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In for a Landing at CNH

FAA-Funded Terminal Building Opens at Claremont Airport

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Airport manager Bryan Burr estimates there are 4,000 pilot visits to Claremont Municipal Airport (CNH) every year; CNH is the FAA airport code for the facility.

He can't provide an exact number of take-offs and landings, he explained, because "Claremont is an 'unrestricted' or 'open public' airport, and pilots aren't required to file a flight plan if they come here." "All" pilots do is circle the airport, look out for other aircraft, survey the runway and monitor wind direction before landing.

What every visitor will now find is a new terminal building. It has an array of amenities and security features that the now-demolished old hangar lacked.

There's a pilots lounge, a fully functioning kitchenette (vending machines may soon be added), restrooms and showers, a Web-based weather station, pilot offices and a briefing room, and free wi-fi and computer for pilot use.

Burr, who is also the City's fire chief, welcomed the installation of a fire detection and alarm system, which connects directly to the City's dispatch center in the police department.

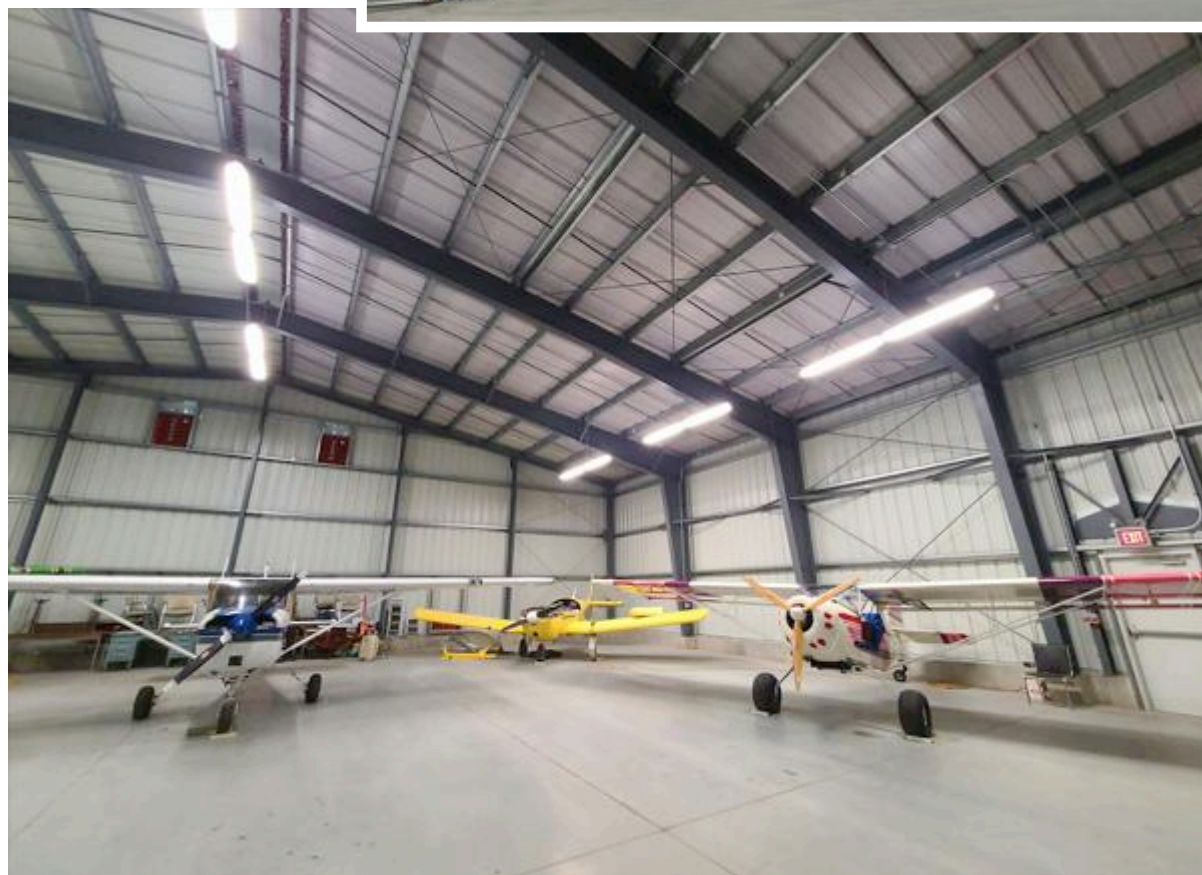
"Everything in here is for the pilots' use," said Burr. "No one else except our Advisory Board can use the facilities."

The building is ADA-compliant throughout, as required by the Federal Aviation Administration. "This is a typical FAA project," Burr noted. "That means a 90/5/5 funding arrangement, 90 percent from the FAA, five percent from the State and five percent from the City."

The Claremont City Council passed Resolution 2020-7, approving the project's phase 2, which included the demolition of the old hangar and the construction of the new building. The total cost was \$795,492; the City's five percent came to \$39,775.

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Top: The new terminal building has numerous amenities for exclusive use by pilots. Bottom: Three of the six aircraft renting space in the community hangar await their next flight (Eric Zengota photos).



Meredith Man Arrested, Charged with Sale of Controlled Drug with Death Resulting

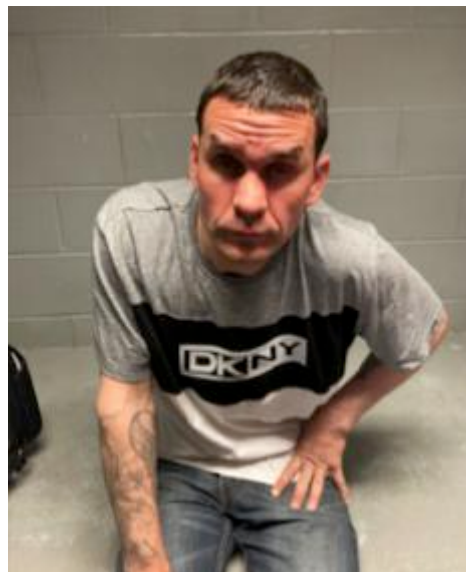
NEWPORT, NH—On May 2, at approximately 3:10pm, the Newport Police Department and Newport Fire Department responded to 38 Hale Street, Apt. C, in Newport, for an adult male reported to be suffering from a drug overdose. Emergency medical personnel administered all available life-saving interventions, but the subject was ultimately pronounced deceased at the scene. He was identified as: Christopher Wilson, 38, Newport, NH. Newport Police investigators, assisted by the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, collected both physical and digital forensic evidence identifying a suspected source of the drugs which caused Wilson's death, said Newport Police Chief Brent Wilmot in a statement.

"After a thorough investigation, the following subject was arrested on a warrant on May 12, 2021, by the New Hampshire State Police Mo-

bile Enforcement Team (MET), assisted by the Plymouth Police Department and New Hampshire Probation and Parole: John Fortune, 38 years old Meredith, NH," said Wilmot.

Fortune was initially charged in the Sullivan Superior Court with one count of Conspiracy to Commit Sale of a Controlled Drug represented to be heroin or fentanyl. The charge alleges that Fortune committed the offense while released on bail in the Belknap Superior Court from a felony domestic violence arrest. At a subsequent court hearing on May 21, Fortune was additionally charged with one count of Sale of Controlled Drug with Death Resulting. That charge is a special felony carrying a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. He was ordered to be preventatively detained without bail. He is also being detained by the New Hampshire Department of Corrections for a Violation of Parole from the New Hampshire State Prison.

On May 26, Fortune was indicted by the Sullivan County Grand Jury for the two above listed offenses, which are being prosecuted by the Sullivan County Attorney's Office.



John Fortune
(Law enforcement photo)

The case remains under active investigation, and additional arrests and charges in Sullivan, Belknap and Grafton Counties are anticipated, said Wilmot.

Anyone with information about this investigation is encouraged to contact Newport Police Detective Stephen A. Lee at (603) 863-3240 or slee@newportnh.gov.

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. Gary Merchant



Dismantling Public Education

Thomas Jefferson, a founding father, author of the Declaration of Independence and third President of the United States, recognized the importance of an educated citizenry. He spent his adult life advocating for all citizens to receive an education supported by the public through tax dollars. He understood that the success of the “American Experiment” depended on maintaining a society of educated individuals prepared to self-govern and enact the principles embedded in the country’s newly created Constitution.

I grew up in Claremont and graduated from Stevens High School. My elementary school was the “Little Red School House” in West Claremont, for those who may remember it. The school had just six grades with three classrooms. Each classroom had a single teacher who taught two grades. I still have fond memories of those days and remember my teachers’ names! Public education enabled me to graduate from high school, earn a degree in pharmacy, raise a family, and give back to the community by serving as your State Representative.

Public education is no less important to our democracy now. The U.S. economy has become truly global; our industries must vie for markets and labor with others around the world. An educated workforce is a significant factor in determining economic survival on this playing field. We cannot continue to enjoy a high standard of living without it.

The good news: public education here in the Granite State has historically been rated among the top five in the country. A high percentage of NH citizens have completed high school and attended college. According to the US Bureau of Economic Analysis, NH’s per capita personal income in 2019-2020 was \$66,418, — the 8th highest in the nation (Maine was first at \$79,771 and Massachusetts second at \$79,721).

Our public schools continue to provide every child, regardless of circumstances or economic status, an opportunity to learn. Public education is accountable to the community through a locally elected school board, with oversight provided by the state board of education which sets state standards for curriculum, school administration and teacher certification.

For the past several years though, the public school system has been under attack. Efforts to shift tax dollars to charter schools, private schools, parochial schools, and home schooling have grown. These initiatives are aimed at undermining public education. Proponents claim that “government schools” should not have a “monopoly on education” and cite this as the reason for students’ lack of achievement.

The extent to which families encourage learning at home and involve themselves in their children’s schooling has a tremendous influence on children’s academic success. This has nothing to do with school fund-

ing. But even students with highly supportive parents require access to appropriate resources —capable teachers, comprehensive curriculum, up-to-date technology, and the facilities necessary to reach their full academic, athletic, and social potential. This has everything to do with funding.

Shifting taxpayer dollars from public schools that serve every child to institutions that don’t and won’t is a bad idea. Our common good depends on strong public schools – privatizing education works against the American social contract Jefferson envisioned.

As State Senator Lou D’Alessandro said during a Senate hearing – “One of the things that made America great was the opportunity to go to school. We should never lose sight of the fact that the basic opportunity of a public education is portable, leads to improving and becoming better. If we begin diluting that, to ravage that by cutting that apart, we’re doing the worst thing we can do, dividing people.” Public schools provide the economic foundation for many, becoming a great equalizer regardless of economic resources or social status of a family.

Each legislative year a small number of bills are introduced during the annual filing period. This legislative year, State Representatives and Senators significantly increased the number, introducing 25 bills related to education. HB 20, the voucher program, would provide a parent with a voucher worth several thousands of taxpayer dollars with minimal oversight or accountability to the taxpayer or a local school board. HB 282 would allow a school district to use thousands of taxpayer dollars to send a student to a religious school, something prohibited by Article 6 of Part One of the NH Constitution --...’But no person shall ever be compelled to pay towards the support of the schools of any sect or denomination’.

For the benefit of our community, our country, and the preservation of our democracy, let’s come together to strengthen our public schools. I support reduction in regulatory burden and providing suitable state funding, so all children receive an appropriate education. Now is the time to begin transforming our public schools based on the NH School Funding Commission Report to focus on educational outcomes, not inputs. We need to stop dismantling public schools one brick at a time, one bill at a time as all New Hampshire children deserve the same, equal educational opportunities.

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\$300K in CARES Act Funding to Cheshire County to Support Economic Revitalization & Development in Monadnock Region Announced

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen – Chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies – along with U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan and Representative Annie Kuster announced that the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration (EDA) will award the Cheshire County government \$300,000. The funding will be allocated through the CARES Act to support the Monadnock region’s economic revitalization from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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One Day Is Not Enough: We Must Honor Our Fallen Heroes Year Round

By Senator Maggie Hassan

Each year, we come together on Memorial Day to honor the generations of brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.

These were our fellow Americans who put on our country’s uniforms and traveled far from home, knowing the risks that would lie ahead of them. They answered the call to serve each and every one of their fellow citizens, not just those they knew or shared much in common with. They were patriots who gave their lives because they believed in the strength and promise of our remarkable country, and because they knew that preserving our democracy depends on our capacity to protect the freedom of each and every one of us.

Memorial Day is important, to be sure, but our reverence shouldn’t be confined to a single day. Every American has a duty to ensure that our country is ever worthy of the sacrifices that our fallen service members made for us. That includes paying tribute to those we have lost.

It is in that spirit and for that reason that we have memorials in Washington, D.C. to honor our fallen and provide a place for Americans to pay our solemn respects and learn more about our history. But Americans who come to Washington today will find no such memorial for the Global War on Terrorism, a war that has claimed the lives of thousands of American service members.

It is past time that we change that. Thousands of Americans have been killed in the Global War on Terrorism, and countless more, including Steph Ouellette of Manchester and Natalie Healy of Exeter, are forever changed by the conflict.

In 2009, Steph lost her brother, Corporal Michael Ouellette USMC, in Afghanistan. For his bravery in service on the date of his death, CPL Ouellette was awarded the Navy Cross.

Natalie’s son, Navy Seal Daniel Healy, was killed in Afghanistan when his helicopter was shot down as he attempted to rescue a SEAL reconnaissance team. For his heroic efforts, he was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat “V” for Valor, the Purple Heart, and Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

Like so many family members of fallen service members, Steph and Natalie have turned their grief into action by working to honor the sacrifices that their family members and thousands of others have made.

Steph has been active in efforts to build a Global War on Terrorism Memorial, a permanent space where veterans, soldiers, loved ones, and all Americans can gather and honor the service and sacrifice of those we have lost. Steph has said that while New Hampshire has important ways to memorialize these heroes, including the memorial at Hampton American Legion Post 35 and at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery, we have to do a better job nationally.

Natalie’s efforts include starting the Dan Healy Foundation in her son’s memory, which works to provide scholarships to students in the Seacoast area attending a military or a trade school, supports Seacoast veterans, and offers support to single mothers in the region. She has told me that constructing the Global War on Terrorism Memorial would make a major difference in the lives of families who have lost their loved ones in this war, and it would help make sure that the sacrifices of service members like her son are never forgotten.

It has been my distinct privilege to support Steph and Natalie’s efforts in Congress. To do so, I’ve joined with Republican Senator Joni Ernst, a combat veteran, to introduce bipartisan legislation that would construct the Global War on Terrorism Memorial on the National Mall.

This memorial will honor the tremendous sacrifice made by service members, civilians, and their family members on behalf of all Americans. It will give generations of Americans the opportunity to reflect on those who gave everything to keep Americans safe, secure, and free.

We can never fully repay the sacrifices made by our brave men and women in uniform, but we must always try. By creating a Global War on Terrorism Memorial on the National Mall, we can take a step in honoring those who fought in this ongoing war, and we can help our country reflect, heal, and move forward together.

Throughout our country’s history, our brave service members joined together from all different backgrounds, fought for people they never knew, and loved our country and their fellow Americans. These generations of service and sacrifice represent the very best of our country and are key to what it means to live in a democracy. On Memorial Day and every day, we have to do all that we can to honor the sacrifices of each and every one of these heroes.

INVESTMENT TIPS

>>>> Optimizing Required Minimum Distributions

Required minimum distributions take on added urgency as you approach (and reach) age 72, with specific rules and tax implications.

Seventy-two is an important age milestone for those in or near retirement, as it marks the time when required minimum distributions (RMDs) begin to be withdrawn annually from IRAs and employer-sponsored retirement plans (previously, the threshold was 70 ½). The milestone carries with it tax consequences that are not fixed. Rather, there are a few rules to consider that can help you optimize the impact on your bottom-line.

IRAS

You must begin withdrawing from a traditional IRA (Individual Retirement Account) by April 1 following the year in which you turn 72. The amount is based on your age with one exception: If you're married and your spouse is more than 10 years younger than you, the RMD amount is based on your joint life expectancy. If your distribution is less than the required minimum, you will be penalized 50% of the difference. NOTE: Roth IRAs do not require an RMD.

EMPLOYER-SPONSORED RETIREMENT PLANS

For employer retirement plans — 401(k)s, 403(b)s, and others — the same timeline applies as per IRAs: You must begin withdrawing from the plan by April 1 following the year in which you turn 72. However, if you are still working past 72 and you own 5% or less of a company, you may be able to delay RMDs until you retire.

Additionally, depending on your circumstances, you may receive a lump-sum distribution from 401(k), profit-sharing, and stock purchase plans if completed in a one-year period. If you meet the terms of this lump-sum distribution, you will be taxed at the rate for single taxpayers

established in 1986. Additionally, if you're born before 1937, you qualify for a 10-year forward income averaging. For tax purposes, RMDs from qualified retirement accounts are taxed as ordinary income.

CALCULATING YOUR DISTRIBUTION

The institution where your retirement is kept typically determines the RMD amount using the formula:

Total balance as of December 31 divided by Your life expectancy = Distribution amount.

However, there is some leeway here that may provide you with more beneficial tax consequences:

(1) You can either take your initial RMD in the year when you turn 72 or up until April 1 of the following year.

(2) If you delay your RMD until the following year, you must take two RMDs that year which may increase your tax consequences.

(3) You can take your RMD as a series of withdrawals rather than one lump payment, which may help you with monthly cash flow.

(4) Update your beneficiary(its) as to your distributions. For IRAs, account holders can designate anyone as a beneficiary; For employer-sponsored plans, they must designate their spouse as a beneficiary unless the spouse specifically waives the right.

SEEK HELP

Tax consequences for RMDs can be significant and seeking the support of a financial professional can be prudent, to ensure that the results align with your goals.

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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – May 30, 2021

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

On Sunday, May 30, 2021, DHHS announced 48 new positive test results for COVID-19. Sunday’s results include 35 people who tested positive by PCR test and 13 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 476 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire.

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are thirteen individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 64% being female and 36% being male.

The new cases reside in Strafford (10), Coos (6), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (6), Merrimack (6), Belknap (4), Grafton (4), Rockingham (3), Carroll (2), Cheshire (2), and Sullivan (2) counties, and in the city of Manchester (2). The county of residence is being determined for one new case.

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

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

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

There are currently 40 indi-

viduals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 98,726 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

As of Sunday, there were 5 current positively identified cases in Claremont, 5 in Newport; the remaining communities with identified cases fell in the 1-4 range. DHHS reported 15 in Sullivan County.

Vaccination Sites Update

CONCORD, NH—Effective Tuesday, June 1, the Keene vaccination clinic on the campus of Keene State College is relocating to 62 Maple Avenue in Keene, inside the former insurance building.

Keene Vaccination Clinic Location
Former insurance building
62 Maple Avenue
Keene, NH 03431

All appointments at the Keene State College campus site will be honored at the 62 Maple Ave location for the same date and time currently scheduled. Vaccine recipients do not need to change their appointments in VINI.

In recognition of Memorial Day, all state-managed vaccination sites were to be closed

on Monday, May 31. The state-managed vaccination sites will reopen on Tuesday, June 1, from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM, Monday through Saturday.

Beginning June 1, only second dose appointments will be offered at state-managed fixed sites. All appointments that are being moved are second dose appointments.

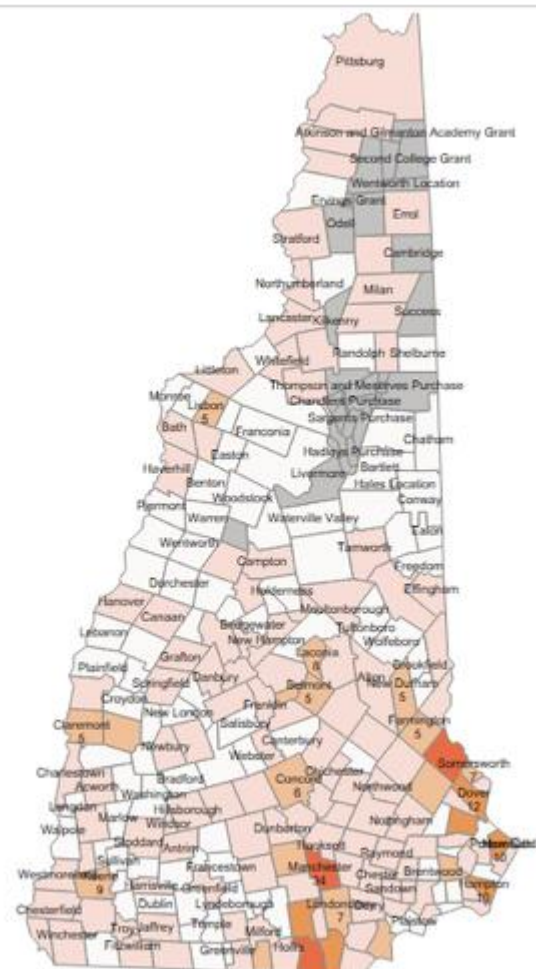
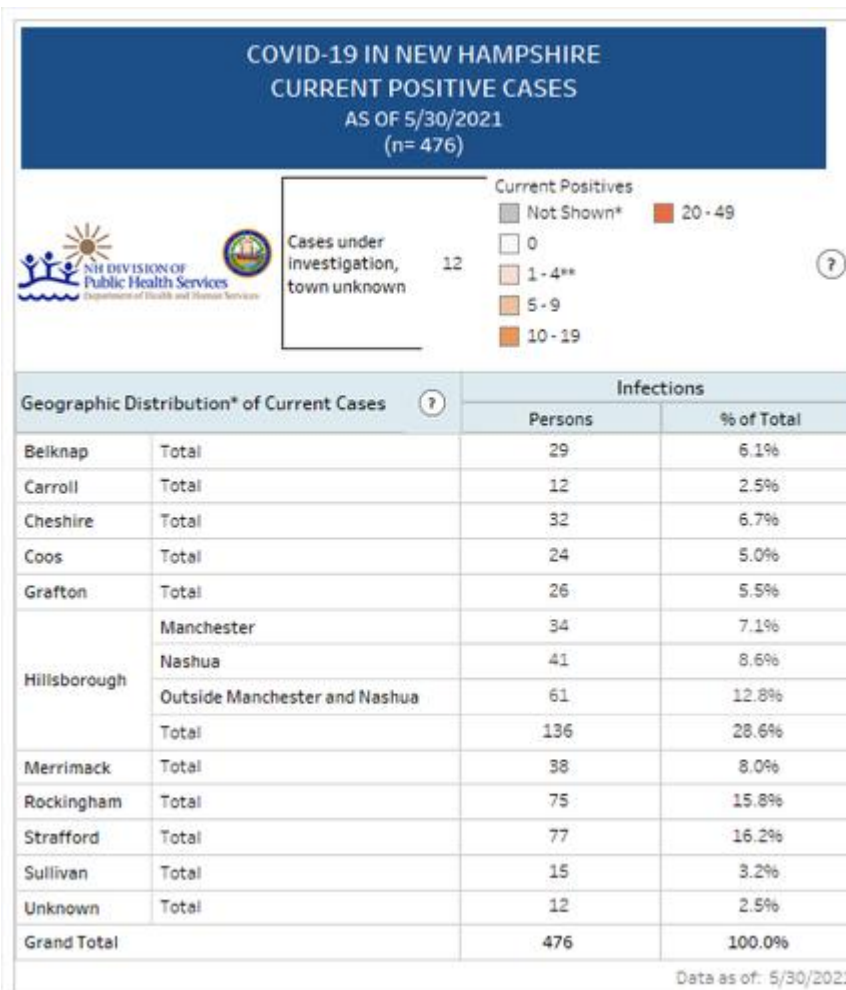
Individuals with questions or looking to reschedule their appointment are encouraged to do so online at vaccines.nh.gov or by calling 2-1-1. If you live near a bordering state or having trouble contacting the NH COVID Call Center, please call (603) 271-5980. COVID-specific call-takers are available from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, 7 days a week.

COVID-19 Hotline

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

Vaccine Information in NH

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



Sullivan County Grand Jury Indictments Released

NEWPORT, NH—The Sullivan County Grand Jury released the following indictments on Friday:

Nathaniel M. Kennett, 31, Claremont, NH, indicted for Conduct After Accident, Oct. 13, 2020; Criminal Mischief, Oct. 13, 2020.

Matthew S. Morrell, 35, Charlestown, NH, indicted for Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle, June 22, 2020.

Justin Lamontagne, 33, Claremont, NH, indicted for Nonconsensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images, Aug. 4, 2019; Nonconsensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images, Aug. 4, 2019; Nonconsensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images, Aug. 4, 2019; Nonconsensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images, Aug. 4, 2019; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, Aug. 4, 2019.

Mariah Robie, 30, Claremont, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited, Sale of Substance Represented to be the Controlled Drug(s) Heroin/Fentanyl (Death Resulting), on or between Feb. 19, 2021, and Feb. 22, 2021.

John Fortune, 39, North Haverhill, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited, Sale of Substance Represented to be the Controlled Drug(s) Heroin/Fentanyl (Death Resulting—Offense Committed on Release), May 2, 2021; Acts Prohibited, Sale of Substance Represented to be the Controlled Drug(s) Heroin/Fentanyl (Conspiracy), on or between May 2, 2021, and May 3, 2021.

James Doherty, 30, Claremont, NH, indicted for Falsifying Physical Evidence, May 7, 2021; Witness Tampering, May 7, 2021.

Kasey Decato, 26, Charlestown, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited, Possession of Controlled Drug-alpha-pyrrolidinohexiophenone (alpha-PHP) Subsequent Offense Feb. 25, 2021.

Paris Whiting, 22, Claremont, NH, indicted for Habitual Offender, March 7, 2021.

Pearl Valcourt, 41, Newport, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited, Possession of Heroin, Nov. 28, 2020; Acts Prohibited, Possession of Fentanyl, Nov. 28, 2020.

Fancy Mosconas, 25, Newport, NH, Indicted for Possession/Methamphetamine, Fb. 28, 2020.

Katrina Therrien, 37, Claremont, NH, indicted for Operation after certification as a habitual offender, April 25, 2021.

Benjamin Stocker, 30, Springfield, VT, indicted for Burglary, Oct. 9, 2020.

Kimberlee Boutin, 33, County Farm Rd., Unity, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited, Sale of Substance Represented to be Heroin (Subsequent Offense), March 3, 2021; Acts Prohibited, Sale of Substance Represented to be Crack Cocaine (Subsequent Offense), March 3, 2021; Acts Prohibited, Sale of Substance Represented to be Heroin (Subsequent Offense/School Zone), March 26, 2021; Acts Prohibited, Sale of Substance Represented to be Heroin; 5 grams or more (Subsequent Offense), April 13, 2021; Acts Prohibited, Sale of Substance Represented to be Crack Cocaine; 5 grams or more (Subsequent

Offense), April 13, 2021.

Philip Riccioli, 43, Presque Isle, ME, indicted for Acts Prohibited, Sale of fentanyl, Aug. 10, 2016; Acts Prohibited, Sale of Substance Represented to be heroin (Conspiracy), Aug. 18, 2016; Acts Prohibited, Sale of fentanyl, Aug. 18, 2016.

Tyler Boudro, 29, Claremont, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited, Possession/Intent-Substance Represented to be Heroin/Fentanyl/Subsequent Offense, Feb, 4, 2021; Acts Prohibited, Possession/Intent-Substance Represented to be Heroin/

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, June 5, 2021

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Fentanyl/Subsequent Offense, Feb, 4, 2021; Acts Prohibited, Possession/Heroin, Subsequent Offense, Feb. 4, 2021.

Lupe Diaz, 30, Claremont, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited, Sale of Substance Represented to be Cocaine (Subsequent Offense), March 31, 2021; Acts Prohibited, Sale of Substance Represented to be Cocaine (Subsequent Offense), April 5, 2021; Acts Prohibited, Possession/Intent, Substance Represented to be Cocaine (Subsequent Offense), May 11, 2021.

Justin Vire, 41, Charlestown, NH, indicted for Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, Aug. 14, 2020.

Bethany Whitcomb, 44, Laconia, NH, indicted for Conspiracy to Commit Burglary, May 7, 2021; Receiving Stolen Property, May 8, 2021; Falsifying Physical Evidence, May 8, 2021.

Robert L. Nadeau Jr., 44, Claremont, NH, indicted for Conspiracy to Commit Burglary, May 7, 2021; Operation After Certification as a Habitual Offender, May 8, 2021; Falsifying Physical Evidence, May 8, 2021; Receiving Stolen Property, May 8, 2021.

Justin Vire, 41, Charlestown, NH, indicted for Operating After Certification as Habitual Offender, April 26, 2021.

Join the ‘NH Clique’ Campaign

CONCORD, NH— Now through June 6, 2021, state and local law enforcement agencies across the nation are stepping up their enforcement efforts for motorists who are not wearing their seat belts. New

Hampshire law requires that any child under the age of 18 riding in a motor vehicle be secured by either a seat belt or a child safety seat. It is the driver’s responsibility to ensure that all child-passengers are properly restrained.

Wearing a seat belt is the single most effective thing you can do to protect yourself in a crash. Buckle up every trip, every time – no matter what.

“Seat belts save lives. Join the New Hampshire Clique campaign reminds everyone to wear their seat belt every trip, every time, no exceptions,” said Robert Quinn, Commissioner of the NH Department of Safety. “The goal of this campaign is to save lives and reduce traffic related injuries and fatalities.”

“In 2020, New Hampshire lost 20 lives because they were ejected from their vehicles,” said John Clegg, Program Manager of the

New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety. “If you know of a friend or family member who does not buckle up when they are drive, ask them to change their habits and to always wear their seat belt. Help us spread this life-saving message before one more friend or family member is killed.”

NEW HAMPSHIRE SEAT BELT FACTS:
(Source: NH FARS)

- In 2020 the seat belt use rate in the State of New Hampshire was 72.4%, which is okay — but we can do better. The other 27.6% still need to be reminded that seat belts save lives.
- 41 out of 63 (or 65.1%) total motor vehicle occupant fatalities were indicated as not using a seat belt or safety restraints for 2020.

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June 5th, from 10:00am to 1:00pm!

Recent good weather has been enticing people to venture forth in search of scenic drives along and visits to the Black River. Unfortunately, this increased traffic often results in an increase in riverside and roadside trash, presenting not just an eyesore but an impairment to wildlife habitat. The Black River Action Team spent a few hours recently cleaning up the pull-offs on Route 131 along the Black River in Cavendish. The trash collected ranged from political signs to tires, food trash to fishing line. While some appeared incidental, some was obviously intentionally discarded at these public sites, said the volunteers.

Many thanks to the Cavendish Transfer Station for taking the trash and the tire, and a special shout-out to BRAT volunteers Pam Lane and Armando Stettner for donating their time and elbow grease to beautifying the shoreline. BRAT will continue to keep an eye on these pull-offs, and will plan at least one more coordinated cleanup of Route 131.

Anyone interested in participating should contact BRAT Director Kelly Stettner at blackrivercleanup@gmail.com or leave a message at (802) 738-0456. Donations to support the all-volunteer organization can mail a check to BRAT, 101 Perley Gordon Road, Springfield, VT 05156 (Pam Lane photo).



TUESDAY, JUNE 15

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

Email mzoerheide@gmail.com for more info.

Turning Points Network is Hiring!

Family Violence Prevention Specialist

This full-time position works as an advocate for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault who access services through our office, crisis line, and community. The qualified individual will also serve as a liaison between the Division of Children Youth & Families and Turning Points Network providing support to families. The ideal candidate will work well on a team, have awareness of the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault, and possess the passion and commitment to make a difference in the community and for survivors. No prior experience is necessary, as training is provided. This position is Monday-Friday daytime hours and requires a valid driver's license, reliable transportation, and automobile insurance. Competitive salary & benefits. Must be able to pass a background check.

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

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

Webinar: June 1, 2021 at 7:00pm

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 7 pm

Steve Taylor speaks on "What Plainfield Was Like 100 Years Ago and How It Has Changed".

Outside at the PLAINFIELD Library.

In celebration of the Centennial of the Philip Read Memorial Library. Sponsored by the Friends of Philip Read Memorial Library. Contacts: prmlfriends@gmail.com or mary.king@plainfieldlibraries.org

HOME OF THE WEEK!



Charlestown country setting on a quiet dead end road, yet just minutes to town. Lots of options with this 10 room home. The first floor has a 2 bedroom floor plan with an office or den. Hardwood floors, lots of space and storage space. Lots of bright sunny updated windows. The basement is also a finished living space with 4 rooms. It could be a perfect Mother-in-law apartment with a kitchen, bedroom, 3/4 bath, and living room, or, this downstairs, could be a family room, with an additional bedroom, and craft room. The outside is just as awesome, nice level lawn, with handy out buildings, one car garage with carport for the toys. There is a swimming pool in the back yard, The pool does need work but could be an incredible asset to the home. All appliances included. Zoning is for mix usage so could be a great place for a home business. There was once a beauty shop set up and that space could easily be used for most any home occupation. **MLS #4862491 \$335,000**



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The terminal building is one of several structures catering to pilots. There are three types of hangars. In the box hangar, which can accommodate six planes, owners have a long-term lease arrangement; their rent is deposited in the airport reserve fund.

There are six units in the “T” hangar (so called because of the interior floor plan). The community hangar has space for five to six planes. The rent from these two hangars goes to CNH Aviation, the fixed base operator, managed by David Carton and Roger Hamel. In return, they provide maintenance services at no charge to the City. A huge maintenance shed has a range of mowers that the two men operate to keep the grass around the airport perimeter in check, as well as a snow plow to clear the runway so that the airport is accessible as soon as possible after even the heaviest storm.

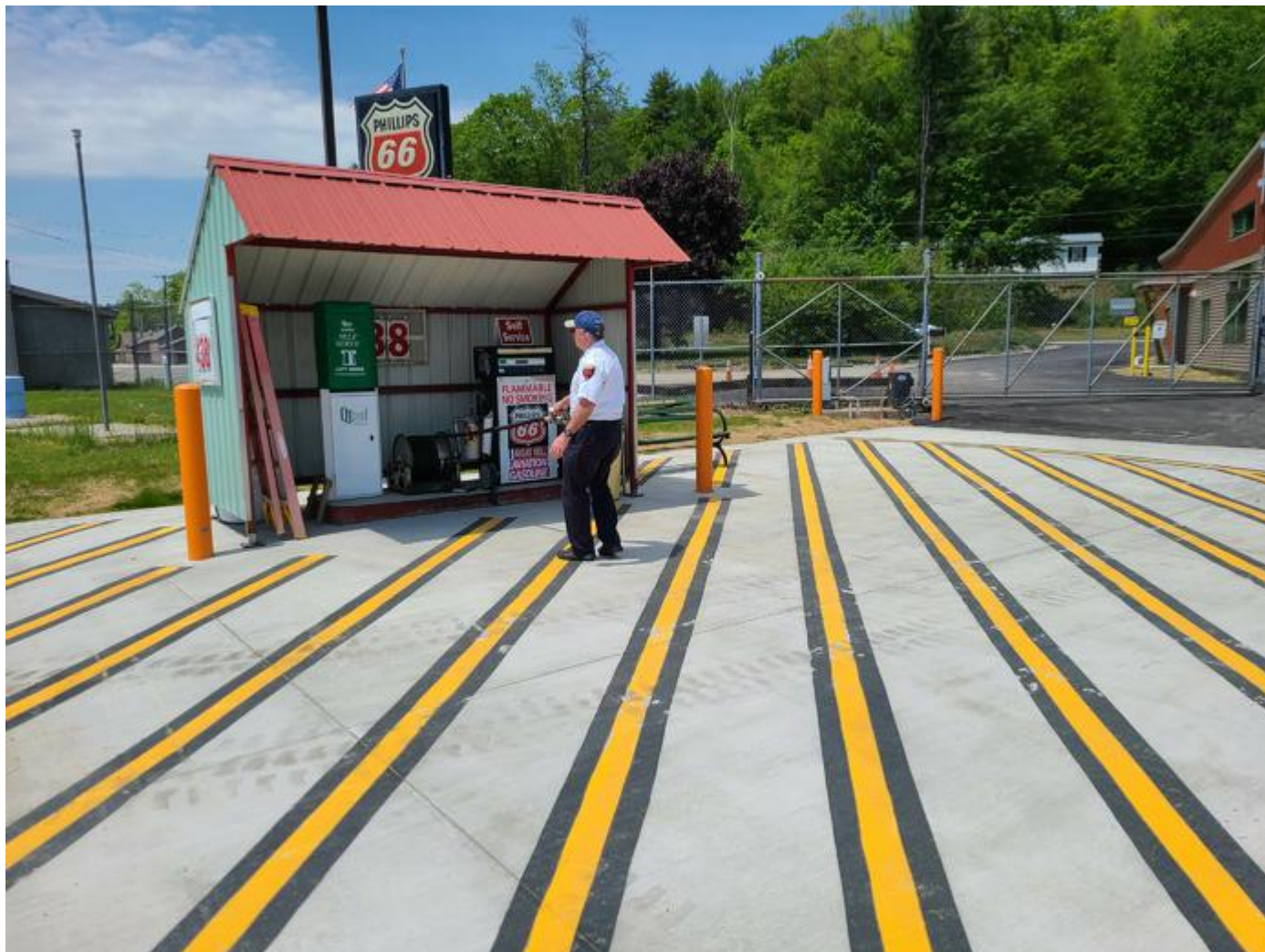
One of Burr’s duties involves the 12,000-gallon in-ground fuel tank. In a normal year, he buys fuel two or three times. He inspects the tank weekly; equipment in the new building monitors how many gallons remain, displays alerts in the event water has mixed with the fuel, and monitors the Veeder Root system, which alarms if there is a fuel leak or spill.

Pilots can taxi up to the pump enclosure, insert a credit card, and refuel just as they would at a gas station. The credit card procedure is now software-based, which is much quicker and more efficient than the previous dial-up connection. Revenue from fuel sales goes into the airport reserve fund.

Burr noted that in 2020, “no one was flying during the pandemic, so fuel sales were way down. But I had just filled that tank with 8,500 gallons at a cost of \$30,686.” He discovered that federal COVID-19 relief funds could be applied to fuel. “They reimbursed us \$30,000, so I got thousands of gallons for a few hundred dollars.”

The next project at the airport will be upgrading and resurfacing the 3,100-foot runway. That includes 1,000 feet of displacement at the western end. Displacement provides sufficient length for a safe take-off into federally protected airspace. In Claremont’s case, it also means avoiding the tree-covered hills to the west past Plains Road.

This is another “90/5/5” project, which will have to go through the usual stages before work begins. Bids have already come in to the City. Burr will apply for the FAA grant with as-



sistance from Stantec. The consulting firm has provided Claremont with help on grant applications and additional funding for decades.

Next, the City Council will vote on a resolution to expend Claremont’s five percent of the total cost; passing the resolution results in a “certificate of vote,” which confirms the City’s support in the eyes of the FAA. The final vote to approve the project comes from the Governor’s Council. As Burr said, “New Hampshire is not an FAA state,” meaning that the top-level authority is the state’s Bureau of Aeronautics in the Department of Transportation.

If the project is approved, work is expected to run from March through May 2022. During that time the airport would be closed to air traffic.

“We’re looking forward to the new and improved runway,” said Burr. “There are a lot of local businesses who fly in people for meetings and conferences. This is a gem of an airport. Not many New Hampshire towns even have an airport.”

Visit the airport’s website at claremontnh.com/municipal-airport.

Above: Airport manager Bryan Burr reels out the hose from the fueling station. Pilots can taxi only up to the striped area. Burr notes that since the early 1990s, Claremont’s fire chief has also served as airport manager. Below: The lounge has free wi-fi and computer for pilot use (Eric Zengota photos).



Council Chooses Demars to Fill Vacated Seat

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Two residents applied for the open at-large seat on the council created when Erica Sweetser recently resigned—Michael Demars and Matt Mooshian. After asking each the same questions, the council, via a roll call vote, selected Demars to fill the seat. Councilor Jim Contois was the lone vote for Mooshian. Demars is the owner of CCI Managed Services on North St. and has been in business for 34 years. Mooshian works in human services for West Central Behavioral Health. Demars said he was invested in the community and couldn't see himself living anywhere else. Mooshian said he, too, was invested in the City, through his work with various events that have partnered with the Chamber and various businesses.

Demars said he thought the City's biggest challenge was the issue of socioeconomic problems and while he didn't have all the answers, he had some ideas. He said there were many areas where the City hasn't yet been able to commit enough resources, such as the rail trail, Arrowhead, tennis courts and the like. He cautioned against reinventing the wheel, advocating for looking at what others have done to meet such goals. Mooshian said he saw the biggest challenge as being one where the community has yet to take control and tell its own story that would help promote the area.

When asked what committees they would want to serve on as a councilor, Demars said he had done a Planning Board stint and also one with the Conservation Commission and was currently serving as a resident member of the Policy Committee. He said a new councilor would be wise not to over commit. Should he continue on the Policy Committee, it would be as a councilor, not a private citizen. Mooshian also said he favored the Policy Committee, having had experience with policy issues. When asked if either was planning to run for a council seat in November, neither applicant was ready to make such a commitment.

Following the vote that selected Demars for the seat, City clerk Gwen Melcher swore the new councilor in and he took his place in Council Chambers.

ATV Club Request Approved

Also at Wednesday's meeting, the council passed a motion to authorize ATVs to operate on designated City-owned Class V roads for one year. The areas include Veterans Park Road, Cat Hole Road and Petrin Heights Road. The 5-4 vote reflected the continued difficulty expressed by councilors as to which way to vote; there had been much controversy regarding the request as a number of residents in those areas had requested permission not be granted due to the noise, speed and dust generated by the ATVs using the roads. Others in the community pressed the council to grant permission, saying the local economy benefitted from the out-of-state ATV traffic. ATV Club president Steve Wilkie said in the time since the last council meeting, the club had been busy with a variety of things, including having a work party on the 15th, a meeting on the 17th and making the decision to delay opening its season, for "a multitude of reasons." The club is considering putting up a patrol shack in the area of Veterans Park Road and Cat Hole Road and is still exploring parking options. He said they have also talked about educating ATV riders traveling through

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CPD Reports Shots Fired in City on Friday

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Police Department reported on Saturday via its Facebook page that on May 28, at approximately 10:00 p.m., it responded to the area of Walnut and Sullivan Street for a report of a shooting.

Upon arrival, officers confirmed that a firearm had been discharged several times, which struck a nearby apartment building. The suspect reportedly fled the area towards Pleasant Street but was not able to be located. No one was hit by any of the bullets.

The case remains under investigation and there is no immediate threat to the community. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Detective Joshua Peavey at 603-504-0234 or jpeavey@claremontnh.com. If you would like to leave an anonymous tip, please call the anonymous tip line at 603-542-7026.

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll

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the neighborhood, stopping them to educate them in how to be respectful in the area. They may also put up signs. He said machines going too slow, such as 10 mph, actually make more noise than those going 20 mph as machines would be quieter in a higher gear and would travel through the area faster, causing a shorter time period where residents are being disturbed.

Michael and Margaret Saracino, who have spoken frequently at council meetings in opposition to granting permission for the club to use the road passing their house, remained staunchly opposed Wednesday night. "No one drives at 10 mph," said Margaret Saracino. "So many people fly right by. It's the noise as much as it is the dust." Walter Stapleton, who lives on Veterans Park Road and owns an ATV, said, "Enforcement is the key. It would cut down on renegades."

Councilor Jim Contois said that many more people would be speaking out if the riders were going by their houses; Councilor Nick Koloski said the problems were still going to happen even if the council didn't "grant access."

The motion to authorize access to the club for a year broke down as follows: voting yes were Andrew O'Hearne, Dale Girard, Michael Demars, Nick Koloski and Jonathan Stone; voting no were Allen Damren, Deb Matteau, Jim Contois and Mayor Charlene Lovett.

Water Rates May See an Increase

Also on Wednesday night's agenda was a discussion of the water rates. The current rates expire at the end of June, necessitating a decision on setting new rates for the next five years. The new billing cycle begins in July. DPW director Alex Gleeson presented a short slide show, which included four options the council is being asked to consider. He told the council that "The recommendation from the department is to adopt these new rates to avoid a larger cost burden on the ratepayers in the coming years as the water/sewer infrastructure continues to need maintenance and repair. Additional city lead removal

initiatives will also need to be funded in the future." He added that freezing rates simply means hitting the "pause button".

Lovett said that her concern was that this may be a tough year for a lot of people to see a rate increase, given the challenges and hardships brought on by the pandemic; she favored a freeze for a year. She added that budget issues are uncertain as they don't yet know what type of state and federal funding may or may not be coming to municipalities. Damren said he did not favor a rate freeze, saying "it pushes the pain out in the future... would want to think it out quite a bit more." Girard said he would also like to see rates frozen for a year, saying he would like to see what kind of funding the City may get. Koloski said he was not in favor of "where we are, putting things off doubly hurts you down the road."

Those who receive assistance through Southwestern Community Services for rent and heating may also see help coming their way for water bills, said City manager Ed Morris.

The Water Department reported Wednesday night that while most residential users would see a reduction in their water bills, that would be offset by higher sewer costs. Stone made a motion to table the issue but that was voted down, 7-2, with him and O'Hearne voting yes.

The last time rates were changed, medium commercial users took the brunt of the increase, said Morris. Increasing rates now on average Claremont residential users is a "way to bring things back in line and move to a single water rate rather than multiple ones that we currently have." He added that lowering rates for the medium commercial users could be an economic development incentive to bring business to town. The proposed rate structure would give those users a substantial decrease for this next rate cycle.

Matteau made a motion that "we endorse the City's recommendation and have them go forward to draft an ordinance the way it's been proposed with their recommendation." The motion passed, 6-3.

Comparison of 4 Options

(Per Quarterly Billing Period)

Single Residential User										
Combined Water and Sewer Sample Quarterly Bills for Claremont										
	Meter Size	Usage (cf)	Actual FY2021	Qtrly Incr (decr) FY2021-FY2022	Qtrly Incr (decr) FY2022-FY2023	Qtrly Incr (decr) FY2023-FY2024	Qtrly Incr (decr) FY2024-FY2025	Qtrly Incr (decr) FY2025-FY2026	Cumul Qtrly Incr (decr) FY2022-FY2026	
Proposed Rate Structure	5/8"	750	\$ 129.35	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.05	\$ 4.10	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.20	\$ 20.55	
Freeze All Rates Year 1	5/8"	750	\$ 129.35	\$ -	\$ 5.70	\$ 5.80	\$ 5.95	\$ 6.05	\$ 23.50	
Freeze Sewer Rates Year 1	5/8"	750	\$ 129.35	\$ 1.25	\$ 5.60	\$ 5.70	\$ 5.85	\$ 5.95	\$ 24.35	
One Water Rate	5/8"	750	\$ 129.35	\$ 23.05	\$ 3.75	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.05	\$ 4.10	\$ 38.95	

Average Claremont Residential User										
Combined Water and Sewer Sample Quarterly Bills for Claremont										
	Meter Size	Usage (cf)	Actual FY2021	Qtrly Incr (decr) FY2021-FY2022	Qtrly Incr (decr) FY2022-FY2023	Qtrly Incr (decr) FY2023-FY2024	Qtrly Incr (decr) FY2024-FY2025	Qtrly Incr (decr) FY2025-FY2026	Cumul Qtrly Incr (decr) FY2022-FY2026	
Proposed Rate Structure	5/8"	1,605	\$ 232.99	\$ 2.33	\$ 7.22	\$ 7.27	\$ 7.37	\$ 7.37	\$ 31.56	
Freeze All Rates Year 1	5/8"	1,605	\$ 232.99	\$ -	\$ 6.10	\$ 9.82	\$ 9.97	\$ 10.68	\$ 36.57	
Freeze Sewer Rates Year 1	5/8"	1,605	\$ 232.99	\$ (2.13)	\$ 9.63	\$ 9.72	\$ 9.88	\$ 9.97	\$ 37.07	
One Water Rate	5/8"	1,605	\$ 232.99	\$ 17.49	\$ 6.46	\$ 6.57	\$ 6.62	\$ 6.67	\$ 43.80	

Medium Commercial User										
Combined Water and Sewer Sample Quarterly Bills for Claremont										
	Meter Size	Usage (cf)	Actual FY2021	Qtrly Incr (decr) FY2021-FY2022	Qtrly Incr (decr) FY2022-FY2023	Qtrly Incr (decr) FY2023-FY2024	Qtrly Incr (decr) FY2024-FY2025	Qtrly Incr (decr) FY2025-FY2026	Cumul Qtrly Incr (decr) FY2022-FY2026	
Proposed Rate Structure	2"	12,000	\$ 1,783.80	\$ (35.75)	\$ 52.30	\$ 52.35	\$ 52.80	\$ 52.80	\$ 174.50	
Freeze All Rates Year 1	2"	12,000	\$ 1,783.80	\$ -	\$ (0.10)	\$ 66.00	\$ 66.50	\$ 77.60	\$ 210.00	
Freeze Sewer Rates Year 1	2"	12,000	\$ 1,783.80	\$ (61.00)	\$ 65.10	\$ 65.20	\$ 65.70	\$ 65.80	\$ 200.80	
One Water Rate	2"	12,000	\$ 1,783.80	\$ (218.80)	\$ 40.10	\$ 40.35	\$ 40.60	\$ 40.65	\$ (58.90)	

City graphic

Business News

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health “AmplifiHERS” Honored by the New Hampshire Women's Foundation for Their Contributions During the COVID-19 Pandemic

LEBANON, NH – Three Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health (D-HH) staff members were recognized as AmplifiHER honorees at the annual New Hampshire Women’s Foundation (NHWF) Gala on Friday, May 21, 2021.

Held virtually due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this year’s event was dedicated to the women and girls of the pandemic who have stepped up in ways big and small to support their families, loved ones and communities through this global health crisis.

“We are inspired by the everyday heroism of the D-HH AmplifiHER honorees,” said D-HH CEO and President Joanne M. Conroy, MD, who co-chaired this year’s Gala. “We honor them today, along with all the other AmplifiHERs recognized by the Women’s Foundation, and the many unsung’s ‘heroes’ who work throughout our health system, quietly demonstrating the strength of women to get the job done.”

The D-HH AmplifiHER honorees for 2021 are: Antonia Altomare, DO, MPH, an infectious disease and international health physician at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC). Altomare’s specialty focus in infection control and epidemic preparedness and response, and previous experience establishing DHMC as an assessment hospital during the Ebola epidemic and creating and leading DHMC’s



Antonia Altomare

High Threat Infection Team, made her a natural fit to help her lead D-H in its COVID-19 response from the early days of the pandemic.

Caitlin Adams Barker, MSN, RN, an infection preventionist (IP) at DHMC. As an IP, Adams Barker was an integral part DHMC’s incident command and emergency response team. As the subject matter expert, she led most of the contact tracing work, served as primary liaison to occupational medicine, developed and updated all infection control policies and procedures, completed rounds on the COVID-19 unit, while serving patients with compassion all along.



Caitlin Adams Barker

Danielle Smith, a medical assistant at Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (CHaD). After losing her son to cancer, Smith was inspired by the nurses who cared for her son at CHaD to return to school and work toward a nursing



Danielle Smith

degree. Her classes were put on hold during the pandemic, but she was determined to continue helping however she could. She taught hospital staff how to don and doff personal protective equipment, screened staff entering and exiting the hospital for symptoms, delivered supplies all over the hospital, answered the COVID-19 hotline, staffed one of the DHMC entrances, and volunteers at state-run fixed vaccine sites. Once classes resumed, she completed a medical assistant program and now works in the pediatric clinic.

Also recognized was Emily Galeva, a student at Lebanon High School who has contributed to the 99 Faces art installation at DHMC and took part in D-H’s anti-vaping campaign No Safe Vape and mental health webinar series “Heads Up: Coping through COVID-19.”



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Business News

NH Electric Co-op Foundation Scholarship Deadline Extended to June 21

PLYMOUTH, NH – The deadline to apply for New Hampshire Electric Co-op (NHEC) Foundation scholarships has been extended to June 21, 2021.

The NHEC Foundation is awarding six \$1,500 scholarships to college or college-bound students in 2021. Any NHEC member or dependent is welcome to apply. The on-line application is available in the MY CO-OP menu at www.nhec.com. For questions about the program, please contact Sara Thielbar at 603-536-1800 or foundation@nhec.com.

The NHEC Foundation is funded by the generosity of over 40,000 New Hampshire Electric Co-op members who participate in the Round Up Program. Participating members agree to have their monthly electric bill rounded up to the next dollar with the proceeds benefiting the NHEC Foundation. To learn more about the NHEC Foundation, enroll in the Round Up Program or apply for a Foundation grant, please visit www.nhec.com/nhec-foundation.

Whipple Reaches \$3M in Sales as of May

CLAREMONT, NH—Coldwell Banker Homes Unlimited announced that “with hard work and determination, Brian Whipple has reached \$3 million in sales as of May 2021. What an amazing accomplishment in less than five months. He has a tremendous following, a great personality and expertise in both Commercial and Residential properties,” said the Coldwell Banker office.



“The team at Coldwell Banker Homes Unlimited is proud of Brian’s accomplishments and thank him for all his hard work and dedication.”

VNH Announces Inaugural Non-Profit Tuck Fellow to Board of Trustees

WHITE RIVER JCT., VT—Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) announces the inaugural appointment of Tuck Non-Profit Board Fellow to its Board of Trustees. The purpose of Tuck Fellows Program is to bring second-year students together with local nonprofits and have them involved in the local community to apply their business skills and learn about organizational governance.

Joining the VNH Board as the inaugural fellow is Megan Bohannan. “I’m excited to have Megan take part in our board as part of an experiential learning program,” said VNH President and CEO Johanna Beliveau. “This program will help Megan learn about VNH’s social and economic challenges and also have her working on ways to address these for our patients.”

VNH’s board is comprised of people with industry knowledge in a variety of areas including workforce, state government structures, and meeting the healthcare needs of older adults. When presented with the opportunity to have a Tuck student on the board, VNH eagerly accepted. Bohannan is currently a graduate student at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. Prior to her full-time graduate studies, Ms. Bohannan worked for Gartner, specializing in Strategy, Supply Chain, and Quality Research. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Business Studies.

Below are all VNH Board of Trustees members for 2021:

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BRAT Volunteers Test Area Swim Waters

Submitted By Kelly Stettner

SPRINGFIELD, VT—From Memorial Day through Labor Day, folks want to be out and about, exploring Vermont's waterways to keep cool, fish, paddle, and otherwise enjoy the great outdoors. We like to know that the water we come into contact with is safe, clean, and healthy; to this end, the Black River Action Team conducts ongoing sampling of several popular river and stream sites around the watershed, to keep tabs on the bacteria levels in the water.

While some level of bacteria is naturally occurring in all soil and water, elevated levels of the bacterium *Escherichia coli* (or "E. coli") may be an indication of the presence of other pathogens in water which could have the potential to make a person or pet ill if they come into contact with enough of it through swimming or boating (or in the case of a dog, drinking). While all warm-blooded animals host a healthy level of E. coli in their gut, some strains can lead to illness such as diarrhea, vomiting, and abdominal pain.

Water samples are carefully collected every Wednesday morning by a trained BRAT volunteer and transported to the Endyne Inc. laboratory in Lebanon, NH, for testing. Samples are incubated to get an accurate count of colony-forming units, or "cfu," present in the 100 mL sample. A heavy rain can wash soil (and the bacteria in it) into streams and rivers, thereby elevating the count in the water. It is recommended that people stay out of the water for 24 hours after a heavy rain, and anytime the bacteria level is at or above 235 cfu (colony-forming units in a 100 mL sample).

Charts are generated within 48 hours based on the numbers from the lab, but reflect only a "snapshot" of the water - what the bacteria level was at the exact moment and in the exact location the water was collected. By the time the charts are posted, any number of factors may have changed to alter the actual bacteria count for weekend visitors. Learn more by visiting www.BlackRiverActionTeam.org.

I want to extend many thanks to all the volunteer water quality monitors ("River Dippers") who commit to weekly sampling of several popular swimming/wading spots in the Black River, and to the local businesses and organizations who "adopt" these spots.

- * Buttermilk Falls in Ludlow (adopted by Okemo Mountain Resort);
- * Cavendish Gorge in Cavendish (adopted by Green Mountain Power);
- * The Black River at Greven Field in Cavendish (adopted by Betty McEnaney of TPW Realty);
- * Tolles Power Dam off Maple Street in Weathersfield (testing costs donated by Endyne);

- * Twenty-foot Hole on the North Branch in Reading (adopted by the Greater Upper Valley chapter of Trout Unlimited);
- * The pond at the West Hill Rd rec park is being monitored for bacteria by the Town of Ludlow, despite not yet being open for boating or swimming (adopted by Vermont Co-Pack); no chart will be posted at this site.



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Financial Tips for The Self-Employed

Being self-employed has some benefits: You get to choose your own hours, you don't have to count "vacation days" and you'll never worry about getting downsized. On the other hand, you're truly on your own – there's no employer-sponsored retirement plan and no benefits package. So, if you've recently started a business or become a "gig worker," possibly due to the COVID-19 pandemic, what can you do to get on the road to financial security?

There are several steps you can take, including the following:

- **Establish a budget.** When you're self-employed – and especially when you're first starting out – you need to keep tight control over where your money is going. So, establish a budget and stick to it.
- **Open a retirement plan.** As a self-employed individual, you can choose a retirement plan, such as a SEP-IRA, a SIMPLE-IRA or an "owner-only" 401(k). When your earnings are limited, you can contribute modest amounts to any of these plans, but when your income rises, you can boost your contributions. While these retirement plans have some things in common, including tax-deferred growth of earnings, they differ in other areas, such as contribution limits, and one plan may be more suitable for you than another, depending on whether you have employees. You may want to consult with a financial advisor to determine which plan is best for your needs.
- **Build an emergency fund.** When you work for a business or other organization, your income is predictable – but that's usually not the case when you're self-employed. And when your earnings are uneven, you can be vulnerable to financial stress when you face an unexpected expense. To help protect yourself from these threats, try to gradually build an emergency fund containing a few months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account.
- **Pay down your debts.** Some debts, such as loans to help your business, may be unavoidable – and even productive. But other debts, especially those that can't be deducted from your taxes and carry a high interest rate, are far less useful, so you may want to set up a repayment plan. With your other expenses, you might not be able to whittle these debts down as fast you'd like, but, over time, your efforts can pay off.
- **Put money aside for taxes.** Because no employer is withholding taxes from your paychecks, you will likely have to make quarterly estimated payments. Plus, you're responsible for all your Social Security taxes, which, if you worked for someone else, would be split between you and your employer. To make sure you've got enough money available to pay your taxes, you might want to set up a special account – one that's not used for any other purpose.
- **Get proper insurance.** Depending on the nature of your work, you may or may not need some type of business insurance, but if you have a family, you should certainly consider the need for life insurance, and you may also want to consider disability insurance.

Self-employment can be quite fulfilling – and you'll find it even more rewarding when you make the right financial moves.

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While we didn't get to see the lunar eclipse last Tuesday night, Mr. Moon did provide this great scene that included iridescent clouds...

Photo by Phyllis A. Muzeroll

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THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the making of our Steppin’ Up video, which can be found by searching for our TPN channel on YouTube.

We look forward to the work our agency will be able to do because of your generous support.

-Turning Points Network Board of Directors



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Sports

The SHS varsity softball team finished up their regular season last week by defeating Mascoma 6-0. Next up will be the first round of the NHIAA Division 2 playoffs where the Cardinals will host Bow High School on Monday night, May 31, at 7:00pm (Courtesy photo).

Cards Take Kirby Cup, Defeating Wildcats 16-1

The Stevens baseball team wrapped up their regular season with three games this past weekend.

On Monday the John Stark Generals came to Claremont and used a relentless hitting attack to return to Weare with a 13-2 victory. The Generals Nate Innerfield tossed a 5 inning no-hitter. Stevens did score a pair of runs in the 3rd inning. Caden Ferland was hit by a pitch, Zach Bundy walked, both moved up on a wild pitch, and Ferland came home on another wild pitch, with Bundy moving to 3rd. Ty Theriault walked and Bundy would score on a stolen base as he crossed the plate before Theriault was retired on the Cardinals double steal. That would be all the offense Stevens could muster on the afternoon.

On Thursday evening, Stevens honored their 3 seniors on Senior Night with the Cardinals hosting the Mascoma Royals. Seniors Bryce Weymouth, Caden Ferland, and Owen Taylor were recognized prior to the game. As for the game, Dylan Chambers struck out 17 in a dominant performance for the Cardinals as they rolled to a 12-3 win over Mascoma. Chambers went the distance allowing just 3 hits, walking 2, and allowing just a single earned run. He also chipped in with 2 hits and drove in 2 runs. Zach Bundy had 2 hits including a double and drove in a run. Dom Puksta added a two run single. The seniors all had a contribution to the win. Owen Taylor had a single and an RBI, as did Caden Ferland. Bryce Weymouth returned from injury, after missing 7 games, to single in his pinch hitting appearance.

The Stevens Cardinals traveled to Walpole on a rainy Friday afternoon to take on the Fall Mountain Wildcats at Hubbard Field in the 11th annual Kirby Cup Game. The Cardinals retained possession of the Cup for another year



as they defeated the Wildcats 16-1 in 5 innings. Stevens had won the Cup in 2019, winning the game 4-0, and with the COVID-19 pandemic the game was not played in 2020. Stevens has now won the Cup 6 times, including 5 of the past 6 games.

Senior Owen Taylor took the ball and tossed a complete game, using just 68 pitches. Taylor gave up 4 hits, didn't walk a batter, struck out 3, and gave up just 1 run. Taylor retired the last 9 Wildcat hitters in order.

Taylor also shined on the offensive side of the ledger for Stevens as well, going 4 for 4 from his cleanup spot, driving in 4 runs, and scoring a pair of runs to lead the Cardinal offense.

There was plenty of offense on the day for Stevens. The Cardinals scored 3 in the first inning, 2 in the third inning, and exploded for 11 runs in the fourth inning. Zack Bundy had a pair of hits, 2 RBI, and scored 3 runs. Colby Shepard had 2 hits and drove in 4 runs. Ty Theriault had a pair of hits and scored twice. Dylan Chambers was on base all 4 times, and scored 3 runs, and Caden Ferland scored a pair of runs. The Cardinals had 11 hits in the game in 5 innings. Cody Pellerin had the other hit.

The Wildcats scored their run

on an RBI groundout by Mitchell Cormier in the 3rd inning.

The Cardinals completed their regular season at 8-5. Stevens will host the John Stark Generals in an opening round Division II tournament game at Barnes Park on Memorial Day, with a 6PM game time.

Left: Stevens Baseball Seniors Caden Ferland, Bryce Weymouth, and Owen Taylor were recognized on Senior Night prior to their game with Mascoma. All three seniors had a hit in the game.

Right: Senior Owen Taylor poses with the Kirby Cup after pitching a complete game victory over the Wildcats of Fall Mountain to retain possession of the Cup. Taylor also had 4 hits and drove in 4 runs (Courtesy photos).



Goal: 5K — Result: Achieved

Middle School Athletes Wrap Up Finding Our Stride

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—They climbed up to Flat Rock above Arrowhead Lodge. They jogged the perimeter of Monadnock Park. They stretched every muscle and warmed up with 25 jumping-jacks and balanced on one leg then the other and cooled down playing Capture the Flag.

Above all, on three days a week for the past seven weeks, they've been in training to take part in a timed 5K, several of them for the first time.

"They" are Claremont middle schoolers who took part in Finding Our Stride, a program designed to improve running abilities and enhance resulting health benefits, as well as instill a sense of confidence, an "I can achieve this" state of mind.

Last Thursday, the youngsters and their coaches used the "Bobby" Woodman Rail Trail as the site of their 5K. The stretch between Chestnut Street and the trestle bridge just off



Washington Avenue measured out to almost 5K, if done in four loops.

Everyone did all four loops. In self-paced combinations of running, sprinting, jogging and walking. In high spirits and an ever-present camaraderie that had them encouraging — inspiring — even good-naturedly teasing one another from start to finish.

Tomorrow, the group will meet one last time for assessments. They'll be able to compare factors such as speed and strength against the numbers

recorded in the first session. No doubt, they'll also feel the excitement of accomplishment: a steep slope mastered, an extra perimeter run, a 5K achieved.

Courtesy and Eric Zengota photos



Inspiration

Remember

By Priscilla Hull

Today is Memorial Day, the day set aside specifically for those who lost their lives during conflicts fought to protect Justice and Peace. It is difficult, if not impossible, to leave aside those living who have given part or all of their lives to serve in the military and so we generally include all veterans, men and women, who served us by giving their time for several or a few years because they, too, gave part of themselves so that we could enjoy the waving plains of wheat, the frozen mountaintops, the gently flowing streams and roaring rivers and the busy rush of city life. Each one who served pledged a portion of their lives to us.



What is this freedom that they have fought for? It is a freedom that comes with a price. It is a freedom that comes with Justice and it is a freedom that comes with Peace. What we all seek is not to be at war, but to live in harmony with each other. No one wants conflict, but we have to learn to respect and honor each person, to value each one we meet.

Martin Luther King, Jr. talked about Paul's idealistic vision when he delivered his speech from the steps of the Lincoln Monument in 1963. When we can respect the value of each individual we meet, when we can honor each person for what they do, what they stand for, then we will be on the pathway to Peace. Then we will be reminded of the value of each person's life and their individual contribution to society.

In all situations of conflict, therefore, we have to find the key to maintain a smoothly flowing stream of justice. We have to find the key to unity, the common connection of the soul. We have to work together to find that common thread of righteousness so that all those who have struggled through conflicts in the jungles of Asia, the mud of Europe, the steppes of Africa, the marshes of this country, and all other areas of conflict and war will know that they fought for the same thing that we seek. Without righteousness, without justice, there is no peace.

The Prophet Amos tells us, "Instead [of conflict] let Justice flow like a stream and righteousness like an ever flowing river." Then we will find the end to war and in the words of that old Spiritual, we "will study war no more."

It is a vision from Amos' time, from Jesus' time, from George Washington's time, from Martin Luther King, Jr.'s time. We all will sing together:
*I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside,
 Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside,
 Gonna study war no more!*

Thank you to all who have worked for peace, through conflict and peace!

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

Calendar Of Events

COH Pop-Up Concerts Series

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

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

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

Aug 6th: Latin Night with Cuarteto Cario-ca brings the vibrant sounds of latin music to Claremont. Based in the Monadnock region, their infectious blend of Brazilian Sambas, Choros, and Boss Nova; Cuban boleros and rumbas; and Argentine Tangos bring smiles to faces. These talented musicians blend their individual skills with the voice of a classically trained mezzo-soprano. Get ready to practice your salsa dancing!

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

Tickets for all summer pop-up concerts are \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for K-12 students.

Silver and Gold Members receive free tickets in reserved pods according to their membership selection. Tickets and Member Program information is available online at www.claremontoperahouse.org.

New England Classical Academy Yard Sale

Saturday, June 19, 8am - 1pm

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

What's Happening to the Birds, Bees?

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

2021 Community Survey

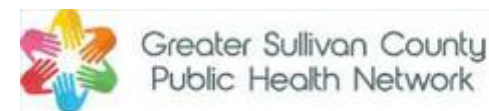
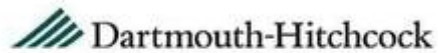
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Join the Claremont Conservation Commission, Heidi Holman (NH Fish and Game Department), and Lisa Wise (UNH Extension and NH Sea Grant) for a webinar on the threats causing declines of the bees, butterflies and other insects that pollinate our forests, meadows and gardens in New Hampshire. Habitat loss, pesticides, and extreme weather due to climate change are just a few of the significant challenges they face. The story of the iconic monarch butterfly helps us to understand the plight of these small individual species that are often overlooked. Learn about a few other species that have been identified by conservation partners as needing action to prevent their extinction and how you can help with this effort.

Register here to receive the zoom link: <https://unh.zoom.us/j/920oF4oe1MO80IXDiFvMzp4>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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

Claremont 4th of July Events

Schedule of Events

Monadnock Park

6pm — Food Vendors Open

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

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

CDA Meeting

CLAREMONT, NH—Catholic Daughters of the Americas meeting Tuesday, June 15, 6:30 PM, St. Joseph Church Hall, Elm St. Claremont. Program: "Bingo Games".

The Prouty Announces In-Person Participation for 2021

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

There are four ways to participate in The Prouty this year. In-person options include: Golf (Friday, July 9 at Eastman Golf Links in Grantham, NH), 20-mile Cycle (Saturday, July 10 at Dewey Field Lot in Hanover, NH), 5k Walk (Sunday, July 11 at Dewey Field Lot in Hanover, NH). The Virtual Prouty and Prouty Ultimate will take place June 1-July 10, 2021, 40 days in honor of the 40th Prouty.

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

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

JUNE 5TH, 9 AM - 2 PM
ACWORTH WOMAN'S CLUB:
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Tamarack Farm
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Come on over and join the fun as we raise money for local charities and causes. Find an irresistible treasure, an amazing home baked pie, or some beautiful plants for your garden.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5
Cornish Fire Association 6th Annual Car Show, 10-2, at the Cornish Fairgrounds

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

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

Please contact John Drye or Gardiner Cass for more info. We can also be reached at cornishnhvfd@yahoo.com.

Need Some Extra Space for Your Next Project/ Business?

CLAREMONT, NH—Need some

extra space for your next project/business/creative experiment?

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

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

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

Lake Sunapee VNA Offers Three Grief Support Groups

NEW LONDON, NH – Lake Sunapee VNA now offers three virtual grief support groups for the community. The "Newly Bereaved Widows Group" is for women who have experienced the loss of their husband within the last year and is held on the third Thursday of every month from 10:00-11:00am. The "Widow to Widow Group" is for women in all stages of grief and meets on the first Monday of every month from 3:30-5:00pm. Newly bereaved widows are welcome at this group as well, especially if they are feeling the need for more frequent support. In addition, a "Bereavement Check-in" group is available for men and women on the third Wednesday of every month from 4:00-5:00pm.

All of these groups provide an opportunity for participants to come together in a safe place of

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compassion and confidentiality. Attend once, multiple times or as needed. If interested, email your contact information to loconnor@lakesunapeevna.org and a member of the Lake Sunapee VNA bereavement team will call you with further details.

Charlestown VFW Bingo Schedule

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

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

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

A Message from ServiceLink

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

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

In addition, ServiceLink helps individuals connect to long term services and supports, access family caregiver information and sup-

ports, explore options and understand and access Medicare and Medicaid. We are, as always, confidential, unbiased, and free to the public.

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Claremont Senior Center News

Hi everyone. It certainly was a beautiful week wasn't it. We have had just enough rain and sunshine to make everything blossom, bloom and remind us the lawn needs to be mowed. After you are finished with the duties, we have a bunch of things you can do at the Center to help you relax. And not think about that mower for a while. Here we go!

VROOM! VROOM! Putt. Putt. Yes! Yes! Yes! The Car Show at the Claremont Senior Center is a go for Sunday, August 29, 9am-2pm. The first meeting with the chairpersons was so enthusiastic it lit up the room. Each venue's chair is gearing up to make this a great show. More information will be available soon. Woohoo! We're back!

Food anyone? The volunteers are working on a Car Show menu besides doing the weekly Tuesday and Thursday lunches. But they always give their best. Here are the fabulous meals for Tuesday and Thursday. Tuesday, June 1-Turkey Shepherd's Pie, Cranberry Sauce, Dessert. Thursday, June 3-Swedish Meatballs, Gravy, Egg Noodles, Vegetable and Dessert. Take out only. Pick up-11:45am-12:15pm/ Members = \$4.nonmembers-\$5. Call 543-5998 to reserve your meals. Come and get it!!

Our members have been bugging us about another game night. So, here it is. We are now open Tuesday and Thursday nights— 6pm-9pm for games. Card games, pool. Puzzles (two tables with puzzles), Hand and Foot, (like Canasta), Mahjong, or knit and yak in Gary's Chat Corner. Bring your friends and play. Remember, Tuesdays and Thursdays-6pm-9pm.

Julie from Julie's ICare is back at the Center on Thursday, June 3-11am-Noon. Bring your

glasses in She'll treat the with care and refit them to you. New look? Julie has a great selection of frames to help you look stylish.

We are pleased to announce there will be a Membership Meeting on Tuesday, June 8, at 1pm. We need to reconnect with our members and you need to connect with your Board. We have a lot of news to catch up on. Remember, this is your Center and your opinion counts. Tuesday, June 8-1pm. Join us.

Ken, Tom and our early rising volunteers will be presenting the next Men's Breakfast on Mon. June 14. Doors open at 8am and breakfast is served at 8:15 or so. Tom is lining up an interesting speaker for 8:45 or so. Feast on pancakes, sausages (or bacon), juice and coffee. Members—\$2, nonmembers-\$3. Open to the public. Bring your friends. Great food, lousy service. Good way to start the day. Friends and conversation. Sorry, no ladies.

The Foot Clinic will be at the Center on Thursday, June 3, and Wednesdays, June 9,16 and 23. Remember, sandal and barefoot season is here. Call 748-1731 for an appointment.

The Blood Drive is set for Monday, June 21, noon-5pm. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS for an appointment. Everyone knows how valuable your donation is. Wherever it is used, be assured it will save a life or ensure a rapid recovery. Thanks.

Our concert dates are set. Mark the calendars for a relaxing evening with friends. Open to the public. No charge. Just bring a favorite chair. Sat. July 3-East Bay Jazz Band sponsored by Crown Point Cabinetry. Strawberry Shortcake will be available. Aug. 6-firehouse 6 will be entertaining us. Ice Cream Sundaes are on the menu. Great bands. Great eats. Great relaxation.

That's it for this week. Don't forget Thursday Game Night. Have a great week everyone. Enjoy the weather.

Thought of the Week-I'm at the age when my train of thought often leaves without me.

Hours: Mondays-Noon-3pm, Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday-9am-3pm. Closed Friday. Games Nights-Tuesdays and Thursdays-6pm-9pm.fully vaccinated (recommended dosed and 14 days) no mask required. Not fully vaccinated-Masks /shields required. All must sign in.

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

Mask rules apply.



A House  n Fire

**Pop Up Summer Series
on the hillside at Arrowhead**

Covid Seating Guidelines Apply / Gates Open at 6:30 pm

Saturday, June 5, 2021

**Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for K-12 students.
Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for sale
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Remembering Loved Ones...

Life Tributes

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Mary E. LaPointe, 92

Mary Elizabeth LaPointe, 92, of Clay Hill in Claremont, NH, died peacefully at home surrounded by family on Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

She was born in Concord, NH, on August 23, 1928, the daughter of Patrick and Cathryn (Lyons) Mahon and had resided in Claremont since 1954. Mary was a graduate of St. John's High School in the Class of 1947 and had one year at St. Joseph's Nursing School. She worked at the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company in Concord from 1949 – 1954 and in Claremont from 1955 to 1956. She was a communicant of St. Mary's Church, the AARP and was a strong supporter and active member of the Claremont Senior Center and was a former twenty-five year member of Court Virgil H. Barber #892 Catholic Daughters of the Americas. She was a wonderful cook and was known for her special pasta sauce.

The surviving family includes her husband, Joseph Ronald LaPointe of Claremont whom she married on June 26, 1954, in Concord; one son, Thomas Patrick LaPointe of Claremont; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by five brothers, John, Edward, William, Richard and Bernard. Friends may call at the Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad Street in Claremont on Tuesday, June 1st, from 11AM to 12:30PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. Mary's

Church on June 1st at 1PM with Very Rev. Shawn M. Therrien, officiating. Interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lake Sunapee VNA or St. Mary Church renovation Fund.

David A. Emond

On May 25, 2021, David Allen Emond passed away while in the loving embrace of his beloved wife, Carol, and two cherished daughters, Christy and Amy.

He was a lifelong resident of Claremont, NH, born on December 19, 1949, the son of Paul A. and Carolyn (Kay) (Woodward) Emond. He was a graduate of Stevens High School Class of 1968, and Northampton Junior College. David was an account representative for Coca Cola Bottling NNE for 32 years and retired in 2019. David enjoyed spending time with his family, crosswords, cribbage, golf, hunting, Nascar, and relaxing at the beach.

His surviving family includes beloved wife of nearly 50 years, Carol Ann (Koledo) Emond whom he married on September 11, 1971; two daughters, Christy A. Emond, and Amy L.

(Emond) Ackerman and her husband Richard B. Ackerman, Jr.; two granddaughters Isabelle C. Ackerman and Ava C. Ackerman; sister-in-law Susan J. (Koledo) DeValk and husband Richard DeValk; two brothers Paul A. Emond, Jr. and Stephan C. Emond, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

As per David's wishes, there will be no visiting or funeral services.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Michael Laplante, 57

On May 19, 2021, Michael Laplante, 57, peacefully completed his journey here on earth with his loving family by his side. He was born Oct. 17, 1963 in Milford, MA, the son of Nelson and Bonnie (Ferron) Laplante. He graduated from Stevens High School and then from New Hampshire VOTECH in Claremont, NH.

On June 27, 1998, Mike married his best friend and soulmate, Tricia A. Sumner (Tufts). After Mike was diagnosed, he asked Tricia to renew their vows and they did so one last time June 27, 2020.

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Mike worked in human services with HCRS and the Springfield School District for many years. He also worked for Jeld-Wen in North Springfield, all while volunteering and working as an EMT with the Charlestown Ambulance Service for 15 years. He also enjoyed coaching several sports from recreational to middle school and high school and was an active member of the Springfield Booster Club for many years.

To meet Mike once, you were “always considered a good friend”; he never had acquaintances. Mike made many ever-lasting impacts on hundreds of children’s lives within the community while being a mentor and role model. He always believed in the underdog and cheered everybody on. He was kind-hearted, vivacious, and quick witted. It was never a dull moment with Mike around. Michael was a loving husband, father, Papi, uncle, and brother, but people really knew him as Superman. Mike had a Superman tattoo and always referred to it as his birthmark. Mike collected sports and Superman memorabilia and was an avid Patriots and Red Sox fan. A year ago, when Michael was first diagnosed, he chose to live life to the fullest. He was bound and determined to go skydiving just like Tim McGraw’s song, “Live Like You Were Dying,” and he jumped and flew out of the plane with no hesitation during a vacation of a lifetime down in Key West. His hope is for everyone to live life to the fullest with no regrets and to be kind to one another.

He is survived by his wife, Tricia; children Staceylin Tufts (Aaron), Matthew Tufts (Nicole), Heather-Lynn Laplante (James), Shaun Laplante, and Kiana Laplante (Curtis); 10 grandchildren; two brothers Nelson and Kevin Laplante (Brandi); two step-brothers Curtis Lepper and Albert Lepper; two step sisters Jennifer Kortekaas and Katherina Businger; brother-in-law Raymond Sumner (Laura); sisters-in-law Nikki Smith (Patrick) and Janice Laplante; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents.

A graveside service was held Sunday, May 23, at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, VT, with Reverend Gerry Piper officiating.

Mike left an unforgettable mark here on earth and always paid it forward so in lieu of flowers Michael had asked that donations be made to Springfield EMS & Fire services at 77 Hartness Avenue, Springfield, VT 05156.

Shirley Jones

Shirley Heath Jones, 95, of Laconia, NH, passed away on May 12, 2021.

She was born in Claremont, NH, on August 3, 1925, the daughter of Albert and Jessie (Durward) Heath.

She was a graduate of Stevens High School in the class of 1943. She was a 1980 graduate of the NH Technical Institute in Concord and 1987 College of Lifelong Learning graduate. Shirley worked as an LPN at Seminole Point Rehabilitation, Spofford Hall and Claremont General Hospital.

She is survived by her daughters, Susan Blake and Colleen Kimball; stepsons, Michael and Brian Jones; two grandsons, Michael and Keith Blake; and four great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her first husband, Norman Towle, and her second husband, Stuart Jones; son, Robert Towle and daughter, Andrea Glinski.

A graveside service will be held in Center Cemetery in Unity, NH, on Wednesday, June 2nd at 11AM.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Michael Maki, 65

Michael “Mike” William Maki, of Claremont, NH, age 65, passed away on May 20 at DHMC’s Jack Byrne Center due to complications of lung cancer.

Mike is survived by Sue Maki, his wife of 44 years, their son Matthew Maki and daughter-in-law Martha of Claremont, NH; 3 beloved grandchildren, Michelle, Coranna, and Markus; his sisters Susan Minckler of Marquette, MI and Kristina Maki of Concord, NH, brother Eric Maki and sister-in-law Patricia of Wentworth, NH, and his dear nieces and nephews. His parents and brother Adam Maki predeceased him.

Mike was born August 18, 1955 in Ridgefield, CT, the oldest of Kirsten and Arvi Maki’s five children. In 1964, his family moved to Claremont where he attended Stevens High before joining the US Navy in 1973. Initially stationed in Guam, Mike worked to relocate Vietnamese war refugees, an experience that instilled his lifelong commitment to helping others. Mike then met and married Sue while he was stationed on the USS Dixon in San Diego. After leaving the Navy, he attended col-



lege while working full time in the electronics industry. He had a successful career providing technical support for software companies in NH.

Mike was quiet, generous, and peace-loving. We all enjoyed his intelligence and wit. He enjoyed time spent in woods and at beaches, cycling, Frisbee golf, the Internet, reading, listening to music and the Red Sox games. He travelled occasionally to Mexico or the Caribbean for his beach fix, but was always happy to return home to family and friends.

Mike was a committed volunteer at Arrowhead Recreation Area in Claremont, NH where he enjoyed giving back to his community.

A Celebration of Life for Mike will be held at Arrowhead from 11AM-3PM Sunday, July 25. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a relief organization such as NH Food Bank, Upper Valley Haven, Doctors Without Borders or the Jack Byrne Center at DHMC.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday, May 23rd

0908 E4 responded to Spruce Ave for a fire alarm.

0916 E3 responded to Central St for an unknown problem.

1423 E4 responded to a medical call on Sullivan St.

2256 E4 responded to Federal St for a public assist.

Monday, May 24th

0013 E4 responded to a medical call on Elm St.

0801 E4 responded to a medical call on Bond St.

1125 E4 responded to a medical call on Chestnut St.

Tuesday, May 25th

1320 E4 responded to a medical call on Broad St.

1417 E4 responded to Cornish, mutual aid, for a structure fire.

1655 E3 responded to Broad St for a motor vehicle accident.

1824 E4 responded to a medical call on Pearl St.

Wednesday, May 26th

1357 E4 responded to Second St for a tree on wires.

1720 E4 responded to Factory St for wires down.

1722 E3 responded to Puckershire Ave for wires down.

2034 E4 responded to Paddy Hollow Rd for a tree on wires.

2229 E3 responded mutual aid to Unity.

Thursday, May 27th

0655 E4 responded to Factory St for an alarm sounding.

0905 Crews responded outside for a CO problem in a vehicle.

1242 L2, E4 responded to Sullivan St for a box alarm.

1948 E4 responded to a medical call on Broad St.

Friday, May 28th

0747 E4 responded to a medical call on Charlestown Rd.

Saturday, May 29th

1339 E4 responded to a medical call on South St.

1720 E4 responded to Washington St for a motor vehicle accident.

1737 E3 responded to Broad St for a motor vehicle accident.

1921 E4 responded to a medical call on Pleasant St.

2359 E4 responded to a medical call on Beaugard St.

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

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

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

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

The “Life and Times of a Penobscot Poetess” an Evening with Carol Dana. Carol will share her life story, work, and passion for the Penobscot language.
Check the CFA website for Zoom link. (Please note this is a new event).

July 2nd - First Fridays! Music on the Green!

6:30- 8:00 free with the Freese Brother’s Big Band.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Backyard Goat Farming

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

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
For a meeting of the
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
To be held on
Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM**

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

The public is invited to join the Zoom webinar online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82332377102?pwd=T2g3WjJhTnJKT1FkbEQ4bFpueHZLdz09>

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

A. **(ZO 2021-00003) Ray Parker, Unity NH** – Application for a variance from Sec.22-316 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit a duplex on the property at 408 Sullivan Street. Tax Map 117, Lot 13. Zoning District I-1 (Cont. from 4/5/2021)

B. **(ZO 2021-00004) Elaina Schultz, Charlestown NH** – Application for a variance from Sec. 22-206(2) of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit conversion of two single family homes without municipal sewer connection on the property at 264 Maple Ave. Tax Map 129, Lot 168. Zoning District R-1. (Cont. from 4/5/2021)

C. **(ZO 2021-00005) Peraza Dermatology Group, Claremont NH** – Application for a variance from Sec 22-387 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit construction of a medical office building at 25 Chestnut Street. Tax Map132, Lot 62. Zoning District: CR-2. (Cont. from 5/3/2021)

Interested persons may review the applications at the Planning and Development Department at 14 North Street during normal business hours or on the City website at https://www.claremontnh.com/index.php?section=events_lists or at <https://www.claremontnh.com/zoning-board-of-adjustment>.

Comments may be made at the public hearing; submitted in writing to the Zoning Board of Adjustment at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or by email to cityplanner@claremontnh.com.
Michael Hurd, Chair

The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Saturday, June 5, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall and via Zoom. PLEASE NOTE: Different Day and Time.

To join the webinar:

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| 9:00 AM | 1. | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE |
| 9:02 AM | 2. | ROLL CALL |
| 9:04 AM | 3. | AGENDA CHANGES |
| 9:05 PM | 4. | CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 23)) |
| 9:15 AM | 5. | NEW BUSINESS (BUDGET) |
| | | A. Assessing |
| | | B. Planning & Development |
| | | C. TIFD-Downtown |
| | | D. Water |
| | | E. Sewer |
| | | F. Sanitation (Transfer Station) |
| 10:45 AM | | BREAK (10 minutes) |
| | | G. Cemetery |
| | | H. Streets & Roads (Highways) |
| | | I. Police |
| | | J. Communications 911 - Dispatching |
| | | 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 |
| 2:30 PM | | BREAK (10 minutes) |
| | | S. City Administration (Finance) |
| | | T. Municipal Complex (Maintenance) |
| | | U. Elections |
| | | V. Debt Retirement |
| | | W. General Services |
| | | X. Revenue |
| 4:15 PM | 6. | CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL |
| 4:30 PM | 7. | ADJOURNMENT |

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| 6:30 PM | 1. | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE |
| 6:32 PM | 2. | ROLL CALL |
| 6:34 PM | 3. | AGENDA CHANGES |
| 6:35 PM | 4. | REPORT OF THE SECRETARY |
| Minutes of May 26, 2021, City Council Meeting | | |
| 6:37 PM | 5. | MAYOR'S NOTES |
| 6:42 PM | 6. | CITY MANAGER'S REPORT |
| | | A. COVID-19 Update |
| 6:55 PM | 7. | APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES |
| 7:00 PM | 8. | CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24)) |
| | 9. | OLD BUSINESS |
| 7:10 PM | A. | Legislative Update |
| 7:15 PM | B. | Ordinance 583 Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Article X Solar Ordinance – Second Reading – Public Hearing |
| 7:30 PM | C. | Budget |
| 7:45 PM | D. | Task Force for City Historical Artifacts Discussion |
| | 10. | NEW BUSINESS |
| 7:55 PM | A. | Resolution 2021-32 Fire Truck Sale Proceeds to Capital Reserve – Public Hearing (City Manager) |
| BREAK | | |
| 7:15 PM | B. | Resolution 2021-31 Overspend Welfare Budget – Public Hearing (City Manager) |
| 8:25 PM | C. | Resolution 2021-33 Apply, Accept and Expend SRF Loan for Electrical Upgrades at Wastewater Treatment Plant – Public Hearing (City Manager) |
| 8:40 PM | D. | Private Lead Water Line Replacement Discussion (Mayor Lovett and City Manager) |
| 8:55 PM | E. | Ordinance 584 Remove No Parking on Charles Street - Pleasant to Highland – First Reading (City Manager) |
| 9:05 PM | F. | Ordinance 585 Remove Central Street School Zone Sign – First Reading (City Manager) |
| 9:15 PM | G. | Merit Plan Pay Scale (Call Firefighter Pay & Seasonal Positions) Update (City Manager) |
| 9:30 PM | 11. | COMMITTEE REPORTS |
| 9:35 PM | 12. | FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES |
| 9:40 PM | 13. | CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL |
| 9:45 PM | 14. | ADJOURNMENT |

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Honoring Service and Sacrifice

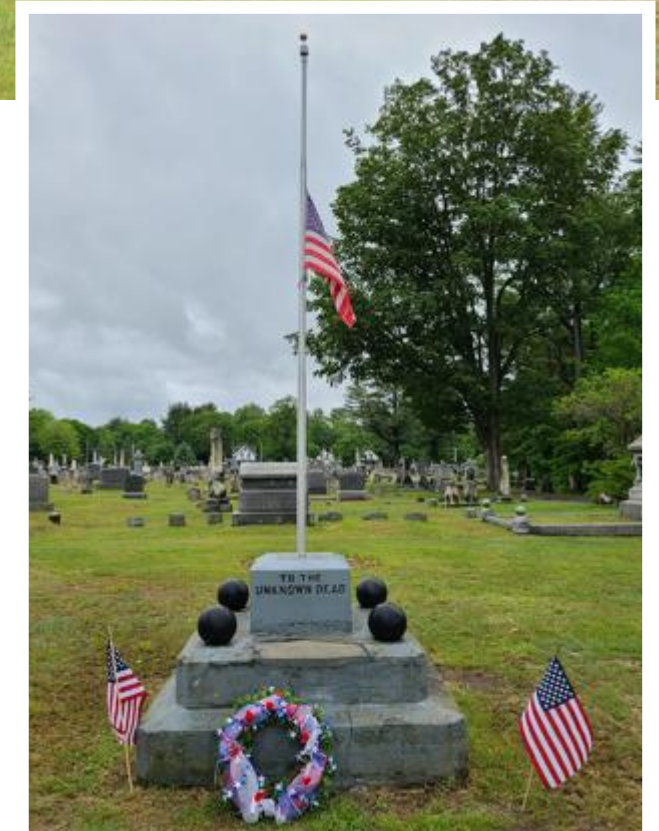
It was a gloomy day with drizzle at times, but that did not stop the ceremonies in Claremont this Memorial Day morning that took place to honor those who have served and sacrificed to protect the country. The parade began at the Claremont Middle School and made its way to the West Pleasant St. cemetery where a service was held; it included placing a wreath at the memorial of the “unknown dead”. From there, the parade made its way down Pleasant St. and to Broad St. Park for the remainder of the day’s ceremonies. Grand Marshal was Bob “The Builder” Hunt, who during the pandemic built 200 desks for area school children to help them navigate the challenges of remote education in their homes. He is a retired Air Force veteran.

As the ceremonies continued, the weather improved, revealing a bit of blue sky.



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Participants included the Girl Scouts, the Shriners and Andy Austin driving one of his antique vehicles. American Legion Claremont Post 29 Commander Steven Blish (below) thanked everyone for attending the ceremonies. He said that while not everyone can appreciate the sacrifices made in war, all can show support in different ways. Other events included the playing of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic", "Amazing Grace" on bagpipes by Andy Chamberlain, the reading of "In Flanders Field" by Maple Avenue School student Arianna Pelton, a gun volley and "Taps", performed by Corey Wheeler, a student at Stevens High School. There was also the laying of the wreath by the Unit 29 Auxiliary at the memorial in the park.

