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New Exhibits, New Features: The League of NH Craftsmen Host Annual Craftsmen's VIRTUAL Fair

**Fair will take place Saturday,
August 1 to August 9 Online**

CONCORD, NH — Acknowledging the paramount importance of the health and safety of the public, artisans and support staff, the League of NH Craftsmen has shifted away from its traditional on-site fair at the Mount Sunapee Resort and is launching the 87th Annual Craftsmen's Fair in an online format. "The show must go on, but we are bringing our show into people's homes," explained Miriam Carter, Executive Director, League of NH Craftsmen. "We surveyed our members and decided we can still showcase the incredible works created by the talented men and women of the League, but we need to do it in a virtual fair. We remain hopeful that supporters will log on and shop with the same enthusiasm they bring every year to our mountainside venue."

The 87th Annual Craftsmen's Virtual Fair will run Saturday, August 1st through Sunday, August 9th. Preserving the spirit of our event, the League intends to present the work of the craftsmen through unique online demonstrations and the sale of one-of-a-kind crafts. The Fair-like experience will feature interactive visuals, videos, interviews, classes, and demonstrations -- and it will all be accessible from the comfort and safety of your home. You will be able to visit craftsmen's virtual booths, com-

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CFD Toned Out for Structure Fire Early Sunday Morning



The Claremont Fire Department responded Sunday, May 24, to a heavily involved structure fire at 86 Chestnut Street. Claremont safety services were dispatched at 3:07 a.m. A general alarm was struck for all personnel to respond. The four occupants jumped from a second story window to escape the flames. Story, more photos, page A30 (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo).

Craftsmen's, from A1

municate with them, and shop for yourself and your loved ones.

"This year seems even more special than before, given the collective experience we have endured over these past few months," said Carter. "We can still display some of the greatest products ever made in our state and carry forward this wonderful tradition. We will celebrate our members' extraordinary talent in a safe way. During this time in our lives, this virtual event is more than a celebration of craft, it is a celebration of the human spirit."

The League's website, nhcrafts.org will be the source for information about the event as plans come together over the next two months.

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State Begins to Open up More Activities

CONCORD, NH—Last week, NH Governor Chris Sununu issued new guidelines to start opening up outdoor activities, including mini golf, driving shooting ranges and paintball. Such activities can take place individually or in small groups of 10 or less. This includes centers for biking, canoe and kayak rentals, mini-golf, outdoor driving ranges, outdoor shooting ranges, small fishing charters, paint ball, outdoor guiding services (fishing, hunting, hiking), and other small group outdoor activities that are able to follow the new guidance. Those guidelines include such things as staff wearing cloth face coverings at all times when in the retail facility, in public locations or shared staff areas (e.g. break rooms), even if other individuals are not immediately present, and when interacting with clients. All clients should be asked to wear a cloth face mask covering nose and mouth when within the facility or public spaces with other individuals present, say the guidelines.

Alcohol-based hand sanitizer must be made readily available and must be placed throughout the facility, including on entry, in key walkways, in food and beverage locations, in shops, at checkout locations, and at exits. Hand sanitizer must also be provided in non-public settings such as maintenance areas, workshops, offices, and break areas. Commonly touched surfaces, work areas, and public areas should be frequently cleaned and disinfected according to CDC guidance at a minimum every 2 hours and at the end of each shift. Staff and clients should maintain a distance of at

least 6 feet from others at all times.

New guidelines for child care facilities were also announced. Adults dropping off children are being asked to wear cloth face coverings when they're in child care facilities or in public spaces where other people are children. The state is recommending that children not wear face masks while at child care facilities for safety reasons, said the state.

The state's task force making recommendations for reopening parts of the economy unanimously approved guidelines Tuesday for summer camps, museums and youth sports. Phase 1 would allow for small group workouts of 10 people; Phase 2 would increase the group size to 50 to allow scrimmages and games. For more information on various guidelines, visit <https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/>.

Billings Farm Online

WOODSTOCK, VT—Visit Billings Farm online June 1-5, to get in tune with the life cycles on the farm. See how much our baby farm animals have grown, check in on the chicks, the lambs, Maple and Marvin, and our Jersey calf, Billings Casino Vegas, named by our online visitors. Connect with us at: <https://billingsfarm.org/billings-farm-at-home/>.

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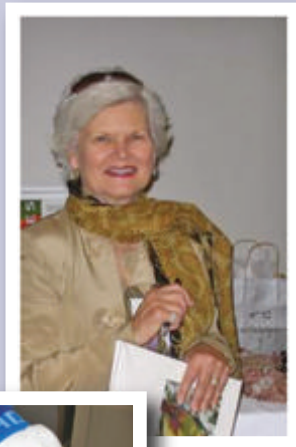
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The Luncheon started in 2000 at the original Center at Eastman in Grantham with about 70 enthusiastic guests.

After a few years and a growing following, the Luncheon moved to Colby-Sawyer College to accommodate an annual crowd of about 225 guests.

In 2005, an award was added to recognize a local high school woman in her junior or senior year for exceptional service to school and community.

The Luncheon has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for LSRVNA and created ongoing relationships with area individuals and organizations.

***For information about our 50th Anniversary activities contact
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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

House Passes Legislation Aimed at Protecting Individual Privacy



As we all should be aware, the date that this week's column is being published is Memorial Day. The day set aside throughout our nation to honor the ultimate sacrifice of all our military personnel in all the wars and other military conflicts in which America has been involved. The ultimate sacrifice of their lives in order to help protect our freedom. Though the coronavirus pandemic may have caused this year's cancellation of many Memorial Day ceremonies, including Claremont's, that doesn't mean we can't take a few minutes out of regular routines to remember this sacrifice in our own way. I know I will.

Now to continue reviewing some of the legislation so far passed by New Hampshire's House of Representatives during the 2020 Session, before the session was interrupted by the pandemic. Among this legislation passed were three bills aimed at better protecting individual privacy. They included House Bills 1226, 1236, and 1376. All three were passed on March 12 with little or no floor debate, and were all recommended in their original or amended forms by a majority of the House Judiciary Committee. Passage of all three comes after the adoption of A "Right to Privacy" amendment to New Hampshire's Constitution by 81 percent of voters in the 2018 General Election. An amendment that declares, "An individual's right to live free from governmental intrusion in private or personal information is natural, essential, and inherent." An amendment now officially numbered in the state constitution as Part 1, Article 2-b.

The first measure, House Bill 1226, would prohibit surveillance by the state on public roads or sidewalks. The bill was approved in its original version on a 267-18 division vote after no floor debate as well as a 16-3 roll call majority vote to approve it. It now moves on to the New Hampshire Senate for further scrutiny, and is sponsored by a bipartisan coalition of four legislators led by Weare Rep. Keith Erf, a Republican. Under the bill's provisions, state as well as county and municipal governments would be barred from using electronic tracking devices such as transponders, cell phones, global positioning satellites, or radio frequency identification devices to help locate or identify motor vehicle drivers and/or passengers, or pedestrians. If it becomes law, government officials convicted of violating it could be liable for at least \$1,000 in civil damages for each violation.

Second measure is House Bill 1236, which would establish a cause of action for violation of an individual's expectation of privacy in personal information. This bill was approved via voice vote of the full House after the Judiciary Committee on a 14-5 roll call vote had recommended an amended version of the measure. Also it now proceeds

to the Senate for more examination. It is sponsored by another bipartisan coalition of five legislators again led by Rep. Erf, a coalition which includes Stoddard Sen. Ruth Ward, another Republican, who is the state senator for 11 of Sullivan County's 15 municipalities.

Under House Bill 1236's amended version as approved, all Granite State residents would have an "Expectation of Privacy," in their "personal information." As defined in the amended version, "personal information" means an individual's name, date and place of birth, Social Security number, address, employment history, credit history, financial and other account numbers, cell phone numbers, voice over internet protocol or landline phone numbers, location information, biometric identifiers, including fingerprints, facial photos or images, retinal scans, 11genetic profiles, DNA/RNA data, or other identifying data unique to that individual. This expectation of individual privacy would apply to all private entities such as utilities, social media providers, email providers, banks and other financial institutions as well as insurance companies. This same privacy expectation would also apply to all municipal, county, state, and federal government agencies in most instances unless a subpoena or warrant was issued requiring such information for a criminal investigation, or such agencies were providing requested services to the affected individuals. Violation of these privacy expectations would make violators subject to a civil penalty of at least \$1,000 per violation, plus court costs and reasonable attorney fees.

Finally, the third measure passed on March 12 was an amended version of House Bill 1376, which would establish a civil penalty for the unauthorized sharing of electronic location information. The bill was approved by voice vote with little floor debate, and after a recommendation by an 11-8 roll call majority of Judiciary to approve the amended version. It now also goes to the Senate for additional review, and is sponsored by a bipartisan coalition of six representatives led by Strafford Rep. Kurt Wuelper, a Republican.

House Bill 1376's amended version includes the three following provisions. First, it would prohibit all cell phone companies from disclosing the location information of their customers, unless these customers have "affirmatively waived" their rights to privacy after being "properly informed." The only exceptions to this prohibition on such companies disclosing location information would be if they were required to comply with a warrant or subpoena, or if such information was needed for "emergency communication," or an "imminent threat to life or property." Second, it would impose a civil penalty of between \$1,000-\$10,000 per day on all cellular companies for each violation of this prohibited disclosures. Third, it would establish a "private right of action in favor of an individual whose location information was disclosed.

For the record, I did vote with the overwhelming majority of my fellow representatives for House Bills 1236 and 1376. Both are important steps forward in helping to protect the privacy rights of our state's residents, and are a good followup to the "Right to Privacy" constitutional amendment, which I supported as a state representative and voter in 2018. Hopefully, the Senate will also approve both bills.

However, I was one of the 18 representatives who voted against

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House Bill 1226, which would totally prohibit the use of electronic or video surveillance so as to determine the identity of motor vehicle drivers, passengers, or pedestrians. I understand the reasons for this measure, but I believe its language as passed by the House does not carve out a few legitimate exceptions, allowing law enforcement to track and possibly catch suspected criminals on public roads and sidewalks as well as do the same for motorists suspected of violating traffic laws or causing vehicular accidents. Hopefully, if the Senate adopts the bill, it will amend it by carving out some of the legitimate exceptions I just mentioned. I believe I could then vote for such an amended version. **Email: jocloutier@comcast.net**

Kuster Introduces Legislation to Extend Federal Status, Benefits to Guard Troops Deployed During COVID-19 Pandemic

CONCORD, NH— Friday Rep. Annie Kuster (NH-02) introduced legislation in the House of Representatives to empower governors to extend federal deployments of their Guard units through the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency. The National Guard COVID-19 Response Stability Act was introduced in the Senate on Wednesday by Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) following the Trump Administration’s decision to end the National Guard’s deployments on June 24, 2020 – one day before the 90-day requirement the men and women who are serving our nation would need to reach to qualify for early retirement and post-9/11 GI Bill benefits.

“Across the nation, the National Guard is working tirelessly to support communities through the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Congresswoman Kuster. “In the Granite State, the brave citizen soldiers and airmen of the New Hampshire National Guard are going above and beyond: from helping with testing sites and contact tracing to processing unemployment claims and partnering with food banks to feed those in need.”

“The Trump Administration’s decision to cut these COVID-19 deployments just short of the 90-day benchmark to receive benefits under the GI Bill is misguided and downright unpatriotic,” Kuster continued. “This move to deliberately prevent people from qualifying for these benefits will also bring an early end to the critical support that the National Guard is providing to communities in every state across the nation. I thank Senator Duckworth for her leadership and work on this legislation, and I am proud to introduce this bill in the House to ensure that the members of the National Guard receive the benefits they deserve for serving our nation in its time of need.”

“The Trump Administration’s repeated attempts to nickel and dime members of the National Guard would be wrong under any circumstance, but it is particularly offensive when these troops are responding to a deadly COVID-19 pandemic that has already killed more than 90,000 Americans,” said Senator Duckworth. “I’m proud to work with Congresswoman Annie Kuster to introduce this legislation that would ensure that all National Guard troops activated to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic are provided with the full benefits they’ve earned and will give states much-needed certainty during these uncertain times.”

“Members of the National Guard serving throughout New Hampshire are on the front lines of our fight against COVID-19, and we are deeply grateful for their service,” said Congressman Chris Pappas. “It is unconscionable that the soldiers and airmen of the National Guard would be nickel and dined out of benefits that they have earned during this crisis. I could not disagree more strongly with this petty decision and have urged President Trump and the Department of Defense to reverse it immediately. I applaud Congresswoman Kuster for introducing this critical legislation to extend federal deployments of their Guard units through the duration of the COVID-19, and I am proud to be a co-sponsor as we work to ensure that when the National Guard has completed its mission supporting us, we support them.”

This legislation will ensure that Guard members can continue to accrue time-served towards the 90-day federal duty requirement while ensuring that states do not have to pick up the tab for their continued service.

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.

Public Urged to Wear Masks

The CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.

Update on City Parks

CLAREMONT, NH –All City Parks will remain open at this time and we are asking all park users to adhere to social distancing protocols. All playground equipment and structures are closed until further notice.

Moody Park

Moody Park officially opened to vehicular traffic on Saturday, May 23. The park hours are 8 AM to 8:30 PM. Due to COVID-19, the playground will remain closed, and there will be no portable toilets available at this time due to sanitation concerns. Reservations for group rentals will not be taken until further notice. While using the parks, please follow social distancing guidelines to help keep our community safe.

Skate Park

In order to adhere to social distancing guidelines related to COVID-19, please maintain a 6-foot distance between people (1 person per ramp) while using the park. Refusal to adhere to these guidelines could result in the closure of the Skate Park.

Basketball Courts

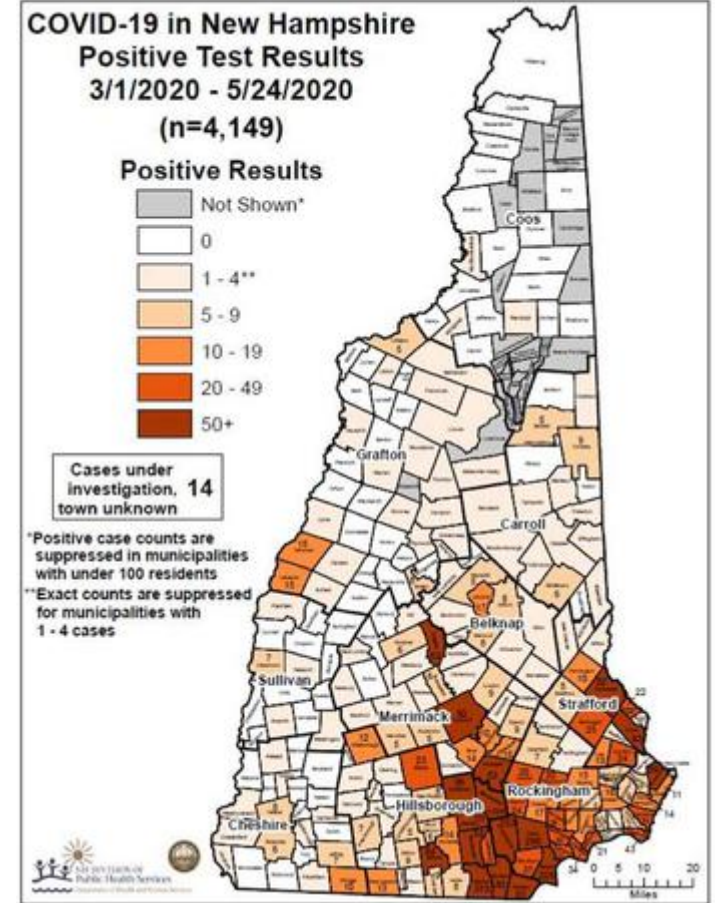
In order to adhere to social distancing guidelines related to COVID-19, please maintain a 6-foot distance between people (1 person per basket) while using the courts. Refusal to adhere to these guidelines could result in the removal of baskets.

NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – May 24, 2020

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 24, 2020, DHHS announced 63 new positive test results for COVID-19. There have now been 4,149 cases of COVID-19 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 is one individual under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 51% being female and 49% being male. The new cases reside in Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (15), Merrimack (8), Rockingham (8), Cheshire (1), and Strafford (1) Counties and in the cities of Manchester (28) and Nashua (2).

No new hospitalized cases were identified for a total of 419 (10%) of 4,149 cases. Four of the new cases have no identified risk factors. Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Most of the remaining cases have either had travel to domestic or international locations or have had close contact with a per-



son with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.

DHHS has also announced one additional death related to COVID-19 in a female resident of Hillsborough County who was 60 years of age and older. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends.

There are now 7 positively identified cases in Claremont.

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (data updated May 24, 2020, 9:00 AM)	
NH Persons with COVID-19	4,149
Recovered	2,204 (53%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	209 (5%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	1,736
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	419 (10%)
Current Hospitalizations	92
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ²	61,386
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ²	9,541
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	21,519
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ³	1,714
Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time)	4,125

County	Cases
Belknap	55
Carroll	46
Cheshire	52
Coos	4
Grafton	69
Hillsborough - Other	696
Hillsborough - Manchester	1026
Hillsborough - Nashua	373
Merrimack	320
Rockingham	1223
Strafford	254
Sullivan	17
County TBD	14
Grand Total	4149

CLAREMONT STRONG

The **Board of Assessing** has decided to authorize the City to create a simplified application process in order to address abatements of interest on taxes for COVID related hardships. This decision is based on Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #25. The Assessing department will be working on creating a simplified application that will be released once completed.

Businesses that **need masks** can order them at https://prd.blogs.nh.gov/dos/hsem/?page_id=8451. There is a 4-5 day turn-around time to receive them at the DMV in Newport.

The **Community Center** is closed, but city parks are open and being maintained. Playgrounds are closed. The Parks & Rec Facebook page is offering up some fun family activities.

Department of Public Works is open. Please note that the transfer and recycling station is open regular hours (Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.), with limitations of four vehicles at one time. Please maintain a minimum of 6' distance.

The **Claremont Police and Fire Departments** are open and available for information or questions. Please maintain safe distancing if possible during this time.

Changes to COVID-19 testing Facility- With the low number of tests being conducted at the State testing Centers, the State has made changes to the testing procedure. People can now register for a test a test online at https://prd.blogs.nh.gov/dos/hsem/?page_id=8479, or call 603-271-5980.

From our Friends at the Greater Sullivan County COVID-19 Community Response Coalition. We are reaching out today to share a continued opportunity for non-profits in your communities. Due to some very generous donors including but not limited to: the NH Endowment for Health, NH Charitable Foundation, Dartmouth-Hitchcock and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Philanthropy, we have opened up a GSC COVID-19 relief fund, overseen by a funding steering committee with the hope of helping organizations in the region adapt to challenges due to COVID-19.

The intent of these funds is to help **non-profit organizations** in need of assistance due to COVID-19. Some examples of places whom have received funds, and some examples of what they have asked for support for include:

- West Central Behavioral Health (equipment to help with telework, etc.)
- COA Chapin Senior Center- Kearsarge Council on Aging (staff help to drive clients, cleaning supplies, etc.)
- Claremont Soup Kitchen (increased food demand, need for bags/to go containers)
- Got Lunch! Newport (increased food demand, assisting families)
- Southwestern Community Services (increased costs due to increased cleaning, sanitizing, etc.)
- Service Link (equipment to help with telework)
- TLC Family Resource Center (equipment to help with telework)
- Full list (updated weekly on Fridays) <https://www.sullivancountynh.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=25>

Anyone who would like to apply needs to complete the request form found at the link below. If you need any help with this form, please reach out. We/I am happy to help in any way I can and we do not want the form to be the barrier to accessing funds and support. Please reach out to GSCPHN@hitchcock.org or Kirsten.D.Vigneault@hitchcock.org with questions or for a form to complete.

The **Visitors Center** is open. Business that can take place by phone, email or on-line meetings is preferred at this time. Applications for building permits and restaurant inspections can be made at claremonthn.viewpointcloud.com. Staff are available for inquiries by businesses, projects, board applications, or zoning questions, as well as building inspections.

While the nice weather and long period of isolation call out for some time with friends and family, please continue to follow the basic rules on 6' distancing and hand-washing. The CDC continues to recommend people wear masks when they are interacting with others, particularly where crowds may gather such as gro-

cery or hardware stores. There are additional requirements for masks in the Governor's new Stay at Home 2.0 order as part of the gradual business opening requirements. The full press release with details is available at <https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/press-2020/20200501-stay-at-home.htm>.

City Hall is open via the main Opera House Square entrance. We ask that you call or email in advance if you want to speak with someone. A document drop-off box is available inside the main entrance. Many payments can be made on-line at <https://www.eb2gov.com/eb2gov.dll/TownLaunch?town-code=006>.

Fiske Free Library is closed, but staff are available by phone or email to answer questions. On-line book and other virtual activity information is available at <http://www.claremonthn.com/residents/departments/library/default.aspx>. Limited check-out of items; call 542-7017 M-F for more information.

The **Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission** cancelled the **Household Hazardous Waste** collection in Lebanon on Saturday, May 2nd, but the next HHW collection date is Saturday, June 6th, at the Claremont Highway Garage, 8 Grandview Avenue: <http://hhw.uvlsrpc.org>.

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National Cancer Institute Renews Comprehensive Cancer Center Designation for Norris Cotton Cancer Center

LEBANON, NH – The National Cancer Institute (NCI) has renewed its Cancer Center Support Grant to Dartmouth College's Norris Cotton Cancer Center (NCCC) located at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, continuing core funding for the only Comprehensive Cancer Center north of Boston.

The five-year \$15.5 million grant, recently finalized and announced, will provide continued core support for NCCC's clinical care and research missions. The prestigious designation as a Comprehensive Cancer Center indicates that NCCC is one of only 51 centers in the United States, recognized by the NCI for its leadership and resources, in addition to demonstrating an added depth and breadth of research and substantial transdisciplinary research that bridges these scientific areas.

NCCC achieved a ranking of "outstanding" from the NCI's review team. The Center has been designated as an NCI Comprehensive Cancer Center continuously since 1990.

"I am incredibly proud of the work done by NCCC's passionate and committed clinicians and researchers in reaching this milestone," said NCCC Director Steven Leach, MD. "In renewing our grant and our designation, the NCI has recognized that NCCC provides the same level of cancer care and research as a major metropolitan Comprehensive Cancer Center, but with a small town, compassionate community face."

NCCC is the only Comprehensive Cancer Center located outside a major urban area. It provides sophisticated cancer care to a region that is predominantly rural and largely medically underserved. A collaborative effort between Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health (D-HH) and the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College, NCCC provides care in 15 locations around Vermont and New Hampshire, in addition to its main location at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon.

"The Cancer Center is among the crown jewels of our Dartmouth-Hitchcock clinical offerings," said Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health CEO and President Joanne M. Conroy, MD. "We're extremely fortunate to have Steve Leach leading our team, and this grant renewal and redesignation is the direct result of his vision and leadership..."

PLUMBERS' LICENSE RENEWAL SEMINAR

River Valley Community College

As an essential need for plumbers, we have been approved to hold the Plumbers' License Renewal seminar beginning with the June 17th session at 6:00 p.m. in Claremont. Our classroom is large enough for students to be 6' apart, according to social distancing regulations.

For more information or to register for the course, go to: <https://rvcc.coursestorm.com/category/plumbing-licensure>.

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Left: Crews on scene of a structure fire on Mulberry Street in Claremont on Tuesday. Right: Firefighters on the roof with axes to increase ventilation (Eric Zengota photos).



CFD Responds to Structure, Brush Fires Last Week

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Fire Department responded to its third fire in recent weeks, on Tuesday, May 19. The department responded to 131 Mulberry Street, a single-family, one and a half story residence for a structure fire. The department received the alarm at 3:40 p.m. and the department responded with Engine 1, Engine 3, Car 1 and Car 2. They were on scene at 3:42 p.m. Crews extinguished the flames using two hose lines and checked for extension and extinguished several hot spots in the process. The fire caused extensive damage on all levels of the structure and is not habitable. No one was injured and several cats were rescued. Red Cross was notified and has made contact with the occupants. The owner is a Cornish, NH, resident who was renting the property to the occupants at the time. Most of their possessions were lost in the fire.

Mutual aid was requested from Ascutney, Cornish and Newport Fire Departments. The

fire was reported under control at 4:22 p.m. At 5:08 p.m. most of the department's apparatus was released from the scene.

The cause of the fire was under investigation by the Claremont Fire Department with the assistance of the Claremont Police Department at press time. Though the cause had yet to be determined, it did not appear to be suspicious, said Claremont Fire Chief Bryan Burr.

Burr continued to remind everyone to "have properly working smoke alarms in your home. Smoke alarms are your first line of defense and provide valuable seconds when escaping a fire."

Claremont Fire Dept. Called Out for Brush Fire

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Fire Department responded to its first brush fire of the season last week. Claremont Fire Chief Bryan Burr reported that "crews responded to 356

Old Newport Road for a brush fire at 3:48 p.m. [Wednesday]. The fire was under control at 4:11 p.m. The fire charred approximately 2 ½ acres of forested land."

The fire was not considered suspicious and has been deemed accidental.

Burr also reported that "While multiple Claremont units were on scene fighting the fire, Ascutney, Cornish and Newport fire units covered the Claremont Station. As Claremont units continued to work the brush fire, Ascutney and Newport responded to a motorcycle vs. car accident with serious injuries to the operator of the motorcycle on Main Street at the intersection of Water Street. The motorcycle operator was transported by Golden Cross Ambulance to Valley Regional Hospital's Helipad at which time DHART helicopter transported the victim to DHMC."

At press time there was no further information as to the condition of the victim, said Burr.

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This meeting will be conducted electronically in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order no. 2020-04, the emergency provisions of RSA 91-A and CDC guidelines. The meeting will be broadcast live on CCTV and on Facebook at City of Claremont NH Government.

The public may participate in this meeting by Zoom.

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Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held concerning the following applications:

A. (ZO 2020-00001) Scott Fischer, 607 Washington Street – Application for a variance from sect. 22-167 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit operation of a portable sawmill that would be less than 1000 feet from existing dwellings in the vicinity of **607 Washington Street**. Tax Map 135, Lot 16. Zoning District: RR (Cont. from 5/4/2020)

B. ZO 2020-00009) Scott Fischer, 607 Washington Street – Application for a Special Exception to permit addition of a portable sawmill to the lot at **607 Washington Street**. Tax Map 135, Lot 16. Zoning District: RR (Cont. from 5/4/2020)

Interested parties may review these applications at the City of Claremont Planning and Development Department, 14 North Street during normal business hours.

Comments about these applications may be submitted by any of the following methods:

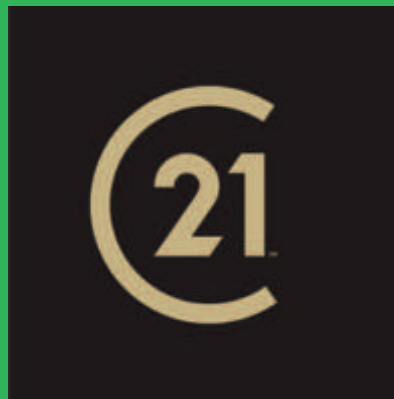
- Via ZOOM online or telephone during the hearing, (call above telephone numbers) or
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HAVERHILL—This home offers one level living at its best. Open L-shaped living/dining/kitchen, two nicely sized bedrooms, 1 and 1/2 baths, plenty of storage, a mud room from the oversized carport, and an enclosed porch that offers views to the CT river and the hillside beyond. **\$119,900 (MLS#4804987)**



GOSHEN—Offering a block of five residential building lots which are part of the Pheasant Run Subdivision, located on the west side of Mount Sunapee just 4 minutes from Sunapee State beach and Mt Sunapee Ski Area. Lots range in size from 3.08 to 7.55 acres and make up a total of 23.27 acres. Private location with views and abundant wildlife. **\$249,000 (MLS#4796435)**



UNITY—This wonderful secluded Cottage sits on a beautiful 10+ acre lot! This 2BR plus 1 bonus room home has incredible potential to be a primary or secondary residence. Features include a cozy eat-in kitchen with large pantry or washer/dryer room. The lot has fruit trees and gardens sprawled all over the land just waiting for your years of enjoyment. **\$120,900 (MLS#4805792)**



CHARLESTOWN—This fully occupied multi-family property is ready to start making you money. Located on Main St in the center of town is this 3-unit property which is zoned business/commercial. It once housed office space and apartments. Currently it is used as three residential rental units. This is an ideal low-maintenance income property. **\$139,900 (MLS#4797750)**



CLAREMONT—Solid little doll house! The vinyl siding, standing seam roof, and replacement vinyl windows will leave you with plenty of time to enjoy the large peaceful fenced back yard with mature landscaping. Nice enclosed porch on the back. The interior is ready for your updates, but this is a great package in a quiet neighborhood off Charlestown Rd. **\$134,900 (MLS#4806422)**



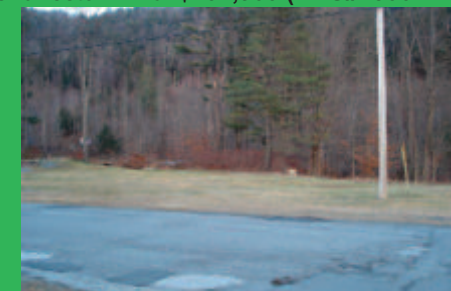
CLAREMONT— Prime residential location! Stunning Colonial on 4+/- acres with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, kitchen upgrades, a sunny atrium, formal living and dining rooms, enclosed 3-season sun porch, lower level family room, 2-car garage, garden shed, and a separate 3 bay storage building. Home is tastefully decorated with hardwood floors, newly installed laminate in kitchen and entry, tile in atrium, and carpeting in living room! **\$325,000 (MLS#4797300)**



ROCKINGHAM, VT—Circa-1790 3 bedroom, 2 bath Cape on 29 country acres with a pond, stream, waterfalls, berries, fruit trees, and perennials. The 1st level is home to the master bedroom, 2nd bedroom, and a full bath. This home's 2nd level provides a loft bedroom and another full bathroom. A modern and updated kitchen awaits the family's chef, with copper sink, huge butcher block island, and a double oven stove. Relax on the famers porch watching the wildlife or on the rear deck that overlooks the pond. **\$319,000 (MLS#4799134)**



CLAREMONT—This downtown building offers two updated apartments and a large office or retail opportunity on the first floor. There is also storage rental and a long term additional income from small area of the basement. Basement offers storage and more work space with 2 exits including a double door stairway **\$125,000 (MLS#4799848)**



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! **\$20,000 (MLS#4800971)**



CHARLESTOWN— Welcome to easy living with a multitude of options! This home has been rehabbed by the owners to include new roof, exterior paint, windows, interior paint, new kitchen, flooring, 3/4 bath in master bedroom, and water heater. The original hardwood is gleaming. The attached garages are ideal for business or hobby. They offer 1,800+ sq ft with overhead space for a lift. Nice sized yard for entertaining, kids, or pets. **\$169,000 (MLS#4804568)**

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Joins Clinical Trial for New COVID-19 Drug

LEBANON, NH – Dartmouth-Hitchcock (D-H) is one of the first academic medical centers for a new FDA-approved national Phase 3 study of a drug with the potential to treat patients in the hospital with COVID-19 pneumonia. Lenzilumab is a monoclonal antibody that could prevent the severity of COVID-19-associated pneumonia from progressing to respiratory failure or death.

The primary objective is to assess whether the use of lenzilumab, alongside current standard of care practices, can alleviate the immune-mediated Cytokine Release Syndrome and reduce the need for invasive mechanical ventilation and the number of deaths. The study is aimed toward people with COVID-19 pneumonia upon hospitalization who have biomarkers indicating they are at high risk of disease progression. A total of 238 patients from medical centers nationwide will be randomized to receive lenzilumab or a placebo in a 1:1 ratio.

“This Humanigen study is an important complement to the studies we already have here,” says D-H Principal Investigator Richard Zuckerman, MD, MPH, of D-H’s Section of Infectious Disease and International Health. “First, we have the option of remdesivir as an antiviral, but this will not prevent many cases of progression to more severe disease from COVID-19 that is driven by immune activation, which is the part of this infection that makes people very sick. So, we opted to pursue the Humanigen product because it is attempting to prevent the immune cytokine storm and reduce the need for mechanical ventilation, which has been shown to be associated with more prolonged stays in the hospital and physical weakness.”

D-H completed site preparation to join the study in eight days—an unprecedented period from planning to initiation. The remarkable turnaround is a testament to the agility of the clinical research teams involved. Participation has required focused efforts from all stakeholders, including operational efforts, health system support and efficiencies, key clinician partnerships, as well as national partnerships.

D-H is one of the most rural locations engaged in this level of scientific research ad-

ressing the COVID-19 pandemic. Regional clinical partners and patients have expressed gratitude in knowing that D-H has made these clinical trials available to our patients.

If successful, this clinical trial may lead to FDA approval of lenzilumab for COVID-19. “Adding this potential treatment to our portfolio gives us the ability to address the many phases of COVID-19,” says Zuckerman.

PLANT SALE IN PLAINFIELD Saturday, June 6; 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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Slow Down and Give Turtles a Brake This Spring and Summer

CONCORD, NH – World Turtle Day was May 23rd and is celebrated annually to bring attention to turtles by increasing education, protection, and understanding of them around the world. In New Hampshire, it is also the start of turtle nesting season when the move is on from wetlands and vernal pools to upland nesting sites. This nesting season lasts from late May into early July, reaching maximum intensity in June. One of the most significant threats to turtle populations in the Granite State is being struck by vehicles on roadways. While male turtles may occasionally travel over land to different wetlands, mature female turtles leave their home ponds and marshes every spring to lay their eggs, sometimes traveling distances of one mile, returning to the same location each year.

“Turtle nesting season provides us with a unique opportunity to see turtles moving on land, but it is an extremely vulnerable time for them,” said NH Fish and Game Department Wildlife Biologist Melissa Doperalski. “We can all do our part to help them safely reach their nesting habitats by slowing down when driving and keeping an eye out for them as they cross roadways in the coming weeks.”

Here are a few things you can do to help New Hampshire turtle populations stay abundant and healthy:

- Slow down and watch for turtles in roadways.
- Help turtles cross roads safely. If you see a turtle crossing a road, and it is safe for you to do so, help it cross in the direction it is traveling. Never create a dangerous situation for other motorists or yourself. Snapping turtles should be handled with extreme care or allowed to cross on their own.
- Do not take the turtle home or move it from the area where you found it. A turtle taken to your home is a turtle lost from the local population. All native New Hampshire turtles are protected by state law during nesting season.
- If a turtle is injured, visit www.wildnh.com/wildlife/rehabilitators.html or call NH Fish and Game’s Wildlife Division at (603) 271-2461 for a list of wildlife rehabilitators in your area. For more on what to do if you find an injured

turtle, visit www.wildnh.com/nongame/turtles-injured.html.

Report turtle sightings (living or deceased) to NH Fish and Game’s Reptile and Amphibian Reporting Program at www.nhwildlifesightings.unh.edu.

- Work with land trusts and town officials to help conserve important natural areas in your community.

- Spread your mulch because an idle pile can be an attractive place for turtles to nest when located near wetland areas. If mulch will be piled for several weeks or more, covering it with plastic will help reduce the attractiveness to nesting turtles.

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e-Ticker Business News

Voting Opens in NHEC Board Election

PLYMOUTH, NH—Voting is underway in the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) annual election. As a member-owned, democratic electric cooperative, NHEC members vote each year on the organization's Board of Directors and proposed bylaw changes. This year NHEC members will vote to fill three seats on NHEC's Board of Directors.

NHEC members have until Tuesday, June 16, 2020 to return their completed paper ballot or cast their electronic ballot via a secure, online portal. Election results will be announced at the 81st Annual Meeting of Members, to be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 22. Due to ongoing restrictions on public gatherings, the annual meeting will be conducted online, with no physical location. To register to attend the online meeting, please visit www.nhec.com/2020-annual-meeting. All NHEC members are welcome to attend and will be able to interact with presenters.

Five candidates are seeking election this year to three seats on NHEC's 11-member Board of Directors. Four candidates were selected by the NHEC Nominating Committee, which reviews the qualifications of each candidate and recommends those it feels would best contribute to the successful operation of NHEC. A fifth candidate was nominated by petition, which according to NHEC Bylaws, must be signed by at least 100 current NHEC members.

This year's candidates selected by the Nominating Committee include Leo Dwyer of Sandwich, Madeline McE-laney of Plymouth, Mark Portu of Lincoln, and Harry Viens of Center Harbor. William Darcy of Benton was nominated by petition. NHEC members are receiving written statements from the candidates in support of their candidacies along with a ballot.

This year's ballot also includes a proposed change to NHEC's Certificate of Organization, which states the purposes for which NHEC was formed. The proposed amendment was submitted by member petition, and seeks to add language to the NHEC Certificate of Organization that would include "facilitating access to broadband internet for members" as a stated purpose of the cooperative. By a vote of 7-3 with one abstention, the NHEC Board of Directors has opposed the proposed change. The statements of proponents and opponents are included on the ballot. Results of the voting will be announced with the Board election results at NHEC's Annual Meeting on June 22.

WorkReadyNH Goes Online

A new online version of the WorkReadyNH program at River Valley Community College is now available. After more than eight years of face to face classes, the course was quickly transformed to online when the COVID-19 pandemic hit and it proved to be a successful way to provide professional development training. A blend of group work through Zoom and flexible independent work offers intensive workplace training in soft skills that include strategies to improve communication, make solid decisions, solve challenging problems, work as a productive team member, and so much more. For those who are thinking of

changing careers or just starting out in the workforce, practicing interview skills, completing a resume and simple networking are also covered. In addition, reading, math, and graphic literacy skills are tested. Graduates earn a WorkReadyNH certificate from the Community College System of NH and a National Career Readiness Certificate from ACT.

If you are committed to building your workplace skills and your confidence, join the tuition free WorkReadyNH program and over 3700 statewide WorkReadyNH graduates who have taken the program.

The next class will held online June 15th – July 2nd, Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.. Register now at workreadyrvcc@ccsnh.edu or call Program Director Martha Mott at 543-4585. For more information go to www.rivervalley.edu or www.facebook.com/workreadynh.

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**Mayoral
Notes**
by
Charlene Lovett



**Memorial Day –
A Day of Remembrance**

While Memorial Day may look different this year due to the pandemic, its significance remains the same. In fact, this year marks the anniversary of many historical events that impacted lives at home and abroad. From the birth of our nation to the present, the people of Claremont have served their country in every war. Our cemeteries and memorials remind us of the sacrifice that so many made and provide a pathway for remembrance.

This April marked the 245th anniversary of the Lexington and Concord battles in Massachusetts. These events of 1775 between the colonists' militia and the British soldiers marked the start of the American Revolution. Incorporated in 1764, Claremont was still in its infancy. Yet, some of its men readily joined the fight against a world power to bring forth a new nation. While no monument exists in the City memorializing their sacrifice, our cemeteries are the final resting place for those who risked everything to make America a reality.

One hundred and fifty-five years ago, the Civil War ended in 1865. It was the bloodiest war in the country's history. For four years, Americans fought one another. Battles ravaged the countryside, destroying lives and property. Though the cities and towns of New Hampshire were not the battleground, their men were deployed to the fight. The cost of keeping the country unified was great with an estimated loss of life ranging from 600 to 800 thousand. Nearly 100 Claremont men were among the dead. Their names are recorded on the bronze memorial, erected by Claremont's citizens in 1869. The memorial, adorned with a bronze statue of a Civil War soldier, stands in the center of Broad Street Park.

Seventy-five years ago, World War II ended. More than 16 million men and women served in the U.S. armed forces during that war. Given the U.S. population at that time was ap-

proximately 132 million, 12 percent of Americans served. The impact of that war was felt by every family to some degree. Here at home, the families of 46 men mourned the loss of loved ones. Twenty-two years later in 1967, the citizens of Claremont erected a war memorial in Broad Street Park listing their names and those who died in WW1, Korea and Vietnam.

This year also marks the 70th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. In my column last week, I wrote of PFC Ronald W. McKenzie who was the first man from Claremont to die in that war. Five other men from our community also lost their lives. The names of these six men are listed on the war memorial.

Fifty-five years ago, our country entered the Vietnam Conflict. For the first time, Americans were able to watch on television the devastation that was occurring so far away. Ending 10 years later in 1975, the conflict claimed the lives of over 58,000 American service men and women. Here at home, the names of five men

who lost their lives due to the fighting overseas are listed on the war memorial.

In 1990, the United States entered the Gulf War, triggered by Iraq's attempted occupation of Kuwait. It was to be the first of several campaigns in the Middle East in which thousands of American service men and women give their lives over the next 30 years. Today, we still have tens of thousands of troops in harm's way throughout the Middle East.

This Memorial Day there will be no parade or ceremony in Broad Street Park due to COVID-19 to honor the sacrifice made by so many throughout our history. Yet, our gravestones and memorials stand as sentinels of remembrance, offering us a view into the blood and tears shed on our behalf. All we must do is pause and look their way.

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



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Operating in the Age of COVID-19: Arts, Animals, Historical Groups & Others Cope with New Challenges, Lost Revenue

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

These uncharted waters in the age of COVID-19 have affected every aspect of life, and non-profits and other organizations are taking a hit like every other entity, including those that are dedicated to the arts, animal care and historical preservation, groups often overlooked during a crisis. We contacted a number of such organizations to see how they are doing.

Claremont Opera House

Rebecca Vinduska, board member of the Claremont Opera House, reported that "The Claremont Opera House, like many of the other small businesses and non-profits across the country, is working to find innovative and creative ways to deal with this horrible pandemic. We definitely took a hit with the cancellation of all our spring shows and unfortunately will not be able to offer the children's shows this summer. Our executive director is diligently working to make sure we avail ourselves of all the grants and other opportunities, to make the Opera House whole. Guidance from the state regarding entertainment venues is still in draft form, but we think it safe to assume that when we do get the green light, it will be at a very reduced capacity.

"The COH Board met last week and agreed that we should explore virtual and outdoor opportunities. The Opera House is an integral part of our community. While it may be a while until we have a full house in the physical building, we are seeking ways to bring people together (at least 6 feet apart or virtually) to help get people through this pandemic. We are especially grateful for the support of the current sponsors, members and friends. Our hope is that through grants and corporate underwriting, will be able to expand our base of support in order to continue providing fun cultural experiences for the greater Claremont region."

Interested sponsors are welcome to reach out to COH Board Member Kate McNamee (kcoc178@gmail.com or (443)373-5144.

Newport Opera House Association

The Newport Opera House closed its doors immediately after "The Logger" comedy show on March 18th due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the theatre has remained dark since then.

"The spring musical, 'Little Shop of Horrors', and the Sunshine Town Social, two events that the Newport Opera House Association has counted on to get through the off time in the summer, have been postponed tentatively until the fall, and a bus trip to Boston to see a production of 'Les Miserables' with a dinner following the show scheduled for June is on hold until further notice," said Meg Cowan, executive director of the NOHA. "It remains to be seen when large audiences will be able to gather again to enjoy live performances and events. The NOHA continues to build its 2020-2021 season but being responsive to CDC guidelines and mandates from the state and town will determine what we can do and when we can do it.

"Ultimately, it is paramount that the health of our guests, artists, crew and volunteers be our first priority and with that in mind, the NOHA will do our best to welcome people back as soon as it is feasible to do so. 'The show must go on!' It will. Just not right away and probably not in a traditional way," said Cowan.

Newport Historical Society

The Historical Society has had to cancel all its programs, and keep the Museum closed, though monthly expenses continue, even closed, said board member Priscilla Hagebusch. "Besides memberships, selling our many items on Newport history provides a large portion of our budget. Though available on the website, not much is moved when the personal touch is not there."

Also in Newport, Hagebusch said that "Our beloved **Newport Thrift Shoppe** sells donated clothing and household items, donat-

ing all of the proceeds to Newport Health Care needs, like new ambulances, and Health Care Worker scholarships. The organization cannot yet determine when it might be back in the business where the volunteer workers and the customers handle donated items from all over. AND, what have people been doing while quarantined at home? Why cleaning out their old stuff! People have boxes and bags galore to donate to the Thrift Shoppe. When will we, and our customers, feel safe to continue processing, selling and buying these items? Meanwhile, the rent continues for the Shoppe."

Also on the line this year is the **The Friends of the Richards Free Library** end-of-August Book Fair (combined with the Arts Center's Apple Pie Festival) which is a major fundraiser for the organization, bringing in about \$8,000 on it.

"The issue for our Library is that the money from the Book Fair (and, Cookie Walk) is what the Friends donate to the Library to fund most of the online services offered by the Library, which are beyond the usual Library budget," explained Hagebusch. "Use of the online services has increased 400 percent in the 'lock-down' era. And our usual annual solicitations for memberships are for memberships ranging from \$5 to \$25 per year, and a Centurion membership, which is \$100."

Stevens Alumni Association

"We know we will take a hit, but we are still
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doing the parade fundraiser tickets which will go towards the big parade in 2021 as we will be celebrating our 150th anniversary,” said Carolyn Leblanc, of the SHS Alumni Association Board. “With no parade this year, there will be 2 floats for every 5-year class who want to participate, so that alone increases the size of the parade. We intend to have more bands and marching units, so we are already thinking ahead to 2021. Even though we will not get as much money, we have members who will still pay dues and send donations. We sent a donation to the Claremont Soup Kitchen to help them cope with increased demand. We [had] banners made to congratulate the class of 2020. There is a 5 by 12 full color at Golden Cross, a 5 by 12 on Hillstead just past Drapers Corner, and two 3 by 8 full color banners on the gazebo at Broad St. Park placed so that people going either way will see them. We are getting a banner to place in the window at the office.

“Yes, our weekend events are cancelled for the 1st time in the history of SHS Alumni but we are not dwelling on this big disappointment and what we cannot fix, we are moving forward with our plans for next year. We are currently in the process of selecting the scholarship recipients from the senior class applicants and 2nd, 3rd and 4th yr. graduates. We will be able to give at least \$80,000 this year which I think is really good considering the way the stock market has been fluctuating.”

West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts

WCCMA executive director Melissa Richmond said her organization “had a little less disruption early on since early in the year is when when lay the groundwork for summer and fall/winter. We’ve had a few events cancelled, the end of our HopStop season, and our Spring Tea Party that would be right around now. Weekly Art Therapy went on hold, and music lessons moved online. It became clear quite quickly that COVID-19 was going to have extremely long-term implications, and that we would have to scrap or dramatically adapt everything we do through the end of the year at least. We had to re-think everything. So we are focused on being safe and innovative, preparing for when we can all gather again, and trying to find ways to connect and be inspired from a safe dis-

tance.

“We are so grateful to have a few sponsors already onboard for our summer season so that we’ll be able to find other ways to offer concerts. The biggest change for a lot of the nonprofits I’ve spoken with is figuring out how to operate without knowing financially what to anticipate, while still pursuing our vital missions. Personally when I am coping with the change and the grief that comes with this pandemic, I have relied heavily on the arts. So many artists have been incredibly generous in sharing their talent with the world, largely for free, and I’m so grateful for restaurants and culinary artists who are adapting to safely feed us - that’s the power of the arts, to lighten your burdens and create joy in the midst of great trial. The arts truly are a necessity.”

Financially it has been somewhat tough, said Richmond, “a number of funding streams have slowed or stopped. We have had to reduce the amount of programs and concerts we’ll provide as a result of the income changes. We’re still selling NH tax credits for our capital campaign, and it’s not a great time for that! Businesses have no idea what the immediate future looks like, which makes it difficult to make contributions and project their tax liabilities. The building project is still moving forward, we have a grant through June for much of the work we need getting ready to launch the campaign. So it hurts, but we are not at risk of closing.

“We’re adapting our programming to look at ways that we can still interact as a community from a distance. WCCMA is partnering with Saint-Gaudens Memorial for the summer to present some really special digital concerts.

We’ll be announcing more very soon, but the show will go on. We’re in the process of launching the YAE Corp, part of our Youth Arts Enrichment Initiative, that will provide a portal for the kids in our community to explore new and existing performing arts videos for free. These bite-sized experiences will teach basic techniques everyone can do from home in art, music, dance, and theater, and highlight work by exciting artists in the field. We are just getting ready to pilot the program in the next few weeks, and plan to have multiple installments each month. Later in the summer people will be able to sign up for special boxes with supplies to use on the coming weeks’ installments.

“We’re also really pleased to be working with 2 local businesses on a special Tea Party in a Box, so that we can all still gather together digitally for a treat, a nice cup of tea, and some fun items. We have several fun and exciting projects in the works that we can’t go public yet. But one includes digital projections of musicians, a really rare experience. Another is possibly getting a tractor trailer and having a few spots it stops where a lot of houses are, so people can listen to some live music without gathering. And I’ve been working really closely with my artistic advisory board and a crazy cool fundraiser. Think: micro commission of a piece of music by an award-winning composer, like a theme song.

“So lots and lots of creativity, which helps to distract from the very real prospect that we won’t be able to have a regular concert for maybe more than a year, and nothing is going to be the ‘usual’ for quite some time. The

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Congratulations
STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL
Class of 2020

SHS Alumni Welcomes The Newest Members to the Oldest Active High School Alumni Association in the USA!

The SHS Alumni Association has put up banners around town to congratulate the Class of 2020.

Creative, from A18

amount of work and staff to keep a venue sanitized, cost to make sure the ventilation improves safety, and the logistics involved to rearrange seating so people can stay distant. It's discouraging to see how many people want to defy the recommendation, and quite frankly is going to reduce what organizations and businesses are willing to do."

Amplified Arts

"Amplified Arts has been weathering the pandemic fairly well," said executive director Shelly Hudson. "We are small enough to not have a lot of overhead and have been reaching out to vendors who have been willing to work with us. Amplified Arts is not a nonprofit but an LLC and Social Enterprise, so we are not seeing the same issues as many of our sister theatre companies who are nonprofit. We also have never had to fill large halls to turn a profit. Our challenge will be our small venue and social distancing. We have a house of about 70... with social distancing requirements we will be down to 20 people a show in no time. Luckily we create arts experiences that can meet that challenge as long as we have the venue to do it in. In fact, we are already exploring new ways to present live theatre outside our current venue and things look very promising. We should be announcing several new programs in the coming weeks that will provide cultural activities in a new way for AMP members and patrons. We are pretty excited about it!

Hudson continued, "We have been active on social media promoting arts activities happening from around the state and the country and have even provided our own content produced by our members. Streetside Art Gallery has also provided us a way to express ourselves creatively with our window displays on Pleasant Street featuring locally created art and have sold some art to boot. We did have a spring show that we had to cancel and are re-tooling how we might present a show at the end of the summer. We are looking forward to sharing great moments through the arts again.

Concerning lost revenue and funding, Hudson said, "Well, we have simply closed up shop for now. We still have to cover rent and work on paying vendors. But again, because of our business model and the healthy relationships that we have with the community, our supporters and members, I think we will make

it through ok. But It is not easy by any means! We miss creating with our arts family, miss hearing from thrilled patrons, and miss showcasing the incredible talent we have in the region. But all things considered, we are in a better place than some and for that, we are extremely grateful. We would encourage those interested in supporting us to reach out to amplifiedartsnh@gmail.com, we can always welcome new sponsors, members, partners and arts lovers. We would also like to thank all our past sponsors, supporters and members. Because of their generosity early on, we are able to take a step back and plan for the future."

Sullivan County Humane Society

"We are coping well, knowing that we will be feeling the implications of this for a long time to come," said executive director Cheryl Koenig. "Since spay/neuter was deemed non-essential and therefore most veterinarians stopped offering the service and low cost spay/neuter clinics has to be canceled, we know that this will be a challenging year with a lot of kittens needing our help. We currently have six litters of kittens that we are caring for, a total of 25 kittens to date. Also, since veterinarians are also operating under restrictions, it is taking us a much longer time to get the cats in our care into the vet for their routine medical care and we are also have to utilize multiple veterinarians. We are very appreciative that these other veterinarians are able to accommodate us, but, unfortunately since they are not our veterinarian of record, we are paying a significantly larger fee than we would with our veterinarian of record, who gives us substantial discounts.

"Fortunately, in terms of complying with the state recommendations, we clean the shelter from top-to-bottom regularly already. Our staff and volunteers all have masks and when we re-open to our regular hours, we will limit the total number of people in the shelter to ten. We hope to re-open to our normal hours on June 2."

Koenig said that "We have continued to offer all of our services, except the spay/neuter clinics as the veterinarian was not able to hold them, but by appointment instead. We did have to cancel multiple fundraisers that we did have scheduled and have had to rely on the generosity of the public to help, and we have been applying for grants. We have remodeled our largest fundraiser, our 5K, to be a virtual 5K and hope that people will participate

in that. The loss of funding is something that will impact us for years to come and is proving to be very detrimental to us."

Koenig said that "We are still providing the essential services of our pet food bank, surrenders and adoptions. We have had 23 new dogs and 19 new cats added to our pet food bank since this started due to changes in their family's circumstances as a result of the virus. As other local shelters made the decision to suspend animal surrenders in all but certain emergency cases, we have continued to take in animals in need. We have had 11 cats surrendered to us as a result of COVID-19. We expect this number to increase in terms of surrenders. And, again, due to the lack of spay/neuter options we will definitely be caring for a lot more kittens this summer. If anyone needs assistance with feeding their pets, or needs to discuss surrender options, please call the humane society at 603-542-3277."

Like other organizations hard hit by the pandemic, lost revenue is a major challenge. "We are hoping for public support, applying for grants and trying to be creative in our fundraising with events like our virtual 5K. Unfortunately, right now, with the limitations on gatherings and places that are open, there is not a whole lot more that we can do. Right now we are just focusing our efforts on providing for the animals and the people that care for them. Once we are again able to hold fundraisers, we will do all that we can to try to make up for the financial loss caused by this pandemic."

For information on the virtual 5K, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/SCHS-Save-a-Stray-5K-933409870028068/?eid=ARBLTM-L2RvrrTXgJkMxVPR9RQxkjV24ChlegQyw-K3OFM8q1mNaU-PUzbzOsci5j-l3Ypd80WnzkrCclQ>.

Cathy Sullivan, owner of the **Lost My Way** shelter and the local Animal Control Officer, said she is "as busy as ever." Lost My Way will be opening regular hours on Tuesday, May 26, but Sullivan asks "that you still call ahead and continue to bring a face mask so if needed."

What's Happening at the Plainfield Libraries

Preschool Storytime on Facebook Live Fridays at 10 am

Join us for stories and songs at <https://www.facebook.com/plainfieldpubliclibraries/live/>.

Email us at mer-prml@plainfieldlibraries.org for questions and assistance.

Know Risk Tolerance at Different Stages of Life

As an investor, you'll always need to deal with risk of some kind. But how can you manage the risk that's been made clear by the recent volatility in the financial markets? The answer to this question may depend on where you are in life.

Let's look at some different life stages and how you might deal with risk at each of them:

When you're first starting out ... If you're early in your career, with perhaps four or even five decades to go until you retire, you can likely afford to invest primarily for growth, which also means you'll be taking on a higher level of risk, as risk and reward are positively correlated. But, given your age, you have time to overcome the market downturns that are both inevitable and a normal part of investing. Consequently, your risk tolerance may be relatively high. Still, even at this stage, being over-aggressive can be costly.

When you're in the middle stages ... At this time of your life, you're well along in your career, and you're probably working on at least a couple of financial goals, such as saving for retirement and possibly for your children's college education. So, you still need to be investing for growth, which means you'll likely need to maintain a relatively high risk tolerance. Nonetheless, it's a good idea to have some balance in your portfolio, so you'll want to consider a mix of investments that align with each of your goals.

When you're a few years from retirement ... Now, you might have already achieved some key goals – perhaps your kids have finished college and you've paid off your mortgage. This may mean you have more money available to put away for retirement, but you'll still have to think carefully about how much risk you're willing to take. Since you're going to retire soon, you might consider rebalancing your portfolio to include some more conservative investments, whose value is less susceptible to financial market fluctuations. The reason? In just a few years, when you're retired, you will need to start taking withdrawals from your investment portfolio – essentially, you'll be selling investments, so, as much as possible, you'll want to avoid selling them when their price is down. Nonetheless, having a balanced and diversified portfolio doesn't fully protect against a loss. However, you can further reduce the future risk of being overly dependent on selling variable investments by devoting a certain percentage of your portfolio to cash and cash equivalents and designating this portion to be used for your daily expenses during the years immediately preceding, and possibly spilling into, your retirement.

When you're retired ... Once you're retired, you might think you should take no risks at all. But you could spend two or three decades in retirement, so you may need some growth potential in your portfolio to stay ahead of inflation. Establishing a withdrawal rate – the amount you take out each year from your investments – that's appropriate for your lifestyle and projected longevity can reduce the risk of outliving your money. Of course, if there's an extended market downturn during any time of your retirement, you may want to lower your withdrawal rate temporarily.

As you can see, your tolerance for risk, and your methods of dealing with it, can change over time. By being aware of this progression, you can make better-informed investment decisions.

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Memorial Day 2020



Although public Memorial Day ceremonies were cancelled throughout the area this year due to COVID-19 concerns, Claremont American Legion Post 29 held a brief service this morning that included the wreath-laying at the monument in Broad St. Park, the playing of "Taps" and a 2-gun salute. Trucks at the Claremont Fire Dept. were also parked at "attention", and the flag on the station flew at half-staff.

Photos by Eric Zengota

Inspiration

The Colonel and the Civilian

By Priscilla Hull

This being the day when we recognize our military for their sacrifices for us, I have chosen two men who mean a lot to me and whom I have loved and admired all my life. As a child I didn't understand their roles, but as an adult I do recognize their importance in World Wars One and Two. I don't remember much about the political importance of WWII. I remember the "watch man" who lived in a small hut somewhere beyond my grandpa's pasture. I remember Mom taking food out to him. He was a story teller and must have been very lonely out there in the middle of nowhere, so the treat of Mom and two or three little girls must have been good for him. I did know that he was watching for airplanes from the bad guys.

I digress, I'm here to write about these two special men. The Colonel was my mother's uncle. He wanted to make the military his career but back then when your parents set you on another path, you followed that path. Despite that conflict, the Colonel (that's what we all called him) was able to follow his dream to an extent. He attended Cornell, rather than West Point and pursued a career in law. When WWI came along, he enlisted and was placed in the legal area. He was sent to India and then Australia to do whatever it was that lawyers were needed for. He was a brilliant man and quickly attained the rank of Colonel.

The Colonel loved children and having no grandchildren of his own, we benefited from his love. He was a wonderful story teller. He was well read in the Indian American Wars in particular and in Indian lore. Therefore his stories reflected these times from our history. The colonel and his wife "Flossie" were always guests at our dinner table. She brought pies, he brought stories. After dinner we kids would retire to another room with the colonel and in the semi dusk of the fading day, he would light the candle in a Revere Lantern and he would fill our minds with the most fascinating stories of Indian lore.

The Colonel was kind and loving. He always would stop to make a child feel loved and important. I don't know much about his military life, but I'm sure that same attitude and love was extended to those who worked in the military with him.

The second man was a civilian who served in WWII. He happens to be my Dad. He was not allowed to enlist because of some health issues and the fact that he was four times a father. However, he was an expert in telecommunications, particularly radar. He spent many months on the southern and northern borders of our country setting up and monitoring the DEW lines that protected us from air attacks in both areas. There came a time when he was needed to do the same thing in both England and France. So he left his wife and girls, took a bus to New York City, and a ship off to a very different way of life.

I recently transcribed his letters home and realized how much he sacrificed for his country, and also for others. At times they had a house or barn to sleep in, but frequently he slept in the field, or a tent. Food was scarce, they received K-rations which contained crackers, cheese, a candy bar, and lifesavers (cigarettes). He traded his cigarettes to others for their candy, not for himself, but for the children who roamed the streets and befriended the American soldiers who would respond. Likewise when he had fresh fruit, he would sit on a curb or grass and share that fruit with the children (knowing him as I did I'm sure the kids got the lion's share of everything). I have a picture in my mind of this tall, lanky man sitting on the ground sharing his food with a bunch of kids and then talking with them like they were his own.

These may not be your typical soldier stories, but they are real. These are the men and now women who leave their loved ones at home so that they can protect our peace and our rights to the freedoms which we hold so dear. Say a prayer for those who have served and who are serving. Let us never forget that they are family men and women, people we love and admire. People who have brought compassion and safety to us. Let us maintain that respect and goodness and love of these people and thank them for their service.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

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



Calendar Of Events

Limited Check-out of Materials at Fiske Free Library Now Available

CLAREMONT, NH—The Fiske Free Library is now providing limited check out of materials. Patrons requesting materials will need to call the library to reserve items and to schedule a time for pickup. Pickup of items will be limited to Monday through Friday with no evening or Saturday pickups. Depending on request volume and staff availability, requests may take up to 24 hours to be filled. Patrons may request specific titles or allow the library staff to pick items within a subject or genre. Check-outs will be limited to 5 adult items or 10 children's items.

Items will initially be given a four week loan period that will be extended if necessary. No late fees will be charged while the COVID-19 emergency continues. Pickups will be through the front entrance of the library only.

The library staff will make other accommodations for patrons who cannot use the front steps. Patrons may call the library at 542-7017 M-F between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM to request items.

Reed Optical Hosts Book Drive & Raffle

CLAREMONT & SUNAPEE, NH—Reed Optical is hosting a Book Drive and Raffle to support local libraries. During the month of May, they will be collecting book donations at both their Claremont (Pleasant Street) and Sunapee (Post Office Road) locations. In exchange for a book donation, an entry will be given toward a drawing of "fabulous prizes". Take a look at the prizes in either office, our website (www.reedoptical.com/bookdrive2020) or on the Reed Optical Facebook pages.

Books collected in Claremont will be donated to the Fiske Free Library, while books collected in Sunapee will be donated to the Abbott Library.

For more information about Reed Optical, or their book drive, please visit <http://www.reedoptical.com>. Contact the Claremont location at 603-543-3125, sales@reedoptical.com, or <http://facebook.com/ReedOptical>. Contact the Sunapee location at 603-763-7302, sunapee@reedoptical.com or <http://facebook.com/ReedOpticalSunapee>.

39th Annual Prouty Goes Virtual in the Time of COVID-19

LEBANON, NH—During this unprecedented time of COVID-19, The Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center is excited to announce the continuation of The Prouty's 39-year tradition of raising funds for important cancer research and crucial patient services at Dartmouth and Dartmouth-Hitchcock's Norris Cotton Cancer Center in a structure that will keep all participants safe and healthy.

The Prouty – named in memory of patient Audrey Prouty – is the biggest charity challenge north of Boston. Because of COVID-19, the Friends will NOT be bringing 4,000 people together in Hanover, NH, on July 11. Instead, people everywhere will be invited to be part of the newly designed 2020 Virtual Prouty where one can bike, walk, row (if you can), golf (if possible) or do any other event from the comfort of home or the safety of the outdoors.

More information is available at www.TheProuty.org, under New for Prouty 2020.

Cooperative Extension Video Pruning Resources

- Pruning tree fruits: <https://extension.umaine.edu/fruit-growing-fruit-trees-in-maine/pruning/>
- Pruning videos: <https://video.umaine.edu/tag/tagid/pruning>
- Pruning trees and shrubs: <https://extension.unh.edu/resource/basics-pruning-trees-and-shrubs-fact-sheet>
- Pruning deciduous trees: [\[sion.unh.edu/resource/pruning-deciduous-trees\]\(http://extension.unh.edu/resource/pruning-deciduous-trees\)](https://exten-

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- Pruning small fruits webinar: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/pruning-small-fruits>

RVAPL Potluck Dinner

CHARLESTOWN, NH—River Valley Animal Protection League Potluck Dinner Fundraiser is planned in the near future. Please come out and support the shelter at this fun event that includes raffles, cake auction, door prizes and games.

When: **POSTPONED, NEW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

Where: Held at the VFW on Lovers Lane in Charlestown NH. Everyone welcome! Call for more info: 603-826-3061

Paint Nite! Unleash your Inner Artist

Support the River Valley Animal Protection League by joining us at the Sumner House Restaurant in Charlestown NH.

When: **POSTPONED, NEW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

When you buy a \$45 ticket, \$15 will be donated to the shelter!

Arrive at 5:15pm to order food and drinks before the event, painting starts at 6:30pm. No previous painting experience necessary!

Register at <https://www.yaymaker.com/events/10163512>

Overeaters Anonymous Big Book Meetings

CLAREMONT, NH—Overeaters Anonymous



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Big Book Meetings are held at Valley Regional Healthcare in Claremont on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the library. Please use Main Entrance on Elm Street.

Area Grocery Store Hours Reserved for High Risk Population

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

MARKET BASKET 6:00 AM - 7 AM EVERY DAY Claremont

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

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

SHAWS 7AM - 9AM TUES & THURS West Lebanon

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

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

Saint-Gaudens Memorial Programming Update

CORNISH, NH—As spring comes to Cornish, our thoughts are with all of our loyal supporters as we navigate these extraordinary times. Due to COVID-19, we have canceled concerts and exhibitions at the Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park through late June 2020. We will provide updates about programming and the park's opening date as information becomes available.

To learn more about the history and programs of the Saint-Gaudens Memorial and its partnership with the SGNHP, please visit our website at <https://saint-gaudens.org/>.

Summer Parking in Sunapee Harbor

Parking in Sunapee Harbor during the busy summer months can be a challenge if you are not familiar with our designated parking areas and restrictions. Our "Parking in Sunapee

Harbor" video shows you where to park your vehicle and where you can park a boat trailer. Go to the police department's webpage at <https://www.town.sunapee.nh.us/police> and you'll see our video listed in the left sidebar.

Always feel free to call the Police Department at 763-5555 for parking and any other questions you may have.

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 link. Direct phone numbers and email addresses for each local office are listed on our website. If you reach our voice mail box, please leave a message and we will get back to as soon as possible. Offices are located in Atkinson, Berlin, Claremont, Concord, Keene, Laconia, Lebanon, Littleton, Manchester, Nashua, Stratham, Rochester, and Tamworth.

2020 West Windsor Independence Celebrations Cancelled

After much discussion, the IDC Steering Committee has agreed that it's best to cancel the public gatherings and events for the 2020 West Windsor, VT Independence Day Celebrations as we know them with concern for the individual and public health of those who usually are part of the large crowds that attend. There will be no fireworks, parade or related close-contact events on the 3rd and 4th of July.

A number of ideas are in the works for other ways to mark the July 4th.

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CORNISH SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST MESSAGE

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet June 2 from 7:00-7:30 at the Town Office. This is the last day to change party before the primary. If you can't make the meeting, applications to change party are on the town website and need to be signed, witnessed and returned by June 2.

Legislative Forum sponsored by the Plainfield Democratic Committee Wednesday, May 27, at 7:00 pm Zoom Meeting

The Plainfield Democratic Committee is sponsoring a Legislative Forum featuring State Representatives Lee Oxenham, Brian Sullivan, Linda Tanner and State Senator Martha Hennessey.

Our representatives and senator will report on the work of their committee or committees.

There will be a question and answer session at the end of the meeting.

When: May 27, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Please register in advance for this meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84281222222>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

PLAINFIELD RESIDENTS

The 2020 Plainfield Town Meeting originally scheduled for Saturday, March 14th, then, due to COVID-19, moved to Saturday, June 13th, has, with the recommendation of the Selectboard, been postponed by Moderator Paul Franklin until Saturday, July 11th.

The details about the format of the meeting are not yet known.

ATTENTION PLAINFIELD VOTERS

The Supervisors of the Plainfield Voter Checklist will be in session on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 from 7:00 -7:30 pm at the Plainfield Town Offices at 110 Main Street in Meriden Village. The purpose of this meeting is to correct and prepare the final checklist for the State Primary election. This is the last opportunity to change your party affiliation for the September 8, 2020 election.

If you cannot attend and wish to change your party, please contact the Town Clerk, Michelle Marsh (603)469-3201 or mmarsh@plainfieldnh.org.

Lake Sunapee's Got Talent May 30th on Cable TV and Online

"Lake Sunapee's Got Talent" and a lot of it! The Center for the Arts is proud to bring this new production, showcasing some of the finest talent in the Lake Sunapee Region, online this year!

Although quite challenging, the entire show will be broadcast on May 30th on YCN TV at 6:00 p.m., and Facebook, and YouTube at 7:30 p.m.

"This is traditionally our biggest fundraiser of the year", said Jean Connolly, the chair of the CFA. "This is part of our annual Scholarship Drive, which includes the show and a wonderful silent auction, raising money for students in the Lake Sunapee Region."

Every year the CFA awards scholarships to talented students who hope to pursue their education in the visual, performing, or literary arts. Last year twelve scholarships were awarded to students from the surrounding towns. "Covid-19 has thrown us a challenge, but we are still hopeful that people will watch the show and generously donate to this important fund."

With the help of Angela Tarleton of the Kearsarge Conservatory of the Performing Arts and YCN Yankee Network, all the elements of the live show will take place. The show is a new format this year, with ten acts ranging from acrobatics, R&B singing, contemporary dance, and classical violin. The MC this year is Lyndsay Lund Harkins, and judges include pianist Missy Owens, thespian Michael T Brown II, and dancer/choreographer Lara Hyde. The acts include Renee and Steve Patten dancing a rumba/waltz to "Over the Rainbow"; Jazz vocalist Lauri-Ann Smerald; pop music with the Fern Family Band; R&B vocalist Amita Ayer; Kristi and Elizabeth Upton dancing to Forest; Violinist Oliver Andrews; Olivia Brown, Allison Callaghan, Emily Swindell, and Kristi Upton dancing to "Feet Don't Fail Me Now"; Contortionist Sofia Upton; and Zoie the Wonder Dog.

The second half showcases the Junior and Senior Performance Companies "Art in Motion" from the KCPA.

Complete bios, photos, and pre-show information on all the acts and judges can be found on the CFA website.

Thanks to business sponsors and donors, awards given that evening are valued at over \$1,000 in cash and prizes. Besides the "Ris-

ing Star Award" for a student performer, the public is invited to vote online for the overall winner, the "People's Choice Award".

Links to the online show, to the online voting, and to the online silent auction are posted on

the CFA website: www.CenterForTheArts-NH.org.

For more information, contact the CFA at info@centerfortheartsnh.org.



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You can still support your local shelter by participating in our Virtual 5K. Run/Walk where and when you want during the month of June. Share your photo and finish time to our Facebook page. For more information visit our FB page and Website.

To benefit the Sullivan County Humane Society

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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Carolyn M. MacDonald

Carolyn Mae (Papps) MacDonald, passed away peacefully at her home with her daughters at her side on Monday, May 18th. Supported by the wonderful team from Keene Hospice and D & S Home Care of Walpole, her 8 day transition allowed her family to share the tender process of letting go, allowing each of us a few more words, some beautiful smiles and to connect more deeply with each other in her journey.

Carolyn, a curly-topped red head born in Claremont, NH, in 1931 during the Great Depression, had a colorful childhood. Her parents, Clyde “Hink” Papps and Esther “Billy” (Hurd), lived a frugal and hard-working life. Hink, a mechanic at the woolen mill, was an avid fisherman, involving his two daughters in catching smelt in the brooks, frogs at Gile Pond and fishing frequently at the camp they all built together on Pleasant Lake in New London. Her mother cooked her girls hearty food, played card games, and involved them in helping with the house. Carolyn’s relatives were famously musical, and some performed on stage (in the Papps Family Orchestra, and a Vaudeville Act done on roller-skates). Carolyn learned to play piano at a young age, while her father and aunt accompanied on accordion. She was raised in the Claremont Baptist Church where she was baptized in a white dress with fishing weights sewn into the hem for “modesty”

should it float up.

Carolyn attended Stevens High School, graduating with the class of 1949. She was a top student, involved in many clubs, singing and drama productions. After graduating, she attended Mary Hitchcock Nursing School in Hanover. During this time, she became “distracted” by the return of her classmate and friend Malcolm MacDonald from the Korean Conflict, when he returned from a mission with tuberculosis. Many visits by train to Tupper Lake, NY during his rehabilitation would eventually lead to their marriage in 1953. Malcolm later claimed her visits and their hoped-for marriage, encouraged his survival when his prognosis seemed dire.

Carolyn and Malcolm moved from the Adirondacks to Massachusetts to raise their growing family of redheads and for Malcolm to advance in his career as a Design Engineer. They made ends meet as their family grew, growing a beautiful garden, making do with what they had, repairing everything they could, and rarely wasting a thing. They became very involved in the Episcopal church, raising their children mostly in Chelmsford, Massachusetts

before eventually returning to New Hampshire.

To her children, she was the mom who took snakes out of the basement, hung the laundry, fed us great food, sang songs, put worms on our hooks and led us on bicycle tours to Cape Cod. She made our connection to New Hampshire central to our childhoods and our very favorite memories are the many summers we spent at the “cottage” with our grandparents and cousins. She had a good sense of humor, and enjoyed witty plays with words. She hiked, water-skied and played volleyball. She learned to be a photographer, setting up a darkroom in our kitchen. She taught us practical skills including sewing, baking, canning and home maintenance. It seemed there was nothing she couldn’t do.

When the children started to leave home, she studied to be a travel agent. She loved this time in her life while she arranged travels for others, but also being able to travel abroad herself. She started taking classes at a community college to simply learn, and graduated with a Liberal Arts degree and a 4.0 average.

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She reignited her interest in downhill skiing, joining friends on the slopes.

In retirement, after building their dream home together in Surry, NH, Carolyn became involved in the Saxton's River Art Guild, working hard to create beautiful watercolors. She trained to be a naturalist and visited schools in Keene to teach workshops. She also returned to her drama interests and joined the Surry Players, enjoying her many roles and friendships over the years.

To her husband Malcolm, she was forever his best friend and loving companion. They were a strong couple together, enjoying the days they spent becoming skilled square dancers, traveling to historic areas and motorcycling to every state in the United States on a big Honda Goldwing!

She is survived by her sister, Patricia Hopkins (Theodore Hopkins) of Claremont and her six children: Charles MacDonald (Debbie MacDonald) of Monroeville, NJ; Catherine Barg (Randall Barg) of Ipswich, MA; Elizabeth Jaszczyszyn (George Jaszczyszyn) Holyoke, MA; Margaret "Peggy" MacDonald (Larry Lewack) of Burlington, VT; Christine Matos (Henry Matos) of Somerset, MA; and Daphne Gawne (Michael Gawne) of St. Albans, VT, Carolyn is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, and a nephew. Her husband Malcolm predeceased her in 2017.

Her family wishes to express their gratitude to the American House and their fantastic staff for providing care to our mother through this past winter, to the amazing women of D + S Home Health who carried us through day and night and to Dr. Thomas Connelly, an extraordinary hospice case manager who kept us laughing and guided us through the journey.

A small private service will be at Stringer Funeral Home, Claremont NH. We regret that in these times, we cannot include her friends. The family will plan a celebration of her life when circumstances allow. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Surry Players at surryplayers@gmail.com to support community theater.

Stephen J. Pluta, 91

Stephen J. Pluta, 91, Charlestown, NH, passed away Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at 10:21 pm at the Woodlawn Care Center, Newport, NH.

He was born on January 3, 1929, in Jackson, MI, to the late Albert and Joanna {Moske} Pluta. On December 5, 1982 he married Mar-

garet Adah {Caliri} Pluta, who preceded him on June 19, 2016. Surviving are son, Larry {Kathy} Pluta of St. Petersburg, FL, and Daughter Judith {Larry} Colvin of Rolling Prairie, IN, one grandchild Tammy {Robert} Fulwider of LaPorte, IN, five great grandchildren and mother-in-law Loretta Caliri of Newport, NH.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Benjamin, Alexander and Edward, sister, Jane and granddaughter Tammy Losiniecki.

Stephen moved from Michigan City, IN, in 1971 to Claremont and then to Charlestown in 1978. He retired from Joy Manufacturing Company where he worked as a supervisor for 30 ½ years and at Sullivan Machine Company for 6 years. He was a Veteran of the United States Navy, a 66-year member of the American Legion Post #451 in Michigan City, IN, a member of the Elks Lodge of Claremont and a member and Past President of Claremont Country Club.

A private service will be held at a later date where Stephen and Margaret's ashes will be buried together in Charlestown Cemetery.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday, May 17th

1343 E1 responded to a medical call on Summer St.

2201 E1 responded to a medical call on School St.

Monday, May 18th

2041 E1 responded to Chestnut St for a well-being check.

Tuesday, May 19th

1540 E1, E3 responded to Mulberry St for a structure fire.

1810 E1 responded to Pine Grove St for an illegal burn.

2040 E1 responded to a medical call on Veteran's Park Rd.

2142 E1 responded to a medical call on Bailey Ave.

Wednesday, May 20th

0413 E3 responded to a medical call on Main St.

0831 E1 responded to North St for an odor investigation.

1448 Brush 1 responded to Old Newport Rd for a brush fire.

1600 Newport E4 responded to Central St for a motor vehicle accident.

1608 Tone for medical call on Hanover St.

Thursday, May 21st

1026 E1 responded to Washington St for a box alarm.

2051 L1, R1 responded to Schmidt St for a water rescue.

Friday, May 22nd

1514 E1 responded to Donald St for a propane leak.

1531 E3 responded to Opera House Square for a person in distress.

Saturday, May 23rd

0800 Utility 1 responded to Hillside Terrace to assist the PD.

Claremont Senior Center Updates

Well finally!! Some Sunshine! We probably shouldn't say it too loud. The sun has been so shy about coming out, we may scare it. We hope you are all trying to absorb that vitamin D. It's extra good for you. Stores and outside cafes are starting to show some human activity again. Seems good, but we have to understand why we are still cautious. We are re-learning how to be social again even if it is without human touch. Hug a tree. That might help. We are so looking forward to reopening. The Center sounds so hollow without conversation and laughter. WAIT! We hear voices! It's coming from the kitchen. Well, I'll be! It's the volunteers prepping for the big event on Saturday.

Tuesdays and Thursdays we can hear the joyous voices (and a few jokes) coming from the kitchen as they prepare the take-out meals. Here is this week's menu. Tuesday, May 26th -Homemade Swedish Meatballs, Egg Noodles, Vegetables, Assorted Desserts.

Thursday, May 28th-Baked Fish, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable, Dessert. Members-\$4, Non-Members-\$5. Please call (603)543-5998 the day before or by 10:30AM the day of to reserve all this deliciousness.

There will be a much needed Blood Drive on Monday, June 8th-Noon-5PM. Please give if you can. You will be helping both children and adults with your precious gift. For an appointment, call 1-800-Red Cross.

The rooms will be abuzz on Monday, June 22nd, as the AARP will be at the Center for the Property Tax Rebate. 9-12. We believe this is

a first come, first serve basis. We will give you more details as we obtain them. Also, if you had an appointment with AARP for your income taxes to be done and it was cancelled because of the shut down, you will be contacted by the AARP volunteers for a new appointment in June. Please do not call the Center for an appointment as we no longer have the appointment book. Be advised, this is for those who already had an appointment. The Center is NOT responsible for these appointments. Thank you for your understanding.

The Committees for the Craft Fling, the Penny Sale and the Car Show are all meeting at safe distances. The planning is going great. We still have a lot of leg work to do, we are sooooo excited to be presenting you with these terrific fundraisers. We know you will be pleased to join us.

Oh, don't worry. We haven't forgotten the free concerts. So far, the dates have not changed. We just need conformation from the bands. No problem with confirming the Fries. They'll be there!

Thought for the Week: If you can't make it better, you can laugh at it.

Well, that's it for this week. Please get out and enjoy the sunshine while it's visiting-walk, read a book, garden. Open the windows. The cicada are singing. Stay well everyone. Have a good week

Our halls await your laughter and lively conversation. See you soon!

Claremont Senior Center, 5Acer Heights Rd. Claremont, NH, (603) 543-5998.

Open Tuesdays and Thursdays – 11:45AM-12:15PM for Take-Out only.

Supervisors of the Checklist Meeting in Sunapee

SUNAPEE, NH—The Supervisors of the Checklist for the Town of Sunapee will hold a session for the correction of the checklist and accepting applications for voter registrations or change of political party affiliation at the Sunapee Town Hall on:

Tuesday June 2, 2020
7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

This will be the last time to change your political party until after the September 8, 2020 State Primary Election.

Check your party affiliation online:
<http://sos.nh.gov/VoteInforLook.aspx>



The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on **Wednesday, May 27, 2020**, at 6:00 p.m. **Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting will be conducted via Zoom.*

To join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85924853526?pwd=YlF1Z2I5c2JkQ3dmUGhI0G9meTdvZz09>

Password: 739587

Or Telephone:

Dial: 1 646 558 8656

Webinar ID: 859 2485 3526

Password: 739587

AGENDA (Second Revision)

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| 6:00 PM | 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE |
| 6:02 PM | 2. ROLL CALL |
| 6:04 PM | 3. AGENDA CHANGES |
| 6:05 PM | 4. NON-PUBLIC SESSION PURSUANT TO RSA 91-A:3,II(a) – PERSONNEL |
| 7:05 PM | 5. MAYOR'S NOTES |
| 7:10 PM | 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT |
| 7:15 PM | 7. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 23)) |
| | 8. OLD BUSINESS |
| 7:25 PM | A. COVID-19 Update
<i>a. Discussion of Council Position on Public Use of Face Masks</i> |
| 7:40 PM | B. Ordinance 574 Amending Non-Union Employee Classification Plan – Second Reading |
| 7:50 PM | C. <i>Resolution 2020-27 Connecticut River Conservancy Request Regarding Erosion – Public Hearing</i> |
| BREAK | |
| 8:10 PM | D. Budget Discussion |
| | 9. NEW BUSINESS |
| 8:35 PM | A. <i>Resolution 2020-26 Airport Apron Phase II – Public Hearing (City Manager)</i> |
| 8:45 PM | B. <i>Capital Improvements Program Presentation (City Council/City Manager)</i> |
| 9:05 PM | C. <i>Up on the Hill Conservation Area (City Manager)</i> |
| 9:20 PM | D. <i>Green Mountain Power (City Manager)</i> |
| 9:30 PM | 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES |
| 9:35 PM | 11. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL |
| 9:40 PM | 12. ADJOURNMENT |

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, June 10, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. *via Zoom*. *In addition, a budget meeting will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2020. Date to be determined for Public Hearing and Vote – 2021 Budget.*



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**Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting will be conducted via Zoom.*

To join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89249482003?pwd=S1NYWDFnSnd2YWZ6WG1NSFZRS1FqQT09>

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A. Assessing

B. Planning & Development

C. TIFD-Downtown

D. Water

E. Sewer

F. Sanitation (Transfer Station)

10:45 AM BREAK

G. Cemetery

H. Streets & Roads (Highways)

I. Police

J. Communications 911

K. Fire

L. Airport

12:30 PM LUNCH (45 minutes)

M. Parks

N. CSB Community Center - Recreation

O. Welfare

P. Library

Q. Policy

R. Outside Agency Request

2:15 PM BREAK

S. City Administration (Finance)

T. Municipal Complex (Maintenance)

U. Elections

V. Debt Retirement (Debt Service)

W. General Services

X. Revenue

4:15 PM 6. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

4:30 PM 7. ADJOURNMENT

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CFD Toned Out for Structure Fire Early Sunday Morning

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Fire Department responded May 24 to a heavily involved structure fire at 86 Chestnut Street. Claremont safety services were dispatched at 3:07 a.m. A general alarm was struck for all personnel to respond. Fire crews were on the scene within two minutes with a complement of two engines and a crew of three.

Claremont Fire Chief Bryan Burr reported that “Initial reports from the first-arriving fire units encountered flames engulfing the front main portion of the single-family home (the house was built in 1900 and is owned by Lindsay Cohen and Kody Wright of Claremont). Mutual Aid was requested, and Cornish and Newport fire units reported to the scene. Ascutney covered the Claremont Station. There were four adults living at the residence at the time, two female and two males. Initial reports indicate all four escaped the fire by jumping out a second story window as the exit was blocked by the fire. All four were transported to Valley Regional Hospital by Golden Cross Ambulance with undisclosed injuries. It appears the fire is accidental and not suspicious.”

Investigators remained on scene for a period of time, and there was no new information released as to the condition of the occupants. It appears there was one working smoke alarm on the second floor at the time of the fire, said Burr.

“We continue to remind and urge everyone



to install working smoke alarms on all levels of your home,” said Burr. “They are your first line of defense in the event of a fire in your home.”

Sunday’s fire was the fourth structure fire in the

City since early April; two were fatal fires in which two individuals lost their lives. The Claremont Fire Department was also called out for a brush fire last week.

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll

Center: Firefighters put out the hot spots on the porch, only the metal skeletons of outside chairs remaining undisturbed; left: a firefighter directs the water at the burning structure from the hose he’s manning on Osgood Ave. (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photos).