recognized. Short illustrated introductions to the recognized projects and leaders will be followed by a conversation with the winners.

We welcome this opportunity to recognize outstanding projects while hopefully inspiring others,” said the Preservation Alliance’s Executive Director Jennifer Goodman.

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FORWARD THINKING

Home Refinance Options

There are several compelling reasons for refinancing your home mortgage. Interest rates may have fallen, and refinancing can provide you with the opportunity to lower your monthly mortgage payment.

Or perhaps you have substantial equity in your home and you need to access cash; refinancing allows you to take out some of the equity that you've already built up.

Whatever your reason, if you are considering refinancing, there are a few primary options, each with their own advantages and disadvantages. Below is an overview:

NO CASH-OUT REFINANCE

The most common type of refinance is the no cash-out refinance. There are a number of reasons that you may look to pursue this option.

First, it may provide you with a lower mortgage rate. If interest rates have dropped significantly since you took out your existing mortgage, refinancing your unpaid balance could lower your monthly mortgage payment and the total amount of interest that you'll pay over the course of the loan.

Second, you may find it advantageous to switch mortgage products. For instance, if your existing mortgage is an adjustable-rate mortgage and interest rates are spiking, you may find that you can secure a more predictable and lower monthly payment with a long-term fixed-rate mortgage.

Third, you may want to get rid of private mortgage insurance (PMI), which you can do if you've accumulated enough equity in your current loan.

Finally, you may decide to switch to a shorter loan term — 30-year to 15-year, for instance — thereby allowing you to build equity in your home more quickly. Keep in mind that shorter term mortgages typically carry higher monthly payments than longer term loans.

CASH-OUT REFINANCE

If you want to take out money from your home's appreciation and equity, consider a cash-out refinance. In this scenario, you'll be refinancing your existing mortgage for a greater amount than your current balance, but getting a portion back in cash. Typically, you'll incur a slightly higher mortgage rate with a cash-out refinance, as you'll be borrowing more money.

REFINANCE CONSIDERATIONS

If you're refinancing into a 30-year home loan, you may be locking in lower rates and reduced

monthly mortgage payments, but you've also just increased the length of time that you'll be paying off your house (the point is moot if you intend to move prior to the loan term). If this is a concern, ask your lender to match your current loan term, setting up payments over the shorter period.

For instance, if you're eight years into a 30-year mortgage and interest rates have fallen, you may want to refinance to a lower rate but not start another 30-year term. Ask your lender to set-up your payments over 22 years (the time remaining on your current loan) instead of 30. In this case, not only will you pay off your mortgage more quickly, but you will also reduce the amount of interest that you'll pay during the loan.

Keep in mind that refinancing your home may also carry with it tax implications. Accordingly, you may find it helpful to consult a financial professional as you consider the process.

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier



Funding for Nursing Home Renovation Looking Brighter

Sullivan County will likely get some money from the State of Hampshire to help fund its nursing home renovations but the process could take a little longer than first anticipated.

On May 9, the SCHC (Sullivan County Health Care) Work Group, along with Sullivan County Mgr. Derek Ferland, Facilities Director Mary Bourque, and SCHC Adm. Ted Purdy, and myself met virtually with officials from GOFERR (Governors' Office For Recovery & Relief) in Newport. The purpose of the approximately 30-minute meeting was to discuss the county's \$25 million request for renovation assistance from federal ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. ARPA was created in 2021 by the U.S. Congress and President Joe Biden to help our nation deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. SCHC is the nursing home's official name, and the Work Group consists of a total of five members. Four of the five are representatives from the New Hampshire House's Sullivan County Delegation, and include Claremont's Gary Merchant, Acworth's Judith Aron, Grantham's Brian Sullivan, and Newport's Skip Rollins. The fifth is County Commissioner George Hebert. The group was established by the County Delegation in July 2021 in an effort to find a pathway to do the proposed renovation.

The renovation would include demolishing the Sanders Building, built in 1930, and adding onto the existing Stearns Building, completed in 1970. The Work Group has discussed various methods of financing the renovation, some of which would have be paid for with a bonded appropriation with annual payments of principal and interest spread out over 29 years and would go onto the county property tax rate. The likely appropriation is somewhere between \$20-25 million as of today, assuming the county receives the requested ARPA Funds and the total renovation cost doesn't go much above the currently-projected \$57 million. Other funds will come from federal money received by the county in COVID relief measures previously passed in 2020, money totaling approximately \$8 million. Additionally, \$3-4 million in capital reserves previously set in county budgets for construction projects like the renovation would be used. Furthermore, there is a \$2 million appropriation in the federal government secured by U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, after the Work Group had requested it. Finally, at the suggestion of Rep. Karen Umberger, the group decided to apply for ARPA Funds. These funds totaling \$1.9 trillion have been periodically coming into New Hampshire since 2021, with another \$500 million scheduled to arrive for distribution by GOFERR in June.

In response to Kearsarge's Rep. Umberger's suggestion, I signed a letter written with Mgr. Ferland's help and then emailed to GOFERR Comm. Taylor Caswell, requesting the \$25 million grant Feb. 11. The letter provided information on the renovation's total cost and scope.

Among other points, the letter stated the project is "shovel ready," with the architectural and engineering design completed in July 2020. It said that construction costs have skyrocketed in recent years due to federal regulations, COVID, and ongoing labor shortages. Finally, the letter indicated the next Fiscal Year 2023 County Budget will likely contain "significant" personnel increases for all county employees, including salaries and benefits that could result in a total tax increase of between 10-15 percent alone. A 10-15 increase for just operational expenses on top of a tax increase as much as 17 percent for the renovation, "does not seem like a viable option in a county" that features three communities (Claremont, Charlestown, & Newport) with three of the highest property tax rates as of 2021. In summary, the letter declared, "The nursing home's infrastructure is failing, and we will not be able to meet our obligation to Sullivan County's senior citizens, unless we act now, but our taxpayers cannot bear this burden alone. We need your help."

Next, on March 24, the Work Group along with Mgr. Ferland, Director Bourque, Adm. Purdy, and myself met virtually in Newport with Asst. Comm. GOFERR Hagaman to discuss the Feb. 11 letter. At the end of the March 24 meeting, Mr. Hagaman agreed to work with the County Manager in obtaining more details about the renovation. He indicated that once these details were obtained, GOFERR would first have to recommend the renovation grant in whatever amount, assuming Gov. Christopher Sununu gave his blessing. The grant would then have to be approved by the New Hampshire Legislature's Joint Fiscal Committee, a 13-member committee consisting of eight representatives and five senators, which considers special appropriations. Finally, if approved by the Fiscal Committee, any grant would have to obtain final approval by the Governor and Executive Council. After the March 24 virtual meeting, Mgr. Ferland did answer a few questions from Mr. Hagaman, but he and the Work Group didn't get much other feedback from GOFERR for several weeks.

Then on April 21 while visiting Charlestown, Gov. Sununu publicly seemed to endorse giving our county between \$25-50 million for renovation. But a few days later in a conversation with Rep. Aron, he backtracked a bit, indicating the county would have to compete with other county nursing homes for ARPA Funds and might get less than \$25 million. Rep. Aron became very concerned about these mixed messages and asked that I request a meeting with the Governor, ARPA Commissioner Caswell, and Asst. Commissioner Hagaman in an attempt to clarify the status of our request. I emailed this request on April 26, and the meeting was set for May 9 in Concord, though it was later changed to a virtual meeting.

Though Gov. Sununu didn't attend the meeting, Commissioner Caswell and Asst. Comm. Hagaman did. Mr. Hagaman said that he plans to request Fiscal Committee approval at its June 17 meeting to create a Special Account of between \$40-50 million in ARPA Funds to renovate county nursing homes. Then Sullivan County could apply for the \$25 million. Mr. Hagaman indicated that GOFERR may expedite the process for the \$25 million request so that immediately after the Fiscal Committee creates the Special Account, it could also approve the request at the same meeting. Finally, the request could go the Governor and Council for final approval at its June 29 meeting.

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Letters to the Editor

Thank You, Troop 30261

To The Editor:

Thanks and congratulations to Claremont's Girl Scout Troop 30261. The Scouts raised \$588 at their bake sale outside Walmart's on Saturday. Disturbed by the overwhelming eyesore of cigarette butts on our city streets, sidewalks, and parks, the troop will use their earnings to purchase pocket ash trays to distribute, free to smokers. Their hope is that the personal ash trays will be used to safely deposit ashes and butts, and eliminate smokers' litter.

The Girl Scouts also participate in Claremont's Adopt-a-Spot program, in which a group or an individual chooses a city location to help beautify and keep litter-free. Their "spot" is the green at the Claremont Visitor's Center.

Troop Leader Tara Tilton helps her Scouts learn how to contribute to a good quality of life in Claremont - lessons that benefit all residents.

Thank you, Troop 30261.

Jack Hurley, Claremont, NH

A Lesson in Democracy

To The Editor:

In 1995 New Hampshire passed a law referred to as SB2 to alter the town meeting day process by allowing towns to elect to use a ballot form of town meeting. 162 towns retain the town meeting day format while 72 municipalities have gone to SB2 format. Croydon, a small rural town in my district, has retained that traditional town and school meeting day since 1793. These New England town meetings were, and continue to be, a pure democracy of one person one vote.

This year Croydon had their school meeting scheduled on a Saturday in April that I'm sure most of you will remember. That Saturday we had an April snowstorm, a heavy snow squall, that lasted from 9-noon. 34 citizens braved the weather and showed up with a mission to vote and to cut the school budget. It was the perfect storm for an unexpected and very unpopular motion to be made to cut the school budget by more than 50%. The motion passed with a vote of 20-14.

As word spread about the vote, many residents, especially parents of Croydon students many of whom were not at the meeting, were shocked and angry. The new budget would not support tuition payments for the Croydon children to attend the nearby local public school. Instead the school board was pushing an online micro-schools and homeschooling. If parents wanted their child to go to public school, they would have to pay thousands of dollars. In the meantime, members of the town's elected officials who proposed the cut, celebrated the vote as a key victory for their dystopian vision of dismantling public education across New Hampshire.

The townspeople found in statute one chance to reverse the drastic cut to the school budget. It was a high bar. The law required that 283 people, 50% of the registered voters, had to show up at the special meeting and a majority had to support the budget. They needed to organize, educate, and reach out to voters about their shared goals and values for educating their youth. They needed to let the residents of the town know that not all their fellow citizens, or elected officials, shared their commitment to the community and public education.

I had the privilege this past Saturday to see democracy in action. Typically, the meetings in Croydon draw around 10% of registered voters. On May 7th, the date for the special meeting, 60% showed up. I watched 379 people file into the largest hall in the community, a camp dining hall and get their ballots. I heard parents, students talk about standing up, fighting back against those who are trying to change their community. They talked about how Covid had affected their children by isolating them from the interaction in the classroom with teachers, and the many problems of online learning including getting and keeping an internet connection.

A young man talked about his parents, how they both worked to support the family and could not afford the extra money for public school for him and his younger sister. He talked about how he was looking forward to his senior year at the public school, working with the teachers, completing his welding program, getting "dressed to the nines" for the prom, experiencing that final year with his friends, participating in sports and co-curricular activities, having a formal graduation, getting ready for a career or college and having the shared experience that generations before him had. And then the vote came, 377 to 2 to restore the original budget. A celebration followed by those who had worked so hard. It came with the realization to all that you have to stay informed and vote. This is the wakeup call to all of us in New Hampshire to show up, get involved, debate the issues, know your candidates, not just their party but their specific positions, ideology, and then vote.

Political decisions should represent the consent of the governed not the power of a few. If we want to keep our State, our Country, our democracy we need to stand up for our local, State, and federal government. The future of our community public schools, our communities, our State is hanging at a tipping point. Use your voice and your vote.

Linda Tanner, NH State Representative, Sullivan District 9, Education Committee

Fields of Interest

SAU6 Students Explore Options on Technical Career Day



CLAREMONT, NH—Last Thursday, about 400 students from Claremont and Unity as well as 50 teachers and advisors visited with representatives of 40 businesses, organizations and educational institutions. Booths and pop-ups were lined up outside the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center (SRVRTC) in Claremont for a three-hour meet and greet with potential employers.

The careers and professions ranged from firefighting and culinary arts to cosmetology, manufacturing and radio.

According to career counselor Nika Oakes, “Technical Career Day was a hiring event where companies from New Hampshire and Vermont who are hiring for full- and part-time work came to one place to meet and interview students in the hopes of finding new employees. Companies and colleges also talked to the students about

life-long career opportunities in various fields and what degree or education they may need.”

Career Day was open to students from 8th to 12th grades.

Earlier in the week, juniors and seniors created updated resumes. They brought five copies to give to their top five potential employers. “They were encouraged to take this opportunity to find out what each company does and determine what they would be interested in doing,” said Oakes. “They asked for the employers’ contact information so they could follow up. Many of the students added their information to sign-up sheets as well as filling out actual job applications.”

At the end of the event, employers thanked Oakes for coordinating the day and promised to keep her updated on whether they hired any students. At last report, one company immediately scheduled interviews with several job applicants for this past weekend.



Story and Photos by Eric Zengota



NH DHHS COVID-19 Update May 13, 2022

On Friday, May 13, 2022, DHHS announced 585 new positive test results for COVID-19 for Thursday, May 12. Those results included 379 people who tested positive by PCR test and 206 who tested positive by antigen test. DHHS also announced an additional 37 new cases from Wednesday, May 11 (24 by PCR and 13 by antigen test) for a new total of 745. 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 4,527 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 are one hundred and twenty-nine individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 61% being female and 39% being male. The new cases resided in Rockingham (188), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (82), Strafford (53), Merrimack (51), Grafton (32), Belknap (29), Carroll (21), Cheshire (19), Sullivan (16), and Coos (4) counties, and in the cities of Nashua (56) and Manchester (44). The county of residence is being determined for twenty-seven 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 Rockingham County, 60

years of age and older

There were currently 31 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 hospitalized patients to treat COVID-19. This 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 179 cases: it includes total confirmed COVID cases (132), total suspected cases (10) and COVID-Recovering (37). (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 316,691 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

As of Friday's map, May 13, there were 49 current positively identified cases reported by DHHS in Claremont; 32 in Charlestown; 9 in Grantham; 15 in Newport; 10 in Sunapee; 5 in Cornish with 1-4 cases in other towns. DHHS reported 134 known current positively identified cases in Sullivan County.

Note: Data does not include positive home testing results.

Vaccinations rates in NH:

Fully vaccinated: 62.2%

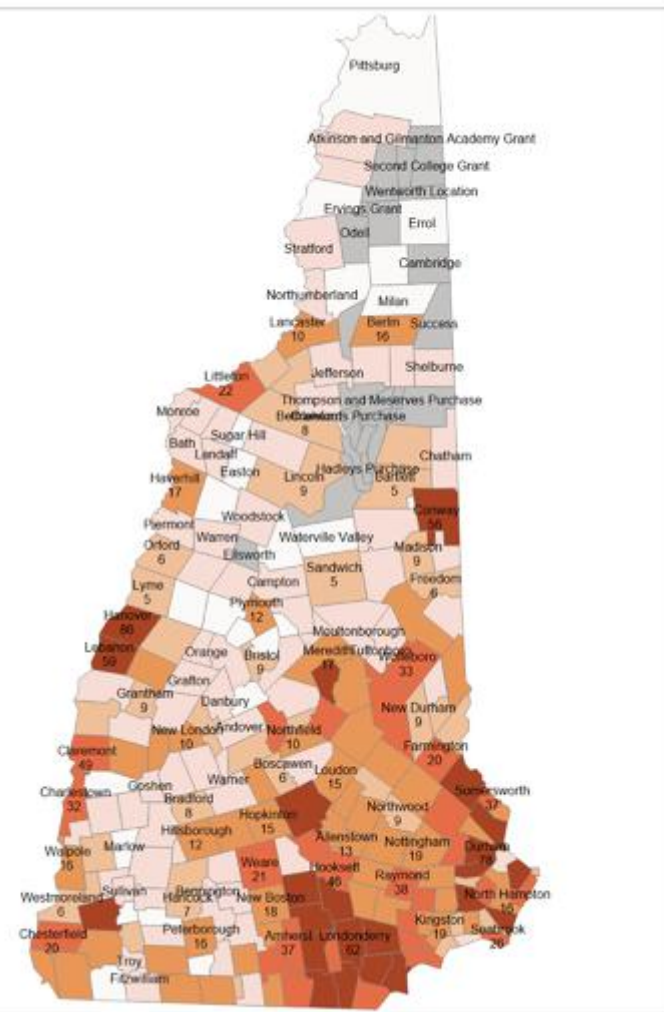
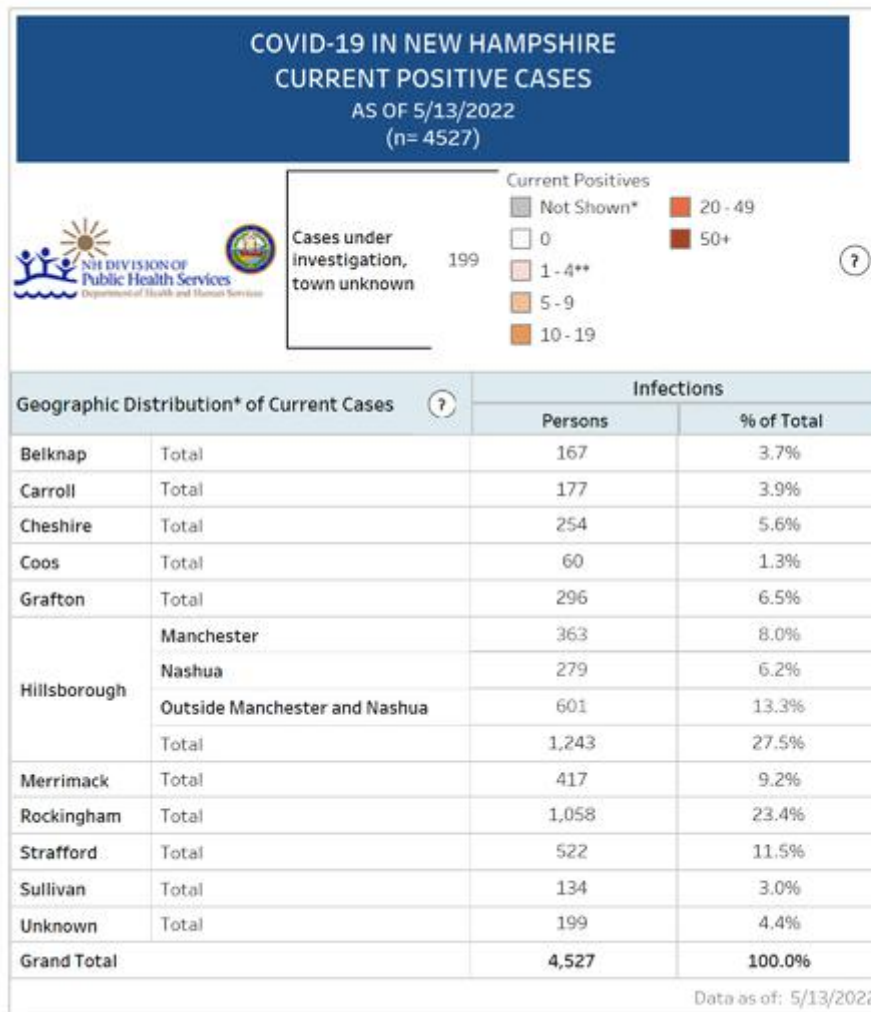
At least 1 dose: 71.7%

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>.



Charlestown Route 12 Repair Update – May 11, 2022



CONCORD, NH—Kathleen Mulcahey-Hampson, Legislative Liaison, Senior Hearings Examiner, NHDOT, told local officials on May 11 that “Last week Casella removed existing materials to allow the placement of subbase materials and stone fill. These steps will improve the groundwater conditions in the roadway by helping to prevent groundwater from rising up to the pavement level. Casella also began installing the drainage structures and pipes. The attached photos show the work underway last week with the drainage structures being installed.

“As of this morning, we are still awaiting approval to install the drainage structures and pipes in the Railroad right-of-way. Once the approval is received, Casella will recommence work within the Railroad right-of-way.”

Work continues on-schedule, with the road re-opening in late May 2022, added Mulcahey-Hampson.

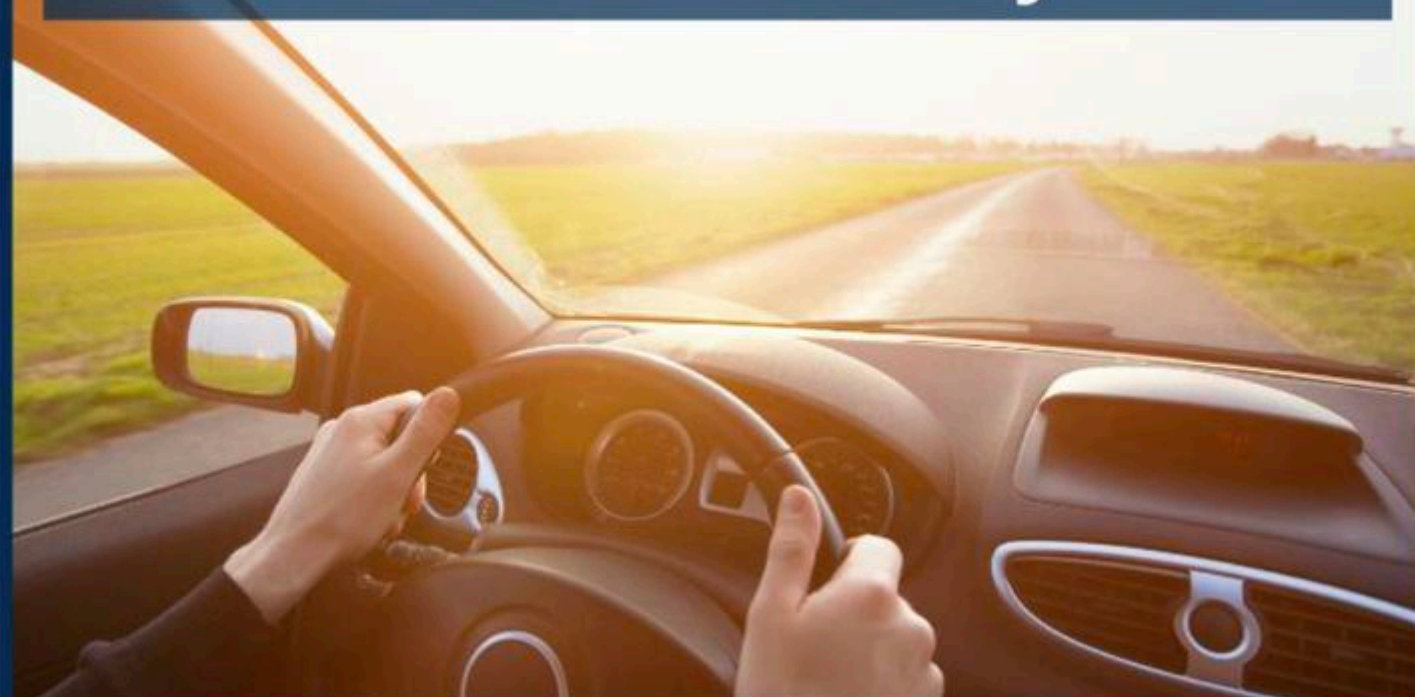
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New Hampshire's Common Man Family Launches Ukraine Relief Fund, Commits to Match Up to \$1 Million in Donations

ASHLAND, NH – The Common Man hospitality family in New Hampshire has launched the Common Man Ukraine Relief Fund to benefit Ukrainian refugees and those assisting with relief efforts in Poland and surrounding countries, and has committed to matching up to \$1 million dollars in donations.

Common Man owner Alex Ray launched the fund this week during a benefit he hosted to honor Lech Walesa, President of Poland from 1990-1995 and Nobel Peace Prize laureate. Ray, Common Man family, and Plymouth Rotary representatives will travel to Poland this Sunday to meet with Polish and Ukrainian Rotary representatives and other agencies providing relief to Ukrainian refugees fleeing the war in their home country. Their goal is to assess the most critical needs on the ground, make connections with relief agencies, and by partnering with Granite United Way, ensuring donations raised in New Hampshire will have a direct path to those in need.

“We’ve lined up five days of meetings with people who can show us the work that is underway and what needs exist,” said Ray. “We’ll make sure it’s secure and we’ll develop relationships with those we can trust to direct the funds to go immediately to the most critical projects. We want our donations to go from our hand to their land.”

The Common Man has been part of a New Hampshire-based effort to bring relief to the Ukraine region, most recently offering its restaurants as collection sites for donations of critical supplies, which garnered vans full of medical supplies, diapers, toiletries, and more. Ray took that passion and rolled it into his announcement of the Common Man Ukraine Relief Fund, partnering with Granite United Way as fiscal agent to provide a convenient way for Granite Staters and beyond to donate.

Donations for the Common Man Ukraine Relief Fund can be made online at www.graniteuw.org or by texting CMAN4UKRAINE to 41444. A donation link can also be found at www.thecman.com. One hundred percent of donations will be directed to relief efforts in Ukraine and countries supporting Ukrainian refugees and matched, dollar for dollar, totaling \$2 million.

“Alex Ray has the vision and passion to help



Common Man owner Alex Ray and former President of Poland Lech Walesa at The Common Man's The Barn on the Pemi event center in Plymouth for a small gathering on a recent Sunday (Courtesy photo).

others, and this generous match showcases that in the best way. Granite United Way was so impressed with Alex’s commitment to the people of Ukraine that we readily volunteered our services to be part of this important relief effort,” said Patrick Tufts, President and CEO of Granite United Way. “We are honored to partner with him and the Common Man team to bring the help that is needed to those affected by the crisis in Ukraine. Alex recognizes that we can do more, more effectively, when we work together.”

Ray said he feels compelled to travel to Poland because while those of us outside of the war-torn region can’t change what Ukrainians are going through, we can help them suffer less by raising funds that will assist them in securing medicine, food, comfort and safety.

“The Common Man family, our guests, and supporters have spent more than 50 years striving to help others here at home and now,

we are reaching beyond our borders,” said Ray. “We need your help NOW. Ukrainian refugees and their Polish hosts need YOUR help.”

To learn more about the Common Man Ukraine Relief Fund, visit www.graniteuw.org or www.thecman.com.

Each year, 1 in 3 residents of New Hampshire and Windsor County, Vermont engage with Granite United Way as a donor, volunteer or beneficiary of a United Way-funded program. Granite United Way, the merger of 6 local United Ways, mobilizes the power of 22,000 donors and volunteers to provide more than \$14 million in support to over 350,000 individuals and provides funding to more than 750 nonprofit programs. Granite United Way serves the Central Region, Greater Seacoast Region, Merrimack County, North Country, Northern Region, Southern Region (Manchester / Derry / Salem) and Upper Valley Regions of New Hampshire as well as Windsor County, Vermont.

Founded in 1971, The Common Man family in New Hampshire is made up of 15 restaurants, two Inns, The Lodge, a Spa, Company Store.

Shooting Investigation in City

CLAREMONT, NH—On May 16, at approximately 3 AM, Claremont Police responded to the area of Main and Elm Street for a report of shots fired.

According to a Facebook post, the CPD “located evidence on scene indicating that a shooting had occurred. However, the victim and suspect had left the scene prior to police arrival. The Claremont Police Detective Bureau processed the scene and are actively investigating the incident.

“Indications are that this was an isolated incident and that there is no continuing threat to the public.”

Anyone with information about this shooting is asked to contact the Claremont Police Detective Bureau at 603-542-7010. You may also call the Claremont Police Anonymous Tip Line at 603-542-7026, ext. 1234.

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Arrest Made in Case Related to Motor Vehicle Pursuit

CLAREMONT, NH—On May 4, according to a press release from the Claremont Police Department, a Sullivan County Sheriff's Office Deputy was involved in a short motor vehicle pursuit in the area of Stevens High School, which he ultimately terminated due to safety reasons. A short time later, the same vehicle was observed in the Bluff School area. With the assistance of the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force, the vehicle was located on Central Street. The vehicle struck two parked vehicles when marked Claremont Police cruisers approached it.

"Officers attempted to stop the vehicle, but the operator accelerated away at a high rate of speed," said Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase. "Claremont Police Officers and Sullivan County Sheriff's Office Deputies pursued the vehicle through town and onto Chestnut Street. The pursuit was terminated. The vehicle was located a short time later abandoned on Hunter Circle and the operator had fled on foot.

After an investigation, the Claremont Police Department identified the suspect as: Louis Gratacos III, DOB: 01/15/1997 of Claremont, NH."

On May 12, Gratacos was arrested and charged with the crimes of:

3 counts of Reckless Conduct with a Deadly Weapon (Class B Felony)

2 counts of Witness Tampering (Class B Felony)

2 counts of Conduct After an Accident

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At the time of the press release, he was being held at the Sullivan County House of Corrections and was scheduled to be arraigned on May 13, in Sullivan County Superior Court.

This case is still under investigation and anyone who has information regarding this crime is encouraged to contact Detective Blewitt of the Claremont Police Department at 603-542-7010.



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Vermont Man Caught Breaking into Lebanon PD Impound Lot

LEBANON, NH—On Thursday, May 12, a male was observed inside the Lebanon Police Department’s Secure Impound Lot. Officers entered the area and determined the male subject was hiding inside of one of the impounded vehicles.

Corporal Nicholas Alden with K-9 Nitro, along with other Lebanon Officers and members of the NH Attorney General’s Drug Task Force, surrounded the vehicle and ordered the male out. Upon receiving no response, Officers moved to the vehicle and took the male into custody with the assistance of K-9 Nitro.

According to the Lebanon Police Department, the male was identified as “Damien Rousseau, age 29, from Vershire, VT. Rousseau had been arrested by the Lebanon Police Department and was released the previous day for the alleged possession of heroin. As part of that investigation, Rousseau’s vehicle had been seized pending a search warrant and placed into the secured impound lot.”

Upon executing the search warrant, Officers allegedly located a little more than a pound of methamphetamine, a substantial amount of cocaine, \$2,000 US currency, and several loaded firearms were seized from the vehicle.

Rousseau was held in preventative detention and was released to the custody of the Grafton County Sheriff’s Department, who transported Rousseau to the Grafton County House of Corrections, pending his arraignment on May 13.

NH DHHS Announces Transition to Weekly COVID-19 Press Releases

CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has announced that the State will transition to reporting COVID-19 Updates on a weekly basis, effective the week of May 16, 2022. The COVID-19 Weekly Update will be issued each Thursday, with the first COVID-19 Weekly Update issued on Thursday, May 19. The last daily update was issued on Friday, May 13. The COVID-19

Dashboards will continue to be updated daily, Monday through Friday, providing timely, accurate, and important data surrounding COVID-19 in New Hampshire.

“As COVID-19 will remain present throughout our state, the transition to weekly reporting reflects the transition from pandemic to endemic. It is time to surveil and report on COVID-19 as we do other endemic infectious

diseases such as influenza,” said DHHS Commissioner Lori Shibinette. “We will continue to provide meaningful, accurate data on a daily basis through 8 COVID-19 Dashboards. Our data reporting will be focused on the bigger picture of how COVID-19 impacts the health of our communities and our healthcare system.”

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City Works on Laborious Process of Setting Next Budget

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The City Council and administration spent part of Wednesday night's council meeting and most of Saturday itself at a followup budget meeting as it worked to craft the 2023 municipal budget. No one thought it would be easy this year and they were right. The City faces various challenges when it comes to how to spend its money as it seeks to tackle important capital projects that include facilities maintenance projects such as the City Hall roof repair, elevators, and HVAC systems as well as streets and sidewalks.

"It has also been important to recognize within this budget the added cost of recruiting and retaining qualified professional managers, administrative staff, technicians, public safety employees, and workers across the employment spectrum; and added to this, collective bargaining agreements with five separate bargaining groups," wrote interim City manager John MacLean in his presentation to the council. "Other expenditures that have increased exponentially include gasoline, fuel oil, and just about everything we purchased to keep the city running smoothly. Yes, inflation is a major problem, and the city government is no stranger to its effects. Coupled to this has been the artificial bubble created by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that will soon be gone. Thus, the city must look to more traditional means such as bonds and property taxes to make ends meet."

During Wednesday's budget review, the council quickly gave tentative approval to the following departments: Assessing, \$251,372; Welfare, \$393,897; Library, \$412,132; Elections, \$15,400; Debt Retirement, \$1,114,950; and Policy/Exec/HR/Council, \$613,622. The \$30,000 request for Outside Agency, that being money for Southwestern Community Services' transportation services, was put on hold. Councilor Nick Koloski said he would prefer some kind of presentation from the agency, as has been done in the past, regarding its transportation services in Claremont, before approving the money. Councilor Jonathan Stone wanted to know what other communities are contributing to fund the service. Further action

was delayed until the May 25th meeting.

On Saturday, the council met again to finish its preliminary work on the budget proposal as initially presented.

Fire was tentatively approved at \$2,638,676; that's up from \$2,550,496 in the current budget. Fire Chief Bryan Burr said that his department was seeing increases in regular pay, training and employee development and equipment costs over last year. Boots are now over \$500 a pair and the cost for two new sets of pants and jacket was over \$8,000; previously, the cost for a set was \$2,300.

Airport was tentatively approved at \$138,065. Gas purchase was up from \$85,000 to \$105,000; however that purchase is resold at a profit.

The Planning and Development office budget of \$1,051,985 was tentatively approved; one new line item is the Amtrak Station Host expense of \$2,500. This includes providing chemical toilets at the train station.

The downtown TIFD proposed budget was tentatively approved at \$710,850; City Administration-Finance/IT, \$907,318; General Services, \$988,090. Councilor Jim Contois made a motion to tentatively approve the Police budget at \$3,385,041, which saw a big increase in the cost of gas; the department currently has three open police officer positions, said Chief Mark Chase. Stone proposed amending the proposed police budget by \$125,000 but did not specify where to make the reduction. Ultimately, MacLean asked the council for time to look at the budget, "see what we can find" and "come back [to the council] relative to this number or something close to it..." Communications 911 was tentatively approved at \$629,861.

No decision was made on the Sanitation budget on Saturday due to concerns about what to do with the Transfer Station and looking for ways to make the operation cost neutral. The council sought more information for the May 25th meeting about charging by weight, as has been suggested by resident Mike Tetu. Overall, the council is seeking to try to "keep costs down by whatever means and increase revenue by whatever means," said Asst. Mayor Deb Matteau.

Cemetery was tentatively approved at \$195,193; Highway, which is streets and roads, was also put on hold until the May 25th council meeting per discussions on the pros and cons of bonding for road work. With a current bond about to be paid off, some councilors supported taking out a new one to pay for a wanted roughly \$1M in spending for paving. Other councilors opposed the idea, saying it was like putting the expense on a credit card.

Tentative approval was given for the Parks budget of \$414,656 and also for Recreation, which has a proposed budget of \$1,363,641. Former P & R director Mark Brislin attended the meeting to present both budgets. The final proposed budget presented was for the Municipal Complex, for \$459,693.

The proposed budget as initially presented, has an estimated tax rate of 15.2642; however, that is likely to change before the final budget is set.

Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21, 7:00 pm - Man on the Hill Event at Claremont Opera House

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This tulip could double as a rose.

Photo by Phyllis A. Muzeroll

Legwork Before Paperwork

Conservation Commission Prepares Annual Report on Easement

CLAREMONT, NH—Last Saturday morning, three members of the Claremont Conservation Commission trekked through the Stevens Brook Conservation Easement (SBCE) to identify any restriction violations, such as ATV use and trash dumping. Their findings will be included in their annual report to the City and the NH Department of Environmental Services. The assessment is required based on the terms of the easement.

Commission chair Gary Dickerman reported, “We found no evidence of ATV or motorized vehicle use. A small amount of trash was collected and a campfire ring of stones discovered. The easement is in good condition, other than invasive plants found in several locations.”



The commission is still planning to have an access point to the easement along North Street. The City has approved the access point but, Dickerman noted, “it will have to wait until the road project at North and Main is completed.”

Gary Dickerman, flanked by fellow commissioners Eric Peabody (left) and Shawn Walch, reviews the official SBCE Ground Monitoring Field Form before setting out to monitor the area. The checklists on the form guide them through what they have to observe and record on the commission’s annual report.

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Eric Peabody cuts through a large vine.



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Business News

Springfield Medical Care Systems Is Now North Star Health

SPRINGFIELD, VT—Springfield Medical Care Systems, an independent federally qualified health center (FQHC) serving southern Vermont and southwestern New Hampshire, has unveiled a new name and brand identity: North Star Health. Announcing the name change, Bob Flint, chair of North Star Health's Board of Directors, emphasized "our ownership, Board of Directors and organization have not changed and our locations, providers and services remain the same."

According to a press release, the board said that "Importantly, the North Star name will help dissuade any perception that the organization's health and wellness services are geographically limited to Springfield Township in Vermont. Having substantially expanded its service area over the years, the name embraces the wider scope and diversity of the many communities served by the FQHC across two states. The change also signifies a move away from the joint incorporated structure previously shared with Springfield Hospital to a more autonomous and collaborative arrangement that supports a robust continuum of care for patients."

North Star Health includes Charlestown Health Center, Chester Dental Center, Ludlow Health Center, Ludlow Dental Center, Mountain Valley Health Center, North Star Vision (formerly Lane Eye Associates), Rockingham Health Center and Springfield Health Center and provides services onsite at four schools and the Edgar May Recreation Center in Springfield.

"We have many patients tell us about what they want to change in their lives, and who see us as their guide and companion in that effort," explained CEO Josh Dufresne. "Staff remarked how we can be like the North Star.



Just as the North Star serves as a guiding light, our care teams meet each person where they're at and help them reach their health and wellness goals." With multiple locations including school-based services, telemedicine visits, walk-in care and soon a mobile unit, the FQHC is committed to being accessible to everyone across its service area. Accessibility also means providing financial assistance, help with transportation, health education programs, and a range of support services.

The transition to North Star Health identity will be phased in throughout the year, beginning with the launch of a new website and online materials, with facility signs and other elements updated over the coming months. Community events are also planned to introduce the new brand.

For more information, visit www.northstarfqhc.org or contact Diane Flynn at dflynn@northstarfqhc.org, or 802-886-8943.

Yo Ho Ho and a Hole in One

Pirate-Themed Mini Golf Course Opens in Claremont

Story and Photos By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Everything glows at Blackbeard's Cove Adventure Golf. You name it — golf balls and matching banded golf clubs, loopy barriers marking each of the 18 holes that fade out in one color and fade in as another, hazards like a hungry whale ready to spit your ball back at you. You wear it — blouses and shorts and sox and headbands.

The blacklight and the Caribbean-beat music create an eerie realm for whoever takes on the 18-hole challenge at the indoor mini golf course at Time-Out Americana Grill in Claremont.

Owner Nick Koloski said that although Blackbeard's Cove has been open for business only a few weeks, it's become a go-to fun spot for Upper Valley visitors.

"We've been very successful," he reported. "Lots of folks come back every week for another round. Some of our customers play in late afternoon, have dinner here, and play again in the evening." Many are Time-Out regulars who have long enjoyed the bar and restaurant as well as Koloski's other attraction, the Escape Factory.

On a recent Friday evening, Vermonters were in full force, happy to cross the Connecticut River for a fun time. Sandy Wood, of Brattleboro, and John Fish, of Brookline, practiced their putting skills. A few holes behind them was the Derby family — mom Lily, dad Dakota
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Business News

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and daughter Peighton.

Current hours are Wed-Thurs 4pm-8pm; Fri 4pm-9pm; Sat 12pm-9pm; Sun 12pm-6pm. It will be open seven days a week after the school year ends, said Koloski.

Blackbeard's Cove at Time-Out Americana Grill, 101 Mulberry St., Claremont; 603-504-4058. Cost: \$13 per person (\$12 if paying in cash).

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Attorney General's Charitable Trusts Unit Objects to the Proposed Merger Transaction Involving Dartmouth Health and GraniteOne Health

CONCORD, NH - Attorney General John M. Formella announced the release of the report of the Charitable Trusts Unit objecting to the proposed merger transaction involving GraniteOne Health and Dartmouth Health. "Free, fair and robust competition is critical to

providing employers and patients with options for lower cost and high quality health care services," said Formella. "Our state has experienced significant consolidation in health care over the past several years, and this transaction seeking to combine two of our top four largest systems is unacceptable without appropriate protections for consumers in place."

"New Hampshire consumers already pay exceptionally high prices for health care," said Formella. "Our duty is to protect the public and we will use all enforcement tools available to us to do so. Considerable diligence was put forth to reach common ground with both health care systems. Without remedies in place protecting the public from harm and ensuring the combined system delivers on the promised benefits, the transaction as proposed is not something that I can approve."

The proposal as currently structured would have consolidated two competing health care systems with many hospitals, physician prac-

tices and outpatient services, resulting in a single system ultimately to be controlled by Dartmouth Health.

Before the type of transaction involved in this case may take place, New Hampshire law requires the Charitable Trusts Unit to review the proposal and determine whether, among other requirements, the transaction is permitted by applicable law. The Attorney General objects to the combination because the transaction, as proposed, fails this primary requirement.

Part 2, Article 83 of the New Hampshire Constitution requires "free and fair competition in the trades and industries." In addition, RSA 356, the State's Antitrust law, and RSA 358-A, the Consumer Protection Act, all protect free and fair competition. After a fact intensive review by the Consumer Protection and Antitrust Bureau, the Attorney General has concluded that the completion of this proposed transaction would violate the law.

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- *Help you identify your priorities* – A budget is, first of all, a practical tool that can help you manage your finances by showing what you must spend on your needs – mortgage, utilities, car payment and so on. But a good budget should also have space for your wants – which can range from mundane things, such as new clothes and entertainment, to more aspirational items, such as gifts to charitable organizations you strongly support. By having your needs and your wants in front of you, on a piece of paper or a computer screen, you can determine if you’re spending too much on things that aren’t important to you and not enough on those that are. Consequently, you may be able to adjust your budget in a way that allows you to put more financial weight behind your priorities.
- *Save for emergencies* – You never know when you’ll need a major car repair or a new furnace or face a large medical bill – all of which can be true budget busters. That’s why, within your monthly budget, you should designate a certain amount to an emergency fund, with the money held in a liquid, accessible account. To make it easier to contribute to this fund, you can set up automatic transfers from your checking or savings account into a separate, liquid, low-risk account. It’s a good idea to keep at least three to six months’ worth of living expenses in your emergency fund.
- *Help you pay down debt* – By sticking to a budget, you can determine how much money you can devote to paying down your debts. And if you find opportunities within your budget to cut back on your spending, you can use the savings to reduce your debts further.
- *Save for your future* – Here’s another important category for your monthly budget: the future. You should always try to put away some money, even if it’s only a relatively small amount, to a retirement account such as an IRA. As your salary goes up, you can increase these amounts. Of course, you may already be contributing to a 401(k) or similar account where you work, but you could spend decades in retirement, so you’ll want to accumulate as many resources as you can for those years.

A budget is a humble-appearing document. But, as we’ve seen, it can play a far more meaningful role in your life than you might have thought – so use it wisely.

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In the Court of Honor

Aubree Herzog Recognized as Eagle Scout

CLAREMONT, NH—Aubree Herzog, of Claremont, became the first female Eagle Scout in the Sunapee District of Daniel Webster Council last December. On Sunday, May 15, she received public acknowledgement of her success at a Court of Honor held in the lodge at Arrowhead Recreation Area.

The Scouts BSA allowed women to enter into its scouting ranks in February 2019. If focused and motivated, a scout can earn the rank of Eagle Scout in about 24 months. Scouts must earn 21 merit badges, of which 12 are required, hold leadership positions in the troop or community, and lead an approved service project that impacts the community in a positive way.

Aubree’s Eagle Scout project was to collect suitcases, underwear and sox for teenagers who are aided by the Division of Children, Youth and Families. She collected more than 100 suitcases, thanks to community members and to civic organizations such as the American Legion, Kiwanis of Claremont and the Claremont Elks.

An Eagle Scout is one who has taken the Scout Oath and Law, which is embodied in their character. Very few Scouts — only about 4% — make it this far. It’s a great achievement for all parties involved: the Scout, their family, their community, their unit and Scouting BSA.

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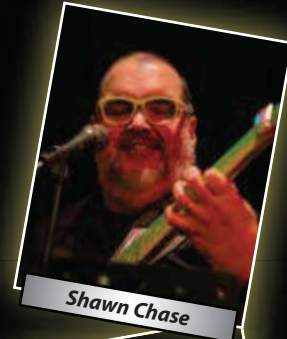
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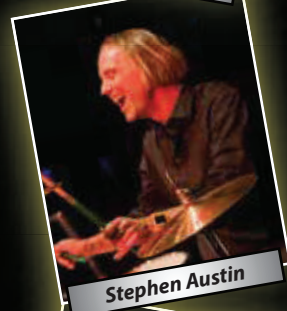
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05/05/22	at Plymouth	L 4 - 6
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04/18/22	Bow	W 6 - 4
04/22/22	Fall Mountain Reg	W 11 - 8
04/25/22	ConVal	L 4 - 7
04/29/22	at Coe-Brown Northwood	L 2 - 3
05/02/22	Pelham	W 6 - 1
05/05/22	at Plymouth	W 9 - 1
05/06/22	Hanover	W 20 - 5
05/09/22	at Souhegan	W 16 - 1
05/13/22	at Newport	W 5 - 3
05/13/22	Newport	W 10 - 4
05/16/22	at Hanover	04:30 PM
05/17/22	Laconia	07:00 PM
05/18/22	Pembroke	06:30 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	L 0 - 12
05/05/22	at Plymouth	L 0 - 13
05/06/22	at Pelham	L 0 - 17
05/09/22	Lebanon	L 0 - 14
05/11/22	at Hillsboro-Deering	L 3 - 8
05/13/22	at Inter-Lakes-Moultonborough	L 2 - 6
05/16/22	Kearsarge	04:00 PM
05/18/22	Gilford	04:00 PM
05/23/22	Trinity	04:00 PM

Martell, Three Others Win First of Year Friday at Claremont

By Gary Dutton

CLAREMONT, NH Andrew Martell dominated the NHSTRA Modifieds Friday at Claremont Motorsports Park, setting fast time in qualifying

and then driving away from the field to easily win his second career Modified feature at the Thrasher Road speedplant.

Ricky Bly again stayed perfect on the year, blasting to his fourth consecutive Late Model

Sportsman victory, and Robert Hagar was solid in topping his first Street Stock main event of the summer.

Greg Millette romped to his second 2022
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Martell, from page 22

Mini Stock victory, while second-generation pilot Nolan McClay scored his first win of the season in the Pure Stocks, and Steve Miller earned his third victory lap this campaign in the Six Shooters.

And while it may have been Friday the 13th for the rest of the 25-car Red Neck Enduro field, it was business as usual for Drake Nelson.

Nelson, who won everything in sight in last season's Enduro season, picked up right where he'd left off, lapping the field in Friday's 50-lapper to finish far ahead of runner-up Xander Stillwell.

Martell, a winner here last year in the Modifieds, was just too much for the rest of the thin field Friday. After setting fast time in qualifying, he started up front in the open-wheel 30-lapper and just drove away, Trevor Bleau was second under the checkers, and Aaron Fellows notched his second top-three of the young season.

R.E. Hinkley Street Stock rookie Haydon Grenier, the speedway's Mini Stock champ a year ago, led the first ten circuits of Friday's 25-lapper. Veteran Robert Hagar, rocketing low along the backchute, then took over and held strong to earn Friday's victory lap tour of the third-mile.

Division super man Dave Greenslit, charging from row five, claimed second on lap 21 but could advance no further in the caution-free event. Brandon Gray's late-race charge earned him a season-best third, just ahead of opening-weekend winner Cody School-

craft and Grenier.

The Route 103 Auto/Heads Up Motorsports Late Model Sportsmen? Who else, Ricky Bly came from the back of the field twice to win Friday's 25-lapper with ease and stay undefeated on the year.

This one was slowed by four cautions and a red, but none of that could keep Bly from his destination in victory lane. Cam Curtis, who'd taken the lead from Steve Bly on lap five, held strong in second after giving way to Ricky Bly 13 go-rounds later, and Craig Smith – the original Craig Smith – was strong again Friday in third.

Nolan McClay passed Bruce Jaycox to take the lead on lap eight of the LaValley Building Supply Pure Stock 25, then survived a late-race restart to score his first win of the summer. Jaycox, who'd fired from row three of the 18-car field, was strong in second, and former division champ Kyle Templeton's closing-laps charge earned him third on the night.

The In City Sugar Shack Mini Stock 25-lapper sailed into the books caution-free, with opening-day winner Greg Millette storming to his second win of the summer

Rookie strongman Nick Houle led the first 15 go-rounds, with Millette then firing low into turn three to take the lead and quickly dash off to victory. Houle stayed strong to finish second, with last week's winner, Bradon Morrie, a solid third on the night.



Jack McClay, # 16, and Ricky Bly, #28, Late Model Sportsman (Courtesy photo).

Steve Miller Sr. took the lead from Robert Shaw on lap 11 of the Avery Insurance Six Shooter feature and then pulled away to win for the third time this season. Shaw added to his boatload of runner-up finishes over the past two seasons, and Andrew Scott, in only his second time in the division, came home third.

Claremont Motorsports Park roars back into action next Friday, May 20, when the Peanut's Auto Sales 602 Dirt Modifieds make their second run of the season. The Late Model Sportsmen, Street Stocks, Pure Stocks, and Six Shooters will also compete, along with the visiting Granite State Mini Cup Series.

Fans are reminded that one of the season's biggest events is only two weeks away, with the \$15,000-to-win Racers Honoring Racers Tour-Type Modified 100 set for Friday, May 27, the first of two big CMP Memorial Day Weekend events.

CLAREMONT MOTORSPORTS PARK MAY 13 TOP FIVES:

LATE MODEL SPORTSMAN: Ricky Bly, Camdyn Curtis, Craig Smith, Jack McClay, Scott Boisvert.

NHSTRA MODIFIED: Andrew Martell, Trevor Bleau, Aaron Fellows, Walter Hammond, Nate Wenzel.

STREET STOCK: Robert Hagar, Dave Greenslit, Brandon Gray, Cody Schoolcraft, Haydon Grenier.

MINI STOCK: Greg Millette, Nick Houle, Bradon Morrie, Sean Lantas, Lane Lantas.

PURE STOCK: Nolan McClay, Bruce Jaycox, Kyle Templeton, Colton Martin, Aiden White.

SIX SHOOTER: Steve Miller Sr., Robert Shaw, Andrew Scott, Ryan Partridge, Eric Griffin.

RED NECK ENDURO: Drake Nelson, Xander Stillwell, Bre Nelson, Travis Hanch, Matt Johnson.

SHS Tennis

The Cardinals faced the Pelham Pythons in a double-header at Monadnock Park on Monday, May 9th. Though the score did not reflect it, the girls continued to make progress. Here are the singles results from the first match:

- Singles
 1. Amaya Eitapence 1 Ruby Day 8
 2. Izabela Eitapence 0 Jessica Bevins 8

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Tennis, from page 23

- 3. Pantita Tansrisuwan 0 Grace DeSousa 8
 - 4. Kamdyn Aldrich 0 Corrine Kelly 8
 - 5. Morgan Tremblay 1 Rosie Day 8
 - 6. Not played
- Doubles not played

Results from match #2 are as follows:

Singles

- 1. Amaya Eitapence 2 Ruby Day 8
- 2. Izabela Eitapence 0 Jessica Bevans 8
- 3. Pantita Tansrisuwan 1 Grace DeSousa 8
- 4. Kamdyn Aldrich 1 Corrine Kelly 8
- 5. Morgan Tremblay 1 Rosie Day 8
- 6. Not played

Doubles not played

The Cardinals traveled to Swanzey May 12 for their final road contest of the season, a re-match with the Monadnock Huskies. Several girls achieved personal bests in the match, despite extremely warm conditions.

Here are the singles scores:

- 1. Amaya Eitapence 0 Bridget VanValzeh 8
- 2. Izabela Eitapence 6 Aderyn Daugherty 8
- 3. Kamdyn Aldrich 3 Hailey Peters 8
- 4. Pantita Tansrisuwan 1 Lenina Ayala 8
- 5. Morgan Tremblay 5 Cooper Martin 8
- 6. Monadnock by forfeit

The doubles results are as follows:

- 1. A. Eitapence / I. Eitapence 5 VanValzah/ Daugherty 8
- 2. Tansrisuwan / Aldrich 8 Tricia Ryan / Cassidy Morrison 2
- 3. Monadnock by forfeit

The Cardinals finish the season with two home matches next week. Kearsarge comes to Monadnock Park on Monday, May 16th, followed by Conant on Wednesday, May 18th. Singles matches begin at 4 p.m.

Front 9 + Back 9 = \$4K

Golf Tournament Nets Thousands for CSBCC Scholarship Fund

Text and Photos by Eric Zengota

CLAREMONT, NH—Last Wednesday a cloudless sky, warm temperatures and camaraderie combined to make the perfect day for a golf tournament.

The Claremont Parks and Recreation Department held its third scramble-format tour-

namment to benefit the scholarship fund at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center. The course at the Claremont Country Club was in perfect condition following several days of dry weather. The only water hazard was at the 6th hole, which many players were all too familiar with.

Twelve teams registered. For many golfers it was their first outing this season, making them, said one, hungry to be back on the greens. They took off in their carts to play the club's nine holes, enjoyed lunch at the grill (BBQ provided by North Country Smokehouse, grilling courtesy of volunteers from Hypertherm), then played the same holes to finish up.

In the clubhouse, committee members Dawn Zombeck and Justin Martin handed out donated prizes for longest drive on the 1st hole, longest putt on the 9th, and closest to the pin on the 6th and 8th. Team tallies determined the winners. The first-place lowest-score team chose one of the certificates donated by area country clubs for a free round of golf; second- through last-place teams also claimed their certificates.

Zombeck noted that "Everybody's going home happy. We're already looking forward to next year."

Martin summed up the day by telling the clubhouse crowd, "As you all know, the proceeds go toward the CSBCC scholarship fund. Anyone who can't afford our classes, programs and membership can apply for a scholarship. You can all be sure that this money touches a lot of families in Claremont."



The proceeds, which totaled \$4,000, came from team registrations, tee sponsorships and other donations.

Inspiration

The Shrinking Violet

By Priscilla Hull

The violet is such a small, insignificant little flower. It grows early in spring and blooms all summer if left alone. Of course, as we mow our lawns through the summer, we keep the violet under control, we think. Then next spring, there she is as pretty as ever, and maybe even a little bolder. After all, she survived one whole summer of being mowed over many times. Even if she has been allowed to grow all summer in a field of wildflowers, she has been hidden in the taller grasses and wildflowers and yet miraculously comes back next spring to bloom early for the pleasure of young and old alike. Violets are another one of the flowers that kids love to pick for Mama or Grandma or someone special. Bees aren't too interested in them.



What we consider "violet" is a member of the violet family Violaceae, the proper name for this species being viola. There are 525 to 600 species of Violaceae. While they mostly grow in the temperate area of the northern hemisphere, they do also grow in Hawaii, Australia and the Andes Mountains of South America. It is one of the most widespread flora in the world. We are mostly familiar with the purple or white, but don't forget the "Johnny Jump Up" flowers and pansies who are part of this huge family of Violaceae! Quite an assortment. What we call violet is primarily lavender in color or white. They also come in pink, and many more colors. They are perennial which means that they come back year after year. Interesting to note is that pansies which we consider annual flowers, do come back for a year or two in more temperate zones than New Hampshire. However, they will be smaller and smaller each year. The Johnny Jump Up flowers come back for a few years also, but are not true perennials.

You will see areas of meadows and fields that appear to be carpeted in violets at this time of year, but later in the season, they'll be dormant. They'll be back next year, as prolific and strong as ever.

Violets aren't just a pretty little flower that decorates fields and meadows; violets are used in cooking! Particularly they are used in pastry, both as a flavor and decoration. Years ago, when my mother was with us, I was known to make candied violets to decorate a cupcake or a cookie for her. Making candied violets to decorate cakes, cookies or salads is a delicate process, but fun. My recollection is that you beat an egg white until it is frothy, dip the violet in it by the stem and allow the excess egg drip off. While it is still wet, sift fine confectioners sugar over the flower making sure that it is evenly but not heavily coated. Be sure to leave the stem attached to the flower so that you can handle it. You will cut off the stem later. Put the coated flower on a waxed paper covered plate. One egg white should cover about 20 flowers. Put the plate in the refrigerator to dry overnight. They should be dry within 24 hours. Snip off the stems (they're bitter but not poisonous) and your flowers are ready to decorate anything you want. The taste is very mild, a little sweet. (Of course with the sugar).

The leaves and flowers can also be dried for teas and infusions. It can be mixed with honey as a mild cough syrup. Of course, as with any alternative medication, check with your doctor and read carefully about it before you try anything, except the candied flowers.

Traditionally in climates a little warmer than ours, nosegays were made of violets with a cut paper doily and ribbons tying them together on the first of May. It was fun to make one of these little nosegays and run up to Grandma's or a neighbor's door, ring the doorbell and watch as she opened the door and picked up the flowers and looked around for the child who left it. Of course, the clumsy little hands of the smallest maker (me until two little boy cousins came along) made the bouquets a little loose and awkward, but Aunt Clara loved each one made.

It is little things like this that make the spring such a fun time of the year. Children picking flowers for people they love and those they love being so happy with anything their children do.

We live in a beautiful world filled with flowers and beauty. Let's always appreciate the joy that comes with sharing the beauty!

"Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land."

Song of Songs 2:12

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

‘I’m Alive to Tell My Story’

REMIX Celebrates Half-Decade of Hope and Community

Text and Photos By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—“Can you believe we’ve been here five years? Can I believe I’m seeing all of you here tonight?”

Jimmie Neilsen was addressing the sell-out crowd at REMIX, a 16+ coffee bar and social club in downtown Claremont last Friday evening. Neilsen founded the club, whose mission is to see lives “REMIXED”: Renewed, Enriched, Missional, Inclusive and Xtreme. “For those who are feeling down in life, we empower and remind them that everyone has value. We aim to connect those struggling with addiction, depression, homelessness, hunger, unemployment, etc. to the appropriate services already existing in the community.”

REMIX has become a haven for individuals in recovery from lives that nearly ended due to addictive behaviors. Having turned themselves around, they’ve discovered REMIX as a safe place to gather, share stories both horrible and hopeful, and in many cases relate how becoming dedicated Christians put them — and keeps them — on the path to “living that remixed life.”

REMIX is not-for-profit, relying entirely on

donors, and facilitated by volunteers. It’s open every Friday evening from 7pm to 10pm. To date it’s served 12,234 beverages. Visitors have consumed 1,325 lbs. of coffee and cocoa, which, with an assortment of teas, is organic, free-traded, and sourced through Equal Exchange, a worldwide consortium of small-farmer co-ops.

REMIX’s positive effect radiates far beyond three hours and four walls of 1 Pleasant Street.

“You know, 1,000 hours of operation doesn’t seem like a lot of time, does it?” said Neilsen. “But in five years we’ve donated \$21,861 to local charities and families because any profit above our operating costs is put back into the Claremont community.”

“REMIX is all about reconnecting — to oneself, to families,” Neilsen said. Gesturing toward the Pleasant Street construction work right outside the door, he added, “We’re helping to rebuild lives and the community. As in Ezekiel 36:24, the neglected land will be worked again, no longer overgrown with weeds and thistles, worthless in the eyes of passersby.”

Then, smiling, he concluded, “But you haven’t come to listen to me. You’re here to see

Ben Fuller.”

Fuller, a singer-songwriter who grew up in Perkinsville, VT, had arrived earlier that day from Nashville, where he recently signed a recording contract with Sony Provident Group, home to Christian music artists.



REMIX founder Jimmie Neilsen.

He shared his story of a long, difficult road through “drink, drugs, sex, all were empty. The first time I sang at REMIX I was drunk, but I’m two years eight months sober.” Although he hadn’t planned to become a Christian — “I wasn’t looking for Jesus, but he was looking for me” — he now devotes his performances to spreading a message of hope.

He played guitar and sang his songs that reflected his “remixed” life. The audience responded with shouts and applause to the philosophy embedded in lyrics such as “If my past is your present now ...” and “I’m alive to tell my story.”

The next day, Fuller headed to Pennsylvania to give two concerts. He’ll give five more through June, touring as far away as Colorado and Iowa, and as close as Hampton, New Hampshire. It’s a hectic schedule, he admitted, “everyone is broken — but love wins.”

facebook.com/remixcoffeebar (Facebook)
livethatremixedlife.org (online)
[remix_coffee_bar](https://instagram.com/remix_coffee_bar) (Instagram)

Shawn Cannizzaro’s story is typical of the many regulars who call REMIX home.

“I found this place a couple of years ago. I’d been into drugs, alcohol and crime, but I turned my life over to Jesus Christ and got clean. There was one moment here I’ll never forget, when I realized I was 100% myself. Now REMIX is my Friday go-to place.”

Cannizzaro and Melissa O’Brien, a recovery coach at TLC Family Services with her own history of addiction, have bought a three-apartment building on Factory Street in Claremont. Hope 2 Freedom Recovery Homes is a sober living house that can accommodate eight men in two apartments. The long-range plan is to provide housing for women as well. Hope 2 Freedom is associated with NHCORR (Coalition of Recovery Residences), which will help with the process of being certified by the State.



Calendar Of Events

SHS Class of 1977 Meeting

When: Tuesday, **May 17**, 5:30 PM
Where: Steve Plourde's, Winter Street, Claremont

'Art for Ukraine' Raising Relief Funds Through End of May

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 50 donated pieces of art by award winning artists in the Lake Sunapee Region. The public is invited to view the art at the New London Inn, Tatewell Gallery and online at www.centerfortheart-snh.org/ukraine, and to make purchases through the end of May. All proceeds from sales will be sent to Global Giving Ukrainian Crises Relief Fund.

The CFA thanks the many artists for their generous donations and the community for supporting this effort. For more information please contact us at info@centerfortheart-snh.org.

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.

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).

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.theprouthy.org.

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

Deliver care and assistance to people where they are most comfortable – at home.



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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.

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).

American Legion Post 29
119 Broad Street
Claremont, NH 07343

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, May 23rd, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

By Order of the Commander, a Special Meeting is called for the following purpose:

To reconsider certain changes made to the rules for the Queen of Hearts raffle at the meeting held April 20th, 2022. Recommendations of the Executive Board will be presented for approval and request for Motion to Reconsider. No other business shall be discussed at this meeting.

Posted May 11th, 2022

Michael F. Richmond
Adjutant
Claremont Post 29
American Legion



Paint and Sip

May 18th 6 – 8 pm at Rocky's Taqueria
Tickets \$30 – Includes two drinks and materials





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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 On May 3rd, we started 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 17th - Fresh cut salad, American chop suey, garlic bread, dessert. Thursday, May 19h – Birthday Dinner, Pork chop with stuffing, mashed potato with gravy, apple-sauce, dinner roll, vegetable, cake. 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 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.

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. The past two Wednesdays we had a few members who came in at 4:00 pm and played corn hole. Please call if you would like to join the corn holers at 4 pm

on Wednesday afternoons. Also if you are interested in the other events, please sign up at the center or call and leave your name, phone number and days you are interested. This is the only way that we would be able to know if the interest is here.

“To think great thoughts you must be heroes as well as idealists”. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

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

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday, May 8, 2022

11:41 Responded with E-4 to Windy Hill for a tree on wires

11:54 Responded with E-3 to River Rd. for a medical call

13:01 Responded with E-4 to North St. for a motor vehicle accident

Monday, May 9

11:19 Responded with E-4 to Upham Place for a medical call

20:37 Responded with E-4 to Chestnut St. for a medical call

21:40 Responded with E-4 to Broad St. for a medical call

Public Notice

**The Claremont School Board will be holding a Regular Meeting May 18, 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.

Public Notice

**SAU #6 School Board Regular Meeting Serving Claremont & Unity
May 19, 2022
6:30pm**

**Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center
Business & Community Room**

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.

Tuesday, May 10

09:50 Responded with E-4 to Glidden St. for a medical call
 11:56 Responded with E-4 to Chestnut St. for a medical call
 20:30 Responded with E-4 to Fitch Reservoir Rd. for an illegal burn
 20:40 Responded with E-4 to Byrd Ave for an illegal burn

Wednesday, May 11

07:20 Responded with E-4 to Charlestown Rd. for a motor vehicle accident
 09:41 Responded with E-4 to South St. for a medical call
 10:29 Responded with E-4 to Broad St. for a medical call
 10:38 Responded with U-1 to Trinity St. for a public assist
 10:40 Responded with E-4 to Pleasant St. for a medical call
 11:16 Responded with L-2 to Main St. for a public hazard
 15:45 Responded with E-4 to Maple Ave for a medical call
 16:12 Responded with L-2 to Pearl St. for a medical call
 17:27 Responded with E-4 to Osgood Ave for a medical call

Thursday, May 12

07:35 Responded with E-4 to Broad St. for a fire alarm sounding

Friday, May 13

03:17 Responded with E-4 to Maple Ave for a medical call
 05:31 Responded with E-4 to Grand St. for a medical call
 14:41 Responded with E-4 to Opera House Square for a medical call
 15:57 Responded with E-3 to Charlestown for Mutual Aid
 19:01 Responded with E-4 to Main St. for a medical call
 19:35 Responded with E-4 to Charlestown Rd. for a medical call
 20:23 Responded with E-4 to Maple Ave for a tree down in the road

Saturday, May 14



13:27 Responded with E-4 to Myrtle St. for an odor investigation
 13:33 Responded with E-3 to Sullivan St. for a Box Alarm
 23:13 Responded with E-4 to Washington St. for fluids in the road

CFA Arts Scholarships Now Available for Summer Enrichment, College Programs

The Center for the Arts invites students in grades 7-11 and high school Seniors entering college to apply online now. Deadline is June 1st.

the Center for the Arts awards scholarships each year to student artists, musicians, writers, dancers, and theater majors, for both summer enrichments programs and college level studies. Applications be made online at www.centerfortheartsnh.org/scholarships.

Sullivan County Humane Society brings you.....

Sunday, May 22, 2022

@ The Claremont Senior Center
 5 Acer Heights Rd, Claremont NH

Join us for 20 fun games of BINGO for various prizes!

Purchasing a **\$5** book gets you a play for each of the 20 regular games

And buying multiple books can only multiply your **LUCK**

Doors will open @ noon & games will begin at 1:00

Masks are required

PRIZES INCLUDE:


Gift Certificates

Small Kitchen Appliances

Jewelry

Small Home Décor Items

AND SO MUCH MORE!



Game 21 is a **GRAND PRIZE** of


'Out and About Gift Certificates for 4: Movies, Mini Golf, Escape Room, Tavern on the Square and Time-Out Americana Grill valued over \$300.00'

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.etickernewsoclaremont.com

Dale A. Knowles, 58

Dale Arthur Knowles, 58, of Charlestown, NH, passed away unexpectedly on March 17, 2022.

Dale was predeceased by his parents, Sandra (nee Seavey) and Duane Knowles, his maternal grandparents, Doris and Donald Seavey, his paternal grandmother, Katherine Knowles, and his uncle, Marcel Knowles. He is survived by his wife, Helen; his sister Maggie and her husband Mike; his sister Nancey and her life partner, Brian; along with uncles, aunts, cousins, and many close friends who were like family to him.

Dale was born April 25, 1963, in Bellows Falls, VT, and attended North Walpole Elementary, Walpole Junior High, and Fall Mountain Regional High schools. He lived in the Fall Mountain region his entire life. Dale was an avid fisherman and was happiest when he was fishing in Pittsburg, NH, with his dad and Uncle Mark. When not fishing, Dale could often be found hanging out with his friends, Gary or Joe.

A private graveside service will be held at St. Peter's Cemetery, Walpole, NH.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Ellenor A. Hanson, 90

Ellenor A. “Ellie” Hanson, 90, died on

Mother's Day, May 8th, 2022, in Newport, NH, surrounded by her family after a prolonged illness. Ellie was born on March 7, 1932, in West Newton, MA, the daughter of Edmond and Rose (Fournier) Joyal, one of four siblings. She was married to James Clifford “Cliff” Hanson for 50 years before his passing in 2004. Cliff and Ellie spent most of their lives living in Claremont, NH, while raising their 10 children.

Ellie was a caring mother and homemaker who mastered the art of “stretching a dollar.” She kept the household running like a clock and was always cooking, cleaning, sewing clothes, and administering first aid for the family. At times, it felt like the kitchen was her “mess hall.” We will all miss the “from scratch” fresh rolls and breads and the homemade root beer stored in the basement along with the endless jars of canned vegetables from our garden. Sunday dinner was always at 2pm whether you were there or not. She believed in family and was always leading with an unrelenting work ethic that served her family well.

For many years leading up to her passing, she spent her time knitting, sewing, painting,

and upholstering furniture. She loved to make pajamas for children in need and was called “Pajama Nana” by the kids. Ellie loved to watch home improvement shows and sports, especially the Red Sox and the Patriots with Tom Brady.

Ellie is survived by her sister, Dorothy O'Brien of Tewkesbury, MA, and her 10 children and spouses: Jim and Karen Hanson of Andover, NH; Tom and Jeri (Robertson) Hanson of Exeter, NH; Linda and Jimbo Barton of Meriden, NH; Emily Hanson of Newport, NH; Peter and Kathy Hanson of Goshen, NH; Carol Hanson and Wayne Coates of Spartanburg, SC; Laura Hanson and Frank Mazzola of Westmoreland, NH; Andy and Tracey (Sivret) Hanson of Claremont, NH; Ellen and Pat Dansereau of Claremont, NH; and Bill Hanson and Karen Coyne of Warner, NH. Also included are 29 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

A graveside gathering was held at the Union Cemetery, Claremont, NH. A Celebration of Life lunch followed at the Elks Club in Claremont.

“Eyes love dark green. So do I.”

-Dr. Sam Giveen

Dark green, leafy veggies like spinach, collard greens and kale are good for your eyes. Eat a diet rich in dark, leafy greens, and it can go a long way toward preventing macular degeneration. Call it tasty preventive medicine. Just start early. Eat your dark greens.

DOCTOR **SAM'S**
EYE CARE



(603) 543-2020
9 Dunning St, Claremont
(we're right there by the hospital)

The family would like to thank Bayada Hospice for all their care, especially Jeannie, Margaret, Bev, and Emily.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Bayada Hospice 316 Main Street Norwich, VT 05055

Mark Nerenburg, 46

Mark Nerenburg, 46, of Manchester, NH, passed away on May 5th, 2022, doing what he loved, riding his Harley.

Mark was born June 28, 1975, in Ukraine to the late Edward and Sophia Nerenburg. Mark graduated from Miami Beach Senior High School in 1993 and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he served from 1993-1997. Mark later attended the New Hampshire Corrections Academy where he was a part of the 82nd graduating class. He was a hard working correctional officer for Concord State Prison from January 6, 2006 until his passing.

Mark couldn't wait for motorcycle weather each year to start riding with his wife and co-workers. He loved rides up the coast of Maine and into the Lakes Region. He enjoyed outings to the beach and Canobie Lake Park with his family. While he wasn't an avid roller coaster rider, he loved to watch his sons have fun. Mark was a kind and loving man, dedicated husband, father, brother, and friend. His sons, Gabriel and Cameron were the light of his life and was so proud of them.

He is survived by his wife, Marissa Nerenburg; sons, Gabriel and Cameron Nerenburg; stepson Kenneth Grinley; brother and his wife, Steven and Alla Nerenburg; two nieces, Abigail and Evelyn Nerenburg; and mother of his children, Rachel Nerenburg.

Mark's graveside services were held on Friday, May 13, at Meyer David Cemetery in Claremont, NH.

In lieu of flowers, donations for Mark's sons can be made to any One Credit Union Bank under Rachel Nerenburg.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

**MAY 21, 2022
PLAINFIELD ANNUAL PLANT SALE
PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH
PLAINFIELD, NH
9AM-2PM**

Plainfield Community Workers invite you to participate in their Annual Plant Sale, May 21. There will be presentations that relate to

home gardening, backyard conservation or interacting with nature and more. This event is run on volunteer labor and donations of plants. They are accepting plants on the 19th, 20th, leading up to the sale on the 21st at the tent site on 12A. This year we are holding a quilt raffle made by Sandra Yeaton and Deb Ryan. Tickets are \$1 for a single ticket, 6 tickets for \$5.

There will be vendors with garden variety products as well as our great variety of perennials, annuals, vegetables, house plants, herbs, shrubs and even trees.

Food will be available for purchase.

The Grange, across the road, will also be having food for sale.



SCHS
Save a Stray 5K
Post Race BBQ, Raffle Prizes, Age Group Prizes
and Prize for overall Male and Female finishers!
RUN/WALK

Saturday, June 25th, 2022
Robert C. Hasevlat Memorial Park • Newport
8:30 AM (Race Day Registrations) | **RUN STARTS AT 10:00 AM**

\$25 PRE-REGISTRATION FEE | \$30 SAME DAY REGISTRATION FEE

KIDS 12 & UNDER FREE • TO REGISTER TO RUN, WALK, OR SUPPORT A PARTICIPANT THROUGH PLEDGING, VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

sullivancountyhumanesociety.org

FREE T-SHIRT FOR FIRST 100 SIGN-UPS (13 & OVER)!

To benefit the Sullivan County Humane Society

The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

AGENDA

- 6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL
 6:34 PM 3. AGENDA CHANGES
- 6:35 PM 4. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
 Minutes of May 11, 2022, City Council Meeting(s)
- 6:37 PM 5. MAYOR'S NOTES
 A. Proclamation – Stevens High School Alumni Association
- 6:42 PM 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
 A. General Remarks
- 6:45 PM 7. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))
8. OLD BUSINESS
- 6:55 PM A. Ordinance 592 OHRV Class V Roads – Second Reading – Public Hearing
 7:10 PM B. Ordinance 593 Amend Merit Plan - Second Reading – Public Hearing
9. NEW BUSINESS
- 7:25 PM A. CDBG Status Reports - Public Hearing (City Manager/Planning & Development Director)
 1. Southwest Community Service's Emergency Shelter Improvements grant - To update the public on, and take comment on, the improvements at the emergency shelter, 45 Central Street, by Southwest Community Services.
- 7:40 PM B. CDBG Grant Applications – Public Hearing (City Manager/Planning & Development Director)
 1. CDBG GAP Financing Application – The City proposes to submit an application for additional funding titled Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) GAP funding, for up to \$130,568 to the NH Community Development Finance Authority for additional construction costs for Southwest Community Services emergency shelter improvements at 45 Central Street.
 2. CDBG GAP Financing Application – The City proposes to submit an application for additional funding titled Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) GAP funding, for up to \$500,000 to the NH Community Development Finance Authority for additional construction costs for Turning Points Network renovations project at 231 Broad Street.
- BREAK
- 8:10 PM D. Access License – Lambert Supply (City Manager/Planning & Development Director)
 8:20 PM E. Sullivan County ATV Club Annual Trail Permission for Class VI Roads – Public Hearing (City Manager/Parks & Recreation Director)
10. BUDGET
- 8:35 PM A. General Fund Revenue
 B. Water Fund Budget
 C. Sewer Fund Budget
- 9:05 PM 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
 9:10 PM 11. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
 9:15 PM 12. ADJOURNMENT

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

YARD SALE !

**2nd Annual Cornish Community Yard Sale
at Cornish Fairgrounds on Town House Rd
Saturday, May 28th from 9:30-2**

~ More than 35 vendors on site! ~
Rain or Shine!

Eat while you shop

**** Frazer's Place Food Truck ****

**** The Lazy Cow Ice Cream Truck ****

Will be on hand to keep everyone well fed

**Enter "Cornish Fair Association" on your GPS
to find it on Town House Road
Plenty of Free Parking**

