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## **SAU6 Mental Health Team Helps Students in Need** ***District Offers Range of Services to Grades 1 Through 12***

**By Eric Zengota**  
**e-Ticker News**

### **The Problem**

“The kids want to be good students, but life gets in the way,” said Courtney Porter, a school social worker in SAU6. “We have a lot of services available in the district, and our ‘dream team’ has pulled together all the systems to help any child who needs it.”

What stressors do young people face? Porter named food insecurity, unstable family life, drugs and alcohol, depression, ADHD, academic problems, homelessness, gender identity issues, and physical, emotional or sexual abuse.

A 2019 Greater Sullivan County Youth Risk Behavior Survey provided some alarming statistics. Among them: 73.3% of all 12th graders reported drinking alcohol; 40.8% of students reported trying marijuana; and 20% of students aged 15 or younger reported being offered drugs on school property.

“All of these factors have been in place for years, but COVID-19 only made them worse,” said Porter. New Hampshire’s Division for Children, Youth & Families has reported that nationwide, the number of domestic abuse incidents and alcohol misuse increased significantly when families were confined at home.

Paige MacLeay, the district’s licensed mental health technician, noted, “Students can’t do core academics if they’re not in their right

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**Ben Nester, SAU6 director of special education, and school social worker Courtney Porter discuss the merits of a program that the mental health team may include in the curriculum (Eric Zengota photo).**

## **Claremont School Board Member Passes Away**

***Carolyn Towle Well Known for Her Public Service***

**By Phyllis A. Muzeroll**  
**e-Ticker News**

CLAREMONT, NH—The community was saddened to learn on Wednesday that Claremont School Board member Carolyn Towle had passed away on Tuesday. Mayor Charlene Lovett made a brief announcement of the news at Wednesday night’s council meeting and asked for a moment of silence to honor Towle’s memory. Towle had been a long-time public servant and was currently serving on the school board; she had also served on the council as well as the Claremont Zoning and Planning

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**(File photo)**



**Towle, from page 1**

Boards and the Claremont Parks and Recreation Commission over the years. She was well known for her sense of humor and dedication to serving the citizens of Claremont, active in many areas despite living with a number of medical issues; she received a heart transplant in 2014.

School board chair Frank Sprague told the e-Ticker News that he was aware she had been hospitalized recently, "but I had no idea she had declined. I spoke to her in the hospital a couple of weeks ago and she seemed upbeat and ready to 'get back to it'. Quite a loss for us on the board."

The Claremont School Board posted the following statement on its Facebook page on May 13th:

"It is with heavy hearts that the Claremont School Board announces the passing of beloved board member, Carolyn Towle. Carolyn was a force to be reckoned with in the Claremont community having served on many boards and committees. During her time on the school board, she poured all her energy

into improving the district's schools, most notably with a focus on capital improvements. Carolyn, your presence on the board will be absolutely missed. You have left some big shoes to fill for sure!"

A complete obituary for Towle may be found on page 27.

**Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health Updates X-Ray Shielding Procedures**

LEBANON, NH—Patients who come to a Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health (D-HH) facility for a diagnostic exam requiring an X-ray will now notice their technologist no longer draping a heavy lead apron, also known as gonadal shielding, over their lap. It is now widely recognized that X-ray imaging is safer and more effective by limiting the use of the traditional practice of routine lead apron shielding during an X-ray. This shift in guidelines was first championed by the American Association of Physicists in Medicine and the American College of Radiology and has now been instituted at D-HH locations.

"Studies have shown that shielding patients provides very little to no benefit. When a patient receives an X-ray, we take care to only irradiate the area necessary for the exam," said Michael Timmerman, Radiation Safety Officer at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC). "Lead only protects you from radiation outside of your body. When you receive an X-ray, a small amount of radiation will get to other areas of your body, but this occurs internally; lead will do nothing to block this radiation."

There had been previous concerns that radiation might damage



**Michael Timmerman, Radiation Safety Officer at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, holds one of the shields no longer in use at D-HH facilities (Courtesy photo).**

age cells that could be passed along to future generations, however, these concerns have not been proven by any medical studies to date. Because of this concern, lead shields were often placed over patients' reproductive organs during medical imaging exams. Since the 1950s, the amount of radiation used in medical imaging has decreased over 95 percent, and advances in imaging equipment now can produce quality images using small amounts of radiation.

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# Commentary

## NH House Happenings

By Rep. Gary Merchant

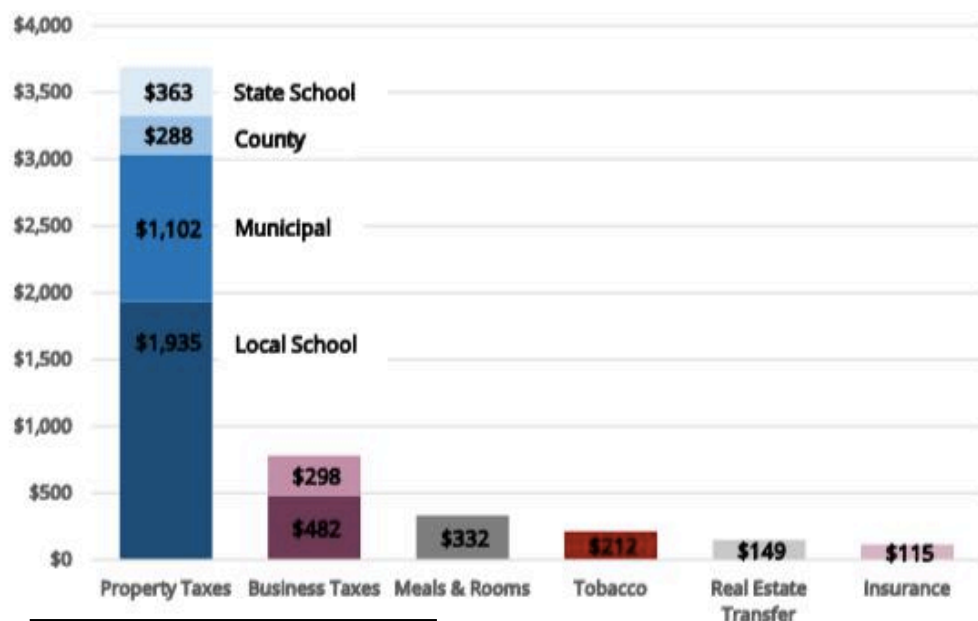
### Taking A Look at Property Taxes

April brings showers that bring May flowers, along with tax season. Benjamin Franklin has been quoted as saying, "In this world, nothing is certain except death and taxes." Though his comment dates back to 1789, it is still true today -- especially here, given the Granite State's reliance on regressive property taxes.



### Nothing Even Comes Close to the Property Tax

Major sources of tax revenue in New Hampshire in 2018 (in \$M)



The local property tax rate in Claremont remains one of the highest in New Hampshire. From 2009 to 2019, it has increased over 30%, while Social Security Cost of Living Adjustments since 2010 are less than 15%, and general inflation on average has been less than 2% per year.

When folks receive their local tax bill, the tendency is to blame their school board and municipal government for not doing a good job controlling expenses. Citizens rarely link increases in property taxes to actions at the state level, when in fact the state budget significantly impacts the tax bills we each receive. Let me explain.

Property taxes account for approximately 65% of the total state and local annual tax revenue (see chart) and is the single largest burden for New Hampshire taxpayers. Granite Staters actually pay the second highest property taxes in the nation, footing the bill for the so-called "New Hampshire Advantage".

How did we get here? In 1967 the state created the Meals & Rooms Tax to be shared 60/40 between the state and municipalities. This enabled both to benefit from tourism, as well as promote it. Over the past decade the amount of money collected by the state through this tax has significantly increased, but the share allocated to municipalities has declined steadily.

RSA 31-A, enacted in 1970, was intended to return a portion of the state's general revenues to municipalities for their unrestricted use. Unfortunately any benefit from this arrangement has long since eroded. When the state budget was hemorrhaging red ink during the Great Recession in 2008, legislators in Concord drastically reduced the funds distributed to cities and towns. The state budget has not included ANY sharing provision for general funds since 2009.

This strategy has shored up the state budget and neatly avoided increases in state taxes, but left local governments holding the bag. The state's continued "downshifting" has forced many communities to hike the only revenue source available to them — local property taxes.

Between 2010 and 2013, the state suspended funding its share of the New Hampshire retirement system. When the statewide pension program was created the state pledged to pay 40% of its cost, with local governments and employees contributing the balance. Recently, because of the pension program's growing unfunded liabilities, municipal employers were informed that their portion would increase once again.

Meanwhile the state has continued to cut taxes for major corporations, many not even located here in New Hampshire. The Business Profit Tax provides the largest contribution to the state budget revenue (almost 25% overall). The top 1% of the corporations pay almost half the tax. Whenever the state reduces the tax liability on these companies, the funds shared with municipalities shrink.

Just this past month, a bi-partisan group of mayors from New Hampshire's thirteen cities submitted a letter to the Senate Finance Committee outlining how state budget decisions have affected them. The impact has been enormous. These local governments lost \$300M+ in state funding over the past decade. For Claremont alone the total exceeds \$10 Million — approximately \$1M per year.

The 2021-2022 state budget, as proposed by the Governor and passed by the House, does not include funds to support state aid grants, a valuable resource to assist local communities in undertaking essential capital projects such as water and sewer upgrades. For Claremont this means a loss of over \$400,000 in bond payments across the next two years to pay for a project the state previously agreed to support.

So next time you hear a politician pledge to preserve the "NH Advantage", you might want to ask, "Advantage to whom?"

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## Guest Commentary

### Sullivan County Health Care Project About People, Not Politics

By Rep. Judy Aron  
and Rep. Steve Smith



We read the article written by Reps Gary Merchant and John Cloutier (5/3/21) and felt it was in the public's interest to set the record straight. With all due respect to our colleagues, we were disappointed to read their misleading descriptions of the Delegation's previous actions regarding this project, incorrect summary of the state budget impact, doomsday tax implications, and their misguided plan to form another project study committee. Our reaction is one of no surprise, since we're seeing this sort of partisan behavior and delaying tactics up at the State House. Portraying themselves as fiscal hawks desiring "tax relief" is amusing. These are the same people who in the last 2 years voted in the State House to establish sales and income taxes in NH and increase fees on licenses and permits.

They offered a flawed recollection of the Sept. 25, 2020 Delegation meeting. We actually voted 11-1 to defer the Nursing Home renovation to explore building a new facility thinking it might represent a better value for Sullivan County's taxpayers, despite higher costs. Reps Merchant, Sullivan, and Tanner pressed for the facility to be built somewhere other than the current Unity campus. Even though that option would never make economic sense, these "fiscal hawks" wanted to pursue it. Nonetheless, a documented analysis, of building new, as well as relocating the facility elsewhere, was needed. The Delegation directed the Commissioners and county staff to gather data. We reviewed their findings in December.

That exercise proved that building new would be prohibitively expensive. It confirmed too, that if we built away from the Unity campus we'd lose the benefits of using land we already own, abandon established well water and a biomass heating system already paid for by taxpayers, and lose other resources available on the Unity campus. Even so, some of our colleagues, including Rep. Merchant, as recently as a few weeks ago, requested more time to evaluate this option, including the additional scope of an assisted living facility to create a massive retirement community complex under county control. Does this vision sound like a fiscally responsible solution? Not to us.

State budget fear mongering has no place in policy discussions. Their claims about downshifting costs to municipalities are an untrue and shameless attempt to scare people into accepting their arguments. The reality is that the House always passes an austere budget. It's the halfway point of the process. It's easier to add things in as revenue estimates come in, than to remove things. We're already seeing robust revenue actuals compared to earlier estimates. Our colleagues know this. Having said that, there's no version of the State budget that will cause our towns to lose millions in education funding, or slash ser-

vices, as our colleagues claim. Our towns should see an increase, not a decrease in their funding in the next two years. The State budget provides tax relief in many areas, one being \$100 million in state wide education property tax which will NOT be collected from towns even though the Department of Revenue will still be sending \$100 million to towns as SWEPT funding.

As for the County fund balance, it's finally down to a recommended level. It's not intended to be used as "tax relief" nor is it a "rainy day account". It's meant to cover county expenses if revenues are delayed for any reason, and ensure a more consistent bank balance. We might add that our county tax rate has been level for the past 10 years despite increased personnel and operating costs. We're still facing a structural deficit in the county budget that has been dealt with for years by drawing down our fund balance, and using other county one time revenues, instead of raising taxes a little bit along the way. Our colleagues believe that assembling a new committee to study this project will yield some magically different insight. Essentially, they're ready to toss 2+ years worth of work you've paid for. We've already consulted with stakeholders. We've disseminated information in meetings, print and on radio. As a reminder, the county has already spent \$1.5 million of taxpayer money on current renovation designs and architectural plans. Those plans required licensed architects, experienced engineers, and hundreds of hours of thoughtful input from county staff overseen by our Board of Commissioners. We trust the results. We believe the design team appropriately considered every aspect of this project from future demographic projections to facility, staffing, and energy efficiencies. It's unfortunate and obvious that our partisan colleagues have no faith in our elected commissioners, the received input, or the excellent process involved.

The current project's price tag is higher than any of us would prefer, but we also understand the cost is being driven by Federal regulations, existing site conditions, and local construction climate. Our colleagues think inflation and construction costs will be stable or even decrease in the near future, yet we see articles everyday that indicate just the opposite. Also, local available contractors aren't going to sit idly by waiting for our commitment. Just a few months ago bond rates were under 2 percent. July's bond market, and beyond, may be different. The Federal government is spending trillions of dollars, and proposing to spend trillions more. It's hard to imagine inflation remaining at current levels. We're sure you've already had a taste of that at the gas pump and supermarket.

Here's the bottom line: We have a facility comprised of 50 and 90 year old buildings with dated and failing infrastructure and we need to do something soon, or accept the very real and very expensive risk of an event occurring that will either cause us to close and/or lose our license. In that event YOU, the taxpayer, will be absorbing the cost of relocating residents along with costs of repairs or facility closure while the resident revenue stream ends. This isn't "doom and gloom"- it's reality. It's why renovation was pursued to begin with.

Along with \$8 million in ARPA money and \$5 million already reserved

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for this project, we have an excellent plan that can be executed right now with low interest bonding on \$35 million, and we can get a shovel in the ground by Fall 2021. Our current renovation plan was developed by a team of experts and reflects a correct assessment of needs, efficient use of space, and adheres to federal and state regulations. We should move forward while doing whatever we can to minimize the county tax impact.

Rep Merchant and his colleagues prefer instead to wait another year and a half, or more, and incur more costs, while our nursing home residents and staff live and work in deteriorating and challenging space. Don't be misled into believing more discussion and delay will magically make this project less costly, or even worse, thinking that cutting corners and reducing licensed bed space will better serve our constituents. If they want us to come together as a Delegation, they must recognize that our constituents, nursing home residents, and staff deserve more than political posturing, revisionist history, and wishful predictions.

*Judy Aron is a member of the Sullivan County Executive Finance Committee and Representative of Sullivan County's District 7. Steve Smith is past chair of the Sullivan County Delegation and Representative of Sullivan County's District 11.*

## **Mooshian: Why I Applied for Open Seat on Council**

### **To The Editor:**

Growing up my parents always told me, “if you don’t succeed the first time, try again.” When I didn’t pass my drivers test the first time, I tried again and passed on my second. When I portaged my first canoe, I didn’t make it all the way to the end, but I sure did on my second try. It’s with that same tenacity and drive that I announce I have applied for the open City Council seat vacated by Councilor Sweetser. I believe I am uniquely qualified to serve on the council, and I am committed to bringing my experiences from the streets to the Council Chambers of City Hall.

When I applied for the open City Council seat during the last vacancy, I said I believe that our community holds the power to write our own story, and I believe that Claremont has endless potential. That is still true and I believe it now more than ever. However, there have been some changes since I went through this process the last time. The state has downshifted costs to municipalities and property tax payers. Vaccinations are getting to people and our community is bouncing back. As we turn the page and begin a new chapter for Claremont, we need bold, new leadership. We need someone who is going to stand up for all of us. We need someone who has a vision for the future.

Since I first came to Claremont I have made it my home by investing in the community and in my neighbors. I was part of the team who planned and organized the area’s first PRIDE celebration. I’ve worked with multiple nonprofit agencies to advance their mission and achieve new heights. I’ve organized community members to advocate for our shared values and to keep Claremont moving forward. I volunteer to serve on the city Planning Board. I didn’t grow up in Claremont but I have laid down my roots here. If I am chosen to fill the open council seat, I promise to bring a spirit of service, a heart for our city, and a vision for the future.

Applicants will be interviewed by the City Council on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, and the selected candidate will be sworn in that night. To learn more about me and my bid for the open seat, visit [MattMooshian.com](http://MattMooshian.com).

**Matt Mooshian, Claremont, NH**

## **Hassan Emphasizes Keeping Retirement Savings Safe from Cyber Threats**

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan discussed the need to keep Americans’ retirement savings safe from cyber threats during a Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee hearing Friday. The Senator also raised concerns about how COVID-19 has exacerbated the retirement savings gap for women and what Congress can do to address this disparity. Hassan highlighted efforts that she led with her colleagues to request that the Government Accountability Office look into the risk cybersecurity threats pose to retirement plans.





## NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – May 16, 2021

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

On Sunday, May 16, 2021, DHHS announced 139 new positive test results for COVID-19. Sunday’s results include 102 people who tested positive by PCR test and 37 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 1,274 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire.

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are thirty individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 53% being female and 47% being male.

The new cases reside in Rockingham (22), Strafford (20), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (18), Merrimack (16), Grafton (10), Sullivan (7), Cheshire (6), Belknap (5), Coos (4), and Carroll (3) counties, and in the cities of Nashua (13) and Manchester (9). The county of residence is being determined for six new cases.

Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Of those with complete risk information, most of the cases have had close contact

with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.

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

- 1 male resident of Merrimack County, 60 years of age and older

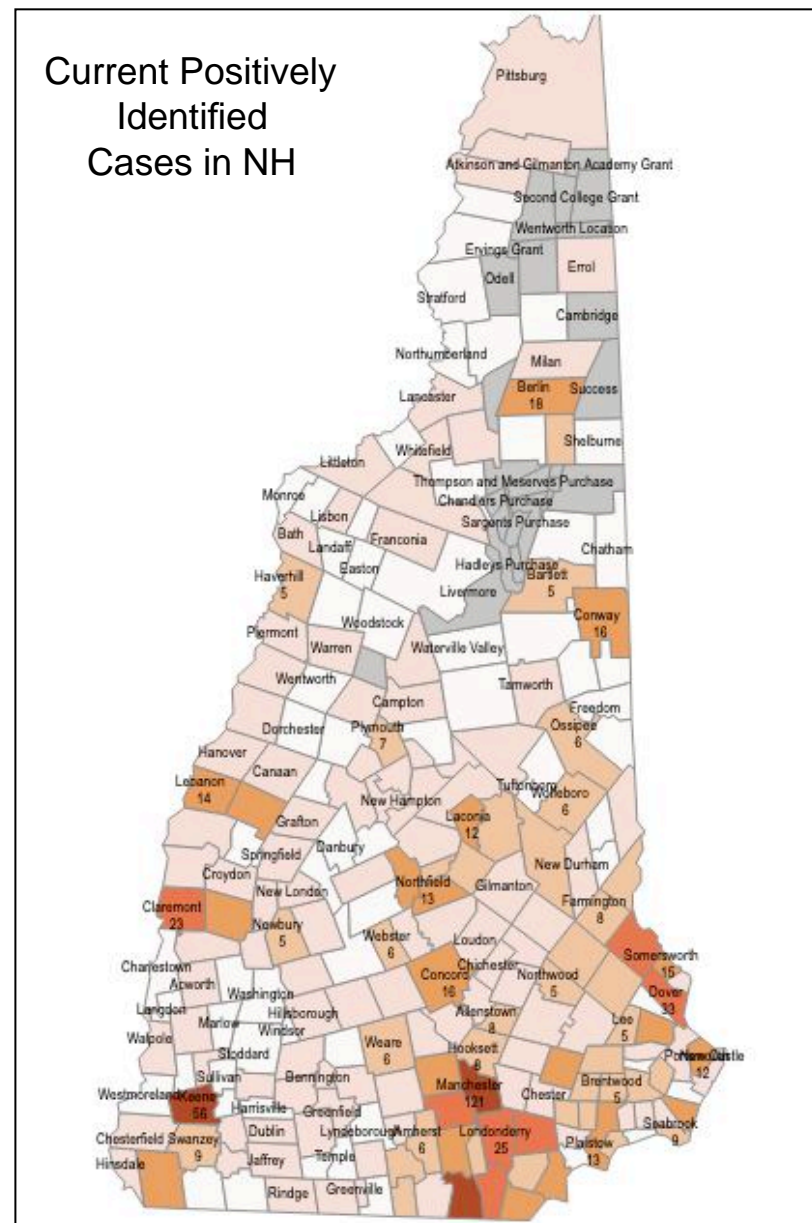
There are currently 50 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 97,676 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

**As of Sunday, there were 23 current positively identified cases in Claremont, 11 in Newport; the remaining communities with identified cases fell in the 1-4 range. DHHS reported 49 in Sullivan County.**

### Claremont School District Update

The Claremont School District reported 3 cases last week: On May 10 it reported a confirmed case of COVID-19 at SHS; on May 13, a confirmed case at Bluff Elementary School was reported, and on May 14 another confirmed case at SHS was reported by the district. In each case, the district completed contact tracing and all families and staff members were notified. “We have provided the list of names of students and staff to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS),” said assistant superintendent Donna Magoon.

### Current Positively Identified Cases in NH



### Sullivan County Health Care

In its weekly report on Thursday of Current COVID-19 Outbreaks, the state had Sullivan County Health Care listed with 18 cases, 13 resident cases and 5 staff.

### Vaccine Information in NH

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

### 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.

### New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated May 16, 2021, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	97,676
Recovered	95,070 (97%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	1,332 (1%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	1,274
Current Hospitalizations	50



## NH State Register of Historic Places' New Listings Span Three Centuries of History

CONCORD, NH—The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources has announced that the State Historical Resources Council has added six properties to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places:

Built in 1879, Andover Town Hall's Italianate details include bracketed window and door hoods, paired ornate bracketing along the eaves and wide corner brackets; the distinctive "1879" in the front gable appears to have always been an upside-down "2." After the town offices relocated from the building in the 1960s, it served as a chair factory, professional offices and is currently a community center.

The **Albert Ball House in Claremont** was built circa 1885 as the home of the co-founder of Sullivan Machinery, at one point New Hampshire's largest machine company. Ball's personal workshop, where he worked on inventions that received more than 130 federal patents, was in the walkout basement. The Queen Anne-style house's architectural details include square, triangular and scale-shaped shingles as well as a classic "Stick-Victorian" sunburst panel with hanging finial in one gable.



Local investors in Derry designed Association Hall in 1875 to have commercial space on the first floor, auditorium space on the second and meeting space for St. Mark's Lodge of Freemasons on the third. It is a well-preserved example of Second Empire architecture.

Hillsborough Center Cemetery was founded circa 1790 on land donated by John Hill, one of the town's original proprietors. The cemetery contains approximately 400 burial markers in mixed styles and materials ranging from slate with curved tympanums and urn and weeping willow designs to those made from marble and granite. In keeping with an 18th-century New Hampshire law requiring burial grounds to have fences and gates, the cemetery is enclosed by a stone wall.

The Keene Unitarian Universalist Church's two different architectural styles reflect the periods in which the sections were built. The 1894 church's Gothic Revival elements are made from granite quarried at the nearby Roxbury Granite Company; they harmonize with the church's Tudor-style stucco gables and diamond-paned leaded glass windows. An attached contemporary-style education wing, added in 1959-60, incorporates Kalwall, a prefabricated exterior material still made in Manchester, N.H.

Although it was moved from its original location in 1990, Londonderry's Morrison House, circa 1760, remains one of the oldest standing capes in town and is the only surviving building from one of its earliest settled areas.



The Claremont School District held a vaccine clinic for 12-15 year olds on Friday at the SHS gym, with Rite Aid assisting. The clinic was for Claremont and Unity School District students and provided the first dose of the Pfizer vaccine. Families of those who participated will be receiving follow-up information regarding the administration of the second dose. According to assistant superintendent Donna Magoon on Friday, there were 190 registrations for the clinic.

On Thursday, the State of New Hampshire opened appointments in VINI, the state's COVID-19 vaccine scheduling and appointment management website, for individuals 12 to 15 year olds across the state. Anyone under 18 must have consent from a parent or guardian. This can be verbal consent from the parent or guardian onsite at the time of the vaccination, written consent that can be filled out by the parent or guardian in advance or while onsite, or an electronic consent form that can be signed by the parent or guardian at the time of registration. For more information, visit <https://www.vaccines.nh.gov/>. (Eric Zengota photos).



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## Council Pushes Back Decision for ATV Request to Use Class V Roads

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—At Wednesday night’s council meeting, councilors decided to push back a decision on a request by the Sullivan County ATV Club for permission to use certain Class V roads to access the Cat Hole Trails. Concerns and complaints about noise, excessive speed and other issues expressed by a number of residents, especially those living on Cat Hole Road, left the six councilors in attendance unable to come to a decision Wednesday night. In the past the club had received permission from the City. Residents Michael and Margaret Saracino, who live on Cat Hole Road, raised concerns with the council back in March. They told councilors that the situation with ATVs using the road was “awful, it’s unbearable...please shut the noise off.” They said about 60% of ATV riders adhere to the speed limit while the rest make excessive noise and ignore the state law that prohibits riding 30 minutes after sunset.

Club president Steve Wilkie said that ATV traffic increased last year, prompted by the pandemic that created a surge in trail use, including many from out-of-state. The 55-mile trail system spans Claremont, Cornish

and Newport. Last year, the ATV Club had more parking space available to it behind Burger King, due to the fast food business being closed due to COVID; the number of spaces this year will return to about 25 spaces compared to the 75 from last year.

A number of residents opposed opening the roads to ATV use, and even a few members of the club agreed that there were problems to be worked out. David Belisle said he signed a petition presented to the City to restrict access even though he is a club member; Walt Stapleton, who lives on Veterans Park Road and is a club member, said, “ATVs are not the problem, the club is not the problem, Steve is not the problem, it’s the UTVs that come here from the south...”

Those who supported the ATV riders coming to the area to ride said the visitors help the lo-

cal economy, buying gas, eating in local restaurants and spending money in other ways.

The council voted 3-3 on a motion to deny Class V road use permission to the club; a tie meant the vote failed. The council then passed a motion recommending moving the agenda item to the May 26th meeting for further discussion with a full council vote.

## Two Apply for Open Council Seat

CLAREMONT, NH—As of late last week, two residents had applied for the open seat on the City Council, created when Erica Sweetser resigned: Michael Demars and Matt Mooshian. The deadline to apply is Monday, May 17.

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Webinar: June 1, 2021 at 7:00pm

Register in advance for this meeting: <http://bit.ly/farmvisitsafety>.

Join Mary Saucier Choate, Food Safety Field Specialist from University of New Hampshire Extension; John Moulton of Moulton Farm in Meredith, NH; and Nancy Franklin of Riverview Farm in Plainfield, NH to discuss visitor safety practices on their popular farms.

This session is part of a UVM series that will cover several topics for farms open to visitors through the evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://www.uvm.edu/extension/vtagritourism/safety-and-liability-farms-during-covid-19>.

**SATURDAY, MAY 22**  
**ANNUAL PLANT SALE IN PLAINFIELD**  
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## Life and Times of a Penobscot Poetess

As part of their 2021 Literary Art Series, the Literary Arts Guild of Center for the ARTS will host Penobscot Elder, Carol Dana in a virtual visit on June 15th at 5:00 pm.

Born and raised in Maine, Dana shares stories from her life, her work, and her writing. She has devoted years to the revitalization of the Penobscot language, working on the Penobscot dictionary project during the 1980's and teaching Penobscot at the Indian Island School in the 1990s. She also worked in the Cultural Historical Preservation Department of the Penobscot Nation, as a language resource person.

Dana is author of two books of poetry, *When No One is Looking* and *Return to Spirit and Other Musings*, both published by Bowman Books.

This program is co-presented by The Literary Arts Guild of The Center for the Arts, Lake Sunapee Region, the Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum, and the Newbury Public Library. It is one of a series of writers on the theme "Native American beauty is diversity."

There will be a Q&A after the event.

For more information and for the Zoom link, visit: <https://centerfortheartsnh.org/>

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## Team, from page 1

cognitive and emotional space.”

Ben Nester, director of special education, summed up the problem: “If there are barriers to education, we have to deal with all the issues. We want every child to feel safe at school.”

### Working Toward Healing

Nester had been considering drawing together the district’s mental health professionals. “They do similar work in different lanes, so a coordinated team approach streamlines and clarifies everyone’s roles,” he said. “But organizing our services kicked into high gear with the mandate from SB 282, which went into effect at the same time that the pandemic brought additional challenges to the forefront.”

New Hampshire Senate Bill 282 was passed on August 5, 2019, and went into effect on July 1, 2020. It requires school districts and chartered public schools to develop a policy for preventing, assessing the risk of, and responding to student suicide; and provide training for faculty, staff, and school volunteers on suicide prevention.

The SAU 6 mental health team is composed of school counselors, school social workers, a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, licensed mental health professionals, school psychologists and administrators.

As stated in their guidance document, they “envision optimal educational, mental health, and social/emotional well-being for all Claremont students through consultation, professional growth, direct service and systemic support.”

Kaily Roukey, the district’s first full-time Board Certified Behavior Analyst, says the team operates with a “whole-child,” multi-disciplinary approach. “There’s a lot of collaboration between us as well as with students, parents and caregivers. We’re all in this together.”

The team also works with outside agencies such as West Central Behavioral Health. The team meets monthly to discuss case studies and learn how their often overlapping disciplines can interact on a student’s behalf.

District staff have introduced students and parents to what is a highly-organized referral system for getting help. Students know that they are always connected to a staff member, and can bring their or even a friend’s issue to a teacher or school counselor. Parents can con-

## Preventing Suicide — A Team Approach

*According to the 2019 Risk Behavior Survey, roughly 20% of all students reported seriously considering suicide. This school year, SAU6 implemented two suicide prevention programs.*

*SOS Signs of Suicide, a 40-minute presentation, has been shown to every Stevens High School and Claremont Middle School student. It was also introduced and made available to parents and guardians.*

*The key message of SOS is ACT: Acknowledge that you see signs of depression or suicide in yourself or a friend, Care about yourself or your friend enough to express the need for help, and Tell a trusted adult that you are worried for yourself or a friend.*

*The risk of suicide is not limited to teens. Courtney Porter reports that the youngest person she has worked with who expressed a suicidal thought was a kindergartner. Gizmo’s Paw-some Guide to Mental Health is used in Claremont’s three elementary schools.*

*Porter hopes that “we can remove the stigma of mental health, and realize that it’s OK to ask tough questions, to talk about such things.”*

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tact the school if they think their child needs help.

Once a child is identified as being at risk, the mental health team reviews their issue (or issues) and refers to the Intervention Pyramid. The pyramid lists, in color-coded, ascending order of severity, which individual or organization is best suited to deal with the problem. An intervention can be as simple as a talk with a counselor or a visit from Sully, the Claremont Police Department’s comfort dog, or as intense as a consultation with Twin State Psychological Services.

The pyramid coordinates with the similarly color-coded Interactive Intervention List, which provides the team with appropriate links to referral forms, contact information for programs and agencies, and other resources.

The most critical problem that some students deal with is suicidal thoughts. The team uses suicide prevention programs at all grade levels. (See sidebar.)

Underlying the team’s interventions and services is the SEL principle (Social Emotional Learning). From this perspective, students learn how to navigate emotions in academics, develop appropriate social skills, and self-regulate through levels of academic and executive functioning skills.

It may not be pleasant to think of a school program as trauma-informed, but that’s the reality of education today. “All of these services are need-driven. They’re not just a ‘nice to have,’” stated Nester.

Porter’s perspective evolved from her daily interaction with at-risk children. “I’d like to see mental health treated as seriously and openly as physical health,” she said. “If you had a broken arm, you wouldn’t walk around with it, you’d get it taken care of. So if you have a mental health problem, we’re here to help you fix it.”

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### For a meeting of the Anti-Litter Task Force

To be held on

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 7:00 PM

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### For a meeting of the CLAREMONT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FULL BOARD

To be held on

Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 7:30 AM

At the

Visitor Center, 14 North Street, Claremont, NH



## Mayoral Notes by Charlene Lovett



### Goddard Block Latest Rehabilitation Project in Claremont's City Center to Receive Award

When Kevin Lacasse of New England Family Housing first approached the Claremont City Council to propose his rehabilitation project, the Goddard Block was a condemned building in the City Center. Built in 1926 and owned by the Goddard family until 1965, the building underwent several changes in ownership, deteriorating over time and eventually shut down by the City for health and safety code violations in 2017. Lacasse's vision was to retain the Goddard Block's historical significance and transform it into new, affordable housing and commercial space. The City approved the project which was completed last year. In recognition of the project's success, the NH Preservation Alliance presented Lacasse with the Preservation Achievement Award on May 12.

One of seven projects in NH to win this year's award under the category of Rescue, Rehabilitation and Revival, the Goddard Block's significance as part of the city's historic district is restored. The investment of over \$10M into the building was the result of private-public partnerships, combining private funds with tax incentives from all levels of government. It is the latest in a series of award-winning rehabilitation projects in Claremont's City Center and is the prelude for further revitalization efforts along Pleasant Street scheduled for this year.

Other award-winning projects in Claremont's City Center include:

- Oscar Brown Block – Situated on the corner of Pleasant St and Opera House Square, the building now houses both apartments and the Taverne on the Square restaurant. In 2010, the NH Preservation Alliance presented the Claremont Development Authority with the Preservation Achievement Award for “the outstanding re-

habilitation and reuse” of the building.

- Monadnock Mill District – Located along Water Street, the mill district now houses the Common Man Inn and Restaurant and Red River. In 2010, the NH Preservation Alliance also presented the City of Claremont with the Preservation Achievement Award for “outstanding rehabilitation and revitalization” of the mill district. In addition to that award, the project also won a NH AIA Merit Award and a Plan NH Merit Award.

- Monadnock Mills Boarding House/Store House #5 – Located on Water Street, the building now houses the Ink Factory. In 2017, the NH Preservation Alliance presented Jeff and Sarah Barrette, owners of the Ink Factory, the Preservation Achievement Award for “outstanding revitalization” of the building.

However, these are not the only rehabilitation projects that have occurred in the City Center since 2010. The sawtooth building on Upper Main Street, once a brownfield site with a collapsed roof, now houses the Claremont MakerSpace. Currently, Chinburg Properties is transforming the once empty Peterson building on Water Street into 83 market rate apartments. The renovation of the Farwell Block on

Opera House Square is almost complete. Next to it, a building that stood vacant for 25 years is being turned into a cultural arts center. In just a few weeks, the City will begin its downtown revitalization project to redesign Pleasant Street and replace the underlying infrastructure.

All of this represents a willingness in both the private and public sector to invest in Claremont in a manner that preserves the city's assets and produces quality results. Over the last eleven years, tens of millions have been invested in the City Center. Such development has brought new business and housing opportunities while simultaneously preserving the architecture that makes Claremont unique. We celebrate that investment and those who have worked to make revitalization a reality.

*Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and welcomes your feedback. Please email questions, comments or concerns to her at [clovett.ccc@gmail.com](mailto:clovett.ccc@gmail.com).*

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## Colors of the Season



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## Business News

### \$5.2M Contract to Build Infrastructure Testing System at Hanover Lab Announced

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Patrick Leahy (D-VT) have announced \$5,237,915 is heading to an Army facility in Hanover from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL) through the System of Systems Consortium.

This initial award to Applied Research Associates (ARA) gets work underway on a total contract worth over \$9 million to develop and install a transportation loading system inside the Army's Frost Effects Research Facility (FERF) in Hanover. This system is the country's largest refrigerated warehouse designed to investigate, test and evaluate the effects of extremely cold ambient and ground temperatures on different kinds of roadways and airstrips.

The transportation loading system simulates vehicle use of roadways and airstrips in extremely cold conditions to demonstrate whether and how certain kinds of pavements will stand up to heavy usage at freezing temperatures -- testing that is essential for designing durable and long-lasting materials for infrastructure investments. The simulator can recreate tens of thousands of vehicle passes on a pavement in a single 24-hour period, enabling the best possible decision making about durability requirements before millions of dollars are invested in new infrastructure projects.

"Investing in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL) is an important way to bolster New Hampshire's leading role in support of our national defense," said Shaheen. "Ensuring the United States can remain competitive in extreme environments like the Arctic and enhancing our capabilities to combat the effects of colder weather due to climate change are essential to improving our military readiness. This funding will specifically address the use of roadways and airstrips in ex-

ceptionally cold conditions, which will better educate and inform our infrastructure investments. As the annual appropriations process gets underway, I'll continue to advocate for continued federal investments in CRREL, as well as cold weather research projects in partnership with Dartmouth College and the University of New Hampshire."

"This system, and the testing and research it leads to, will help transportation departments around the country make educated choices about the kinds of pavements they install, and will help every dollar go farther," said Leahy. "Especially as President Biden proposes substantial investments in infrastructure to revitalize our economy, I'm proud that Vermonters were chosen to bring their expertise to the design and installation of this system that will revitalize our understanding of how to make that infrastructure go the extra mile."

CRREL had previously operated a heavy vehicle simulator, but that system was antiquated, obsolete, and not designed for operation inside of the FERF. As a result, it could not be used to test pavements under heavy vehicle and aircraft loads in cold weather conditions, significantly limiting its usefulness to the scientists at CRREL. The new system will be designed and purpose-built for operation within the FERF, maximizing its utility to Army researchers interested in the effects of cold weather on pavement materials and design. David Timian, Senior Vice President and Man-

ager of ARA's Automation and Geosciences Sector, said, "We are tremendously excited to supply this critical test bed to the U.S. Army. After our success designing and delivering pavement test machines for the Federal Highway Administration last year, we believe this opportunity to build on that success will further establish ARA as an industry leader in pavement, infrastructure, and geotechnical testing and investigation systems."

Dr. Joseph Corriveau, Director of CRREL, said: "The new Heavy Load Simulator coupled with recent upgrades to the Frost Effects Research Facility (FERF) provide a giant leap forward in our continued efforts to modernize

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the Cold Regions Research Engineer Laboratory (CRREL), and will significantly enhance our ability to solve pressing challenges regarding the design and construction of transportation infrastructure used under sub-freezing temperatures.”

ARA will spend the next few months analyzing requirements and developing initial system designs. After a September 2021 preliminary design review, ARA will finalize its design and begin fabricating the system in January 2022. Final tests and acceptance of the system will occur in spring 2023, with full operations of the system beginning that summer in Hanover.

## Greater Claremont Board of REALTORS® Holds Community Service Project



Members of the Greater Claremont Board of REALTORS® donated flowers and monies to purchase gift cards at local nurseries to the City of Claremont’s “Heart of the City” as well as the towns of Newport and Charlestown to beautify their downtown areas with flowers this spring. “It was a great project to support both local businesses and the communities that the Board serves,” said the local organization (Courtesy photo).



## D-H Project ECHO to Launch Second Phase of Program to Help Support Nursing Home Staff During COVID-19 Pandemic

LEBANON NH – Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (D-H), in partnership with the JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. and the New Hampshire Citizens Health Initiative at the University of New Hampshire Institute for Health Policy and Practice, have joined a national effort to stop the spread of COVID-19 in nursing care facilities. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) ECHO National Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network hosted a 16-week ECHO training program from November to March, bringing in regional experts to address adapting nursing homes needs and the rapidly changing circumstances in the field. A second, 15-session phase of the program began May 13 and will run through August.

Topics covered during the first phase National Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network included cleaning, personal protective equipment, COVID-19 vaccine rollout and hesitancy, managing outbreaks, support staff emotionally, social isolation, community transmission, advanced care planning, preparing for visitation, leadership and communication. The goals of the program are:

- Keeping the virus out of nursing homes;
- Early identification of residents and staff who have been infected;
- Preventing the spread of the virus between staff, residents and visitors;
- Providing safe, appropriate care to residents with mild and asymptomatic cases;
- Ensuring nursing home staff have the knowledge, skills, and confidence to implement best-practice safety measures to protect residents and themselves; and
- Reducing social isolation for residents, families, and staff during these times.



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## Soup Kitchen Hosts Walk-In Vaccination Clinic

By Eric Zengota  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—About 15 individuals took the opportunity to get vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus at the free walk-in clinic that was recently held at the Claremont Soup Kitchen. Anyone who had not already registered through the online VAMS system could do so and be immediately given their first dose.



**Judy Joy, RN, administered Dylan Currier's first dose at the walk-in clinic. Currier, of West Unity, will get the second dose on June 3 (Eric Zengota photo).**

The clinic was coordinated by Stephen Belmont, the public health emergency preparedness coordinator for the Greater Sullivan County Public Health Network. The vaccinators — volunteer retirees or professionals on work-release — were affiliates of the Medical Reserve Corps of Sullivan County.

Belmont said, "Basically, we're all here to be helpful to the community." Such help includes discussing the vaccination procedure with anyone who might be hesitant, as well as giving out several fact sheets from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services.

## Upcoming Classes at The Claremont MakerSpace

**Dream it, Make it, Print it**

May 20 - June 10th from 6 - 7 PM

Over four sessions, participants learn how to

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

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event/2021/5/20/dream-it-make-it-print-it>

### Quilting Machine Training

May 25th, 5 PM

The Claremont MakerSpace's quilting machine is a great tool for creative, efficient quilting! In this hands-on training session, participants will learn how to set up a project on the quilting machine and utilize its standard features. Participants of this class will have the opportunity to sign up for a follow-up certification session, so that they may use the machine on their own.

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event/2021/5/25/quilting-machine-training>

We've got even more classes/events on the calendar, so check out the full line up at

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event-list>

Questions about upcoming classes? Let us know at [info@twinstatemakerspaces.org](mailto:info@twinstatemakerspaces.org).

## The Prouty Announces In-Person Participation for 2021

### ***The 40th Annual Prouty will be a hybrid event***

LEBANON, NH – The Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center announce a hybrid Prouty event, with in-person and virtual participation options available this summer. Registration is open at [TheProuty.org](http://TheProuty.org).

There are four ways to participate in The Prouty this year. In-person options include: Golf (Friday, July 9 at Eastman Golf Links in Grantham, NH), 20-mile Cycle (Saturday, July 10 at Dewey Field Lot in Hanover, NH), 5k Walk (Sunday, July 11 at Dewey Field Lot in Hanover,

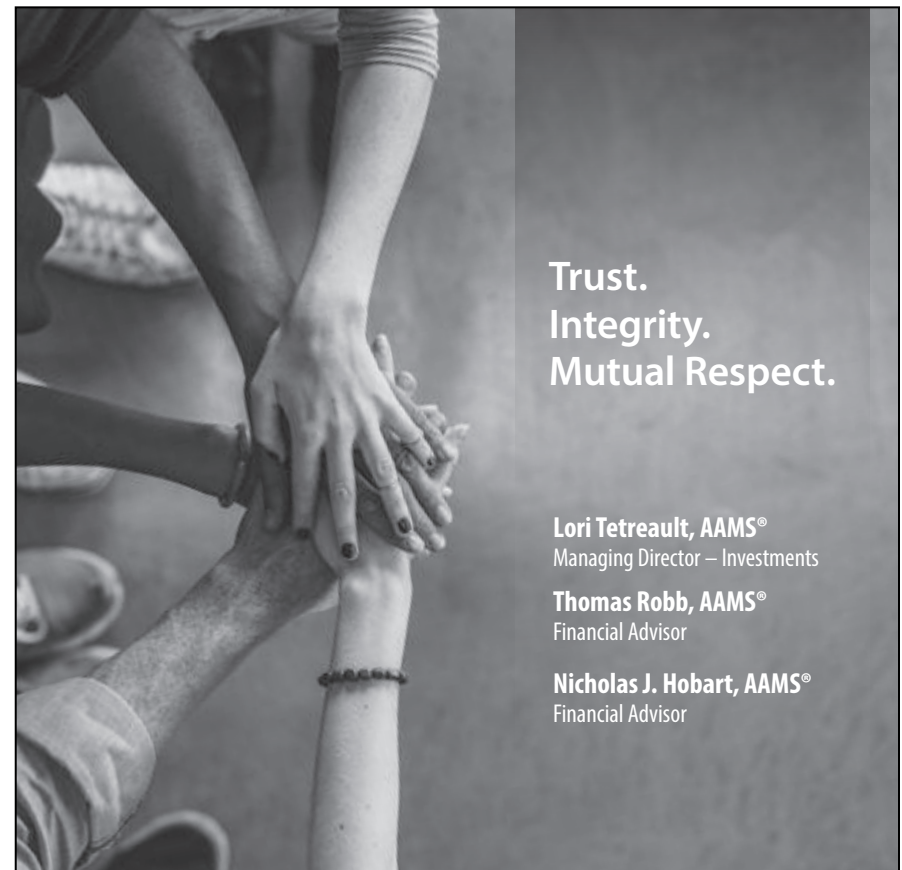
NH). The Virtual Prouty and Prouty Ultimate will take place June 1-July 10, 2021, 40 days in honor of the 40th Prouty.

The Prouty is northern New England's largest family-friendly fundraising event combining cycling, walking, and more to raise funds and awareness for life-saving research and critical patient and family support services at Dartmouth's and Dartmouth-Hitchcock's Norris Cotton Cancer Center (NCCC).

In-person participation sign-ups will be open to pre-registered participants first. Space will be limited. Designated start times will be assigned to small groups to meet capacity restrictions and no large gatherings will take place this year. The Prouty will be following local health guidelines and enhanced safety protocols.

The Prouty began in 1982 when four NCCC nurses, inspired by the courage of their patient, Audrey Prouty, committed to cycling 100 miles through the White Mountains.

To learn more and to register, visit: [www.the-prouty.org](http://www.the-prouty.org).



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## What to Expect From a Financial Review

The COVID-19 pandemic may have unsettled many aspects of your life – including your financial situation. Even if your employment and earnings were not directly affected, you might have concerns about whether you've been making the right investment moves in such a stressful environment. The pandemic is, hopefully, just a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence, but different events can rattle financial markets. And changes in your own life also can affect your plans. To prepare yourself for whatever tomorrow may hold, you may want to get some professional help – but what, really, can you expect from a financial advisor?

A financial advisor will look holistically at your life – your family composition, your career, your hopes and dreams, your instincts about saving and spending money, your risk tolerance and other factors. So, during your initial meeting, and at subsequent reviews afterward, here are some of the key areas you'll discuss:

**Feelings about your financial situation** – Numbers are important to financial advisors, but what's most meaningful to them is understanding what's important to their clients. Are you confident about your overall financial outlook? Are you worried about your cash flow? Are you distressed over volatility in the financial markets? Do you have concerns about your career? By getting at the answers to these and similar questions, a financial advisor can gain a clear sense of who you are and what matters to you. You can then follow an established process to build your personalized strategies and take the specific actions needed to achieve your goals.

**Progress toward your goals** – It takes patience and discipline to achieve long-term goals, such as helping send your kids to college or enjoying the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned for yourself. As you save and invest for these goals over the years, you'll want to ...measure your progress regularly. If you seem to be falling behind, your financial advisor can suggest moves such as increasing your investments or adjusting your investment mix.

**Changes in your family situation** – Marriage or remarriage, the arrival of new children, the departure of children for college, caregiving responsibilities for older parents – any and all of these events can make a big difference in your goals and, as a result, your investment plans. During your reviews, your financial advisor will consider these changes when making suggestions or recommendations. (Changes in your family's status may affect your estate plans, so you'll also need to work with your legal advisor or other estate-planning professional.)

**Changes in your retirement plans** – As you near retirement, you might decide that your original plans for this time of your life no longer suit you. For example, you might have once thought that, when you retired, you would stay close to home, volunteering and pursuing your hobbies. But now you've been thinking how much you would enjoy traveling, or perhaps even living abroad for a while. To accommodate your change in plans, a financial professional may recommend certain moves, such as working a couple of years longer or adjusting the amount you eventually withdraw from your 401(k), IRA and other retirement accounts.

As you work toward your goals, you may find it challenging to navigate the financial markets and respond to the changes in your life – but you don't have to go it alone. And knowing what to expect from a financial advisor can help smooth your journey.

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# Sports

## SHS Tennis Roundup

The Cardinals took on Lebanon for the third time this season, hosting the Raiders at Monadnock Park on Tuesday, May 11th. SHS improved, especially in the marathon between the number 6 players, but couldn't get past the solid Raider team.

Here are the singles results:

Riley Murphy 1 Keira Hines 8  
Annika Ratcliffe 4 Kaeley Skakalski 8  
Autumn Bragg 0 Crisi Patel 8  
Amaya Eitapence 0 Aesha Soni 8  
Libby Abbott 0 Ella Gessner 8  
Olivia Diley 7 Jill Anderson 9

The doubles scores are as follows:

Murphy / Ratcliffe 0 Hines / Sally Rainey 8  
Bragg / Eitapence 0 Skakalski / Soni 8  
Abbott / Diley 1 Patel / Gessner 8

The Cardinals played three straight matches to finish out the week.

The Cardinals got a much-needed win against short-handed but determined Wilton on Wednesday, May 12th, at Monadnock Park in Claremont. The match score was 7-2 Stevens.

Here are the singles results:

Riley Murphy 8 Elisabeth Jacobs 9 (6-8 tiebreak)  
Annika Ratcliffe 9 Erin MacDonald 7  
Autumn Bragg 8 Madeleine Straw 1  
Amaya Eitapence 8 Senja Sours 3  
Libby Abbott - won by forfeit  
Olivia Diley - won by forfeit

The doubles scores are as follows:

Murphy / Ratcliffe 8 Jacobs / MacDonald 6  
Bragg / Eitapence 4 Straw / Sours 8  
Abbott / Diley won by forfeit

The Cardinals traveled to Kearsarge on Thursday, May 13th, for their first match against the Cougars this season. Missing their

number 1 player, the Cardinals fought hard but couldn't prevail.

Here are the singles results:

1. Annika Ratcliffe 1 Addy Stadler 8  
2. Autumn Bragg 0 Estella Chmura 8  
3. Amaya Eitapence 0 Marissa Montagna 8  
4. Libby Abbott 1 Kennedy Geary 8  
5. Olivia Diley 2 Maggie Kellogg 8  
6. Kearsarge won by forfeit

The doubles scores are as follows:

1. Ratcliffe / Bragg 0 Stadler / Callie Valen 8  
2. Eitapence / Abbott 1 Kellogg / Meg Lizzotte 8  
3. Kearsarge won by forfeit

The Cardinals wrapped up an extremely long week with a road match against Lebanon on Friday, then were set to rest up before their last 2 contests of the regular season this week.

The Cardinals tangled with the Lebanon Raiders for the fourth and final time this year, going 0 - 9 on the Raiders' home turf.

Here are the singles results:

1. Riley Murphy 1 Keira Hines 8  
2. Annika Ratcliffe 0 Kaeley Skakalski 8  
3. Autumn Bragg 0 Adaa Karnawal 8  
4. Amaya Eitapence 0 Crisi Patel 8  
5. Libby Abbott 0 Aesha Soni 8  
6. Olivia Diley 1 Ella Gessner 8

The doubles scores are as follows:

1. Murphy / Ratcliffe 2 Skakalski / Sally Rainey 8  
2. Bragg / Eitapence 0 Hines / Patel 8  
3. Abbott / Diley 1 Karnawal / Jill Anderson 8

The Cardinals head to Wilton-Lyndeborough this Monday, then end their regular season at home with Senior Night on Thursday against Kearsarge.

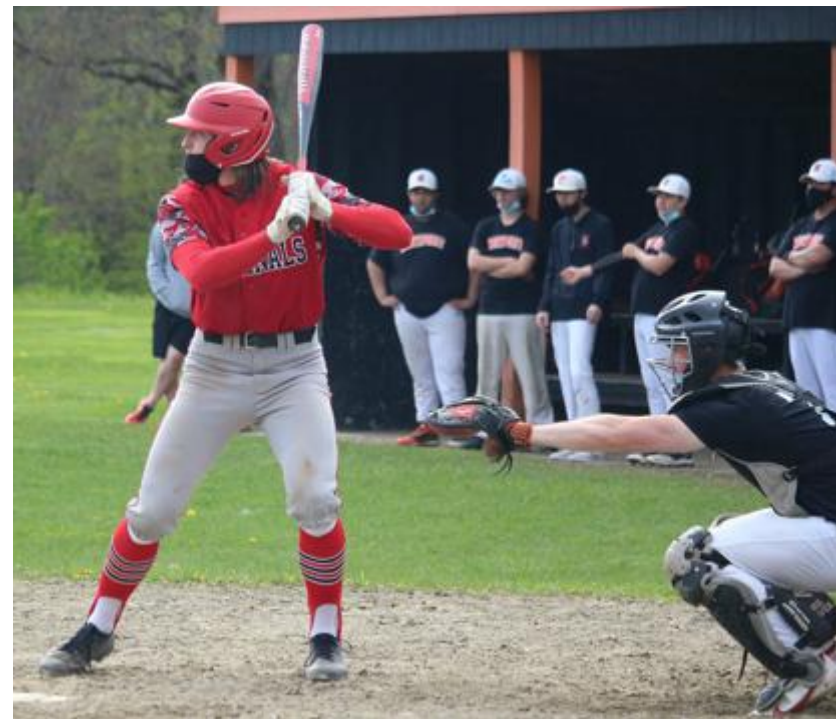
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**Congratulations went out to the SHS boys 4X100 Meter Relay Team (JJ Tursky, Brady Moote, Clayton Wadsworth & Dylan Chambers) as they broke the school record last Monday afternoon at Monadnock Park with an official time of 45.04, beating the 2013 record of 45.24 (Courtesy photo).**





The SHS varsity baseball & softball teams played their annual day/night double header with Newport High School Wednesday afternoon/evening. The softball teams split in a couple of evenly matched games (Game 1: Newport won 6-5 in Newport, Game 2: Stevens won 7-6 in Claremont) while the Stevens baseball team won big in both games (Game 1: 23-11 in Newport, Game 2: 11-3 in Claremont) (Courtesy photos).



## Cards Take On Tigers in Away/Home Doubleheader

The Stevens baseball team had a pair of games this past week, and both were played on Wednesday, as they played their annual away and home doubleheader with their neighboring rival Newport Tigers.

In the afternoon contest at Newport, the Cardinals' bats exploded for 23 runs in a 23-11 victory. Every player in the lineup scored a run. Dominic Puksta and Owen Taylor led the offensive attack. Puksta went 2 for 3, had 5 RBI, and scored 3 times in the game, including a long 3 run HR into the river in left field. Taylor went 3 for 4 driving in 3 runs, and scoring all 5 times he came to the plate. Ty Theriault had 3 hits, and scored 4 runs, freshman Cam Cummings had 2 hits, including a triple, scored 3 runs, and had 2 RBI. Cody Pellerin, also a freshman, had 3 hits, and scored a pair of runs as well as driving in a pair of runs. Zack Bundy had a pair of hits, and drove in a run, while Caden Ferland had a hit and 3 RBI, and Dylan Chambers chipped in with a hit, scored 3 runs, and drove in a run. Zack Bundy went the full 5 innings, striking out 6, in collecting his first varsity win.

The nightcap was played at Barnes Park, and started out as a much different game, with Stevens starter Owen Taylor, and Newport starter Josh Orlowski pitching well. With the game tied at 1-1 entering the 4th inning, the



**Dom Puksta rounds third after hitting a 3 run homerun at Newport in the Cardinals 23-11 victory (Courtesy photo).**

Tigers pushed across a run to take a 2-1 lead. But it was here that the game changed, as Stevens pushed across 7 runs in their half of the inning to take a commanding 8-2 lead.

Stevens added 3 more in the 6th inning. Newport scored an unearned run in the 7th to account for the 11-3 victory and a sweep of the doubleheader for Stevens. Taylor had another big game, again going 3 for 4, driving in 3 runs. Dylan Chambers had a pair of hits and scored 3 runs, Eric Peaslee had a hit and scored a pair of runs. Zack Bundy, Ty Theriault, Dom Puksta, and Colby Shepard had the other hits, and Caden Ferland scored a pair of runs. Taylor threw a complete game for the



**Owen Taylor delivers a pitch in the nightcap of the Stevens-Newport doubleheader. Taylor went the distance striking out 6, to earn the win in the Cardinals 11-3 victory (Courtesy photo).**

Cardinals, allowing 7 hits, walking 3, and striking out 6 for his 2nd win of the season.

Stevens now stands at 5-3 on the season and will play a rare pair of games against the Sunapee Lakers this week. The teams usually play in different divisions and have not played a regular season game in at least 15 years. Stevens will host the Lakers in a 4PM game on Monday, and then travel to Sunapee for a 5PM game on Wednesday.



# Inspiration

## Daffodils and Tulips

By Priscilla Hull

The other day I was driving somewhere in our fair city when I saw a bed of tulips that were more beautiful (almost) than any I've seen around. They were very large, pink and white striped with a fringed top to the petals. The pink wasn't just any pink, it was deep pink, a color pink I don't recall ever seeing. I didn't stop to take a picture and now I can't find them. I thought that they were along Maple Ave. or maybe South Street. Maybe it was the dullness of the day that made their pink so brilliant! Congratulations to you who planted and cared for them!



This spring has been full of grey, unappetizing, dull days. Not much rain, so to speak, just dull and lifeless days. Maybe we're more aware of the dullness due to the depressed feelings that the pandemic has wrought. That might be the reason that the tulips are more colorful and the daffodils seem a little more golden than usual. Their job is always to give a promise of sunshine and blue skies and this year, it seems to be that they outdid themselves with their brilliance to bring us cheer. Of course, I'm "old school" and remember daffodils as the sunshine blossoms that look a little like the old time telephone. Now, there are white, white and gold, yellow and orange, double blossoms and some my daughter grows that have several white flowers on one stem! Paper whites? All are beautiful and we could go around in circles trying to choose a favorite.

No wonder the Dutch are such happy, confident people! Their land is a veritable quilt of color when these beauties bloom! We've got to be happy with such beauty around!

Following the attack on the World Trade Center, a Dutch bulb grower (maybe THE Bulb Grower of all time) Hans van Waardenburger, couldn't get through to his NYC friends by phone and so he faxed a Fifth Avenue horticulturist, Lynden Miller who, like all New Yorkers was devastated, and numbed to the point of just looking out the window as the smoke curled up into the sky. He asked what he could do. Send tulip bulbs?

He is primarily a tulip grower, but squirrels eat tulip bulbs like candy and we know there are many squirrels in The City. So the men opted for daffodil bulbs, they are hearty, multiply rapidly and squirrels don't like them. He sent half a million bulbs to be planted in the little parks of the areas most touched by the devastation; Chinatown, Williamsbridge, The East Village and more. Others sent more. The NYC Department of Parks and Recreation found thousands of volunteers who planted thousands of bulbs using shovels, trowels and whatever tools they could find. Then everyone waited. In the spring of 2002, the tough daffodils grew and bloomed, reminding us that there is always hope and there is always love. There is always someone who cares.

Daffodils multiply quickly from the original bulbs and ten years later it was estimated that there were approximately 10 million flowers from those initial shipments. More have been sent. You do the math, how many daffodils bloomed in NYC this spring, twenty years later?!

Every spring the City that is still called the Center of the World is covered in gold, thanks to one caring man. There is still love! There is still hope!

Enjoy your daffodils.

*Weeping may last for the night, but joy comes in the morning.*  
Psalm 30:5

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



## Calendar Of Events

### Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting

Tues. - May 18 - 6:30 PM - St. Joseph Church Hall

Elm St., Claremont NH

Program: Baby Shower for Upper Valley Pregnancy Center.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 5

#### Cornish Fire Association 6th Annual Car Show

10-2 at the Cornish Fairgrounds.

The Cornish Fire Association is hosting their annual car show at the fairgrounds on June 5th to benefit the association. Food, door prizes, 50/50 raffle and great cars.

We are also looking for small donations for possible door prizes or help with food costs.

Please contact John Drye or Gardiner Cass for more info. We can also be reached at [cornishnhvfd@yahoo.com](mailto:cornishnhvfd@yahoo.com).

### Need Some Extra Space for Your Next Project/Business?

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

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

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

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

### Virtual Grief Support Available Through Lake Sunapee VNA

NEW LONDON, NH—Lake Sunapee VNA

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

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

## Charlestown VFW Bingo Schedule

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

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

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

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

### A Message from ServiceLink

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

tionally and state certified staff is available via phone during normal working hours.

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

In addition, ServiceLink helps individuals connect to long term services and supports, access family caregiver information and supports, explore options and understand and access Medicare and Medicaid. We are, as always, confidential, unbiased, and free to the public.

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

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

### Area Grocery Store Hours Reserved for High Risk Population

HANNAFORD - Most stores reserve 7 AM – 8 AM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. In Massachusetts, those special hours are 7 AM – 8 AM daily

MARKET BASKET 6 AM - 7 AM EVERY DAY Claremont

CO-OP FOOD STORES 7AM - 8 AM EVERYDAY WRJCT, Lebanon & Hanover

PRICE CHOPPER 6AM - 7AM EVERYDAY-Windsor & West Lebanon

SHAWS 7AM - 9AM TUES & THURS West Lebanon

WALMART 6 AM - 7 AM TUESDAYS ONLY Claremont & West Lebanon

PLAINFIELD COUNTRY STORE Call ahead for curb side pickup, 709-7055. Prepared meals, grocery items.

## Claremont Senior Center News

Hi, everyone. Well, the sun finally got here. It's about time. The flowers at the Center are saying "Thank You!" And so are we. We have a few things to tell you this week, so let's get started.

Thank you to all those great souls who donated blood on Monday. It is always heartwarming to see people give a little bit of themselves to help others. Every month, donors

come to the Center to gift someone in need. Thanks from those you helped.

“Tip Toe Through the Tulips”. Your footsies and toesies will enjoy a bit of pampering after the walk. Our VNA Foot Clinic has two more times at the Center this month-Wednesdays, May 19 and the 26th. Call-748-1731 for an appointment,

Our volunteers in the kitchen are just great. They work on the Roast Turkey Dinner on Saturday, May 15, then they produce meals for Tuesday and Thursday. What a crew!! Here is the menu:

Tuesday, May 18-Kitchen's Choice, Vegetable and Dessert. (This will be a wonderful surprise. Yummy.)

Thursday, May 20-Meatloaf, Mashed Potato, Vegetable and Cake.

Our friends from the AARP Tax Group will be at the Center on Friday, May 21, for the property tax rebates from 9am-Noon. No appointment necessary. This is a first come, first served service. Please bring your 2020 tax return or property tax bill. We ask that you use the side door to the Mozden room.

Julie from Julie's Icare will be back at the Center on June 3-11am to Noon. Bring your glasses in to be adjusted or look at the fabulous new frames. It will be great to have you back, Julie!

We have two concerts planned for the summer. The first will be on July 3, 6:30pm-8:00pm. We will be hosting the East Bay Jazz Band. The second will be on Aug. 6, 6:30pm-8:00pm. We will be entertained by the Fire House 6. The menu for eats is being worked

out. Cold beverages will await you, too. Bring your comfortable lawn chair and join us for a great evening.

We have a huge surprise coming in the next couple of weeks. Stay tuned. More excitement at the Center!! Have a great week everyone. Stay Safe. See you next week.

Thought for the week: Try to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud.

Laughter and good conversation always welcome here.

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Height Rd., Claremont, NH. 543-5998. Masks Required.

**Center for the Arts: Lake Sunapee Region 2021 Calendar of Events**

(May 22nd GALA-Postponed to July 8th)

June 4th - First Fridays! New London Barn Playhouse Open Rehearsal FREE 5:30 at the New London Inn

Join Executive Artistic Director, Keith Coughlin and Managing Director, Elliot Cunningham for a discussion of their 2021 season and coming back live during the pandemic. <https://centerforheartsnh.org/first-fridays>

June 15th – The 2021 Literary Series – Beauty in Diversity FREE 5:00 pm Virtual Event via Zoom

The “Life and Times of a Penobscot Poetess” an Evening with Carol Dana. Carol will share her life story, work, and passion for the Penobscot language.

Check the CFA website for Zoom link. (Please note this is a new event).

July 2nd - First Fridays! Music on the Green! 6:30- 8:00 free with the Freese Brother's Big Band.

Concert at the New London Bandstand! Plus...the 2021 CFA Scholarship Announcements.

July 8th - “Swing, Swing, Swing” GALA to benefit Arts Scholarships! ...and Annual 10x10 Art Sale.

“Safely” At New London Historical Society Enjoy the music of the Bedford Big Band and art all night! Cocktails and Complimentary Hors D'oeuvres! Tickets at Morgan Hill Bookstore, Tatewell Gallery, and online at <https://centerforheartsnh.org/gala>

July 17th -“Arts on the Green” in Sunapee Harbor! 10-4 FREE

Outdoor Under the Tents-Fine Arts and Crafts Show “Rain or Shine” For more information visit <https://centerforheartsnh.org/arts-on-the-green>

July 17th-25th -“Naturally New England” - Annual Summer Fine Art Show

Fifty Juried Artists Show and Sell their work at The Livery, Sunapee Harbor <https://centerforheartsnh.org/naturally-new-england>

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**Annual Charity Yard Sale**

**413 Chestnut St., Claremont  
May 21-23 and May 28-31; 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

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# GENERAL FLUSHING AGENDA

Please be prepared to experience water discoloration at **ANY TIME 5/17 – 5/27**

**\*\* Subject to Change without Notice \*\***

## **MONDAY 5/17**

Winter Street (below Water Treatment Plant)  
Veterans' Park area  
Washington Street and neighborhoods

## **TUESDAY 5/18**

Water Street and Mill Road  
Opera House Square  
Main Street (142) to Union Street  
Broad Street  
High Street neighborhood  
Chestnut Street and sides  
Sugar River Drive and Case Hill  
South Street  
Pleasant Street and sides to Drapers Corner

## **WEDNESDAY 5/19**

North Street / Lincoln Heights  
Lower Hanover Street, Lafayette  
Lower Elm Street and neighborhoods to Main Street  
Main Street and neighborhoods to Coy Bridge

## **THURSDAY 5/20**

Park Avenue area  
Myrtle Street / Bluff area  
Central Street and Pearl Street areas  
Summer Street  
Maple Avenue area and sides

## **FRIDAY 5/21**

Grissom Lane to River Road (junction)  
Industrial Blvd.  
Sullivan Street and Twistback Road areas  
Old Church Road and Plains Road areas

## **MONDAY 5/24 through THURSDAY 5/27**

Bible Hill / Ridge / Durham neighborhoods  
Ledgewood Road and Glenwood Drive areas  
Charlestown Road and sides to Lane Ridge  
Winter Street (above Water Treatment Plant)  
Thrasher Road, Slab City  
Hanover Street  
Elm Street and Dunning Street areas

Blow-offs throughout City (minimal disturbance expected)

Remembering Loved Ones...

## Life Tributes

### Obituaries May Be Found On Our Website

**We post obituaries on our website to make them available in “real time,” as they are released by funeral homes. We will continue to publish them here weekly, as well, for your convenience if you wish to print out any of them.**

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#### Michael S. Nieters

On May 8, 2021, the community lost Michael S. Nieters. He was born in St. Margret's Hospital in Massachusetts and moved to Claremont, NH, with his family in 2001 at the age of 14. He attended Stevens High School where he enjoyed playing football. Mike pursued Florida living for two years until his roots called him back to New Hampshire. Mike was later blessed with his two favorite things in the world, his two daughters. He was a man of many trades, but his most memorable jobs were at Asplund and Comcast. Mike was a wonderful, caring man who would let anyone eat at his table. He would drop everything to help a friend in need and was a strong shoulder to lean on to those who needed it, whether they wanted it or not. His smile alone could make anyone feel better. Mike would love to go out, have a drink and share a story, and be the first one to make any situation a good time.

Michael was predeceased by his loving mother, Cindy (Shea) Nieters, Grandmother Shirline Shea, and Uncle Robert Feeney. Michael is survived by his father Michael J. Neiters, grandparents Gerard and Ellen Nieters, siblings Rachel and Alex Merritt, Brian, Josh, and Jason Nieters, daughters Jada and Remy, wife Cassandra Burnham, his nephews, aunts and uncles, and thousands of friends he made family.

His services will be held at Stringer Funeral Home in Claremont, NH on Saturday, May 22, 2021 from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a fund being set up for his daughters to further support their futures. The family appreciates all who were there to support Michael throughout his life.

#### Marie E. O'Hearne, 78

Marie E. O'Hearne, 78, of North Charlestown, NH, passed away Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at the Jack Byrne Hospice and Palliative Care Center in Lebanon with her husband, sons and granddaughter by her side.

She was born August 19, 1942, in Claremont, the daughter of Herbert C. Goewey and Theresa Y. (Dubreuil) Goewey. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1960. On June 1, 1963, she married Michael O'Hearne.

Marie worked at Sylvania in Hillsboro, Aerovox in Myrtle Beach, SC, Fall Mountain School District, and for Connecticut Valley Home Care. She was a member of the North

Charlestown Mothers Club. She was a communicant of St. Joseph Church.

Marie enjoyed gardening, flowers, and many outdoor activities as well as trips to State and National Parks, to Canada, Germany and Ireland. She was an accomplished cake decorator and a wonderful cook. She was a caring person and had a special place in her heart for all children.

She is survived by her husband, her sons, Shawn (Maria), Timothy (Aylen), and Andrew, grandsons, Jon (April), and Gordon, granddaughter, Marcia, and great grandchildren, Jayden and Jordan. A brother, Peter Goewey, sister-in-law, Maureen (Larry) French, many cousins, nephews and nieces and her German Shepherd, Greta.

She was predeceased by her parents and a brother, Herbert C. Goewey, Jr.

Visiting hours will be held at Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad Street in Claremont on Wednesday, May 19th, from 5 to 7PM.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Mary's Church in Claremont on Thursday, May 20th, at 11AM. Burial will follow in Hope Hill Cemetery.

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### Carolyn L. Towle

Carolyn Lee (Giddings) Greenslet Towle passed peacefully on May 11, 2021, surrounded by her children, grandchildren, family and close friends after long and hard-fought battles with many medical complications. Carolyn, aka "Snookie" and "Meme", daughter of the late Fred C. Giddings and Karol K. (Knowlton) Giddings, was born February 2, 1947, in Claremont, NH. She graduated from Stevens High School in 1965, was a graduate of Burdette Business College in Boston, MA, and Cornell Business College. She was a respected business leader and was dedicated to public service in the Claremont community in many capacities.

Carolyn became the first female Director of Operations in New England while working for Jiffy Mart Convenience Store chains from 1975 to 1999. She served on the board of Vermont and New Hampshire Retail Grocers Association, Claremont Zoning and Planning Boards, Claremont Parks and Recreation Board, Claremont City Council, and was most recently serving on the Claremont School Board. Among her many other accomplishments, in 2018 she was awarded the Greater Claremont Best Scout Citizen of the Year award.

After early retirement in 1999 due to health reasons, Carolyn moved to Florida where she combined her love of animals and public service by volunteering for the Horses for Handicapped therapy program. When she returned to Claremont in 2007, she created and led a 4-H Horsemanship club and mentored young riders. From an early age she had a talent for music and singing. She played the trumpet and sang in All-State High School Band and Choir, played the hand bells at her local church, and for many years sang the National Anthem at the Claremont Speedway, and was a leader of the Claremont Colonial Fife and Drum Corps.

After receiving the lifesaving gift of a long-awaited heart transplant in 2014, Carolyn went back to work as Office Manager for the Law Offices of Wm Howard Dunn. She was always active with projects, loved being "Meme" to her grandchildren, taking her kids and grandkids on adventures to Sea World, Disney World,

and York Beach, swimming, traveling, camping, and loved animals of all kinds especially the red Cardinal.

"Snookie" was famous for her Tab, quick wit, green thumb and flower arranging skills, and was always knitting a gift for someone. She was an avid fan of NASCAR, the Tampa Bay Bucs, and spent all of her spare time cheering on her grandkids at sporting events. She was funny, strong, loving and giving, and a fighter of odds to the end.

Carolyn was predeceased by her husband, Randall John Greenslet, Sr. in 1986. She is survived by her four children, Karol M. (Greenslet) Page of Newport NH; Heather L. McCall (Gary McCall) of Claremont NH; Rhonda A. Biddle (Jim Biddle) of Newark DE; and Randall John Greenslet, Jr. (Abigail Roy) of Claremont NH. She is also survived by her beloved grandchildren, Nicholas S. McCall (Emily Patrick) of Claremont; Amerin E. McCall (Angel Taveras) of Boston MA; Eion M. Shuler and Morgan E. Biddle both of Newark DE; Ashley C. Roy of Claremont; and great grandson Maxton C. McCall; and longtime friend Marie Seavey, nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

Carolyn was an amazing woman who wore her heart on her sleeve, helped anyone and everyone, was a prankster, and inspired her family, co-workers, and friends to Climb Every Mountain.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, May 17, 2021, at Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad Street, Claremont NH from 5pm to 8pm. A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at St. Joseph's Church, Claremont, NH, at 10am, followed by burial service at Hillcrest Cemetery in Proctorsville, VT. A celebration of life reception will follow at the Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Rd, Claremont at 1pm. All friends and family are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Carolyn's name to Live and Let Live Farm Rescue and Sanctuary in Chichester, NH.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Stringer Funeral Home and Carolyn's family ask all attending the visitation and service to abide with all regulations and please wear a mask and use social distancing.

### Ruth P. Thompson, 91

Ruth Pesarik Thompson, 91, died Monday, (May 10, 2021) after a brief stay at Summer-

crest in Newport, NH. She fought a brave and courageous battle with heart failure. She was able to live at her home up until the last month of her life.

She was born in North Charlestown, NH, on February 14, 1930 to Gregory and Anna Pesarik. She was the youngest of seven children.

She graduated from Stevens High School in 1948. Following that, she enjoyed working at the Goodwin Community Center in Claremont, NH.

On July 11, 1953 she married Donald T. Thompson, Jr. Together they enjoyed 45 years of marriage until he died in 1998.

She lived in Syracuse, NY, Canaan, NH (where she was a ski instructor at Cardigan Mountain School), and eventually moved to Claremont where she had resided since 1963.

She stayed home to raise her children, and then worked part time for the Claremont school system before working for the family-owned insurance business, Thompson Insurance Agency.

Ruth dedicated herself to family and friends. She was an avid cook and baker with a passion for food. She canned many garden vegetables, jams and jellies in addition to preparing many special family recipes shared at special occasions. Ruth had an eye for fashion and always looked forward to watching the Miss America pageant each year. Other interests include her enjoyment for playing bingo, scratching lottery tickets, and traveling to Atlantic City to go to the casinos with her husband. She also enjoyed going to Paris, France, for her 25th wedding anniversary, as well as traveling to Australia and New Zealand in her retirement.

She is survived by her four children: Donald T. Thompson, III of Claremont, NH; Karen T. Littlefield and her husband Stan of Ogunquit, ME; Cynthia T. Hunt of Rocky Hill, Connecticut; and Susan T. Tulloch and her husband Michael of Lithia, Florida.

She was a loving grandmother to ten grandchildren and a great grandmother to two great grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by her family.

The family would like to extend their sincere thanks and appreciation to the many staff at Lake Sunapee VNA, her home care nurses, as well as the many doctors and nurses that treated her.

A service was held on Monday, May 17; burial followed at Mountain View Cemetery.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Patrick P. LaClair, 48

Patrick P. LaClair, of Charlestown, NH, died Saturday (May 1, 2021) at the age of 48. He was born in Claremont, NH, on October 10, 1972, the son of David and Mary (Boardman) LaClair and had been a longtime area resident. Patrick had been employed an asphalt seal coater. He had also been employed as a tree cutter and that was his most favorite employment. He enjoyed watching NASCAR races and football.

Members of his family include his parents, David and Mary LeClair, Charlestown, NH; three brothers, Mark LaQuire and his wife, Maria; Sidney; Kenneth; three sisters, Anna and her husband, John Rechisky; Jackie Tallman; Vicki; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Memorial Service will be held at 4:00 pm on Saturday, May 22, at the Roy Funeral Home. Friends may call at the funeral home on Saturday (May 22) from 3:00 pm until the time of services. Committal will be at a later date at the convenience of the family.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Roy Funeral Home, PO Box 1187, Claremont, NH 03743.

You are invited to share a memory of Patrick with the family or leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at [www.royfuneralhome.com](http://www.royfuneralhome.com).

### John E. Barth, 81

John E. Barth, man of God, died on May 9th, 2021, at Mt. Ascutney Hospital at the age of 81.

John was born and grew up in Windsor, VT, son of Thelma Perkins Barth and John D. Barth.

John attended Windsor schools where he developed a great love of sports and teaching. After graduating from Castleton Teachers College, John returned to Windsor and enjoyed teaching and coaching for the next forty years. John enjoyed his retirement, tending his farm and walking the beaches of Edgewater, Florida. He enjoyed projects of all kinds with his dear friend, David Holloway, and his former student and basketball player, Roy Houghton. John's family includes his wife of 56 years, Connie Zullo Barth; children, Jonathan and

Sarah (Michael Eckrich). Samuel E. Eckrich, John's great joy in life and his grandson, will carry on his memory.

John is also survived by his sisters, Georgia and Margery and brother, Thomas.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Joseph Church on Elm Street in Claremont, NH, on Thursday, May 13th, followed by a burial at Mountain View Cemetery.

Because of the pandemic, there will be no reception. A celebration of John's life will be held in the summer.

The Barth family has established a scholarship fund, John Barth to Castleton, to be administered by the Windsor Alumni Association.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Betty J. Shoemaker, 89

Betty J. (Freeman) Shoemaker, 89, of Claremont, NH, passed away on May 7, 2021, at Valley Regional Hospital.

Betty was born April 19, 1932, the daughter of Raymond and Norma (Weston) Freeman: She was a 1950 graduate of Stevens High School and in 1953 graduated from Mary Hitchcock School of Nursing as a registered nurse.

Betty enjoyed tennis, golf, bridge, and cribbage; she was a master of crafts, including quilting and basket making. She was a remarkable cook who enjoyed preparing fabulous meals and entertaining with friends and family and she could always put a smile on your face with her great sense of humor which surely will be missed.

Betty was predeceased by her husband of 45 years, Dr. Robert C. Shoemaker II, and brother-in-law, Dr. Albert Romano.

She is survived by two sons: Dwight Chellis and his wife, Caroline of Fitchburg, MA, and Stephen Chellis and his wife, Amy of Holiday, FL, and a daughter, Kristen Chellis with whom she lived. Two stepchildren, Robert C Shoemaker III of Warner, NH and Susan Shoemaker of Madison, GA; five grandchildren, Daniel, Robert VI, and David Shoemaker, Kyle and Morgan Edwards; one sister, Nancy Romano of Agawam, MA and two nephews, Michael and Christopher and one niece, Linda.

There will be no services at this time. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 19 PLUMBERS' LICENSE RENEWAL

The next Plumbers' License Renewal class at RVCC is coming up next week on Wednesday, May 19th, at 6:00 p.m. in Claremont. Due to COVID we are continuing to practice social distancing, so class size is limited. For more information or to register, visit: <https://rvcc.coursestorm.com/category/plumbing-licensure>.

### SATURDAY, MAY 29 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND YARD SALE IN HARTLAND FOUR CORNERS

8 am-1pm

Multi-family yard sale to benefit the First Universalist Society of Hartland outside the church at 8 Brownsville Rd. Something for everyone! Wonderful items at great prices, many by donation.

Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.

No early birds, please.

### Billings Farm & Museum Participating in Blue Star Museum Program

WOODSTOCK, VT—Billings Farm & Museum, announced its participation in Blue Star Museums, a collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star Families. Museums across America plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands to offer free admission to all active-duty military personnel and their families through Labor Day (September 6), 2021.

Billings Farm & Museum will offer free admission to active-duty military and their immediate family members (military ID holder and five immediate family members.) Active-duty military include: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Active Duty and Reservists, National Guardsman (regardless of status), U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps, and up to five family members.

Billings Farm & Museum enforces safety standards in compliance with Vermont State guidelines. Each person must answer health screening questions and have followed the Vermont's travel guidelines. Face coverings must be worn by all guests over the age of 2 everywhere on the site, including the outdoors.

For more about visiting Billings Farm safely, visit [billingsfarm.org/safety](http://billingsfarm.org/safety).



**The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall and via Zoom. PLEASE NOTE: Earlier start time.**

To join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81529457408?pwd=dmpEQ1BRNXNibVFUb1dYNU1nWnZIQT09>

Passcode: 739587

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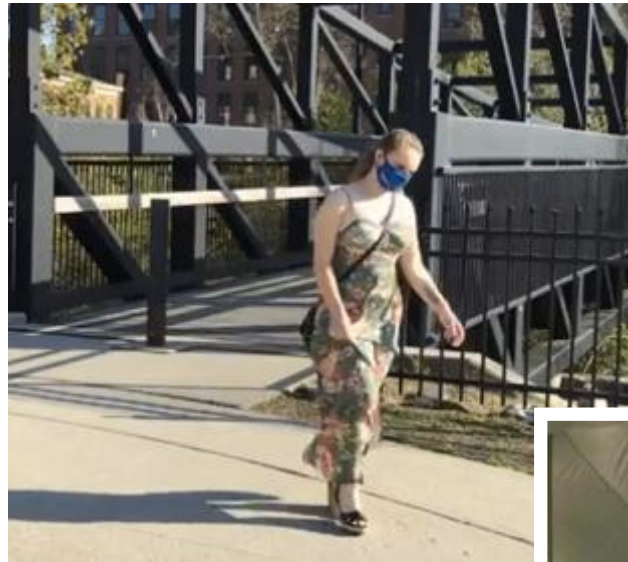
### AGENDA

- 5:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 5:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. NEW BUSINESS
- 5:34 PM A. Interview and Selection of Candidate to Fill Vacant At-Large Councilor Seat
- 6:30 PM B. Swearing In of At-Large Councilor
- 6:34 PM 4. AGENDA CHANGES
- 6:35 PM 5. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY  
Minutes of May 12, 2021, City Council Meeting
- 6:37 PM 6. MAYOR'S NOTES
- 6:42 PM 7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT  
A. COVID-19 Update
- 6:55 PM 8. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES  
A. Councilor appointments for Energy Advisory Committee, Airport Advisory Board, Historic District Commission and Policy Committee.
- 7:00 PM 9. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))
- 10. OLD BUSINESS
- 7:10 PM A. Legislative Update
- 7:15 PM B. Donation Policy Discussion
- 7:25 PM C. Water Rates Discussion
- 7:40 PM D. Ordinance 583 Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Article X Solar Ordinance – Second Reading – Public Hearing
- BREAK
- 11. NEW BUSINESS
- 8:05 PM A. Private Lead Water Line Replacement Discussion (Mayor Lovett and City Manager)
- 8:20 PM B. Ordinance 584 Remove No Parking on Charles Street - Pleasant to Highland – First Reading (City Manager)
- 8:35 PM C. Resolution 2021-29 Emergency Operation Plan Update Grant – Public Hearing (City Manager)
- 8:45 PM D. Budget (City Manager)
- 9:15 PM 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 9:20 PM 13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 9:25 PM 14. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 9:30 PM 15. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall and via Zoom. In addition, a budget meeting will be held on Saturday, June 5, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall and via Zoom. Date to be determined for Public Hearing and Vote – 2022 Budget.

# Prom 2021...

The weather gods were smiling on Claremont Saturday night as they provided perfect weather for the Stevens High Prom. The event was held at the Visitor Center Green and began with the attendees participating in a promenade across the Santagate Pedestrian Bridge, which was live-streamed. Members of the Junior and Senior classes attended as couples, friends and some went solo; masks were the order of the day, along with tuxes and lovely dresses. Music by the Minute and Decker Tent Rental helped make the night possible as attendees enjoyed music, dancing and refreshments. Dylan Chambers and Hannah Miller were the junior King and Queen; Zachary Bailey and Emily Herbert were the senior King and Queen.



Photos: Top—SHS Facebook livestream; remaining photos courtesy of Hillary Walsh and Pat Barry.

