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COH Announces 2021 Membership and Summer Pop-up Concert Series

CLAREMONT, NH—As part of its reopening and updated Membership Program, the Claremont Opera House is kicking off the summer season with a series of smaller pop-up concerts outside at Arrowhead Recreation Area. These pop-up concerts have something for everyone, are geared to get you out of your seats dancing, and are part of increasing the membership support of the COH.

“In 2000, COH had 200+ annual supporters and in 2019 there were 35. We had to make changes to entice former members to rejoin and to attract a new generation of supporters,” said board president Felicia Brych Dalke. “In 2020, we split the programs so Friends can continue to donate any time at any level and Members could be a part of updating the COH programming. The Friend donations support the ongoing operations of the COH, and they will receive newsletter updates on what we are planning through the year. The Member program goes toward diversifying our season programming and offering members free tickets and special member-only events to experience the historic opera house in a new way.”

For the summer concerts, patrons will be seated on the Arrowhead hillside in socially distanced pods that range in size based on the size of your group. There will be 8 feet of space between each seating pod and masks are not required while in your pods. The concerts are from 7-9pm with doors opening at 6:30pm. A concession tent will be available for food, and beer/wine service will be available in a restricted wet bar seating area. New for 2021, patrons can add a fire pit with 3-hour log to their seating pod at checkout for an addi-

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Claremont Going Forth With the Fourth

Parks & Rec's Traditional 4th of July Returns for 2021

**By Eric Zengota
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CLAREMONT, NH—“We hated to cancel the 2020 celebration, but COVID-19 brought a halt to so many activities,” said parks & recreation director Mark Brislin. “This year we’re back to keep our promise of giving Claremont a fun, exciting, family-friendly evening.”

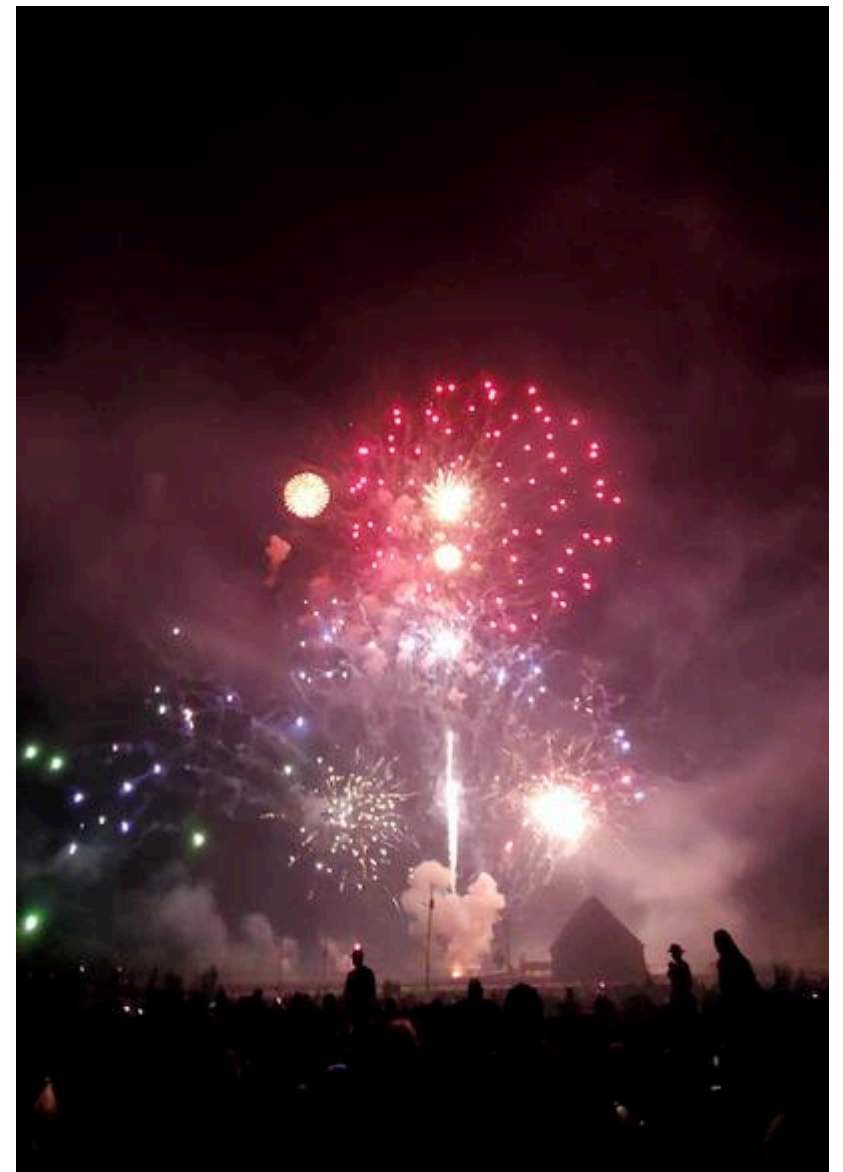
Brislin and the department staff thought long and hard over the winter months about whether — and how — to bring the fireworks back to an always-crowded Monadnock Park. As new guidance was released, it helped them determine that they could run a safe event following the latest protocols and universal best practices.

“We made the safety of everyone who attends our top priority,” he noted. And as with all large parks & rec events, Brislin coordinated his department’s efforts with city manager Ed Morris, fire chief Bryan Burr and police chief Mark Chase.

The excitement will begin at Monadnock Park at 6pm with local vendors on hand selling food, drinks and novelty items. Brislin has begun recruiting vendors. Anyone interested in being one should contact him at mbrislin@claremontnh.com or 603-542-7019.

American Cheese will be the feature entertainment, playing rock and country hits from the 50's to the 80's, 6:30pm to 9:30pm.

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(File photo)

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tional \$30 fee.

These concerts will have you dancing in your pods but bring your lawn chairs to take a break.

June 5th: A House On Fire prides itself on being the coolest band in the northeast! They eloquently and convincingly play music across pop, dance, reggae, rock, hip hop, country, R&B, and soul genres. The band is high energy and looks to have every audience member on their feet dancing.

July 17th: Woods Tea Co is a musical mugful of folk, bluegrass, celtic, and a splash of fun. They are synonymous with New England folk music since the early 1980s. The group draws on a wide variety of musical experience and expression that truly is good for you! Are you ready to dance an Irish jig?

Aug 6th: Latin Night with Cuarteto Cario-ca brings the vibrant sounds of latin music to Claremont. Based in the Monadnock region, their infectious blend of Brazilian Sambas, Choros, and Boss Nova; Cuban boleros and rumbas; and Argentine Tangos bring smiles to

faces. These talented musicians blend their individual skills with the voice of a classically trained mezzo-soprano. Get ready to practice your salsa dancing!

Sept. 11 - Dixieland Jazz with the COH Orchestra, led by Director Gerry Grimo and members of the East Bay Jazz, will take you back to the start of jazz in New Orleans. You'll want to tap your toes and sway to classic hits from Louis Armstrong and other well known artists from the period.

Tickets for all summer pop-up concerts are \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for K-12 students. Silver and Gold Members receive free tickets in reserved pods according to their membership selection. Tickets and Member Program information is available online at www.claremontoperahouse.org.

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All of these fun events will lead up to the spectacular fireworks show at 9:30pm. As in past years, the fireworks will be presented through the generosity of McGee Toyota of Claremont.

The celebration is a free community event; however, donations are graciously accepted. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, with all proceeds going toward next year's fireworks show. "Try your luck at our 50/50 raffle," said Brislin, "or just stop by our table with a donation."

Parking spaces will be available along Broad Street and Pleasant Street. Only handicapped and authorized vendor parking will be allowed at Monadnock Park.

In the event of inclement weather, the rain date will be July 5th.

Parks & Rec will post updates on schedules and

announcements as information becomes available. Visit claremontparks.com — or like them at facebook.com/ClaremontParks.

Schedule of Events

6pm — Food Vendors Open

6:30pm to 9:30pm — American Cheese Performance

9:30pm — Fireworks presented by McGee Toyota of Claremont

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'Still Serving'

American Legion Project Raises Funds for Veterans Services; Memorial Day Parade Details Announced

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—American Legion Claremont Post 29 is one week away from its most moving, emotion-filled day. On Memorial



“You’ve Been Flagged” helps to raise funds for veterans in need (Courtesy photo).

Day, in a ceremony in Broad Street Park, the post will honor all members of the military who lost their lives in combat.

The post’s new commander, Steve Blish, will give a speech recognizing the combatants’ sacrifice. There will be two three-volley rifle salutes, a moment of silence, and the playing of “Amazing Grace” on the bagpipes by retired Claremont firefighter Andy Chamberlain.

In tandem with the solemn festivities, Post 29 recently launched its fourth year of You’ve Been Flagged. This fundraiser was conceived by Peter Goodwin, who wanted to help local veterans in need. Proceeds support various

activities, such as providing food baskets and clothing, paying utility bills, plowing snow, and giving rides to medical appointments.

The funds also help Sullivan County Cares for Troops, which sends packages to active-service members here and overseas. Inside are such items as socks, candy, toiletries, enough, Blish noted, “to share with a buddy.”

Last year You’ve Been Flagged raised \$900, which the post hopes to double this year. For a minimum \$20 donation, anyone can designate that someone, a veteran or not, receive 20 flags and a sign to be displayed in front of a home or business. Post volunteers install the flags, which stay up for a week. After that, the person flagged can name the next person, make a donation, and volunteers will leave one flag and set up others at the new address. Flags move through a neighborhood or, just last week, a campground as the idea catches on.

Anyone interested in flagging can phone Post 29 at 603-542-9222 or pick up a form at the post, 119 Broad St. Flagging continues until fall.

The ceremony in Broad Street Park comes at the end of the traditional parade, much missed when cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic. The parade starts at Claremont Middle School on South Street at 10am, follows Pleasant Street to the Pleasant Street Cemetery, where there will be a brief ceremony and a rifle salute, continues down Pleasant, through Opera House Square and finishes at the park.

Not all parade partici-

pants have been confirmed, but it is expected they will include representatives of the police department and sheriff’s office, veterans riding in cars, and Shriners. This year’s grand marshal is Bob “The Builder” Hunt, who during the pandemic built 200 desks for area school children to help them navigate the challenges of remote education in their homes.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 10am-3pm
Cornish Community Wide Yard Sale**

(Rain date Sunday June 13th, 2021)

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier



House to Consider “Right-to-Work”

New Hampshire’s House of Representatives is scheduled to again meet in person on June 3 & 4 at Bedford’s New Hampshire Sportsplex, and during these two days will consider many pieces of legislation passed by the New Hampshire Senate earlier this year.

Among the most controversial measures we representatives will consider over this two-day period next month is Senate Bill 61. This is the so-called “Right-to-Work” bill which would prohibit collective bargaining agreements that require employees to join a labor union. This bill would also prohibit employers from deducting union dues from employee wages and salaries unless the employer has received written permission from the employee approving such deductions as well as ban employers from firing employees for refusing to join a union. According to the latest information I have, 27 states in our nation have enacted “Right-to-Work” bills into law. Despite numerous attempts over the last 60 years to adopt “Right-to-Work” in New Hampshire, all the attempts have so far failed, either because there weren’t enough votes to pass it in both the House and Senate or because there weren’t enough votes to override a gubernatorial veto in 2011 of the bill by both bodies. But if Senate Bill 61 were to become law, then New Hampshire would become the first New England state to adopt “Right-to-Work.”

Senate Bill 61 is sponsored by a group of 11 Republican legislators led by Deerfield Sen. John Reagan. The bill was approved Feb. 11 on a 13-11 roll call vote after a majority of the Senate Commerce Committee had recommended approval. All but one of the “Yes” votes were from Republican senators with Londonderry Sen. Sharon Carson joining all 10 Democratic senators in opposition. The measure then crossed over to the House where a narrow majority of the House Labor, Industrial, & Rehabilitative Services Committee recommended passage by an 11-9 roll call vote.

Senate Bill 61 supporters claim that “Right-to-Work” is needed in order to “maximize individual freedom of choice in the pursuit of employment and encourage an employment climate conducive to economic growth.” But opponents of the bill state that enactment of a “Right-to-Work” law would simply weaken unions and their ability to collectively bargain on behalf of workers. Furthermore, they declare that under present state and federal laws, no worker is actually forced to join a union, but that in businesses covered by collective bargaining agreements, all workers, whether union members or not, should equally pay for the costs of such agreements which usually result in higher wages and better benefits for all workers. Otherwise, workers not paying for the costs of such agreements would be “freeloading” at the expense of those who pay for these costs through union dues.

The House vote on Senate Bill 61 is expected to be close because

“Right-to-Work” has traditionally not been a partisan issue in New Hampshire from my experience. Many Republican legislators, including Sen. Carson as previously mentioned, have opposed such union-busting measures. This is because several Republican representatives are actually union members themselves in a state where union membership is lower than in other states. So opponents are hoping enough of these Republicans break from their party, and vote with all the Democratic representatives, whom, to my knowledge, are unanimously against “Right-to-Work”.

Another likely controversial measure, according to the large volume of emails I have received from citizens all across our state, is Senate Bill 155. This bill as amended by the Senate would formally codify certain emergency orders into law as issued by Gov. Christopher Sununu in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which began in March 2020. Among the orders to be so codified would be the establishment of the state position of Temporary Health Partner, the authorization of emergency licensing of medical providers, as well as the allowance of COVID-19 testing and vaccinations by pharmacists. Also, permission would be given to out-of-state pharmacies to provide specifies drugs to clinical trial participants in New Hampshire to be temporarily licensed as mail-order pharmacies. Additionally, the pre-existing non-conforming use status of summer camps unable to operate in the Summer of 2020 because of COVID-19 would be protected. Finally, the bill as amended would allow construction to continue during the pandemic as well as temporarily permit expanded outdoor dining.

Senate Bill 155 as amended by the Senate is solely sponsored by Wolfeboro Sen. Jeb Bradley, who also serves as Senate Republican Leader. The bill was passed March 18 by a 23-1 roll call vote after the Senate Executive Departments & Administration Committee recommended passage. It then came to the House where it was referred to the House Executive Departments & Administration Committee. According to the legislative website (www.gencourt.state.nh.us), the Executive Departments Committee has conducted several public hearings and meetings on the measure, including two hearings on what House Leadership considers non-germane amendments that would prohibit discrimination against state residents on the basis of COVID-19 vaccination status. In other words, these amendments would ban the implementation of “vaccine passports”, documents allowing those vaccinated against COVID-19 to have certain privileges and do certain activities that non-vaccinated individuals would be prohibited from having or doing.

As of May 22, the legislative website doesn’t indicate whether the Executive Departments & Administration Committee has yet made a recommendation on Senate Bill 155. These recommendations could include further amending the bill so as to ban vaccine passports. But based on the number of emails I have so far received from citizens, including a few Claremonters, I wouldn’t be surprised to learn within the next week that the committee has added such an amendment. But even if the committee doesn’t add a vaccine passport ban, I believe it is likely that we representatives will debate a floor amendment adding

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such a ban to either Senate Bill 155 or some other measure on either June 3 or 4.

Yet another controversial measure to be likely debated by the House in early June is Senate Bill 149. This bill, as amended by the Senate, deals with the always contentious issue of gun rights versus gun safety. Among other provisions, the bill would authorize the FBI to conduct all National Instant Criminal Background Check Systems, or “NCIS” for short, concerning the purchase, sale, and transfer of firearms for all New Hampshire gun dealers with a federally-approved firearms license. It would also abolish the “Gun Line” presently operated for NCIS checks by the New Hampshire State Police. Additionally, it would permit the sheriffs’ departments of each of the state’s 10 counties to conduct background checks through the NCIS for the purposes of approving or denying the return of firearms to individuals whose guns have been confiscated due to domestic violence protective orders. Finally, the bill, as now written, would pay the sheriffs’ departments for the purchase of computer equipment to implement these background checks.

Senate Bill 149 is sponsored by a group of six Republican lawmakers led by Warren Sen. Robert Guida. An amended version of the bill was adopted by a 14-10 roll call vote of the Senate April 1 after both the Senate Judiciary and Finance Committees had recommended the bill as amended. It then proceeded to the House where the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee held a hearing on the measure April 21, followed by an executive session May 10 in which Criminal Justice reportedly made a recommendation on it. Again as of May 22, the legislative website doesn’t indicate what type of recommendation the committee made. But several constituents have emailed me within the last week stating that they believe the majority of the committee made an ITL (Inexpedient to Legislate) or rejection recommendation. These emails indicate they are upset with the ITL recommendation, and are urging me to vote against ITL, and instead support approval of Senate Bill 141 as earlier amended by the Senate.

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Hassan, Colleagues Introduce Bipartisan Bill to Strengthen Postal Service and Improve Agency’s Long-Term Financial Stability

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan, a member of the Senate committee that oversees the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), joined a bipartisan group of her colleagues in introducing legislation to overhaul the Postal Service and improve the agency’s long-term financial stability. The bipartisan Postal Service Reform Act would eliminate requirements that have decimated the Postal Service’s finances, increase transparency and accountability at the agency, and strengthen support for postal workers.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the importance of the Postal Service for Granite State communities, and we must ensure that the agency can continue to provide critical mail delivery to households and small businesses well into the future,” Hassan said. “This bipartisan legislation eliminates burdensome requirements that make it more difficult for the Postal Service to provide the services that so many Granite Staters rely on.”

The Postal Service Reform Act would eliminate the aggressive prefunding requirement that has hurt the Postal Service financially, and integrate postal worker retirees’ health care with Medicare. Together, these two reforms would create \$45.9 billion in savings for the Postal Service over the next ten years. In addition, the bill would require the Postal Service to maintain its standard of delivering at least six days a week.

Hassan is working to improve the Postal Service, which is especially vital for rural communities in New Hampshire. Last year, she led negotiations to include \$10 billion for USPS in the COVID-19 relief and government funding package that was signed into law in December to help the agency address pandemic-related mail delays. Following a request from Hassan, the **Postal Service Inspector General issued a report that found that the main cause of postal delays and poor service in New Hampshire was due to a lack of permanent staff.** Since the report came out in December 2020, the Postal Service has hired more than 150 new permanent employees in New Hampshire.

STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

A stroke can affect anyone at any age, but certain things increase your chances of having one. Stroke is the number two cause of death worldwide and a leading cause of disability. Each year, one in 19 Americans die from a stroke. Several factors beyond our control increase your risk for stroke. These include your age, sex, and ethnicity. We can control factors such as, not smoking, drinking too much alcohol, and not getting enough exercise that can lower your risk of having one. When it comes to stroke, every second counts! Know the signs and symptoms of stroke so that you can take quick action and perhaps save a life.



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Face drooping: Ask the person to smile. Does one side droop?

Arm weakness: Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

Speech difficulty: Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Are the words slurred?

Time to call 9-1-1: If the person shows any of these signs, call 9-1-1 immediately. Stroke treatment can begin in the ambulance.

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- Sudden NUMBNESS or weakness of face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body
- Sudden CONFUSION, trouble speaking or understanding speech
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- Sudden SEVERE HEADACHE with no known cause

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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – May 23, 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 23, 2021, DHHS announced 79 new positive test results for COVID-19. Sunday’s results include 59 people who tested positive by PCR test and 20 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 513 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 eighteen individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 51% being female and 49% being male.

The new cases reside in Cheshire (12), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (12), Rockingham (10), Strafford (9), Merrimack (8), Coos (6), Belknap (4), Grafton (3), Carroll

(2), and Sullivan (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (5) and Nashua (4). The county of residence is being determined for three new cases.

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

There are currently 54 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 98,303 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

As of Sunday, there were 9 current positively identified cases in Claremont, 8 in Newport; the remaining communities with identified cases fell in the 1-4 range. DHHS reported 22 in Sullivan County.

Sullivan County Health Care

On Friday, May 21, Sullivan County Health Care reported that the total number of resi-

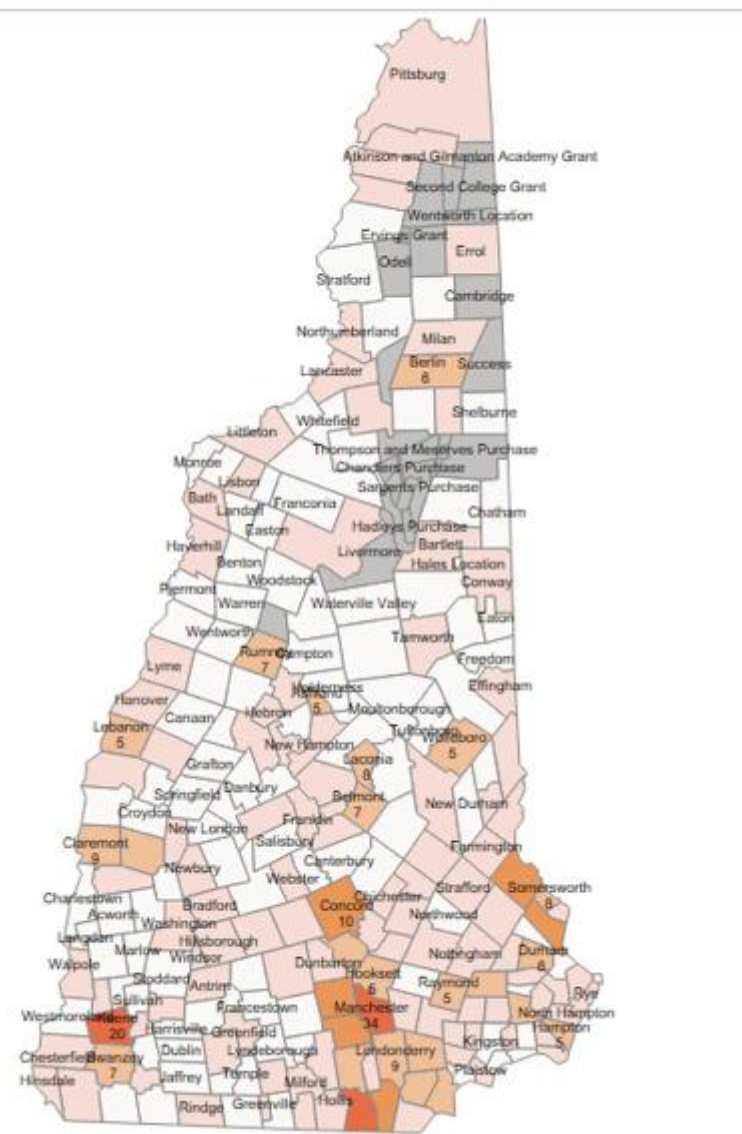
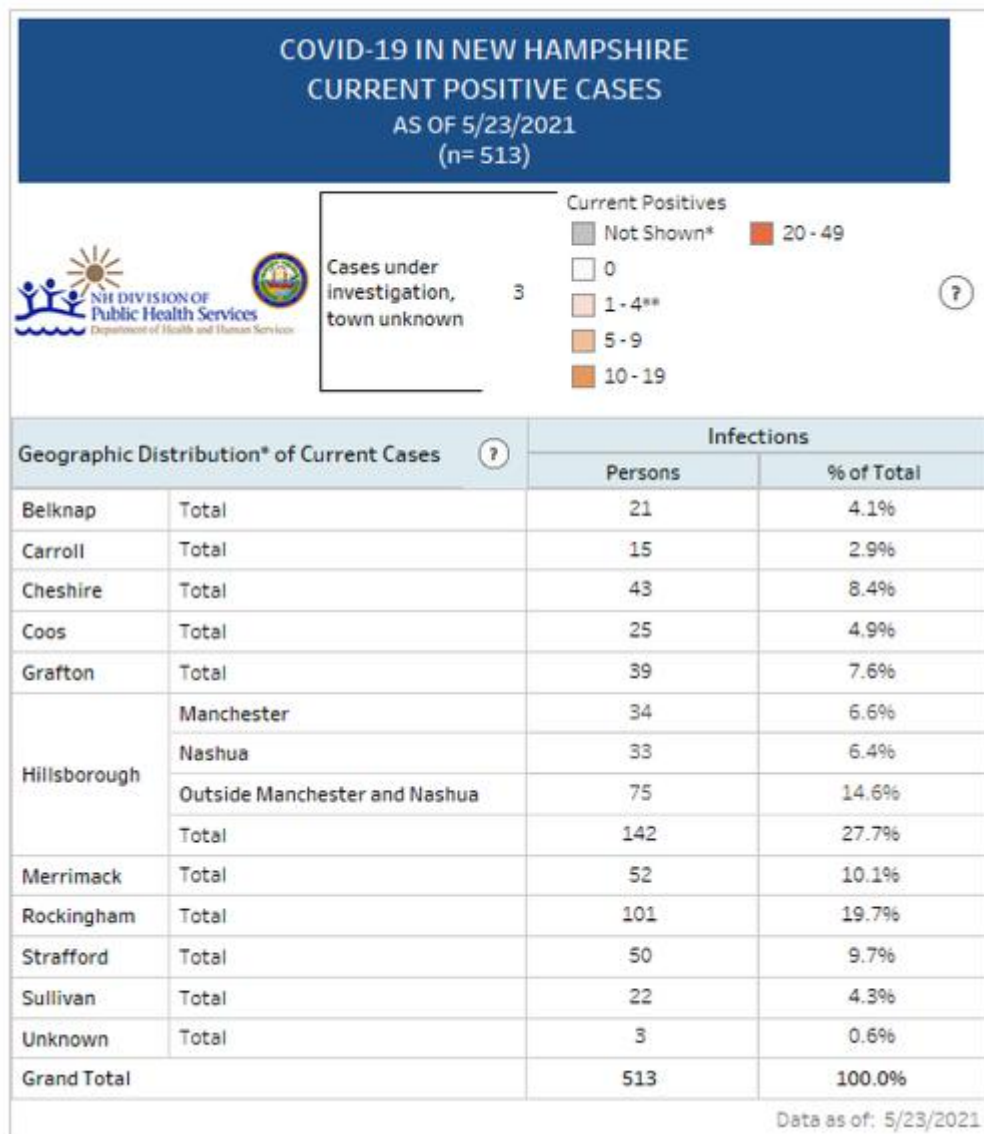
dents testing positive was 21. “There have been no additional staff testing positive during the last three weeks,” said administrator Ted Purdy. The use of full PPE remains in effect on MacConnell. Social visitation remains curtailed. However, compassionate care is encouraged and families are invited to contact their unit manager or social worker to schedule.

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.





Sharing the Love

Mark Mills, Chief Executive Officer of PathWays of the River Valley, was pleased to accept a check for \$15,000 from Dan O'Brien of Dan O'Brien Subaru on Friday. "PathWays is proud to be selected as their Home Town Charity in the Subaru 'Share the Love' event for the second straight year," said Mills. "PathWays is pleased to continue this valued partnership."

Mills said that "PathWays has been utilizing the funds from last year's donation to support children and families served in our Family Centered Early Supports and Services (FCESS) program. This program provides support to families with children under the age of three experiencing developmental delays. The funds have been used to help 21 families purchase specialized equipment to support their child's developmental needs. PathWays was also able to purchase over 20 pieces of adaptive equipment that they can loan to families for short-term and trial use. Additionally, Pathways was able to purchase 50 books for the FCESS literacy initiative, provide additional respite and family support to 10 families and send three of their staff to a training in infant mental health."

Mills added that PathWays is grateful to Dan O'Brien Subaru for this generous donation. Thank you for having such a positive impact on our community.

PathWays of the River Valley is one of 10 designated area agencies in New Hampshire. It functions as the Organized Health Care System for the State of New Hampshire. "We are a non-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors comprised of local citizens with 33% consumer representation," said Mills. "Pathways has been serving the local community since 1973. Our mission is to expand opportunities and enrich the lives of the individuals we serve."

The organization provides services to children, adults and families experiencing developmental disabilities and acquired brain disorders. They include Early Supports and Services for children birth to three, family support and in-home supports for children over three and a range of adult services, including res-

idential, community support, participant managed support, community participation and employment services.

"We serve over 500 people in Sullivan County and Lower Grafton County, employ about 200 local citizens, contract with 60 adult foster care providers and have contracts with 18 provider agencies across the state to provide supports to the people we serve," said Mills. "Our current annual operating budget is \$25 million." (Courtesy photo).

Public Notice

Claremont School Board Regular Meeting

June 2, 2021 at 6:30pm

Location Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center

The Claremont School Board will be holding an in person regular meeting following Covid 19 guidelines. Those in attendance will need to adhere to safety rules which include: temperature check, hand sanitizer, wearing a face mask, social distancing, and others deemed necessary.

The meeting will also be available on CCTV Channel 8 and online using one of these links.

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Native Species Added Along Toonerville Trail

SPRINGFIELD, VT—If you're a regular user of the Toonerville Trail recreation path in Springfield VT, you may be curious about the marked flags here and there in the green strip between Route 11 and the paved path. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Black River Action Team and members of the Springfield Trails and Rural Economy Advisory Committee, some new, native plants will be gradually growing up to appeal to the eye as well as to the ecosystem. Many factors were considered when selecting the plants, and all relevant parties were consulted before installation. From Arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*) to Witch hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*) and several more, a total of 18 stems were planted strategically on Saturday morning, May 15.

In addition to offering a pleasing aesthetic to those on the path, the lower growth of the shrubs and spacing will still allow Route 11 drivers to see the Black River. As native species, these plants will provide habitat value for wildlife - several of the shrubs will boast small berries or seeds. As retired forester and lead volunteer Barb Schultz explains, "For the first year, they 'sleep'; the second year, they 'creep'; and the third year they 'leap';" indicating that folks won't see much growth the first year, just a little the third, and more noticeable growth by Year Three. Schultz guided the small group on planting protocols, and was invaluable in siting the specific plants.

Also hard at work were Committee member John Bond,

and BRAT volunteers Vicky Moore, Pam Lane, and Armando Stettner with his mom, BRAT Director Kelly Stettner.

Shrub varieties were selected based on suitability for the site, and were all supplied by the Black River Action team through generous donations in recent years - most recently, from the Greater Upper Valley chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Learn more about GUVTU at greateruppervalley.tu.org.

If people are interested in learning more about the project or to lend a hand with the watering regime, please reach out to BRAT director Kelly Stettner by emailing blackrivercleanup@gmail.com; you may also leave contact information at (802) 738-0456.



Pam Lane and Barb Schultz plant native viburnum shrubs (Kelly Stettner photo).

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The Claremont School Board is accepting applications from interested Claremont residents to fill one vacancy on the Board. This position will expire in March, 2022.

Applicants are asked to submit an application with a statement of qualifications. Applications for this vacancy are available online at www.sau6.org, or via email request to Melissa Small at the Office of the Superintendent at msmall@sau6.org.

Interested residents should send a completed application to Donna Magoon, Assistant Superintendent, by May 26, 2021 at 4:00 PM. Paper submissions can be sent to the Superintendent's Office, attn: Melissa Small at 165 Broad Street, Claremont, NH 03743. Electronic submissions can be sent to msmall@sau6.org with the subject line, "CLAREMONT SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY."

Any application received after the deadline will not be considered. The Claremont School Board will hear from candidates at their June 2, 2021 meeting at 6:30 PM at the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center, Business and Community Room. The Board will make a selection at that time. All applicants are expected to attend this meeting to present their interest and qualifications.

Turning Points Network is Hiring!

Family Violence Prevention Specialist

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Send resume and cover letter to Amanda@turningpointsnetwork.org. The full job description can be found on our website at www.turningpointsnetwork.org.

Cultivating Farm and Food Safety for Visitors on Your Farm — Guided Video Tours of Two Farms

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>.

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.

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.

HOME OF THE WEEK! STUNNING COLONIAL!



Tucked away in a private setting in Cornish, NH, this beautiful home has 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood floors throughout, granite counter tops, 2 car garage, partially finished basement and 6.5 peaceful acres. This one even offers a Buderus boiler with radiant heat. There are lots of closets and storage space and even a pantry to enjoy. Large sunny and bright rooms, lots of built-ins, and even a walk in closet in the master suite.

There are beautiful stone walls and gardens and a very private back yard. The kitchen, which is an open concept to the dining area, is just awesome with stainless steel appliances, convection oven and even an extra wall oven, plus a perfectly designed kitchen island. This is an amazing home in the special town of Cornish! **\$439,900**



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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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CHARLESTOWN—Spacious 3 BR, 2 bath Double-wide with easy care flooring, lots of storage space throughout the home, a good sized kitchen with updated appliances, and skylights in the living room. Park rent \$380 per month **\$65,900 (MLS#4857782)**



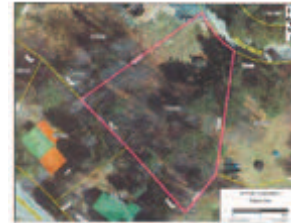
CHARLESTOWN—3BR Ranch located with eat-in kitchen with ample cupboards and sliders that lead to the screened-in porch with cathedral ceiling. 1st floor bath with washer & dryer, 3 bedrooms with nice wood floors, dining room with picture window, and a fireplaced living room with built-in bookcases on both sides of the fireplace. Plenty of storage and workshop space in the heated basement. Oversized 1-car garage, and a large, level back yard with fencing on 2 sides. Metal roof and vinyl siding will help with the maintenance. **\$172,000 (MLS#4862187)**



CLAREMONT—ELEGANT COLONIAL located in Claremont's sought after Bluff area featuring 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, great walk-in closets plus a cedar closet. Fireplaced living room, sweet sun room with temperature controlled custom blinds, and wide back deck overlooking the above ground pool. The ensuite Master Bedroom is amazing with 3 walk-in closets, full bath with washer/dryer hookups, reading area, and a nook for a desk. Even a mud room with half bath! **\$298,000 (MLS#4857950)**



CORNISH—Total rehab and redesign on this lovely home with brand new kitchen and baths, flooring, plumbing, electrical, siding, insulation, windows, and rear deck. Kitchen opens to expansive great room. From the great room you have access to the brand new rear deck. The living room is privately tucked on the other side of the staircase with a half bath and laundry. Upstairs is a full bath to serve the two bedrooms, and then a master bedroom suite with a walk-in closet and 4 piece bath. The Whitewater Brook borders the property and the open back yard offers plenty of space. **\$299,900 (MLS#4861066)**



CLAREMONT— This prime residential neighborhood features 2 adjacent building lots totaling 1.35 +/- acres. Great spot to build your dream home with views to the back of the lots. Located on a quiet cul-de-sac with city water and sewer. Can't beat the amenities! **\$50,000 (MLS#4733484)**



SPRINGFIELD, VT—This level, open lot is just under a half acre and is located on a paved dead-end road. Spring is a great time to build! **\$15,200 (MLS#4800971)**



WEATHERSFIELD, VT— 2004 Colonial nestled on just over 15 acres. Breathtaking panoramic views of the mountains, the Ct. River, and NH. This home features a chef's kitchen with abundant cabinetry, lots of work space, granite counters, a prep sink, a breakfast dining area, formal dining room, and a living room with a fireplace. The 20x17 master suite includes a soaking tub with view and walk-in closet. Bedroom 2 also has its own bath, and all 4 bedrooms are spacious. At the end of the hall there is a bonus room that can be used as a family room, office, or studio. The walk-up attic could be more living space. Enjoy central air, walk-in closets, 2 laundry rooms, a 3-car garage, covered porch, out-building with power, pasture land, and a view from every room. **\$799,000 (MLS#4844540)**



CLAREMONT—Sweet well-landscaped home with hardwood floors, a 1 car garage, and a shed. Enter the den with quaint Vermont Castings propane fireplace and sliders out back to the deck and patio with large lawn. From the den step up to the Crown Point oak kitchen with an upper wall open to the living room and a beautiful mantled wood fireplace. Down the hall are 2 bedrooms. The basement will include the washer and dryer and has 2 separate rooms. **\$147,900 (MLS#4861418)**



CLAREMONT—This versatile home offers plenty of room for the growing or extended family. Up to 5 bedrooms, open living/dining room, washer & dryer area on the main level, enclosed porch, den or sitting room with beautiful spiral staircase leading to the master bedroom/bath. This home could easily house an in-law apartment. The back yard has plenty of space, and the garage will keep your car out of the elements. Situated towards the end of a dead-end street but conveniently close to Claremont's shopping district. **\$174,900 (MLS#4861927)**



CLAREMONT— Historic old Schoolhouse recently used as a religious facility. Ideal for daycare use, clubs, churches. Two new bathrooms, appliances kitchen (including 2 stoves and refrigerator), 2 furnaces, function hall, office, and meeting room. **\$189,900 (MLS#4831733)**



UNITY—Beautiful 5.65 acre lot in a peaceful country setting! This Camp is unfinished but is ready for you to apply all your finishing touches. Consider the building a blank slate with the perfect size lot, far enough from town to enjoy nature and all its amenities. Only a short 10 minute ride to Claremont and 15 minutes to I-91. Make this country Camp your country home in no time! **\$74,900 (MLS#4824528)**



SPRINGFIELD, VT—4.5 beautiful, level, and subdividable acres on the Connecticut River with 550 feet of water frontage. Beautiful water views to the south and of Mount Ascutney to the north. The New Hampshire side is all flood plain and can never be built upon. Abundant fruit trees and berry bushes. State approved septic system plans in place and power is on site. Access to the 20' boat dock is already in place! **\$247,900 (MLS#4828504)**



UNITY—Nice level lot, open, ready for your home site. This lot is partially developed with a road into the property, a drilled well, septic system, and underground power. There was an old mobile home on the property but it has been removed. A must to see!! **\$100,000 (MLS#4862071)**



CLAREMONT—Gorgeous 3BR, 2 bath home with formal dining room, inviting living room, and huge bedroom with walk-in-closet and bathroom housing a jetted tub and shower. Huge 15' x 34' family room below the heated 3-car garage/workshop comes with a fantastic bar and wine grotto where wine was made and stored. Wine & beer brewing area remains. Lovely heated sun porch with deck overlooks your landscaped in-ground pool area. **\$259,000 (MLS#4837580)**



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City Council to Consider Proposed Budget, American Rescue Plan Funds

Each year, the Claremont City Manager is required by charter to present a proposed budget to the Council “not later than 60 days prior to the end of the current fiscal year.” On April 30, City Manager Morris completed that task, marking the beginning of the Council’s review period of his budget proposal. The Council has until June 30 to make any changes and vote upon the proposed budget. New this year, due to the passage of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), is the consideration of how ARPA funds will be allocated in the proposed budget.

The City Manager’s proposed budget is for FY22 which begins this July 1 and ends the following year on June 30. It reflects the priorities established by the Council earlier in the year of level funding the municipal tax rate of \$15.17, reducing blight and investing in infrastructure. Level funding the tax rate while simultaneously investing in the community is a challenging task at best, especially when dealing with several revenue unknowns.

At the same time the Council is considering the City Manager’s proposed budget, the NH Legislature is also working its way through the proposed state budget for FY22/23. Until that process is finalized, we will not know the amount in revenue sharing or grant payments that the City will receive from the State. In most years, the state’s budgetary process is completed in June. However, it can take longer if the Legislature and Governor are unable to agree on changes made during the budgetary process.

Also unknown at this time is the exact amount of ARPA funds that Claremont will receive from the federal government. While the amount of ARPA funds to cities with populations of 50,000 or more has already been calculated, this is not true for smaller

cities. What we do know is that 50% of the City’s allocation will be distributed in the current FY and the remaining 50% approximately 12 months later. One of the eligible uses for these funds is to offset lost revenue either from state or local entities due to COVID-19, and this is the use that the City Manager proposes for these funds. Based on the most recent guidance from the US Department of the Treasury, the City should have the exact figure within the next few weeks.

The City Council will hold a special meeting on June 5 for the sole purpose of discussing the proposed budget. The meeting is scheduled from 9:00am to 4:30pm, and will be held in Council Chambers and via Zoom. During this session, the Council will hear from each department director and ask questions, potentially making changes to the City Manager’s proposed budget. At the conclusion of this meeting, the Council may opt to schedule additional meetings and/or continue its deliberations at the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 9.

The public hearing for the proposed budget is scheduled for June 23. Hopefully, by that time we will have more concrete information

on revenue allocations from both the state and federal government. In the meantime, members of the public are encouraged to contact your Council representatives with budget concerns. Given the importance to Claremont and municipalities in general, please consider also contacting your state senator and representatives regarding the restoration of state revenue.

Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and welcomes your feedback. Please email questions, comments or concerns to her at clovett.ccc@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

Everyone is welcome to the Cornish Historical Society/Garden Club combined June meeting which will be on Tuesday, June 15, at 6pm at the CREA land by the red barn on North Parsonage Road. We will have a short talk about the history of CREA by Rickey Poor and a short talk from Jim Fitch about the work they have done to control the beavers. Our guest speaker is Lionel Chute from the NH Extension Service. Bring a chair and bug dope. Email mzoerheide@gmail.com for more info.

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OUR TURN

By Turning Points Network

Taming Versus Tolerating an Adult Bully

Childhood bullying can create turmoil during school years to say the least, and this form of abuse can also be painful when experienced as adults. Regardless of when one encounters bullying, it can cause a tremendous amount of damage to a person's wellbeing and if not resolved, long term harm to their self-esteem. If you've been or currently are a victim of bullying, and have felt embarrassed and helpless as a result, please know that no matter what the bully's motivation is for the attack, they are the ones that should be ashamed for taking pleasure in hurting another human being. No one should feel they must tolerate being subjected to intimidation, harassment, physical assault, or simply being made to feel insignificant.

Bullying is any attempt to control or humiliate another person. It usually involves aggression and there is either a perceived or real power imbalance between the victim and bully. Bullies come from all walks of life and adults could experience bullying from any contact in their life. Bullying can be deliberately overt with a bully presenting as the loud and aggressive stereotypical type but like any abuser, they don't always fit this profile and may be disguised as someone you would least expect to bully. Some bullies are insidiously covert using bullying in a passive aggressive manner so the unsuspecting victim doesn't know for sure who is responsible for the damage done.

The bully may even attempt to disguise bullying in the form of fun and playful humor or teasing. But make no mistake, recipients who feel the hurtful sting of bullying know it is no laughing matter. Depending on the dynamics of the relationships, to include adult peer pressure, it is common for witnesses to also feel distress and can be at a loss for how to intervene. Group situations have the potential to become mob like in nature if the bully is successful at influencing others to join in leaving the victim feeling outnumbered. Unfortunately, victims of multiple bullies are more susceptible to developing serious mental health issues due to the overwhelming feelings of depression and isolation that public humiliation causes.

Bullying in the workplace may involve the victim being ignored or ostracized from the group. They could be left out of social gatherings, significant work events or meetings. They may also be intentionally set up to fail by being pushed to meet unrealistic expectations and then be deliberately monitored and disciplined for not keeping up. Workplace bullying is one of the most challenging for the victim since it has the potential to impact their livelihood. Workplace bullying may begin as emotional but can lead to physical violence committed by the bully or even by the victim. According to OSHA, roughly two million American workers are victims of workplace violence each year.

Bullying by intimate partners may involve withholding money and/or transportation and the bully will often shame their partner by telling them they are unattractive, incompetent or simply unworthy. Bullying that occurs between intimate partners is domestic abuse and children in the household are negatively affected either by the exposure or by being directly abused themselves.

Bullying has existed for many years but is more recognized and less tolerated in today's society due to the heightened awareness created by prevention training in workplaces and schools. However, it still occurs far too frequently. Also, social media has created a convenient anonymous way to cowardly and relentless "cyber" bully a victim. Despite the fact that much progress has been made in recognizing, preventing and stopping bullying in the school setting, adult bullying must rise to a criminal level in order for police to become involved.

Not all bullies are worth your time, and sometimes the quickest way to diffuse a bully is simply not engaging with them. Remember that their goal is to upset you, so refusing to feed their need to degrade you by not reacting, will hopefully deflate and disappoint them and cause them to move on before they even get started.

Of course, the "ignore it" approach is not always effective, and it is sometimes necessary to take more serious action. You have the right to feel safe and respected. Giving the bully an ultimatum is one approach you can take to persuade them to rethink their behavior and help them to realize the potential ramifications caused by it. If possible, have a witness or mediator available during any in person meetings with the bully to tell them directly that you want them to stop. If it doesn't end the behavior, you can then take the next step which

would be to explain clearly and calmly that you will have no choice but to report them to either a supervisor, human resources, or the police. Of course, not all bullying will rise to this level but reminding the bully that there are formal ways to deal with the situation, may be all you need to do to discourage them and could force the bully to decide whether it's worth the risk to continue harassing you. However, if you believe direct communication may be too risky, seek outside help first and forego warning the bully ahead of time.

If it is a work situation, and you have done all the above and the behavior continues, you may need to take the next step and report the bully to a supervisor. Be sure to present documentation on facts, issues, and significant events with accurate timelines. This documentation allows you to build a strong case of evidence against the bully. You should also determine whether there may be other victims or witnesses who can confirm the bully's disturbing behavior.

No matter the bullying circumstances, if it isn't resolved or escalates further, seek support by discussing the situation with one of our trusted and trained advocates. We believe that everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity and we make it our mission to support and empower you to end your abuse and regain your peace.

Our judgment-free services are free and confidential. You can reach us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-800-639-3130. To learn more or to chat live with an advocate, you may also visit us on the web at www.turning-pointsnetwork.org.

OUR TURN is a public service series made available by Turning Points Network in celebration of its 40th anniversary of providing violence-prevention education programs in our schools, services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, and helping people move from the darkness of abuse toward the light of respect, healing and hope. You may also find them on Facebook.

YARD SALE New England Classical Academy

Saturday, June 19, 8a - 1p.

Main items include: books, tables, chairs, bookshelves, desks, other school/classroom supplies. Schools can contact us ahead of time to get first priority. 59 Old Church Road, Claremont; 603-543-3400

Business News

NHEC and ENGIE North America Announces the Completion of Battery Storage Project

Largest Battery in New Hampshire Will Bring a More Flexible, Resilient Grid - and Savings to Electric Co-op Members

HOUSTON, TX and PLYMOUTH, NH – New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) announced the completion of its first utility scale energy storage project. The 2.45 megawatt (MW) battery project was developed in partnership with ENGIE North America (ENGIE), a leading provider of energy storage services.

ENGIE will own and operate the battery unit, which is located on the site of NHEC's 2 MW solar array in Moultonborough, NH. The battery unit will charge from NHEC's distribution system during times of low demand and discharge during periods of peak regional electricity use. By discharging during hours of peak electric usage, the battery will save NHEC's members on regional market and delivery charges while reducing demand on the grid.

As part of the innovative partnership agreement with ENGIE, NHEC will discharge the battery to supply energy to its members up to 70 times per year. These discharges will be used to reduce NHEC's transmission charges and regional capacity payments. The battery project will provide NHEC with insight and direct experience into how battery storage technologies respond to price signals and interact with its electrical system. NHEC estimates these discharges will save its members \$2.3 million over the next 12 years.

"Energy storage is a rapidly evolving technology that has a key place in our strategic vision for our business model of the future. It's important for NHEC to gain firsthand experience with batteries so we can better

understand the benefits they have to offer our members and the operation of our system," said Steve Camerino, President and CEO of NHEC. "As more Co-op members install their own batteries, NHEC needs to be ready to support them with a flexible, responsive grid. We are excited to make significant progress on our strategic vision through this innovative partnership with ENGIE, which will provide benefits to all NHEC's members."

"We are delighted to have completed this leading-edge storage project alongside NHEC," said Laura Beane, Chief Renewables Officer of ENGIE North America. "The addition of battery storage systems such as these are not only delivering real value to customers today, but also helping to accelerate the energy transition. NHEC's leadership in commissioning this project reflects their commitment to innovation in supporting cost effective, clean energy for their members," she continued.

The battery storage unit is the largest in New Hampshire and can fully charge or discharge within two hours. The battery is housed in a pre-fabricated 40 foot container located within the fence line of NHEC's solar facility in Moultonborough, New Hampshire. The battery unit has on-site fire suppression equipment and will be monitored 24 hours a day, year-round.

Halstead Honored With George F. Leland Community Health Award

SPRINGFIELD, VT— On May 4th, 2021, Springfield Hospital presented Michael J. Hal-

stead, MBA and Interim CEO of Springfield Hospital, with the George F. Leland Community Health Award.

This award was established in honor of George F. Leland, the first president of Springfield Hospital under whose leadership the hospital opened in 1914. Leland's involvement in the community inspired the memory and spirit of this award to recognize an individual who exemplifies the highest ideals of service to improve the health of the community. Past recipients of the Leland Award include: Eileen Austin Neal, RN; E. Sherburne Lovell, MD; Glenn Cordner, Springfield Hospital CEO; Edgar May; Eugene Bont, MD; and Deloras Barbeau, MD.

Halstead stepped out of retirement in January 2019 to come to Springfield, VT, on behalf

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Business News

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of QHR Health, to serve as Interim CEO of Springfield Hospital. Jim Rumrill, Chairman of Springfield Hospital's Board of Directors, recognized Halstead's extraordinary efforts over the past 28 months by presenting him with the George F. Leland Award. Rumrill commented, "On behalf of Springfield Hospital Board of Directors, the staff of Springfield Hospital, and residents throughout our region, we extend our heart-felt thanks and appreciation. We are proud to present you with the George F. Leland award as you are truly an individual who exemplifies the highest ideals of service to improve the health of the community. Your skill, determination and leadership brought Springfield Hospital through many challenges and hurdles and positioned it to face 'a new day' in providing healthcare for the region. Thank you for your dedication and service to our hospital and the communities we serve."

"I am honored to receive this award," said Halstead. "I did not accomplish the work at Springfield Hospital alone. I was surrounded by a senior leadership team and staff that carried out the things that needed to be done so the hospital could continue to provide quality healthcare as it has for over one hundred years," continued Halstead.

Halstead's CEO responsibilities were transferred later that evening to incoming CEO, Robert S. Adcock, MBA, FACHE, upon conclusion of the May 4th meeting of the Board of Directors.

Coldwell Banker Welcomes New Agent

CLAREMONT, NH—Coldwell Banker Homes Unlimited is welcoming their newest member to the team, Courtney Chase. Chase is a lifelong resident of Claremont, where she is now raising her two daughters, Sophia and Nora, with her fiancé, Lane. "She may be new to the real estate world, but you'd never know it," said the Coldwell Banker office. "Her enthusiasm and attention for detail makes her a great choice to help you sell or buy your forever home. Your best interest and trust is the most important part of her work, to make sure you or your friends or family are happy with every aspect of the home buying and selling experience."



Got Business News?



Jim Rumrill, Chairman of the Board, Springfield Hospital, presents the George F. Leland Award to Michael Halstead, MBA and Interim CEO of Springfield Hospital (Courtesy photo).

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AG, NH DMV Warn About Reports of New Scams

CONCORD, NH – Attorney General John M. Formella and Director Elizabeth A. Bielecki announced that the New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has received multiple reports of scammers contacting New Hampshire consumers by text message, impersonating DMV employees. Similar scams have been recently reported in other states across the country.

In one reported scam, New Hampshire consumers report receiving a text message claiming that the DMV is awarding the consumer with a cash prize for being a safe driver. The text message encourages the recipient to click on a link in order to claim their cash prize.

In another reported scam, a New Hampshire consumer reported receiving a text message from an individual that falsely represented they worked for the DMV and needed the consumer to text them back in order to update the consumer's driving status.

The New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles does not send unsolicited text messages to consumers. Any unsolicited text message that claims to be from the DMV is a scam. The DMV similarly does not award cash prizes.

Formella offers the following advice to avoid falling victim to text message scams:

- Do not reply to an unsolicited text message from someone you do not know.
- Do not click on a link contained in a text message from someone you do not know.
- Any unsolicited text message, phone call or email that claims you have won or are entitled to money or a prize should be considered to be a scam.
- Do not provide money or personal information over the phone or by email to someone you do not know.

Consumers that have questions about a text message they receive that appears to be from the DMV should call (603) 271-4000.

Lebanon Farmers' Market Opens

LEBANON, NH—The Lebanon Farmers' Market is held every Thursday from 4pm to

7pm in Colburn Park in Lebanon during the summer season.

Dates & Times: Thursdays, through September 30 from 4 to 7pm.

Extended Dates: Thursdays, October 7th and October 14th from 4pm to 6pm.

In accordance with the City of Lebanon's Mask Ordinance (Emergency Ordinance 2020-

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529 Plans: More Versatile Than Ever

If you have children or grandchildren, you may already be somewhat familiar with the 529 plan, a popular education savings vehicle. But you may not have kept up with some recent changes in the plan's capabilities and in the educational environment in which the plan might be used.

Let's start with the learning environment. During the COVID-19 pandemic, colleges and universities switched to online classes, or at least to a hybrid of in-person and online. And even before the pandemic, many schools offered remote classes, though obviously not to the same extent. But after COVID-19 subsides, it's likely that the online component will remain an important part of higher education. What does this "new world" mean for you, when you're saving for college? Will a 529 plan still be relevant?

In a word, yes. First of all, a 529 plan can offer tax advantages. Earnings in a 529 plan are federally tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified educational expenses. And if you invest in your own state's 529 plan, your contributions may be tax deductible. (Withdrawals used for expenses other than qualified education expenses may be subject to federal and state taxes as well as a 10% penalty.) Because tax issues for 529 plans can be complex, you'll want to consult with your tax advisor before investing.

Online learning costs are eligible for a 529 plan's tax benefits just as much as those incurred from in-person classes. Tuition, textbooks, supplies, computers and services – all of these should qualify, assuming the school meets certain criteria. Also, students enrolled half-time or more don't have to live in a dorm for room and board expenses to be covered by a 529 plan – they can live in off-campus housing. However, these room-and-board costs typically must equal the cost of living on campus. Some schools identify a specific cost for "commuters" or "at-home students," so you will need to contact the college directly to determine qualified room-and-board costs.

Now, let's take a quick look at what some changes in the rules governing 529 plans over the past few years might mean for you. Eligible expenses from your 529 plan include the following:

- **K-12 expenses** – Parents can withdraw up to \$10,000 per student, per year, from their 529 plan to pay for tuition expenses at elementary and secondary schools. So, if you intend to send your children to a private school, this use of a 529 plan might interest you.
- **Apprenticeships** – 529 plans can be used to pay for fees, textbooks, equipment and other supplies connected to apprenticeship programs registered with the Department of Labor. These programs, typically offered at a community college, combine classroom instruction with on-the-job training.
- **Student loans** – Families can withdraw funds from a 529 plan to repay the principal and interest for qualified education loans, including federal and most private student loans. There's a lifetime limit of \$10,000 for student loan repayments per each 529 plan beneficiary and another \$10,000 for each of the beneficiary's siblings.

All of these newer uses of 529 plans may contain additional guidelines and exceptions, and state tax treatment varies, so you'll want to consult with your tax advisor before taking money from your account. But it's valuable for you to know the different ways you can put a 529 plan to work.

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~Eric Zengota

Tulips (*Tulipa*) form a genus of spring-blooming perennial herbaceous bulbiferous geophytes (having bulbs as storage organs). There are about 75 species, and these are divided among four subgenera. The name "tulip" is thought to be derived from a Persian word for turban, which it may have been thought to resemble.

— Wikipedia.org



Sports

SHS Tennis Roundup

The Cardinals traveled to Wilton for their final road match of the year on Wednesday, May 19th. Both teams were short-handed but played hard, with Wilton prevailing 5-2.

Here are the singles results:

Annika Ratcliffe 4 Elisabeth Jacob 8
 Autumn Bragg 0 Erin MacDonald 8
 Amaya Eitapence 8 Madeleine Straw 2
 Olivia Diley 2 Senja Sours 8
 Libby Abbott won by forfeit

The doubles scores are as follows:

Ratcliffe / Bragg 0 Jacob / MacDonald 8
 Eitapence / Abbott 1 Straw / Sours 8

The Cardinals played their last match of the regular season on Thursday, taking on the Kearsarge Cougars at Monadnock Park. It was also Senior Night. Despite a strong effort, Stevens couldn't get past the heat, fatigue from the trek to Wilton, an abbreviated roster and a quality opponent.

Here are the singles results:

1. Annika Ratcliffe 0 Becca MacDowell 8
 2. Autumn Bragg 0 Marissa Montagna 8
 3. Amaya Eitapence 0 Kennedy Geary 8
 4. Libby Abbott 0 Meg Lizotte 8
 5. Olivia Diley 0 Maggie Kellogg 8
 6. Kearsarge wins by forfeit

The doubles scores are as follows:

1. Ratcliffe / Bragg 0 Addy Sadler / Callie Valeri 8
 2. Eitapence / Abbott 0 MacDowell / Estelle Chmura 8
 3. Kearsarge wins by forfeit

The Cardinals are on break and recharging before hitting the practice court this coming week in preparation for the state tournament.

The Stevens High School St. Joe's award winners have been announced. Congratulations to Owen Taylor and Zoey Foote for being named Best Male/Female Athlete. Also to Brady Moote and Gabby Savo for being named Unsung Hero/Heroine. While there will be no ceremony this year, please congratulate them when you see them for these well deserved honors. Left to right: Owen Taylor, Brady Moote, Zoey Foote and Gabby Savo (Courtesy photo).



Stevens varsity baseball and softball had a couple shutouts against the Lakers from Sunapee last Monday afternoon. Baseball won 10-0, while softball prevailed 15-0 (Courtesy photos).



SHS Baseball Wins One, Drops One

The Stevens baseball team played a pair of games with the Sunapee Lakers this past weekend. On Monday afternoon, the Cardinals hosted the game at Barnes Park and defeated Sunapee 10-0 in 6 innings.

Dylan Chambers threw a complete game shutout, going 6 innings, allowing just 2 hits, walking 3, and striking out 11. He threw 105 pitches in the game. Owen Taylor led the offense with 2 hits, drove in two runs, and scored two runs. Zack Bundy had a hit, an RBI, and scored a run. Dom Puksta also had a hit, an RBI, and scored a run. Chambers helped himself on offense with a hit and scored a run. Colby Shepard, Cody Pellerin, and Eric Peaslee all had a hit. Caden Ferland chipped in with an RBI and scored a run, as well.

On Wednesday the Cardinals traveled to Sunapee. Stevens took a 3-1 lead into the bottom of the 4th inning, but Sunapee would score 4 runs to take a 5-3 lead they would not relinquish in going on to an 8-3 victory. Drew Clifford went the distance for Sunapee for the win. Clifford struck out 9, giving up 6 hits, and walking 3. Owen Taylor started for Stevens and pitched well over his 5 2/3 innings, as only 2 of the Lakers 8 runs were earned. Eric Peaslee had a pair of hits for Stevens. Dylan Chambers had a hit and scored a pair of runs. Ty Theriault had a long double and an RBI, and Taylor chipped in with a single and RBI.

The Cardinals have a busy week to end the regular season as they play 3 games. They will host the John Stark Generals in a 6PM start at Barnes Park, on Monday, host the Mascoma Royals for a 7PM Senior Night game on Wednesday, before concluding their regular season with a 7PM game versus the Fall Mountain Wildcats at Hubbard Park on Friday, in their Annual Kirby Cup Game.

Moreno Hits Third Homer in Fisher Cats' 7-2 Loss to Portland

MANCHESTER, NH – Rising star Gabriel Moreno hit a solo homer in the fourth inning, but the New Hampshire Fisher Cats (Blue Jays Double-A affiliate) were held to just one additional run in Sunday's 7-2 loss to the Portland



The SHS varsity lacrosse team battled the Monadnock Huskies at Monadnock Park Friday afternoon under hot temperatures. The game was played in memory of SHS teammate Noah Osgood who passed away May 16. Monadnock won 16-3 but for the SHS players, the match was about remembering and honoring their friend and teammate (Courtesy photo).



Sea Dogs (Boston Red Sox) at Delta Dental Stadium.

The Fisher Cats had a 2-0 lead after four innings thanks to Moreno's homer and an RBI single from Vinny Capra, but the Sea Dogs responded with an RBI double from Grant Williams in the fifth, a three-run homer from Joey Meneeses in the eighth, and another three-run homer from top prospect Triston Casas in the ninth.

After Fisher Cats starter Elvis Luciano left the game in the first inning after an apparent injury, Andrew McInvale allowed just one run in four innings of emergency relief. Sam Ryan also pitched well out of the bullpen, holding Portland to one hit with no walks and three strikeouts in 2.2 innings.

Willy Gaston (L, 0-1) took the loss, while Adam Lau (W, 1-0) earned the win with 1.2 innings of scoreless relief for the Sea Dogs.

On Saturday, Samad Taylor and Chavez

Young each hit two-run homers, but the Portland Sea Dogs (Boston Red Sox affiliate) rallied with four runs in the top of the ninth inning to steal a 7-6 win over the Fisher Cats at Delta Delta Stadium.

Portland (10-7) entered the ninth inning trailing 6-3, but scored one run on a wild pitch, two more on a pinch-hit triple by Roldani Baldwin, and another on a single by Pedro Castellanos.

After a day off on Monday, New Hampshire will open a six-game series against the Somerset Patriots (NY Yankees) on Tuesday

at 7:05 p.m. The next home game will be on Tuesday, June 1, when the Fisher Cats welcome the Binghamton Rumble Ponies (NY Mets) to Delta Dental Stadium.

Tickets to all remaining home games are available at nhfishercats.com. All 120 games this season will be broadcast live on the Fisher Cats flagship station, AM 610 WGIR.



Inspiration

The Well Has Not Run Dry!

By Priscilla Hull

Many years ago my parents and I lived in a colonial house. Built in 1778, it was a typical center chimney colonial home. There was a lambing room in the center of the chimneys! Have you seen one? The base of the chimney rose from a dirt dug cellar, lined with stones. Mom could stand up in it, but at 5'7" I couldn't and my six foot Dad certainly couldn't. That is where the tank for the water was. It was a large tank and had a pump to get water to the kitchen and two bathrooms. Of course, there were no bathrooms in the early days and the kitchen also had no running water. The chimney base was massive, probably about 10 X 10 at the base and slanted inwards. By the time it reached the first floor level, there was a room about 3 X 3 and that is where the lambs that were born too early, or with other problems, were kept for warmth. With three fireplaces in the first floor and two for the second floor bedrooms, that little space was warm. Of course the babies had to be taken out every two to three hours to be fed. It was one of the more clever things that our ancestors made to cope with life.



Oh, I'm writing about the well! There was only ever one well on the farm that housed sheep, cows and horses. There were only a couple of cows kept there, enough for family use and half a dozen horses for plowing, pulling farm wagons and, of course, for the family horse and buggy. It was an affluent family who lived there. One special feature of this house was "Indian shutters" on the first floor. These are like pocket doors, but they are for the windows. If there is an attack from outside, you would have no time to run out or even reach out the window. So these were a safety feature that would be much appreciated. One had a hole in it and we never knew whether an arrow had gone through or not. Of course, we let our guests use their own judgment about that!

Oh, yes, the well. We moved into the house in 1957 and all those years, the home and farm, people and animals had been served only by that well. It was a dug well, dug by the Native Americans how many years before the house was built. It was 28 feet deep, lined with good sized stones, reportedly never replaced by any inhabitants (the house had been owned by the same family from the time it was built until we bought it - about 175 years). The summer of '59 or '60, I think, there was a pretty severe drought and neighbors all around us were experiencing dry wells. Our well and the well across the street never ran out of water! They had a drilled well, I think 150 plus feet deep. The Native Americans knew what they were doing.

The water in that well had a special flavor. It was supposedly used as a medicine well by the Native Americans. I could believe that. We'd put a pitcher in the refrigerator and have the best water to drink on a hot day! It tested clean, but was full of good minerals. I don't know if someone who purchased the house after we did ever replaced that well. I hope not. The water was good and pure and plentiful.

It's kind of like the woman who Jesus met at the well. No matter how much she drew water from the well, her thirst would return, but the water that Jesus gave her would satisfy her forever.

"Who ever drinks of the water I give will never thirst again. It shall be life giving water and give eternal life."
John 4:14

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

Calendar Of Events

What's Happening to the Birds, Bees?

What's happening to the birds and the bees? Find out! Join the Claremont Conservation Commission Climate Series: Pollinator conservation in NH in the face of a changing climate Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 7:00pm-8:30pm, via Zoom.

Join the Claremont Conservation Commission, Heidi Holman (NH Fish and Game Department), and Lisa Wise (UNH Extension and NH Sea Grant) for a webinar on the threats causing declines of the bees, butterflies and other insects that pollinate our forests, meadows and gardens in New Hampshire. Habitat loss, pesticides, and extreme weather due to climate change are just a few of the significant challenges they face. The story of the iconic

monarch butterfly helps us to understand the plight of these small individual species that are often overlooked. Learn about a few other species that have been identified by conservation partners as needing action to prevent their extinction and how you can help with this effort.

Register here to receive the zoom link: <https://unh.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwlc--orzlqE920oF4oe1MO80IXDiFvMzp4>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Questions about registration? Contact Lisa.Wise@unh.edu. More information about the Claremont Conservation Commission's recent educational programs can be found here: <https://www.claremontnh.com/environmental-education>.

Sunapee Paving Schedule Update

SUNAPEE, NH—GMI Asphalt will begin paving on River Road on Monday, May 24th, and they will begin pavement grinding operations on Lake Avenue in Georges Mills on

Tuesday May 25th. They expect to complete paving work on River Road on Tuesday, May 25th. Upon completion of pavement grinding work on Lake Avenue in Georges Mills, the Highway Department will begin repairing and/or replacing the existing drainage components under and along the roadway. GMI has provided a tentative date for installation of the 2" thick binder course of paving on Youngs Hill Road after the Memorial Day holiday. As soon as they provide a firm date for Youngs Hill Road we will notify the residents immediately. Thank you all for your patience and cooperation as we complete this summer's paving projects.

Upcoming Classes at The Claremont MakerSpace

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 fea-

2021 Community Survey

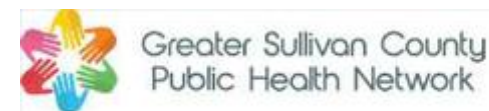
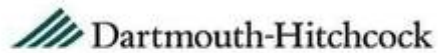
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This survey helps guide our community substance misuse prevention efforts!

Click the link to take our survey:

<https://bit.ly/3dcLCRQ>



tures. 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.

The Prouty Announces In-Person Participation for 2021

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.

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.

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.

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.

Lake Sunapee VNA Offers Three Grief Support Groups

NEW LONDON, NH – Lake Sunapee VNA now offers three virtual grief support groups for the community. The "Newly Bereaved Widows Group" is for women who have experienced

the loss of their husband within the last year and is held on the third Thursday of every month from 10:00-11:00am. The "Widow to Widow Group" is for women in all stages of grief and meets on the first Monday of every month from 3:30-5:00pm. Newly bereaved widows are welcome at this group as well, especially if they are feeling the need for more frequent support. In addition, a "Bereavement Check-in" group is available for men and women on the third Wednesday of every month from 4:00-5:00pm.

All of these groups provide an opportunity for participants to come together in a safe place of compassion and confidentiality. Attend once, multiple times or as needed. If interested, email your contact information to loconnor@lakesunapeevna.org and a member of the Lake Sunapee VNA bereavement team will call you with further details.

YARD SALE – SATURDAY, MAY 29TH, 9AM -3PM
108 BRITTON RD, WEST UNITY
(15 Minutes from Broad St., Claremont)

Vintage jewelry, original oil paintings, antiques, canning jars for jelly, hand painted/numbered clay masks, wicker storage container, tools, garden hose w/container, leaf blower, household items, wooden shelves, flatware, antique sled, carpet remnant, and much, much more.

Priced to sell. Follow signs from Broad Street.

Call Today! 603 443-3747 603 863-0451

Charlestown VFW Bingo Schedule

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

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

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

A Message from ServiceLink

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

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

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

Claremont Senior Center News

Hi, everyone. What beautiful weather! We hope you are getting out to enjoy it. The lawns and gardens look too beautiful—lush and green. We have a lot of news, so let's get started.

Here it comes!! Our big news from the Center to you! As of May 24, we will be open on Mondays-Noon-3pm and Wednesdays-9am-3pm. Here is the complete schedule in a nutshell. Monday—Noon-3pm; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday—9am-3pm; closed Friday. Game night—Tuesday 6pm-9pm. We are trying to open fully, but it will take a little longer. Hang in there. We are trying.

Along with the new days we are open, comes the new mask rules. Seriously, we check the Covid site everyday for changes. Here is what we are mandating as of Monday, May 24.

*Not fully vaccinated-mask required.

*Fully vaccinated (required doses +14 days) no mask required.

Fully vaccinated members can wear masks if desired.

We hope this is not too confusing. Always ask the receptionists if you need guidance.

We can also give you guidance to a very good meal. Just drive to the center and pick up the take out for this week. Here are this week's offerings.

Tuesday, May 25-BBQ Pork Rib, Potatoes, Vegetable and Dessert.

Thursday, May 27-Soup, Ham or Turkey Cheese Grinder w/ fixings, Dessert.

Members-\$4, nonmembers-\$5. Take-out only. Pick up-11:45am -12:15pm. Call 543-5998 to reserve your meals. The volunteers will expertly guide you through the line.

Tom, Ken and the breakfast team wish to thank the gentlemen who attended the Men's Breakfast on Monday. Deputy Chief Tom Belaire of the Claremont Fire Department gave a great talk on outside fire burning precautions and rules. All left full and a lot more knowledgeable.

The Foot Clinic will be at the Center on Wednesday, May 26, to pamper your footies and toesies. Call 748-1731 for an appointment. Your footies will feel so good after and so will you.

There will be a Blood Drive on June 21- Noon-5pm. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS for an appointment. Every drop is appreciated.

Glasses a little crooked? Need a fashionable frame change? Or a more macho look? Bring them to the Center on Thurs. June 3-11am-Noon. Julie from Julie's ICare will be in the house. Julie is sooooo happy to be coming back to help you. And the new frames?? Oh my!

Mark your calendars for our Summer concerts. Our first will be on Sat. July 3. The East Bay Jazz Band will be here to light up your evening. This concert is sponsored by Crown Point. We will be serving Strawberry Shortcake. Yum!! The second will be on Fri. Aug. 6. We will be entertained by the Firehouse 6. Ice Cream Sundaes are on the menu. The music will be from 6:30pm-8pm. Bring a comfortable chair and relax. Sing along if you wish.

Note: Receptionists needed. Mondays- 9am-Noon and Fridays-9am-Noon or Noon-3pm. This is a volunteer and fun position. And will get you away from the housework for a while. Call 543-5998 or come in on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Thanks.

Well, that's it for this week. We are so happy to be open more for our seniors. Please, come in and look us over. There are games galore in the card room, puzzles to work on, pool to play, bring your knitting and sit in Gary's Chat Corner and talk. Stay safe, stay well.

Thought of the Week: No matter the situation, never let your emotions overpower your intelligence.

Laughter and happy conversation always welcome here. And good jokes.

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Rd., Claremont, NH. 543-5998. Masks as required.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday 5/16:

12:14 AM: Engine 4 responded to Washington St. for a medical call.

4:11 PM: Engine 4 responded to Plains Rd. for a smoke investigation. Brush 1 responded several minutes later as the initial apparatus found an active brush fire.

8:58 PM: Engine 4 responded to Palmer St. for a smoke investigation.

9:25 PM: Engine 4 responded to North St. for a suicidal subject.

Monday 5/17:

2:47 PM: Engine 4 responded to Washington St. for an overdose.

4:00 PM: Engine 4 responded to Heritage Drive for a medical call.

8:40 PM: Brush 1 responded Mutual Aid to Unity for a brush fire.

Tuesday 5/18:

12:25 PM: Engine 4 responded to Sullivan St. for a report of an alarm sounding.

1:16 PM: Ladder 2 and Engine 4 responded to Sullivan St. for Box Alarm 0315.

Wednesday 5/19:

12:53 PM: Engine 4 responded to Sullivan St. for a medical call.

2:45 PM: Engine 4 responded to Pleasant St. for a medical call.

Thursday 5/20:

5:41 AM: Engine 4 responded to South St. for a medical call.

11:27 AM: Engine 3 responded to Arthur St. for a car fire.

11:47 AM: Ladder 2 responded to Plains Rd. for a medical call.

Friday 5/21:

3:47 PM: Engine 4 responded to Sullivan St. for an alarm sounding.

Saturday 5/22:

7:51 AM: Engine 4 responded to Park Ave. for a hydrant issue.

8:18 AM: Engine 4 responded to Green St. for a suicidal subject.

11:48 AM: Engine 4 responded to Pleasant St. for an overdose.

12:59 PM: Engine 4 responded to Royce St. for an illegal burn.

1:40 PM: Engine 4 responded to Winter St. for a report of a line down.

2:49 PM: Engine 4 responded to Royce St. for an illegal burn.

5:41 PM: Engine 4 responded to Central St. for an overdose.

7:50 PM: Engine 4 responded to Twistback Rd. for an overdose.

7:58 PM: Engine 3 responded to Sullivan St. for a medical call.

11:06 PM: Engine 4 responded to Federal St. for a lift assist.

11:13 PM: Engine 3 responded to Pleasant St. for a medical call.

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

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>

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE For a meeting of the HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

To be held on
Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 6:00 PM

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

Join the Zoom meeting online at: [https://us02web-zoom.us/j/82515099949?pwd=cXo5akdrVTJSVj-ZSTzFRNkg4ZUtnZ09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82515099949?pwd=cXo5akdrVTJSVj-ZSTzFRNkg4ZUtnZ09)

Passcode: 287666 By Phone: US: +1 646 558 8656
Webinar ID: 825 1509 9949

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

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

- A. HDC 2021-00007 Claremont Learning Partnership, 169 Main Street – for placement of an 8 ft x 10 ft shed; expansion by 36 feet of play area chain link fence and removal of a shed at 169 Main St. Tax Map 107, Lot 37.
- B. HDC 2021-00008 Theresa Taylor, 120 Maple Avenue – for removal of a window in the house at 103 Main St. Tax Map 107, Lot 22.
- C. HDC 2021-00009 Monadnock Mill LLC, Newmarket NH – for changes to the exterior walls, windows, and entrances at 29 Water Street. Tax Map 120, Lot 3.

Interested persons may review this application at the Planning and Development Department at 14 North Street, during normal business hours or on the City website at https://www.claremontnh.com/index.php?section=events_lists or at <https://www.claremontnh.com/historic-district-commission>. Comments may be made at the public hearing; submitted in writing to the Historic District Commission at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743 or submitted by email to dbearse@claremonh.com.

David Messier, Chairperson

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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Gary Hill, 67

Gary Hill, 67, of Weathersfield, VT, was born June 17, 1953, in Claremont, NH, the son of Stanley and Eva Hill. He died May 10, 2021, at his home after a short illness. He worked at Claremont Junior High School for many years. He was the owner of Hill's Painting and Services in North Carolina for 16 years. Gary recently retired and moved back to Vermont with his wife, Suzanne. He loved hunting, fishing, biking and running.

He is survived by his wife; his sister, Cindy Spaulding; four children, Caitlin Rule, Monkton, VT; Kerrin Carroll, Bosie, ID; and stepsons, Eric Sargent, Burlington, VT; and Scott Sargent, Willmington, MA. He is also survived by seven grandchildren.

A small service was held on Saturday, May 22, at his home for family and close friends.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Noah B. Osgood, 17

Noah Bryant Osgood, 17, of Unity, NH, passed away Sunday May 16, 2021.

He was born to his loving father, Matt Osgood, his mother, Jaime Miller, and devoted grandparents, Kurt and Janet Osgood, on November 12, 2003.

Noah was the light and joy of anyone and everyone who was lucky enough to have known him. He was kind and shy, caring and

sensitive. He saw the world through a different lens.

At an early age you could see he was something special. He was the director to many homemade films involving his elementary school friends. He had an eye for the creative and captured it beautifully.

In middle school he ran in cross country running, most times finishing in first place. Noah was quiet and humble, never one to be in the limelight. He would accept his award with a gentle smile.

High school came and he found a love for lacrosse. No matter the score he was happy to be a part of something bigger than himself. Noah loved his friends, his animals and his family. He will be missed for his gentle ways, his quiet demeanor and steady friendships. His love and light will shine on forever, never to be forgotten. An old soul meant for bigger things.

A celebration of life was held Friday, May 21, in Unity, NH.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Backyard Goat Farming

WOODSTOCK, VT— Have you ever thought about keeping a goat? The Billings Backyard Series presents Backyard Goat Farming with Tina Tuckerman on Saturday, June 5, from 10 – 11:30 AM. Tuckerman, a fifth generation Woodstock, Vermont farmer, and owner of One Chicken at a Time Farm, will share her wealth of knowledge about goats, including which breeds may be the best choices for your needs, basic care and space requirements along with information on milking goats and the uses for goat milk.

This presentation is offered at Billings Farm & Museum and is followed by a 30-minute Q&A period. The workshop costs \$15/person; \$10/BF&M Member. Space is limited! Reserve your spot at www.billingsfarm.org/classes-workshops/ or call 802-457-2355.

Billings Backyard is a series of workshops designed to teach sustainable living skills to adult participants and is underwritten by a generous grant from the SpringRiver Private Foundation Trust.

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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=dmpEQ1BRNXNibVFUb1dYNU1nWnZlQT09>

Passcode: 739587

Or by telephone: 1-646-558-8656 Webinar ID: 815 2945 7408 Passcode: 739587

If there is a problem getting through to that number, please call 603-542-7002.

AGENDA (Revised)

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| 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. | <i>Sullivan County ATV Club Class V Roads Permission</i> |
| 7:55 PM | E. | <i>Selection Process for Boards, Committees and Commissions</i> |
| BREAK | | |
| | 11. | NEW BUSINESS |
| 8:15 PM | A. | <i>Ordinance 583 Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Article X Solar Ordinance – First Reading (City Manager)</i> |
| 8:30 PM | B. | <i>Resolution 2021-29 Emergency Operation Plan Update Grant – Public Hearing (City Manager)</i> |
| 8:45 PM | C. | <i>Resolution 2021-30 Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Finance Software – Public Hearing (City Manager)</i> |
| 9:00 PM | D. | <i>Budget (City Manager)</i> |
| 9:15 PM | E. | <i>Policy Committee Discussion (Councilor Koloski)</i> |
| 9:25 PM | 12. | COMMITTEE REPORTS |
| 9:30 PM | 13. | FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES |
| 9:35 PM | 14. | CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL |
| 9:40 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.