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NHEC to Expand High-Speed Internet to Acworth, Sandwich

PLYMOUTH, NH—New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) is moving forward with plans to make high-speed internet service available to more than 1,500 homes and businesses in the towns of Sandwich and Acworth, the cooperative announced on Thursday.

NHEC, through its subsidiary NH Broadband, will construct fiber optic networks to provide high-speed internet service throughout both communities. Service is expected to be available early 2022. NHEC will be communicating directly with residents of both towns in the coming months and will be providing updates at www.NHBroadband.com.

According to the cooperative, the project in Sandwich would be supported by federal funding that U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen and Congressman Chris Pappas are working to secure. If received, the funding will help reduce the cost of construction. Residents of Sandwich and Acworth can pre-register for service and learn more about the project at www.NHBroadband.com. NH Broadband offers internet service options that are designed to meet customers' needs today and into

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75 Feet Up, Looking for Smoke

Flow Assessment Services, a subcontractor for the Rethink Pleasant Street project, had just sent paraffin-wax smoke through the sewer system on Friday to buildings along the street. Claremont firefighter Kyle Lizotte climbed to the top of Ladder 1's equipment to see if smoke was being emitted through various systems. The purpose of the test was to locate sources of storm water inflow to the sanitary system, pinpointing direct and indirect connections such as catch basins, area drains, roof drains, broken sewer pipes and deteriorated pipe joints. Each building's owner is responsible for the line in the building itself (Eric Zengota photo).



Internet, from page 1

the future with symmetrical Gigabit upload and download speeds available.

NH Broadband was founded in 2020 to meet the critical need of NHEC’s members for high-speed internet access. Since then, NH Broadband has made high-speed internet service available to more than 1,000 NHEC members in Lempster, Clarksville, Colebrook and Stewartstown.

“Providing high-speed internet access to the residents and businesses of Sandwich and Acworth are the next steps towards NHEC’s goal of ensuring that all our members have access to the reliable broadband they need,” said Jeff Morrill, Chair of the Co-op’s Board of Directors. “The Co-op is moving quickly to expand our existing networks and take advantage of emerging funding opportunities. We appreciate Senator Shaheen and Congressman Pappas’s efforts to secure funding to support this project and the hard work and

dedication of the residents in both towns.”

“We appreciate the Co-op’s recognition of the Town’s dire need for 21st-century internet service and the citizen committee’s efforts in making it happen,” said Joanne Haight Chair of the Sandwich Board of Selectmen.

“Acworth is pleased to announce that NHEC will be providing high-speed broadband internet to our town,” said Gregg Thibodeau, Acworth Broadband Committee Lead. “We have been looking at options to bring broadband service to the town due to the increase in demand for broadband service and the COVID pandemic. NHEC through their due diligence in proving their ability and obtaining federal funds quickly became our number one choice to partner with. Our town’s experience with NHEC as a utility company has been great, their broadband architecture is state of the art, their broadband service costs are competitive and we received really good feedback from the work they are doing rolling out broadband in Lempster.”

NHEC’s expansion decisions are made based on the availability of grants, proximity to existing networks, and interest expressed by residents. NHEC has reached out to communities throughout its electric service territory to coordinate efforts and achieve the shared goal of providing high-speed internet access to the unserved and underserved areas of New Hampshire, said the cooperative.

NHEC is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative serving 85,000 homes and businesses in 118 New Hampshire communities. NH Broadband is a wholly owned subsidiary of the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative with a mission to “ensure that all of NHEC’s members have access to affordable, reliable, high-speed internet service.”

Dedication of Kurt Beck Garden To Be Held July 30

CLAREMONT, NH—A dedication of the new bench and garden in memory of Kurt Beck will be held Friday, July 30th, at 3:00 p.m. The City welcomes all members of the community to this event. The dedication will be held next to the Visitors Center.

The garden was designed to memorialize a colleague of the Planning and Development Office who passed away in 2017. In June, the Kurt Beck Memorial was set up at the bottom of the slope below the office. Flowers were planted alongside a bench — which had been secured through donations — that has Beck’s name on a plaque.

Beek worked as a project manager for the City of Claremont for thirteen years.

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SAU6 Assistant Superintendent to Depart for Milford Post

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e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—It was officially announced at Wednesday night's school board meeting that assistant superintendent Donna Magoon will be leaving SAU6 to accept the position of 2021-2022 interim superintendent with SAU40 in Milford. Magoon holds her M.Ed in Elementary and Special Education, as well as her Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Leadership from Plymouth State University. She has served as the assistant superintendent of the Claremont School District for two years; she had been serving as assistant principal and special education coordinator at Stevens High School when she was tapped by the administration to move into the assistant superintendent's position. Prior to Claremont, she was the Program Coordinator of Early Childhood Education and Teacher Preparation at Lakes Region Community College. She has held a variety of leadership and teaching positions, including Special Education Case Manager, Assistant Principal, Elementary and Special Education Teacher.

In making the announcement, superintendent Mike Tempesta praised Magoon for the job she has done, especially during the pandemic. "Donna was fantastic during COVID... I would just like say that it was an honor and a pleasure to drink from the fire hose together... it was overwhelming, trying to catch up with all that has been thrown at us... There has been a lot thrown at us..." he said, his voice cracking a bit.

School board vice chair Heather Whitney also praised Magoon, saying, "I'd like to thank Donna. I think that the board and the community would echo my sentiment that you have shown nothing but grace under pressure and you've been a role model for professionalism and competence."

Change is often an emotional experience, and it was for Magoon as she spoke briefly about her departure, tearing up, saying it was difficult as she was "leaving her family behind", noting that despite all the hard things they had had to deal with of late, "nothing can

stop us when we come together." She said that the district staff and teachers had been her "strength and inspiration" and that she hopes to return in the future.

On the matter of returning to school this fall, Tempesta said decisions regarding masks would be made in August but that it was his hope that things will go back to normal as much as possible; masking was already made

optional, said Tempesta. He would also like online learning to be handled by services such as VLACS. The board will be taking up these issues next month. Board chair Frank Sprague said that it appears that decisions will be made on a local basis rather than by the state. "Our intention is to be back full, live instruction, one model," Tempesta said.

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Letter to the Editor

Adopt-A-Spot Program Kicks Off

To The Editor:

The Claremont City Council has recently made blight remediation a priority. As a first step, Parks & Recreation Director Mark Brislin has introduced a program in conjunction with the Claremont Litter Task Force that fits nicely with this mission.

The new Adopt-A-Spot program gives individual citizens, non-profits, businesses, and other local organizations the opportunity to show pride in our community. In addition to reducing litter along roadways and throughout the park system, this initiative is intended to educate everyone about proper litter disposal and build support for sustained litter prevention efforts. Adopt-a-Spot volunteers will enhance the environment by sprucing up designated areas citywide: Removing litter and debris, controlling weeds, planting trees/shrubs and flowers, mulching, and identifying and eliminating hazards.

To learn more about participating, which spots are available to adopt and how to apply, please scroll down the Claremont Parks and Recreation website (<https://www.claremontnh.com/parks-and-recreation-landing-page>) to find the Adopt-A-Spot information and download an application form. It is easy to complete and simple to submit.

It is also a lot of fun! On Monday, July 4, the Claremont Democrats launched their Adopt-A-Spot project. We enjoyed coffee and donuts together before picking up trash, planting flowers, pruning trees, pulling weeds, and cleaning up the front walkway at the Fiske Free Library. We even found a Concord grapevine hidden among the lilacs.

We invite you to get with the program: Pull your own group together and Adopt-A-Spot!! What part of Claremont will you beautify?

Jim Contois, Delegate, Claremont Democrats, Ward II — City Councilor

NH Delegation Announces \$450,000 for Manchester-Boston Regional Airport to Bolster Marketing of New Spirit Airlines Routes

WASHINGTON, DC—Friday, U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Representatives Annie Kuster (NH-02) and Chris Pappas (NH-01) announced that the Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Small Community Air Service Development Program (SCASDP) will award Manchester-Boston Regional Airport (MHT) \$450,000 to support marketing for new routes available through Spirit Airlines, which will start in the fall. Spirit Airlines is the first airline added to the MHT hub since 2004.

“Our airports were among the hardest hit industries during the pandemic, so it’s encouraging to see this federal funding come home to New Hampshire to bolster marketing efforts around the exciting news that MHT has added a new airline to its hub,” said Senator Shaheen. “Increasing travel in and out of New Hampshire is so important to jumpstart our economy as we continue our recovery from the COVID-19 crisis. As a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and amid bipartisan negotiations on infrastructure, I’ll continue to push for investments in our regional airports from Manchester to Lebanon and all around the state.”

“Tourism is an essential part of New Hampshire’s economy, and particularly as we continue to recover from the pandemic, it’s important that we have robust airline services that will help encourage and enable travelers to fly into New Hampshire and enjoy all that we have to offer,” said Senator Hassan. “After a difficult year, this funding will help our state’s largest airport recover stronger than ever. I will continue working to secure funding to boost our state’s economic growth and help Granite State businesses and families thrive.”

“I’m pleased to see the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport receive this grant to expand travel routes and enable more people to enjoy all that New Hampshire has to offer,” said Representative Kuster.



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pandemic, there have been a total of 100,152 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

As of Friday, the 23rd, there were 1-4 current positively identified cases in several Sullivan County communities. DHHS reported 8 in Sullivan County.

Cases Top 100,000 in NH

NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – July 23, 2021

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

On Friday, July 23, 2021, DHHS announced 59 new positive test results for COVID-19. Those results included 34 people who tested positive by PCR test and 25 who tested positive by antigen test. There were 316 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire as of Friday.

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 were eight individuals under the age of 18 and the rest were adults with 57% being female and 43% being male.

The new cases reside in Rockingham (19), Belknap (8), Merrimack (5), Cheshire (3), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (3), Carroll (1), Grafton (1), Strafford (1), and Sullivan (1) counties, and in the cities of Nashua (7) and Manchester (5). The county of residence is being determined for five new cases.

There were currently 23 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the

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 Health Care Suspends Some Social Visitation

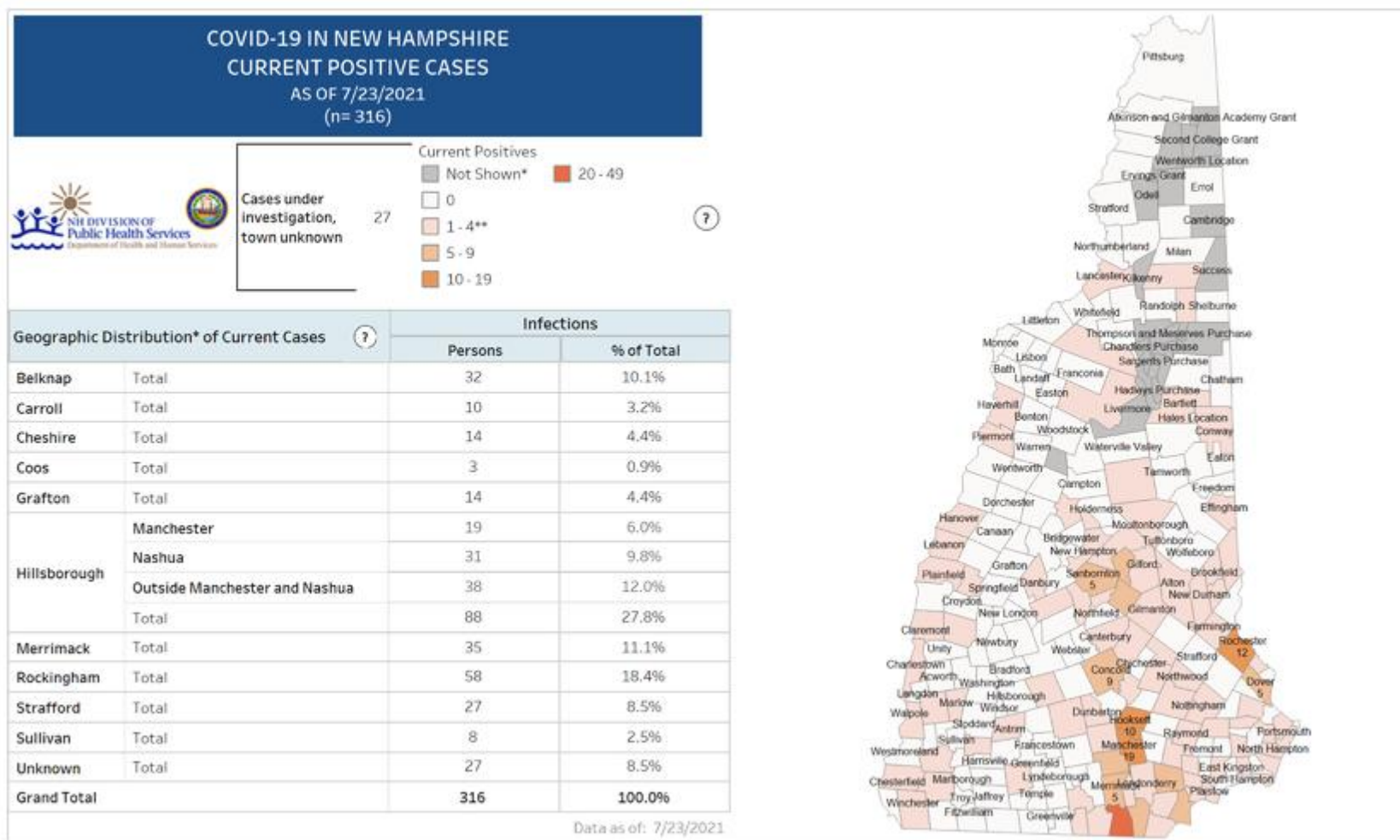
On July 23, Sullivan County Health Care posted the following update:

“As outlined in our administrator’s letter dated 7/20/21, an agency staff person, working on our McConnell unit tested positive for COVID on Sunday 7/19/21. As recommended by the New Hampshire Public Health Department, we tested 100% of our residents and staff on 7/21/21. We are glad to report that all test results are negative for staff and residents.

“As per the Department of Health, we will be repeating testing on Tuesday July 27, 2021 for all staff and residents. We have been advised to continue to suspend social visitation, outings and admissions on the McConnell unit until August 1. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes for you and your loved ones. Compassionate visits are still allowed and encouraged; and may be scheduled by calling our visitation coordinator at 603-542-9511 ext 298.

“We have re-opened the Stearns units for social visitation, outings and admissions. The hours for open visitation on the Stearns units are 9am to 11 am and 1pm to 3pm Monday through Friday. After hours and weekend visits must still be scheduled by calling our visitation coordinator at the number listed above.

“As always, if you have any concerns, you can call the Long Term Care Ombudsman at 603-271-6941 or ombudsman@dhhs.nh.gov.”



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Middle Schoolers Learn Culinary Basics, Invite Parents to Lunch

CLAREMONT, NH—Recently, under the direction of Chef Sarah Kainu, 15 young students spent their mornings in the professional kitchen at the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center, where they learned basic culinary skills.

“We went over reading a recipe, weights and measures, and working together and individually,” said Kainu, who also is the instructor for the SRVRTC’s culinary arts program during the regular school year. “We made breakfast for ourselves every day, from flipping an egg without a spatula to waffles and french toast. We also made pizza, mac and cheese, and peanut butter cookies.”

On Thursday morning, the kitchen buzzed with chatter as the students prepared the items for a special luncheon. On the menu: shepherd’s pie, mac and cheese, and chocolate chip cookies. The chefs-to-be scurried around from chopping block to refrigerator, from stovetop and oven to dishwasher — with not one collision — making and then refrigerating the meals. At noon on Friday, the students shared the celebratory meal with their parents in the Teal Lantern dining room.

The week of classes culminated in a 3-course luncheon.



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Can You Dig It?

In Claremont This Summer, Excavation Is Practically a Daily Occurrence

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CLAREMONT, NH—Two construction projects in downtown Claremont have brought safety cones and shovels, hard hats and heavy equipment to the urban landscape.

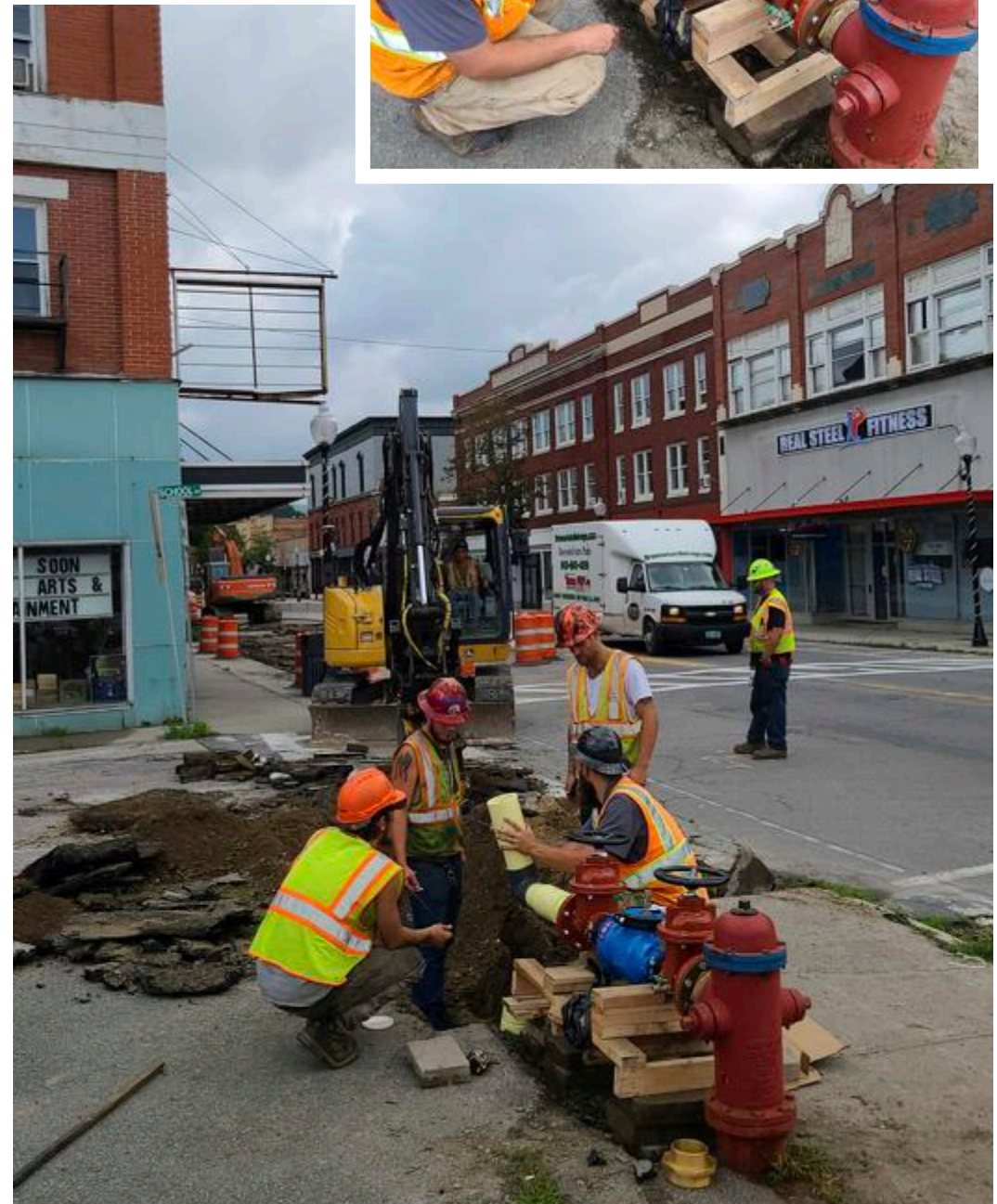
On Sullivan Street, a construction crew took up the paving stones in front of Sullivan House (the former home of the *Eagle Times*) and dug a trench in preparation for a new water service line to the building. Members of the City's Department of Public Works checked in on the progress last Tuesday. Once the line is con-

nected to the system and the hole filled back in, the stones will be reset into the sidewalk.

Sullivan House is scheduled to open this fall as transitional housing for men and women released from the Sullivan County Corrections Center, where they participated in the TRAILS (Transitional Re-Entry and Inmate Life Skills) recovery program.

Meanwhile last week, BUR Construction crews dug up the west side of Pleasant Street, from School Street to Opera House Square. They're installing a temporary water line to service all the buildings along that stretch for the duration of the revitalization project. BUR

is also responsible for covering over the temporary line, uncovering it when the roadwork is done, installing the new, permanent water line, and repaving the street according to the new design. Throughout, this section of Pleasant will be one-way going south.



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Brake for Moose—It Could Save Your Life

CONCORD, NH – Remember to brake for moose when traveling on New Hampshire's roadways. There were 72 collisions between moose and vehicles in New Hampshire in 2020; in the last five years the state has averaged 96 collisions per year. While moose are active year round, May through October are high-risk months for collisions because moose venture onto roadways to eat the remaining salt residue from winter surface treatments. This summer, however, has seen a marked increase in moose–vehicle collisions, especially in the northern part of the Granite State.

“Moose are an iconic species and a tremendous resource of our state, but it can be dangerous to encounter them on the road,” said New Hampshire Fish and Game Moose Project Leader Henry Jones. “By following a few simple rules, motorists can greatly reduce their chance of a moose–vehicle collision or the severity of personal injury if they do hit a moose. With more cars on the roads exploring, especially in the Great North Woods, all motorists must be vigilant when traveling in the region.”

When driving on New Hampshire roads, keep these points in mind:

- Moose and vehicle collisions happen statewide on all types of roads.
- Moose collisions occur most often from May through October.
- While collisions can happen at any time of day, they occur most frequently at dusk and at night.
- Moose are dark brown, making them hard to see against pavement, especially at night.
- Don't depend on “eye shine” (reflected light from headlights) to alert you to a moose's presence; moose don't always look at an approaching vehicle.

To reduce the chance of a collision—or the severity of occupant injury if you do hit a moose:

- Do not drive at high speeds
- Wear your seatbelt
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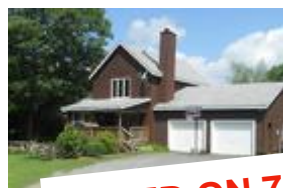
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Federal Resources Critical to Infrastructure Needs

The need to invest in infrastructure has been a focus of discussion at all levels of government. Whether it be roads, water and sewer or broadband, these systems are critical to communities across the nation. They are the backbone to economic prosperity, public health and safety. Ensuring such infrastructure meets the current and future needs of communities is expensive, often beyond the fiscal capacity of local municipalities. It is why Claremont and so many other communities are working together to advocate for federal funds to create a resilient and sustainable infrastructure network.

One of the national groups representing community infrastructure interests is Climate Mayors. It is a bipartisan network of over 470 mayors from across the nation. Eight of New Hampshire's 13 cities are represented in this group, including Claremont. Climate Mayors are communicating with congressional leadership to highlight the need for infrastructure and economic recovery packages that are equitable in nature and empower municipalities to create solutions adapted to local needs.

Each city has specific challenges that are unique to it. It is why Climate Mayors are advocating for federal programs and programmatic reforms that provide flexible funding such as direct and community block grants. Such advocacy will ensure that federal resources can be tailored to the needs of communities across the nation.

For Claremont, such an infusion of federal funding will accelerate our ability to meet our economic development and environmental goals. It will give us the resources to build an infrastructure network that facilitates growth, creates efficiencies and operates regardless of external conditions. In doing so, we will be better positioned to foster economic prosperity and protect the public's

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FINANCIAL THINKING

PART 2 >>>>>> Making Sense of HSAs and FSAs

(Continued from last week's issue.)

Health Savings Accounts and Flexible Spending Accounts can save you money on healthcare expenses.

There's a way to potentially save money on your total annual healthcare costs. Health Savings Accounts (HSA) and Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) are government programs that can cover certain medical expenses not covered by insurance, while offering tax benefits that have the potential to save you money on your healthcare costs.

Employers can generally offer both types of plans to their employees. If you are selfemployed, you can enroll in an HSA but not an FSA. To be eligible for either, you must meet certain guidelines. Last week we provided an overview of HSAs and below we'll cover FSAs and the benefits .

FSA ACCOUNT.

Like an HSA, an FSA carries maximum contribution limits each year — \$2,750 in 2021 — an amount that is deducted from your pre-tax income. This reduces your tax liability at the end of the year, though the true financial benefit will depend on whether you use the entirety of your FSA funds, which don't all carry over, unlike those in an HSA.

You can use your FSA funds to pay for medical expenses for you, your spouse, or dependents, as well as for adult children who are 26 and under. You can use an FSA to pay for medical equipment, prescription medicine, birth control, mental health treatment, and even bandages.

Your employer can offer one of two options that relate to unused FSA funds. You can either carry over up to \$500 to the next calendar year or receive an additional 2.5 months in the next calendar year to spend your leftover funds.

To decide whether an HSA or FSA is right for you, consult with a tax or financial professional who can help you understand the advantages and disadvantages for your unique circumstance.



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Business News



CSB Announces Greene as New Chair of NH Bankers Association

CLAREMONT, NH—The New Hampshire Bankers Association (NH Bankers) elected officers and directors for the coming fiscal year during its Annual Meeting held virtually on June 18. The meeting was well attended, with over 100 members of the New Hampshire Banking industry.

NH Banker members voted to elect Reggie Greene, President and CEO of Claremont Savings Bank, as Chair of the Board for the coming year. Greene, who previously served as Vice-Chair, is succeeding Rick Wallis, President & CEO of Piscataqua Savings Bank.

“I’m honored to serve as Chair of the Board of New Hampshire Bankers Association for the 2021-2022 fiscal year,” said Greene. “NHBA, led by President Kristy Merrill, represents all banks operating in New Hampshire. I have found NHBA to be a great source of information for banks and to be a strong representative of ours in Concord and Washington D.C. I look forward working more closely with NHBA

staff and the Board over the next year,” added Greene.

Incoming Chair, Reggie Greene, President and CEO of Claremont Savings Bank, and NH Bankers President, Kristy Merrill at our virtual annual meeting on June 18 (Courtesy photo).

Summer Stipend Application Goes Live

CONCORD, NH - Last Monday, Governor Chris Sununu announced that the Department of Employment Security had opened applications for the Summer Stipend Program. Announced on May 18th, the Summer Stipend Program was created to coincide with the state’s decision to end federal pandemic unemployment benefits. Anyone who was on unemployment the week of May 15th and subsequently found employment on May 18th or after, and held the job for at least eight weeks is eligible to apply. Individuals must have worked at least 20 hours a week and earned less than \$25 an hour. Those who worked 20+ hours for 8 weeks are eligible for \$500 while those who worked 37.5+ hours for eight weeks are eligi-

ble for a \$1,000 stipend.

Individuals must have worked for eight weeks, so the only individuals eligible to apply today would have had to immediately gained employment during May 18th – May 22nd. This Monday, individuals who gained employment during May 23rd – May 29th will be eligible to apply. It is first come first serve, so the program will remain active until the \$10M fund is drawn down.

Since announcing the Summer Stipend – Return to Work Bonus Program on May 18th, over 21,000 individuals have stopped filing for unemployment benefits.

Pay stubs are required to verify employment. Individuals who qualify and have worked at least 8 weeks should sign into their NHES account and click on the large button that says “Alert! Summer Stipend Bonus” to determine and verify eligibility.

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WHAT ARE THE MAJOR HEALTH NEEDS IN THIS AREA?

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Your voice. Your health. Your community. Take the survey.

Your input will help shape the future of healthcare in our region. Health and wellness priorities and programs from Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center and our community partners will be based in part on your feedback. Are you concerned about access to exercise and healthy foods? Resources to overcome substance use disorder? Whatever's important to you, we want to know.

This survey is only conducted once every three years, so make your voice count now! And encourage local friends and family to take part. The more people respond, the more effective our actions to improve health will be.

Take the survey at

bit.ly/HealthNeeds-MAHHC

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Thank you for your help in making a difference for all of your friends and neighbors in your community.

See our 2020 Community Health Benefits Report at mtascutneyhospital.org/chb2020report to see action taken from the 2018 survey.



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Turning Points Network Our Turn

Campus Sexual Assault Is Preventable

As our summer vacation is ending and we are preparing for a new academic year, one thing that we can add to our learning toolkit is preventing sexual assault and violence in our colleges and universities. According to RAINN, more than 50% of college sexual assaults happen in the months of August through November. And students who are in their first few months of their first and second semesters at college are at an increased risk.

Sexual violence impacts everyone and we can play an active role in preventing it. One way to do this is by approaching sexual violence as a social problem, not an individual one. This includes correcting commonly held and damaging social norms such as blaming victims, promoting power over one another, objectifying people, and encouraging harmful views of gender roles. We can practice everyday consent in our lives, including as part of our sexual interactions, demonstrating respect for personal and emotional boundaries. Listen to and believe survivors, giving them space they need to speak up and be heard without judgment. Think about and challenge how we define masculinity and femininity, and how our biases and stereotypes influence us. When safe, hold each other accountable and create a safer environment by not tolerating sexual comments, sexist jokes, and catcalling.

And while violence is preventable, it still does occur. Women ages 18-24 are at an elevated risk of sexual violence, being three times more likely to experience it during their college experience. 26% of female-identifying students and almost 7% of male-identifying students report experiencing rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation. Many of these cases are never reported, as only 20% of female-identifying victims in college ages 18-24 report to law enforcement. But there is support for those who are survivors of assault. Through new legislation passed in New Hampshire this year, every college should be equipped with a Campus Resource Advisor, specifically designated to provide students and employees resources about sexual assault. In Sullivan County, Turning

Points Network is a confidential service in our community to help support survivors through their healing process, working together to find out what works best for you. We offer a 24-hour crisis and support line at (800) 639-3130 and text line Monday-Friday between 9AM-4PM at (603) 506-6553.

OUR TURN is a public service series by Turning Points Network (TPN) serving all of Sullivan County with offices in Claremont and Newport. We provide wraparound supports for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking and human trafficking and we present violence-prevention education programs in our schools. For more than 40 years, TPN has helped people of all ages move from the darkness of abuse toward the light of respect, healing, and hope.

TUESDAY, JULY 27 Cornish Garden Club and Historical Society meeting, 6pm

Meet by the red barn at CREA. Jim Fitch will do a brief explanation of the beaver deceivers; Lionel Chute, from the extension service, will talk the vegetation in the wetlands.

Bring bug spray. Questions? Call Sue Fitch, 675-9391.

FRIDAY, JULY 30 6:30-8:00 pm: "Games Your

Grandparents Played."

Outside at the 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 or 603-675-6866.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28 Upcoming Plainfield Democrats Meeting

The Plainfield Democratic Committee's monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 28, 2021. We are still meeting by Zoom although we hope that we may be in person soon. Everyone with an interest is welcome to join us.

Contact Amy Lappin at amy.spence.lappin@gmail.com. She will send you a link to the meeting and the agenda prior to the 28th.



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CITY OF CLAREMONT PUBLIC NOTICE

VOTER REGISTRATION & CORRECTION

New Hampshire law requires that the Supervisors of the Checklist verify the checklist every 10 years. Any voter that has not voted since April 1, 2017 must re-register to remain on the checklist. The Supervisors of the Checklist will hold public sessions at City Hall in the City Clerk's Office, to register, re-register, make corrections and change party affiliation, on:

~~Tuesday, June 22nd, 7:00pm-7:30pm~~

~~Saturday, July 10th, 11:00am-11:30am~~

Tuesday, July 27th, 7:00pm-7:30pm

Voters may also visit the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours.

Is Roth IRA Better for Young Workers?

If you're in the early stages of your career, you're probably not thinking much about retirement. Nonetheless, it's never too soon to start preparing for it, as time may be your most valuable asset. So, you may want to consider retirement savings vehicles, one of which is an IRA. Depending on your income, you might have the choice between a traditional IRA and a Roth IRA. Which is better for you?

There's no one correct answer for everyone. But the more you know about the two IRAs, the more confident you'll be when choosing one.

First of all, the IRAs share some similarities. You can fund either one with many types of investments – stocks, bonds, mutual funds and so on. And the contribution limit is also the same – you can put in up to \$6,000 a year. (Those older than 50 can put in an additional \$1,000.) If you earn over a certain amount, though, your ability to contribute to a Roth IRA is reduced. In 2021, you can put in the full \$6,000 if your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) is less than \$125,000 and you're single, or \$198,000 if you're married and file jointly. The amount you can contribute gradually declines, and is eventually limited, at higher income levels.

But the two IRAs differ greatly in how they are taxed. Traditional IRA contributions are typically tax-deductible (subject to income limitations), and any earnings growth is tax-deferred, with taxes due when you take withdrawals. With a Roth IRA, though, your contributions are never tax-deductible – instead, you contribute after-tax dollars. Any earnings growth is tax-free when withdrawn, provided you've had your account at least five years and you don't take withdrawals until you're at least 59½.

So, which IRA should you choose? You'll have to weigh the respective benefits of both types. But when you're young, you may have particularly compelling reasons to choose a Roth IRA. Given that you're at an early point in your career, you may be in a lower tax bracket now than you will be during retirement, making the tax-deduction of traditional IRA contributions less beneficial. So, it may make sense to contribute to a Roth IRA now and take tax-free withdrawals when you're retired.

Also, a Roth IRA offers more flexibility. With a traditional IRA, you could face an early withdrawal penalty, in addition to taxes, if you take money out before you're 59½. But with a Roth, you'll face no penalty on withdrawals from the money you contributed (not your earnings), and you've already paid the taxes, so you could use the money for any purpose, such as making a down payment on a home. Nonetheless, you may still want to be cautious about tapping into your IRA for your spending needs before you retire, since IRAs are designed to provide retirement income.

If your income level permits you to select a Roth or traditional IRA, you may want to consult with your tax advisor for help in making your choice. But in any case, try to max out on your IRA contributions each year. You could spend two or three decades in retirement – and your IRA can be a valuable resource to help you enjoy those years.

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Lebanon Police Announces Partnership with West Central Behavioral Health

LEBANON, NH—The Lebanon Police Department has collaborated with West Central Behavioral Health in the creation of their Mobile Crisis Unit to greater assist individuals suffering from mental health issues, along with other social service-related issues.

On July 22, Lebanon Fire, Hanover Police & Fire, and Enfield Police Department attended a training held at the Lebanon Police Department to introduce the program to Upper Valley first responders and provide information on how to access the unit for response.

A Mobile Crisis Unit is a community-based, face-to-face service that uses professional and peer intervention. A two-person Crisis Team will respond to calls of individuals in crisis or in need of social services. The team will then assess the needs of the individual and assist in resolving the situation with the least intrusive outcome. The goal of this partnership is to increase access to the appropriate support services and health care resources and improve communication between first responders and medical/mental health services.

Help DePhrag Amherst Lake Aug. 1st

It's tall, it's aggressive, and it's poised to conquer the Black River watershed. It's Phragmites australis, and it's on the shores of Amherst Lake (among other places). If left unmanaged, this non-native and invasive reed will form a dense monoculture and spread unchecked, becoming a real threat to wildlife habitat, property value, and recreational enjoyment of our waterways.

The Black River Action Team and newly-forming Protect Amherst Lake group are calling for "all hands on deck!" for a special workday on Sunday, Aug. 1st, starting at 9 AM and wrapping up around noon. No boats are needed, but the soft mud this plant is growing in can suck the shoes right off a volunteer's feet. Tight-fitting sneakers or muck-boots are recommended, or "dare to go bare" and then hose off your ankles nearby.

All cut stalks will be transported just a few hundred feet to a dry upland site for careful

storage until dried. Any root material collected will be stored in heavy black plastic bags to be "cooked" in the sun until completely dead. Any floating "phragments" will be captured and similarly bagged.

Bottled water will be provided; volunteers are encouraged to BYO snacks, hand-cutting tools (sharp pruners should work well), and protection against sun and biting insects.

Directions and parking instructions are provided at the registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dephrag-amherst-lake-tickets-162819757277>.

Questions should be directed to BRAT Director Kelly Stettner at blackrivercleanup@gmail.com or by leaving voicemail at (802) 738-0456.

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‘Faith in the Future’

Middle-Schoolers Apply New Technical Skills to Practical Projects

Text and Photos by Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—“I’ll come back here every day of the year!”

What teacher wouldn’t want to hear those words from one of his students? Scott Pope certainly welcomed that “review.”

Last Friday, he was wrapping up a week as instructor of a Robotics & Engineering camp at the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center in Claremont. The enthusiasm of all 14 middle-schoolers — “I liked robotics best” and “3-D printing was my favorite” — only added to the sense of success.

The students took on three challenges. To learn solid modeling skills, they designed name plates in an online program (font and color choices available), then saved and sent the files to a bank of Ultimaker 3-D printers. Each nameplate, which took 14 hours to print in an environmentally friendly PLA (polylactic acid) plastic, was stashed into a backpack for the trip home on the last day.

The students next took on the Least Expensive Bridge challenge. They designed bridges online both visually — trucks drove across them on the screen — and structurally. Their choice of building components affected both the bridge’s stability — wrong materials made a bridge visibly sag — and its final cost.

In the robotics sessions, the students learned basic programming and coding. They soon controlled the fleet of wheeled robots, hoisting objects with a mini-crane, driving them to deliver items to campmates, even precisely manipulating the pincers to untie shoelaces. Most fun of all, they raced the bots up and down the machine shop aisles.

Throughout the week, the group learned the value of teamwork and cooperation, especially when paired with a new partner for a certain task.

It was also important to learn how to overcome the many frustrations that come with engineering. “Something will go wrong, something won’t work,” Pope told them. “You’ll have to figure out how to fix it. You can’t walk away.”

SRVRTC director of education Alex Herzog noted, “It’s really great to see the kids enhance critical thinking skills and create when they’re here at The Tech. I’m also grateful to the teachers for giving up part of their summer to offer the camps.”

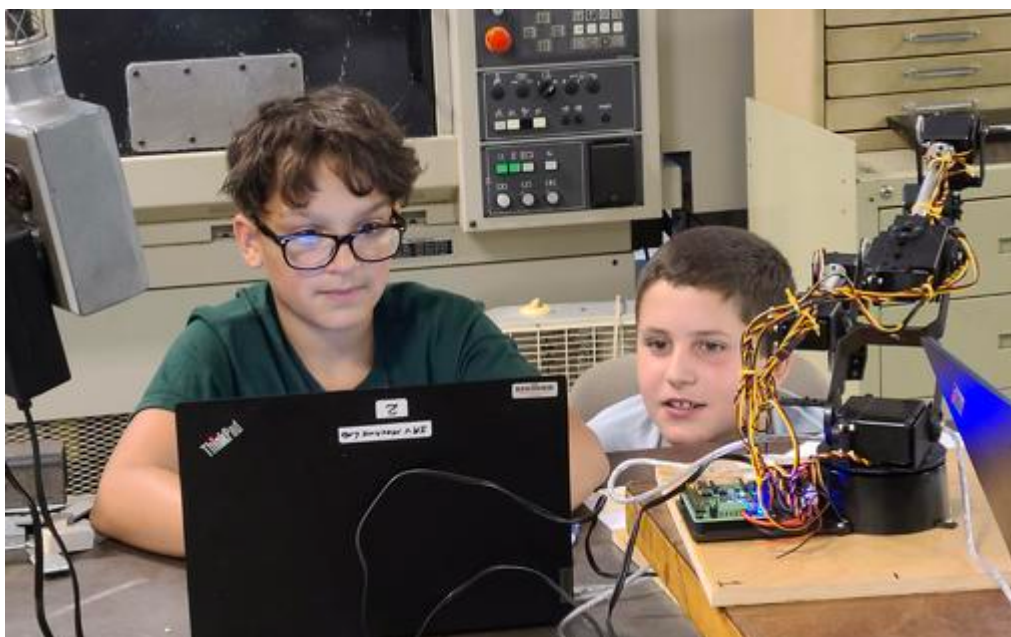
Before he handed out certificates of completion, Pope asked who would

come back for a shorter session in 3-D printing. Hands shot up. Who would sign up for a smaller class on just engineering? Hands shot up, including that of the student who would come back every day.

After every-



one had gone home, Pope, SRVRTC’s Machine Tool & Pre-Engineering instructor, remarked, “I truly enjoyed teaching these great students. They were all pretty engaged. I have faith in our future, and these kids are proving me right.”



Sports/Recreation

Region to Be Well Represented at 68th Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl

The 68th Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl is set to be played Saturday, August 7, 2021 at Castleton University, Castleton, VT. Kickoff will be at 12:30 pm. The players and coaches will arrive on August 1 to begin a rigorous training camp on that day.

The 16th Annual Golf Tournament is hoping to tee off at Crown Point Country Club located in Springfield VT. on August 2, at 8:30am, for anyone interested please contact the Shrine Office at 448-1042.

Media day will be August 3 at Castleton University where the players and patients of the Shriner's Hospital for Children come together with the media.

On Friday August 6, the cheerleaders will be coming into Castleton to prepare for their support along the sidelines of the 2 teams. They will be under the direction of Jada Belt and Jennifer Ferland.

Seventy-six of the top graduated high school seniors from New Hampshire and Vermont are selected to square off each year in a football game where the real winners are the Children in the Shrine Hospitals. More than 4,000 players have participated in the event, of which about two-thirds still live in the Twin States.

Playing on the NH Team from the area are:
Alexander Flynn

From: Fall Mountain Regional High School
Caleb Hobbs

From: Mascoma Regional High School
Jagger Lovely

From: Newport High School
Josh Orlowski

From: Newport High School
Josh Sharron

From: Newport High School
Tyler Swain

From: Fall Mountain
Owen Taylor

From: Stevens High School
Ben Wagner

From: Hanover High School
Izaak Westover

From: Fall Mountain Regional High School
Playing on the VT Team from the area are:

Owen Abrahamsen

From: Windsor High School
Jackson Balch

From: Hartford High School
Jack Burke

From: Bellows Falls Union High School
Jacob Dwinell

From: Hartford High School
Jack Herrington

From Bellows Falls

Cole Jasmin

From: Hartford High School

Successful 2021 Spring Turkey Harvest Recorded in New Hampshire

CONCORD, NH – Hunters harvested a total of 5,399 turkeys in New Hampshire during the 2021 spring season, a decrease of 319 turkeys (5.6%) from the 2020 season. The 2021 youth turkey hunt weekend resulted in a total harvest of 542 turkeys, or 10% of the season's total, which was an increase in harvest from the previous year. In 2020 youth hunters took 500 birds which represented 8.74% of the spring season total.

Of the 5,399 turkeys harvested this spring, 28 (0.5%) were bearded hens, 2,002 were jakes (37.1%), and 3,369 were toms (62.4%).

The year 2021 was the third season in which hunters had the opportunity to harvest a second bird in the spring in certain Wildlife Management Units (WMUs). A total of 4,442 hunters were successful in harvesting a turkey this spring. Among those, 3,486 (78.5%) registered one bird and 956 hunters (21.5%) registered two birds. Of the 956 hunters harvesting multiple birds, 877 were adults and 79 were minors (under 16 years of age).

There were 12 birds registered weighing 25 pounds or more. The heaviest birds harvested included a 30-pound trophy from Rye, a 27-pound harvest from Brookfield, a 26-pound bird from Pelham, a 25.8-pound take from Hollis, and 25.5-pound gobbler from Kensington.

A total of 17 towns recorded 50 or more birds

harvested. The towns with the largest harvests were: Gilmanton (77), Loudon (74), Claremont (73), Alton (71), and Weare (67).

The WMUs with the highest harvest continued to include WMU J2 (950), WMU M (680), and WMU K (656).

The season's opening day and weekend again claimed the highest rates of hunter success in 2021. On Saturday, May 1, 843 male turkeys were registered, or 15.6% of the season total, an increase of 10.3% over the same day the previous year. The second day, Sunday May 2, 721 gobblers or 13.4% of the season's total were registered.

This year was the second year that online registration was available to hunters. A total of 2,394 (44.6%) of successful turkey hunters opted for electronic registration, while 2,977 (55.4%) registered their turkeys in person at a traditional registration station. During 2020's spring season, 53.4% of hunters registered their harvest online, while 46.6% registered their gobblers in person.

Groshans, Castillo Lead Fisher Cats to 3-1 Win Over Fightin Phils

MANCHESTER, NH—Jordan Groshans ripped two doubles and Maximo Castillo logged his first quality start of the year as the New Hampshire Fisher Cats (Blue Jays Double-A affiliate) beat the Reading Fightin Phils (Philadelphia Phillies) 3-1 at Delta Dental Stadium on Sunday to earn a series split.

Groshans finished the day 2-for-4 with a pair of two-baggers and an RBI. Castillo (W, 7-2) tossed six innings, allowing three hits and one run while striking out four and walking two.

The Fisher Cats (31-37) jumped ahead early against Fightin Phils starter Francisco Morales (L, 2-8) and never looked back.

Following the off day on Monday, New Hampshire will begin a six-game series at Portland (Red Sox) on Tuesday at 6 p.m. Fans can catch all of the action on the WGIR Fisher Cats Radio Network.



This month, families began receiving payments from the expanded Child Tax Credit we won in the American Rescue Plan. **Join us to celebrate with food, ice cream, music and games!**

RSVP: scan the code with your camera & click the link.



WHAT: #CareKeepsUsAfloat Block Party

WHEN: Saturday, July 31st, 11am-1pm

Rain date: August 1st, 11am - 1pm

WHERE: Claremont Visitor Center Green

Inspiration

Who, Me Worry?

By Priscilla Hull

The media, that is the national media, tells us that there is a shortage of truck drivers and we immediately assume that we'll be short of avocados from Mexico, or orange juice from Florida or Brussels sprouts from wherever they are grown! Then, we hear of a problem in the Gulf and we jump to the conclusion that gasoline will be hard to come by. Remember the gas shortages of the 70s? In Stony Point, NY, and I guess all of NY and other places, if your license plate ended with an even number you could get gas on even numbered days only. Likewise, odd on odd days. It took planning if you were going on a trip. At the time, my mother was living by herself in Hancock, NH. We drove up frequently and on the appropriate day or two before the trip, I would load the kids into the VW camper with books, paper, crayons, snacks and drinks and we'd sit in line for two hours or more just to make that trip, because someone made the whole country worry that we'd run out of gasoline. There were times when gas stations closed because of no gasoline, but generally the shortage was because people worried. With worry comes fear and with fear comes lack of reason. That's what we were faced with! Lack of reason.



Today we're faced with similar fears and we worry. As I started with, what if we run out of guacamole? What if the Maine farmers can't get their potatoes to the cities? Supposed the ski industries can't get enough skis to the mountains? The snowball (haha) effect is amazing. The small ski shops close. People are out of work. The slopes function at less capacity. People are out of work or hours are cut, not just at the slopes, but the food industry, the hospitality industry, the clothing shops, sale of gasoline, it all goes down. It affects the travel industry. Why it could be catastrophic to many different areas. All this could happen because of worry.

Realistically, though, what can we do? How can we help? Stop the worry! Instead of saying, "what if?" or "Oh, no?" we can use reason. There's no need to stockpile, be frugal with day-to-day things. Share, when we can. Be wise in purchases. Most important! Don't worry! Worry cause panic and panic makes us act irrationally. Worry is bad for health. Worry steals sleep. I can't think of a single good effect of worry. What I can say about worry with certainty is that it steals our feelings of security. It steals self confidence and it brings fear. When the media starts to tell us about shortages, be reasonable, take the news with some common sense and be ready to investigate. Don't be caught up in the herd of negative thinkers and primarily, trust that you are in control. Be prepared, but don't lose hold of facts. Know that there is a greater one in control, that with confidence, tomorrow will be better than today and life will be good.

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has trouble of its own.
Matthew 8:34

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

Calendar Of Events

Unity Old Home Day

July 31

7-10am Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast

8:00am Common opens; vendors

Live music all

11am Annual Old Home Day Parade

1pm Pie judging contest

Kids' games on the Common and across the way

Weekly Band Concerts

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont American Band, 7:00 pm, Thursdays until Aug. 19, Broad St. Park. Free. Bring a lawn chair.

2021 Lempster Old Home Day

EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 14th

7am-9am Pancake Breakfast / Beat the Chief Roadrace – Fire Dept

9am-2pm Vendor's Market – Food, Crafts, more

9:30am Opening Ceremonies—Flag Raising, Nat'l Anthem, Invocation

11:00am Parade – Lempster Street – kids, floats, tractors, re-enactors

Day Long Vendors, music, food trucks, kids games, demonstrations, etc.

1:00pm Special Show - TBA

2:00pm Historical Talk – TBA

1pm-3pm Dodge Hollow School Open House

5pm-7pm Pulled Pork Supper – Lempster Fire Dept.

7:30pm Variety Show – Meeting House

Sunday, August 15th

10am Cemetery Commission

Demonstration/Talk - TBA

1pm Conservation Commission Hike - TBA

Program on Poor Houses and Town Farms at Silsby Free Library

CHARLESTOWN, NH—**Poor Houses and Town Farms:** Steve Taylor, NH scholar, journalist and Cornish farmer, will examine how paupers were treated historically in New Hampshire towns and how reformers eventually succeeded in closing these institutions down. Sponsored by NH Humanities To Go. Monday, July 19, at 7:00 PM. This program will be offered in person at the Silsby Free Public Library, 226 Main St. Charlestown and via Zoom. Zoom link is available on the Silsby Library FaceBook page.

Theatre in The Woods to Be Held at Moody Park

CLAREMONT, NH—Amplified Arts returns to the great outdoors this summer with their Theatre In The Woods Series at Moody Park in Claremont, NH, on July 29, 30 & 31 at 7PM. The outdoor production is set in the 1900s and begins with a romantic Valentine's Day outing that ends in an intriguing mystery for a group of schoolgirls and their teachers. What has happened to the three seniors and the mathematics teacher on top of the jagged peaks of Hanging Rock?

Based on the Joan Lindsay runaway best-seller, *Picnic at Hanging Rock*, adapted by Laura Annawyn Shamas and produced with permission from Dramatic Publishing, this unnerving play explores a baffling disappearance that takes its toll on a small community in the Australian countryside. A delicate look at crisis, greed, and honesty at the turn of the century, *Picnic at Hanging Rock* invites its viewers to examine the people of Woodend and the consequences of their actions. Hauntingly and ironically, the play shows that what seems pristine and proper on the outside may not be free of moral corruption on the inside. The final climactic twist is shocking and bittersweet,

with an impact that is unforgettable.

Tickets range from \$15 for a single ticket to \$40 for the Picnic ticket that includes space for two in the front row. Tickets are required and must be purchased in advance, no tickets will be sold at the "door". Visit www.amplifiedart-snh.com or find us on Facebook for more information.

Community Options for Green Burial

**Sunday, Aug. 15, at 2PM/History Hall at #4
2nd NH TPK, Lempster, NH
(corner of Rt. 10 and 2nd NH TPK)**

Green or natural burial is the age-old practice of burying in biodegradable caskets or shrouds without impediments to decomposition, such as cement vaults or toxic chemicals. In this informative and sometimes provocative presentation, Lee Webster, former president of the Green Burial Council, will describe the principles of sustainable natural burial and what we can do to plan for a more planet-friendly ending. Attendees will learn the latest in what's happening in the US and around the world plus what people can all do to create natural burial opportunities closer to home. Contact number 603-863-5023. All are welcome to this event. Light refreshments served.

Presented by The Lempster Cemetery Trustees.

St. Mary Alumni Invited to Participate in SHS Alumni Parade

CLAREMONT, NH—Calling St. Mary Alumni, an invitation has been extended by the



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Stevens Alumni Parade committee to participate in their parade on Saturday, Oct. 2. Class rosters (1957 to 1971) are available if St. Mary Alumni wish to enter a float in this parade. For more info, call Claire Lessard, president, St. Mary Alumni Assoc., (603) 543-3617.

2021 Summer Concerts, Saint-Gaudens

Aug 22nd - Layale Chaker, violinist/composer: Explore the world at the intersection of classical, jazz, Arab, and improvised music
Aug 29th - Apple Hill String Quartet with Sally Pinkas: Classical and modern works for string quartet and piano

Due to the pandemic, most concerts will be held in person, outdoors at Union Church in Claremont (with registration) or digitally on the Saint-Gaudens Memorial YouTube Channel. Please verify details online before the show at wcc-ma.org for full info including artists chats, ticket registration, and special pop up mini-concerts. Visit SGM online at saint-gaudens.org.

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/west-claremont-center-for-music-and-the-arts-10648461080>.

Fiske Library Resumes Public Programs

On **Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**, **Jerry Schneider** will return with a program on **Pollinators**.

Participants may bring their own t-shirt to paint after the program or Mr. Schneider will also have t-shirts for sale. The charge for the new t-shirts is \$4.00.

The program will be outside and is free.

On **Monday, August 2, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.**, Steve Blunt will return to present a program of **Tales and Tails**; the program will be outside and will be free.

On **Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**, Storyteller Sharon Wood will be here to present a story based on the Summer Reading Program theme of **Tails and Tales**. The program will be outside and is free.

Throughout the summer on Wednesdays when another program is not scheduled, there will be a craft program created by the library staff—all supplies will be provided free of charge. More information will be forthcoming.

Library staff will also be putting together craft kits which can be picked up by parents if their child can't make it to the craft program.

Please call the library at 542-7017 for more information.

All programs will be outside and when six feet of space is not possible, all attendees are required to wear masks. If you need a mask, one will be provided.

All programs are sponsored by The Friends of the Fiske Free Library.

Concerts on the Common

NEWPORT, NH—The Newport Area Chamber of Commerce has announced that it is presenting its Annual Concerts on the Newport Common June 27th-August 29th. These concerts are free to the public thanks to its generous sponsors.

Schedule:

August 1, 2021: Party Crashers
 August 8, 2021: The Flames
 August 15, 2021: Just Can't Wait
 August 22, 2021: JJ's Music
 August 29, 2021: TBD

COH Pop-Up Concerts Series

CLAREMONT, NH—As part of its reopening and updated Membership Program, the Claremont Opera House has kicked 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.

Aug 6th: Latin Night with Cuarteto Carioca brings the vibrant sounds of latin music to Claremont. Based in the Monadnock region, their infectious blend of Brazilian Sambas, Choros, and Bossa 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 member-

ship selection. Tickets and Member Program information is available online at www.claremontoperahouse.org.

All concerts run from 6-8PM. In the event of rain, the concerts will be canceled.

44th Annual Orford Flea Market

August 7th & 8th, 2021 (Saturday & Sunday)

Saturday – 9am to 5pm

Sunday – 9am to 4pm

Rain or Shine

Sponsored by the Orford Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

On the Common, Rt. 10, Orford, NH

It's our 44th Annual Flea Market with up to 190 vendors. There will be a delightful mix of wares: antiques, handcrafted items, and the usual treasures. The OVFD Inc. will be selling hamburgers, hotdogs, French fries and refreshments. The Church will be selling breakfast sandwiches and later, pie & ice cream.

Phone: 603-353-4855

Email: ovfdinc@gmail.com

Windsor Blood Drive Aug. 10

The next Windsor Community Blood Drive is Tuesday, August 10th, once again located at The Holiday Inn Resort in Brownsville, VT. 12:30-5:00 PM.

Appointment's Only - No Walk-Ins.

Urgent need, please give if you can and we thank you! Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment.

Lake Sunapee VNA Offers Three Grief Support Groups

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

women on the third Wednesday of every month from 4:00-5:00pm.

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

VFW Post 808 Events

AUGUST 14, 2021 (Saturday); 2-5 PM; Auxiliary Meat Raffle

VFW Auxiliary No. 808 will hold a Meat Raffle at VFW Post 808 on 150 Charlestown Road, in Claremont. There will be twelve rounds of meat, gifts, and prizes to win. The event begins at 2 PM and will end at approximately 5 PM. Raffle tickets for most rounds will be \$2 per raffle ticket or \$5 for 3 tickets. Prizes for each round will be announced in advance -- with a host of possibilities from fresh meat and produce to gift certificates and baskets.

Link: <https://vfwpost808.wordpress.com/2021/07/18/8-14-aux-meat-affle/>

SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 (Saturday); 8-9 PM; VFW's Last Fool Standing

VFW Post 808 will be hosting its first Last Fool Standing competition at the Post Home on 150 Charlestown Road, in Claremont. Five people will try to endure one hour on stage without laughing. Each competitor will have to contend with each other and the audience for the chance to win a cash prize. Audience participation is encouraged. The audience will be asked for a \$5 entry fee which will automatically enter them into a 50/50 raffle drawing to be called at the end of the competition. Proceeds from the raffle will go to the VFW's Voices of Democracy program. For a full breakdown of the rules, please see VFW Post 808's website. Competitors must be entered by no later than SEPTEMBER 1 at 10 PM.

Link: <https://vfwpost808.wordpress.com/2021/07/18/9-11-last-fool-standing/>

Charlestown VFW Bingo Schedule

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown VFW Bingo is offering a weekly opportunity for some entertainment and socializing while helping us to raise funds for our many Veterans pro-

grams. Wednesday nights at 5:00 p.m. for early birds and 6:30 p.m. for regular fun and games. Currently, we play 12 regular and two 2 part games, as well as a 50/50 game, Winner-take-all game, Carry Over Coverall game and a Jackpot game. The Governor's emergency order concerning COVID has expired. It is now time to take the lessons we have learned over the past year plus and act accordingly. If you're sick – stay home. Cover your nose / mouth when you cough, wash and / or sanitize your hands frequently, and we'll all be healthier. The attendance limitation has also ended. In keeping with the state CDC recommendations, if you have a compromised immune system you may still wear a mask for your own protection. We still have masks and hand sanitizer for anyone that may desire either product. The Charlestown VFW Post is located at 365 Lover's Lane Rd, Charlestown, NH.

Updates to our schedule and the weekly carry over coverall game can be found on our Facebook page.

SHS Alumni Celebration Info

CLAREMONT, NH—As plans for the 150th shift into high gear, the Stevens High Alumni has highlighted the many ways alumni, businesses and donors can get involved:

For general information on the association — and to pay your dues or make a donation — go to stevensalumninh.com

Email alumni@stevensalumninh.com

Phone the office at 603-542-8987

Find out more about Alumni Weekend at stevensalumninh.com/news/10408/alumni-weekend-2021/

- To order imprinted "Class of YYYY" shirts, visit inkfactoryclothing.com.

Claremont Senior Center News

Hi, everyone. Congratulations to the members of our new board. Here is a look at the new board: Chairperson-Michelle Bryant, Vice-Chair-Tom Liveston, Secretary- Donna Cornet, Treasurer-Lloyd Mann, Supporting Members: Denny Francis, Brenda Ruest and Linda Howard. May you have a great year.

It's stunning and it could be yours. The Claremont Country Quilters have made and donated a gorgeous Car Show quilted wall

hanging. The lovely quilt will be on display at the Claremont Senior Center until the winner is announced at the Car Show on Sunday, Aug. 29. Raffle tickets will be available starting on Monday, July 26. They are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You'll be glad you took a chance.

The Penny Sale was so much fun. Thank you to those who donated items and those who came to the sale and took the prizes home. This was a major fundraiser and was a success. Thanks to all our volunteers for your hard work. We hope you had fun. We did!!

August promises to be a busy month so hold on. There's a lot happening. Here goes!

On Sunday, Aug. 1, we are having a Re-Open House from 1pm-3pm. You will get a glance into our world. The inside and outside will be filled with displays and information about what we have here. You'll see volunteers playing cribbage and Mahjonn, pool ad ping-pong, coloring, knitting, quilting, chess. Our computer room will be open where members can take out puzzles and books. Outside will be cars from the Car Show, Corn Hole and Horseshoes(new court coming). So gather up your friends and come on over. Trial memberships will be available. See you here!

We'll follow this up with fantastic music on Friday, Aug. 6-6:30-8:00. What a treat! The Firehouse 6 will perform, rain or shine, outside or in. You'll love them no matter where they are. It in your favorite lawn chair, lean back and relax, listen to great music, have an ice cream sundae with toppings. Stomp your feet and sing if you wish. This concert is open to the public and free. Thanks Roz Caplan.

On we go. The Foot Clinic will be at the Center on Wednesday, July 28, Thursday, Aug. 5, Wednesdays Aug. 11, 18 and 25. Call 748-1731 for an appointment. Bend and cut, bend and---and not even close. Bend and not get up. We can help. Call today.

The Senior Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 15-8am. Bring your friends. The volunteers will be serving Pancakes, Sausage or Bacon, Juice and Coffee. A speaker speaker will be present about 8:45. Last week Trooper Brandon Bean gave a very informative speech on Scams. Thanks. Members-\$2, nonmembers-\$3. Good Food , Lousy service.

The August Blood Drive will take place on Monday, Aug.23-Noon-5pm. Call-1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment. Let's see if we can donate more blood than the rain from June-August. Thanks for your help.

Here it comes!!! The Claremont Senior Center Car Show will be held on Sunday, Aug. 29-

9am-2pm. Live history of the automobile will be on display in full color. We expect the years 1908-2021 to be on site.

Trophies will be awarded at 2pm in 10 classes, best in Show, Oldest and Farthest away. Remember, you choose the winners of all categories and Best in Show. Admission is still \$5, Show Cars-\$10 for driver and one passenger. Door prizes, DJ, T-Shirts,50/50, and delirious food, ice cream and popcorn. Come tour the cars, eat and stay to see if your choice won a trophy.

No, we did not forget the menu for Tuesday and Thursday. But the volunteers in the kitchen have a handle on it.

Tuesday, July 27-Ham, Mac and Cheese, vegetable and Dessert.

Thursday, July 29-Cold Spaghetti Salad w/ Vegetables, Watermelon.

Take out only. Pick up-11:45am-12:15pm. Members-\$4, nonmembers-\$5. Open to the public Call 543-5998 to reserve your meals.

Bingo!! We are here every Wednesday at 11am. Cards are available until 12:45. Games start at 1pm. It's been some time since we have been open to play. It's good to see old and new friends again. Food always available.

Well. That's it for this week. Like we said, August is jam packed with great events. See you next week.

Thought of the week: It's scary when you start making the same sounds as the coffee maker.

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

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday, July 18th

0716 E4 responded to Pearl St for a fire alarm sounding.

1049 E4 responded to Nelmar Heights for an alarm sounding.

Monday, July 19th


0211 E4 responded to a medical call on Collin Pl.

0236 E4 responded to McCusker Pl for a motor vehicle fire.

0355 E4 responded to a medical call on Pleasant St.

0517 E4 responded to River Rd for an alarm sounding.

1559 E4 responded to First St for an open 911 line.



Public Transit Schedule Claremont & Lebanon

Call (603) 542.9609 to schedule pickup
and to make route deviation request.

Departure times subject to weather, traffic, and route deviation delays.

CLAREMONT BUS SCHEDULE				
Departure	AM			
Opera House Square	8:00	8:51	9:55	10:51
Rite Aid			10:00	10:55
Marion Phillips	8:02	9:02	10:02	11:02
Bourdon Center	8:07	9:07	10:04	11:05
Claremont Manor	8:10	9:10	10:07	11:07
Claremont Senior Center			10:10	11:10
Opera House Square	8:30	9:20	10:20	11:15
Sugar River Mills	8:32	9:25	10:25	11:25
Valley Regional Hospital	8:35	9:40	10:35	11:40
Market Basket	8:42	9:45	10:42	11:50
Hannaford's	8:44	9:47	10:44	11:52
Walmart	8:46	9:52	10:46	11:55
Opera House Square	8:51	9:55	10:51	*11:59

Departure	PM			
Opera House Square	12:05	1:00	2:00	2:55 4:08
Rite Aid	12:07	1:03	2:02	2:57 4:10
Marion Phillips	12:08	1:05	2:05	3:00 4:12
Bourdon Center	12:17	1:07	2:07	3:04
Claremont Manor	12:20	1:08	2:08	3:05
Claremont Senior Center	12:23	1:10	2:10	3:10
Opera House Square	12:24	1:20	2:20	3:20
Sugar River Mills	12:32	1:25	2:25	3:25 *4:25
Valley Regional Hospital	12:34	1:40	2:40	3:40
Market Basket	12:46	1:50	2:50	4:00
Hannaford's	12:50	1:52	2:52	4:02
Walmart	12:55	1:53	2:53	4:06
Opera House Square	1:00	2:00	2:55	4:08

LEBANON BUS SCHEDULE

Departure	AM	PM
Clmt. Visitor's Center	6:00	
DHMC	6:45	
Clmt. Visitor's Center	8:00	11:30 1:30
Lebanon Town Hall	8:40	12:15
Dartmouth Coach	9:00	12:30 2:15
DHMC	9:10	12:45 2:30 4:30
Dartmouth Coach	9:30	2:40
Lebanon Town Hall	9:45	2:50 4:45
Clmt. Visitor's Center	10:15	3:30 *5:30

*Drop off only

1713 E4 responded to Osgood Ave for a motor vehicle accident.

1740 E4 responded to Pearl St for a cyclist hit by a car.

2309 E4 responded to Spruce St for a low hanging wire.


Tuesday, July 20th

1456 E4 responded to Elm St for an alarm sounding.

1512 E4 responded to Maple Ave for a smoke investigation.

2018 E4 responded to Park Ave for a smoke investigation.

Wednesday, July 21st




Public Transit Schedule Newport & Charlestown

Call (603) 542.9609 to schedule pickup
and to make route deviation request.

Departure times subject to weather, traffic, and route deviation delays.

NEWPORT BUS SCHEDULE				
Departure	AM		PM	
Claremont Opera House Sq	6:25	7:20		3:00
Irving	7:00			4:10
Shaw's		7:45		
DMV		8:20		
Newport Health Center		8:22		4:12
Hannaford's		8:40		
Claremont Opera House Sq		8:45		*4:45
Sugar River Mills		8:53		
Shaw's		9:25	11:40	1:15
Newport Senior Center		9:30	11:50	1:18
Maple Manor		9:45	11:52	1:22
Summer Crest		10:12		1:26
DMV		10:20	12:00	1:30
Irving		10:22		
Newport Health Center		10:25	12:02	1:55
Market Basket		10:40		2:15
Hannaford's		10:42	12:25	2:17
Wal-Mart		10:45	12:27	2:22
Claremont Opera House Sq		10:53	12:30	3:00
Sugar River Mills		*11:08	12:36	

CHARLESTOWN BUS SCHEDULE		
Departure	AM	PM
Opera House Square	7:15	12:07
Mascoma Savings Bank - Perry Avenue	7:40	
222 Lovers Lane	7:50	
Rite Aid	8:20	
Hannaford's	8:30	
Market Basket	10:30	2:40
Hannaford's	10:32	2:45
Walmart	10:35	2:50
Opera House Square	10:40	2:55
Rite Aid	10:50	3:00
Mascoma Savings Bank - Perry Avenue	11:25	3:50
Crown Point Park	11:33	
Twin Maple Park	11:34	
222 Lovers Lane	11:38	
Mayflower & Lovers Lane	11:38	3:25
Emma's Market	11:50	3:40
Opera House Square	12:07	

 All vehicles are ADA accessible *Drop off only

TTY Relay: 711

Effective 12/15/2017

0011 E4, E3 responded to Mulberry St for a dryer fire.

0346 E3 responded mutual aid to Unity.

0527 E4 responded to a lift assist at VRH.

1630 E4 responded to Summer St for an alarm sounding.

1926 E4, E3 responded to Main St for a structure fire.

Thursday, July 22nd

0954 E4 responded to Maple Ave for a box alarm.

1007 E4, E3 responded to Sullivan St for a box alarm.

2355 E4 responded to Sullivan St for a box alarm.

Friday, July 23rd

0729 E4 responded to Broad St for an alarm sounding.

1710 E4 responded to Pearl St for a detector sounding.

1946 E4 responded to a medical call on Lindy Ave.

2128 E4 responded to Thrasher Rd for a medical call.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Claremont, Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet on Monday, August 2, 2021 Council Chambers, City Hall Claremont NH

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

A. **(ZO 2021-00007) Riverbank Church, Lebanon NH** – Application for a Special Exception to change the use of the building at **59 Old Church Road** from a school to a church. Tax Map 105, Lot 16. Zoning District R1. (Cont. from 7/6/2021)

B. **(ZO 2021-00008) Kevin and Tammy Miles, 24 Girard Avenue** – Application for a variance to permit construction of a carport in the front setback at **24 Girard Avenue**. Tax Map 118, Lot 58. Zoning District: R1

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

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

In person at the hearing, or

In writing at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or

By email at cityplanner@claremontnh.com.

Michael Hurd,
Chair

The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

To watch the meeting via Zoom, click the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81529457408?pwd=dmpEQ1BRNXNibVFUub1dYNUInWnZlQT09>

Passcode: 739587

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

(Please note: This link is provided for viewing only. This platform will not be monitored during the meeting.

For citizens wishing to speak to the Council directly, please join us in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

AGENDA

- 6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL
- 6:34 PM 3. AGENDA CHANGES
- 6:35 PM 4. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
Minutes of July 14, 2021, City Council Meeting(s)
- 6:37 PM 5. MAYOR’S NOTES
- 6:42 PM 6. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
- 6:45 PM 7. CITIZEN’S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))
- 8. OLD BUSINESS
- 6:55 PM A. Access to Stevens Brook Trail – Conservation Commission Update
- 7:05 PM B. Heritage Commission Update
- 7:15 PM C. Donation Policy Approval
- 9. NEW BUSINESS
- 7:25 PM A. UVLSRPC Presentation (City Manager)
- 7:35 PM B. City Tree Policy (City Manager)
- 7:50 PM C. Request to Review City Code Chap. 6, Art. II Open Burning (City Manager)
- BREAK
- 8:15 PM D. Airport Master Plan Update (City Manager)
- 8:25 PM E. Ordinance 589 Police Commission – First Reading (City Manager)
- 8:40 PM F. Ordinance 590 Alcoholic Beverages – First Reading (Council/City Manager)
- 8:55 PM G. Sustainable Workforce Compensation Discussion (Mayor Lovett)
- 9:05 PM H. Zoom Discussion (Councilor Stone)
- 9:15 PM 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 9:20 PM 11. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 9:25 PM 12. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council’s next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Can You Spell Rhombicosidodecahedron?

Claremont Second-Graders Can, and Color and Build One Too Summer Program in Math and Reading Makes for Busy Mornings

Story and Photos by Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Early last week, Rebecca Fortgang was teaching second-graders the Greek and Latin roots of common English words. On Friday she said, Today we're going to learn how to pronounce — “ and she said that word. “What?!?!?!?” was the general reaction. But she wrote the word on the board, breaking it into syllables, and asked the class what a rhombus looks like (hint: a pentagon) and what number is deca-. Soon enough, the meaning came through: a 12-sided 3-D form with rhombus-shaped panels.

Not stopping in theory alone, Fortgang passed out All About Me construction kits, with 12 sheets on which to enter lots of personal facts and which to color, followed by taping the panels together to form a soccer ball-sized form.

Fortgang's class is one of 11 being held at Maple Avenue Elementary School, in a six-week program organized and administered by SAU6. The classes are for Grades K through 5, and in total average 140 students per week. Each class gives lessons in the program's two concentrations: reading and math.

Program director Storm Lavella-Schaudt, a special education teacher at Maple Avenue, has ensured that the program is “fun, casual and inclusive. We didn't want the old sense of

‘summer school’ as a place you have to go to,” he said. “I've heard from a lot of the kids that they're eager to come in every day. And our parents have been very supportive of everything they're doing.”

The students are in the same grade classes they finished up in this past school year. They can attend just one week or all six for a very reasonable fee. They come from all three of Claremont's elementary schools (the others are Disnard and Bluff), which initially gave Lavella-Schaudt some pause. “We didn't know how they'd react, studying with kids they may never have known. As it turns out, everyone is mingling, making new friends.”

The teachers have risen to the pleasant challenge of having several new students each week. The educators draw on the many learning resources available to them. Maggie Sergeant's third-graders, for instance, watch a “field trip” video that takes them through various physical exercises that they mirror; it pauses periodically to have them look at a number and then touch-screen their answer to “Is this odd or even?”

Second-graders in Chelsea Johnson's class learn about clock time by choosing which activities — going to bed, playing with friends and so on — happen in the a.m. or p.m. Amber Duford leads her Grade 4 through calculations relating to common denominators, congratulating good work with comments like “That's absolutely right” and cheering a student's “I got it now!” with her own “That's what I like to hear!” Everybody gets time to improve their reading skills. And in Kelly Gulage's 4th Grade, students sign a Words of the Week poster as they increase their vocabulary.

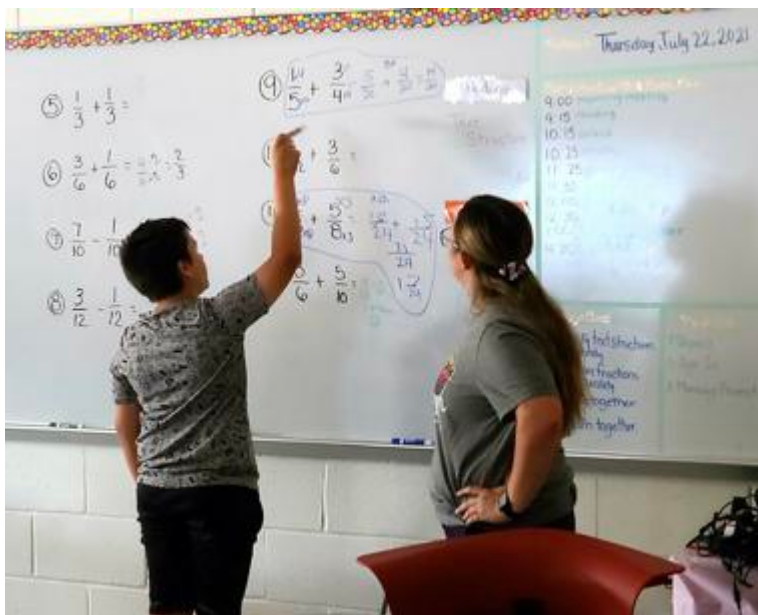
The only testing, noted Lavella-Schaudt, comes at



the end of week six. Anyone registered that week will take the same test as they did at the end of the school year. The results give teachers and administrators a way to check student progress in both math and reading.

After lunch at Maple Avenue, the students are bused to the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center for an afternoon of activities, or they head off on field trips to places like Polar Caves, Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory, and Sunapee Adventure Park & Beach. (They have to attend class in order to participate in activities.)

Follow the summer program at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/claremontelementarysummer21/members>.



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Susan S. Scala, 78

Susan Starr Scala, 78, of Claremont, NH, died July 16, 2021. Susan was the quintessential California girl. She was born with blond hair, bright blue eyes and a perfect smile in Los Angeles to June and Noble White Starr. She grew up in Modjeska Canyon and later moved to Fullerton, where she attended high school with her older brother, Tom. They were both competitive swimmers and Sue enjoyed spending her summers with her Aunt May and Uncle Art in Huntington Beach helping to care for their eight daughters and one son.

After high school, Noble moved the family to Stamford, CT. Susan attended the UConn where she met William Scala on a double date. The two of them were instantly attracted to each other and were married May 13th, 1963, in Washington DC, the location of Bill's first job after college and where their son Christopher was born. Bill took a job in Massachusetts and Sue had daughter Julie in Foxboro almost two years later.

The family moved to Claremont, NH, when Bill took a position with Sinclair Machine Products. Bill and Sue became contributing members of the community, participating in the Chamber of Commerce, Cardiac Capers, Welcome Wagon, Girl Scouts/Brownies, Peewee Hockey and Oakley Boxing Club. They had wonderful experi-

ences of golf, ski, camping and fishing trips with loving friends and neighbors.

Sue always had a passion for meeting people and making connections which she parlayed into her own career recruiting business, Susan Personnel Agency. The highest profile placement was a governess for actor Charles Bronson's family who lived nearby in Vermont.

Sue and Bill continued to actively golf, camp, and travel into their retirement, with Sue developing a love for fly fishing. She often said the movie, “A River Runs Through It” was an example of a pure life.

A thoracic aneurysm in her later years limited some of the activities she loved, but she continued to be kind, inquisitive and friendly to all. She kept treats for all the pets on Bellevue Avenue in case there should be opportunity for conversation. She passed suddenly but peacefully at home.

Susan is survived by her husband of 58 years, William, son Christopher in Fallbrook, CA, Daughter Julie formerly of Victor, ID (now in Claremont), and Brother Tom and Wife Pam Starr in Friday Harbor, WA.

No service is scheduled at this time. Burial to be announced later.

“Live with Joy” – Susan Starr Scala

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Albert C. Marro, 89

Albert C. Marro, 89, of Claremont, NH, died on July 22, 2021, at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born in Claremont, NH, on April 26, 1932, the son of Carminie and Mary (Cillo) Marro.

Albie was a lifelong resident of Claremont, served in the New Hampshire National Guard, and was employed with Satzow Beef House, Joy Manufacturing for 28 years; and NC Marro Plumbing & Heating Supply Co.

He was a volunteer fireman for the Hose Company, Claremont Fire Department. In 2000, he retired as a Captain with 47 years of service when he suddenly realized that running away from burning buildings made more sense than running toward them....

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Albie had a passion for gardening. He spent many hours tending his garden and took great pride in nurturing his tomatoes from seedlings to plants that would sometimes reach as high as six feet tall.

Albie enjoyed watching sports and was a faithful follower of all the New England teams, especially the Patriots. He also discovered traveling with his wife & friends and the pleasure of cruise ships, especially all you can eat buffets.

He had a great sense of humor and could tell a 'whopper' of a story. He enjoyed sharing stories with friends at D'Amantes Market, Boccias Fruit store, and Nick's plumbing store. He could always put a smile on your face.

Albie was a tireless and selfless volunteer at Sullivan County Nutrition, the Earl Bourdon Center, Claremont Senior Center, and the Claremont Soup Kitchen. His favorite volunteering event, by far, was being "Santa Claus" for the many children and families of the community.

He received numerous Letters of Appreciation for volunteerism, the Silver Seal Citation from the NH Federation of Garden Clubs, and in 1998 he was the recipient of the Vaughan Award from the New Hampshire State Committee on Aging.

He was a communicant of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church where he was an usher. He assisted in organizing and working on many of the church events to include the Annual Sports Night, Friendship Party and Lawn Party.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 61 years, Alberta (Sampson) Marro whom he married in June, 1960; a son, Andrew Marro and his wife, Kelly of Jacksonville, NC ; a daughter, Joann LaClair and her husband, Dale of Charlestown, NH; six grandchildren, Brittnee Marro, Alexa Ormsby and her husband Cory, Jacob Marro, Crystal LaClair and wife Ashley , Anthony LaClair, and Hunter LaClair; proud great grandfather of Kane, Ava, Tristan, Kira, and Giavanna; two sisters, Madeline Barbieri and Carmella Tenney ; numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws and cousins; and his four-legged partner in crime, Molly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and two sisters, Anthony, Nick, Dominic, Charles, Joseph, Paul, Marion and Kathi (Marro) Moore.

Albie was a good, strong, proud, and generous man. He is loved and will be missed by many.

Visiting hours will be held at the Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad Street, Claremont, NH on Monday, July 26th, from 5 to 7PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. Joseph Church in Claremont on Tuesday, July 27th, at 10 AM. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Claremont Firefighters Association, 100 Broad Street, Claremont, NH, Claremont Soup Kitchen, 53 Central Street, Claremont, NH or Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights, Claremont, NH 03743.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Charlotte C. Bemis

Charlotte C. Bemis passed away on Sunday, July 18th, 2021, at the Jack Byrnes Center for Palliative & Hospice Care in Lebanon NH after a brief illness.

She was born January 30, 1924, in Haverhill NH. She was the only child of Rev. Carroll Carter and Addie Smith-Carter. As the daughter of a Methodist minister, Charlotte moved around quite a bit. Some of the most memorable locations they lived were Chichester and North Charlestown, NH. She graduated from Charlestown High School in 1942. It was in Charlestown that she met her husband of 50 years, Gordon Bemis. Charlotte worked as the Traffic Manager at Jones & Lamson in Springfield, VT, for 44 years. She was never one to sit still for long so after retiring she held jobs at JCPenney, working the jewelry counter, as well as AG Edwards. She was a member of the Charlestown Grange, The United Methodist Church of Claremont as well as the Charlestown Senior Center.

Charlotte had a thirst for knowledge and was always trying to learn new things, whether it was reading, watching TV or just general conversation with friends or family members. She loved sewing and baking and was the official "pie cutter" at many suppers at her church or the Senior Center. Every year she followed the Alaskan Iditarod Dog Sled race, so for her 90th birthday she was treated to a dog sled run in Vermont. She loved life, laughter, friends, good conversations but most of all family.

She was predeceased by her parents and husband Gordon Bemis. She is survived by Carroll and Angela Bemis of Pembroke NH, Jeffrey and Laura Bemis of Chesapeake VA, Grandchildren: Tyler Bemis, Morgan Bemis,

Jacob Bemis, Chloe Bemis and Hilary Hudson. Great Grandchildren: Gage Winter, Greyson Bemis, Brady Bemis, and Elliott Healy.

A service was held on Saturday, July 24th, in the United Methodist Church, 38 Summer St. Claremont, NH. Burial followed at Hope Hill Cemetery in North Charlestown, NH.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church in Claremont NH in Charlotte's memory.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Michael W. Ranney, 72

Michael Wilson Ranney, 72, of Cornish, NH, died suddenly July 14, 2021, in a tragic accident at his home in Cornish.

He was born in Windsor, VT, Nov. 1, 1948, the son of Herbert H. Ranney and Mary Wilson Ranney.

Mike graduated from Windsor High in 1967 and following graduation he joined the U.S. Marine Corps. He was proud to be a Marine and as "Once a Marine, always a Marine", he lived his life to Marine Standards.

After his service, he returned to the Windsor/Cornish area where he met and married his soul mate, Janice (Pederson) Ranney. Mike worked for Cone Blanchard Machine Co. for 35 years until the company closed. He mastered many skills of machine operating, electrical maintenance, reading blueprints, testing and tooling machinery. After Cone's closing, he worked for Monadnock Forest Products, Thermadyne Manufacturing, and Latva Machine where he retired from in 2013.

Family was everything to Mike. He is survived by his wife of 49 ½ years, Janice (Pederson) Ranney, his son Jeffrey and wife Heather, his son Justin and wife Christy and two grandsons Tyler and Jackson. Mike also had two sisters, Deb Rowlee and (the late) Patricia Dow, as well as a brother-in-law Stephen Dow and nephews James Dow, Jason Dow, Joel Dow and Dylan Rowlee.

Mike enjoyed spending any free time he had with Jan, his sons and grandsons. Mike had a tremendous love of the outdoors which he passed on to his sons and grandsons. He had a love for animals, he loved dogs and rescued many over the years that were his constant companions, particularly Tank a rescued pit bull that was always at his side.

Mike was his family's hero and gentle giant. He was a truly doting husband, he was caring, strong, honest and courageous. Mike was al-

ways there to help others in need, family, friends, or even a stranger stuck in the snow, he would be there. Mike was a steadfast believer in right and wrong and never wavered from what he felt was right. Mike had a hidden sense of humor few beyond his family were lucky enough to see.

As a dear family member once said, now that Mike has gone before us, this leaves us with a lesson to be learned from him... If we follow in Mike's footsteps and carry on all of the good qualities that he had, that the Lord may watch over us and step in to spare us from the inevitable aging process as a reward for being such a fine person.

Per Mike's wishes, his family will be celebrating his life in a private ceremony. If you wish to honor Mike, you may do so by supporting causes near and dear to him: Lost My Way Animal Shelter, 21 Hartford St., Claremont, NH 03743 or Cornish Rescue Squad/Cornish Fire Department, P.O. Box 235, Cornish Flat, NH 03746.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Spurgeon R. Wentzell, 77

Spurgeon "Spud" Robert Wentzell, 77 years old, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 29, 2021. Spud is survived by his wife, Laura Wentzell; his children, Emily, Joshua, and Justin and their spouses and children; his stepchildren, Ricky, Krista, and Ryan, and their spouses and children; his brother, Tommy; his stepsiblings and their families; his nephew, Dustin and his wife and children; and numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Spurgeon, and his mother, Frances.

Spud was born on October 28, 1943, to Spurgeon and Frances Wentzell, in Claremont, NH. He grew up in Claremont with his older brother, Tommy, and obtained his high school diploma from Stevens High School as a part of the class of 1962. He then went on to get his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Springfield College (MA) and Ed.D from Boston University. He served in the areas of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (HPERD) and sports in various positions and settings in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, and Pennsylvania.

Spud's service began with teaching positions at the elementary and secondary school levels, and included intramural coordinator, department chair, athletic director, and varsity coach of cross country and basketball. He was

a certified recreation therapist, supervisor of recreational therapy and therapy team leader in a large neuro-psychiatric hospital, as well as director of a community recreation program, day camp director and camp counselor. Collegiate experiences focused on teaching HPERD courses and interdisciplinary studies, designing and assessing curriculum and supervising field experiences. Spud was a Professor in the Department of Health and Human Performance at Messiah College in Grantham, PA for over 20 years, teaching pedagogy courses, assessment and adaptive physical education, and supervising student teachers. Prior to Messiah College, he taught and was department chair at Houghton College, NY, and Barrington College, RI. Professional growth and service were trademarks of Spud. He was President of PSAHPERD, Executive Committee Member, and served as Chair of the Applied Strategic Planning Committee and the PA Chapter 5 Implementation Committee. He also served on committees for the Leadership (Vision Quest) Conference, Professional Preparation and Certification, Outstanding Programs, Resolutions, and as an ex-officio member of the Social Justice Committee. Nationally, he served on the American Alliance for HPERD Middle and Secondary School Physical Education Counsel and was a PA Delegate to AAHPERD conventions. He was a strong advocate for quality programs and excellence in education, serving as a NCATE/NASPE reviewer, consultant for undergraduate programs, and on PA Department of Education committees; such as Task Force for PA Standards for Health, Safety, and Physical Education, team member for a PDE/CDC Grant for Curriculum Review of HPE/HIV/AIDS Programs and Project Coordinator for a PDE/CDC Grant for Regional Workshops.

Spud made numerous presentations focusing on such topics as educational reform, curriculum development, quality programs, best and developmentally appropriate practices, participant motivation and behavior and sport ethics. He provided in-service programs, specialized assistance and/or consulting for over twenty PA school districts. His diverse community service included Chair of Parent-Teacher Association, member of a committee to study the feasibility of unifying school districts, volunteer/aid for a kindergarten classroom, head timer for track and field, and a youth coach in baseball, basketball, and soccer. Internationally, Spud promoted school and

4-H programs while living in the Republic of The Philippines, participated in an HPER International Congress, and was a guest of West Midlands Teacher's College in England. He served as a delegate to an Olympic Scientific Congress in Germany, and studied healthcare, sport and education systems in Cuba. The PSAHPERD honored Spud with many awards over the lifetime of his career. Spud wrote many articles that were published in professional journals. The title of Spud's 2003 collection of stories, "Making A Difference", expressed Spud's passion and journey of making a difference in the profession, community, schools, and the lives of individuals.

When Spud was not teaching, he loved visiting with his children and grandchildren who lived in various places around the United States. He was a fierce Red Sox fan and enjoyed watching baseball, college basketball, and the Olympics. Spud loved yard sales and flea markets, and eating with the locals when visiting different places. He loved the smell of a new book and perusing in bookstores. Overall, Spud was passionate about leading a lifestyle focused around staying healthy and active, reading the Bible daily, and education.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, July 27, at 2pm at Mt. View Cemetery in Claremont, NH, followed by a Celebration of Life. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to either of the following organizations whose missions reflect Spud's core values and support those Spud helped throughout his lifetime: World Vision – <https://www.worldvision.org/donate> or Best Friends Animal Society – <https://bestfriends.org/>.

You are invited to share a memory of Spud with the family or leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at www.royfuneralhome.com.

Hanover Community Yard Sale Update

HANOVER, NH—Organizers have announced that there will be no Hanover Community Yard Sale for 2021. Due to the necessity of the planning of this event, which begins as the current event ends, the status of the pandemic and with vaccines just rolling out when the planning would have begun, they are unable to host a community yard sale in September, 2021. It is the hope of the Sustainable Hanover Committee that a Yard Sale can again be held in the fall of 2022.

Editor's Note: Due to several inadvertent omissions/errors in the original SHS Honor Roll file that was sent out, an updated and corrected listing was resubmitted.

SHS - SEMESTER 2 HIGH HONORS & HONOR ROLL LIST

Grade 12 – High Honor Roll:

Prescott John Herzog
Hannah Brooks Lembree
Alexandra Lynne Perez
Gabriella Anna Savo
Caitlin Abigail Stapleton
Julia Marie Tursky
Amanda Lee Wittemann

Grade 11 – High Honor Roll:

Olivia Brooke Churchill

Grade 9 – High Honor Roll:

Jason Chad Hamilton Demars
Angelina Lin
Ryleigh Wanchen Riggs-Sanders

Grade 12 – Honor Roll:

Elizabeth Lynn Abbott
Nolan Daniel Ashe
Nicholas James Bailey
Laiken Kendall Becker
Isabelle Delaney Bicknell
Autumn-Renee Ann Bragg
Caden Joseph Ferland
Zoey Elizabeth Foote
Jaidyn Kathleen Diana Harlow
Emily Lauren Herbert
Angelina Lee LaClair

Makayla Sue Maccioli
Lois Ann Ordway
Shawnez Michael Ripley
Tyler Camille Roy
Adam Nicholas Sullivan
Abigail Grace Thurber
Cameron David Travis
John Joseph Tursky
Alexis Danielle Varela

Grade 11 – Honor Roll:

Zackary William Bundy
Dylan James Chambers
Alexys Louriel Corliss
Mathew Julius Davis
Simon Michael Demars
Lacey Shalyn Griggs
Austin Michael Jones
Hannah Lillian Miller
Mackenzie Shea Murray-Brown
Emily Elizabeth Peaslee
Zahna M Rice
Sunnee Yongli Riggs-Sanders
Jordan Abbey Vashaw
Kaydence Grace Ward
Sarah Joyce Wood

Grade 10 – Honor Roll:

Matthew Sawyer Becker
Gavin William Candon
Barrett Joseph Companion
Samuel George Dalke
Victoria Claire Dalke
Jesse Middleton Foote
Sabrina Rhae Hagar
Johndiel Ranjit Martinez
Meghan Carey McNulty
Hannah Marie Petrin
Dominic Shawn Puksta
Madison Elizabeth Wheeler

Grade 9 – Honor Roll:

Teresa Maggie Bagetis
Aiden Daniel Barry
Rowan Bennett Brothers
Kiley Jean Bundy
Ariana Lynn Carr
Koledyn Patrick Casey
Izabela Rose Eitapence
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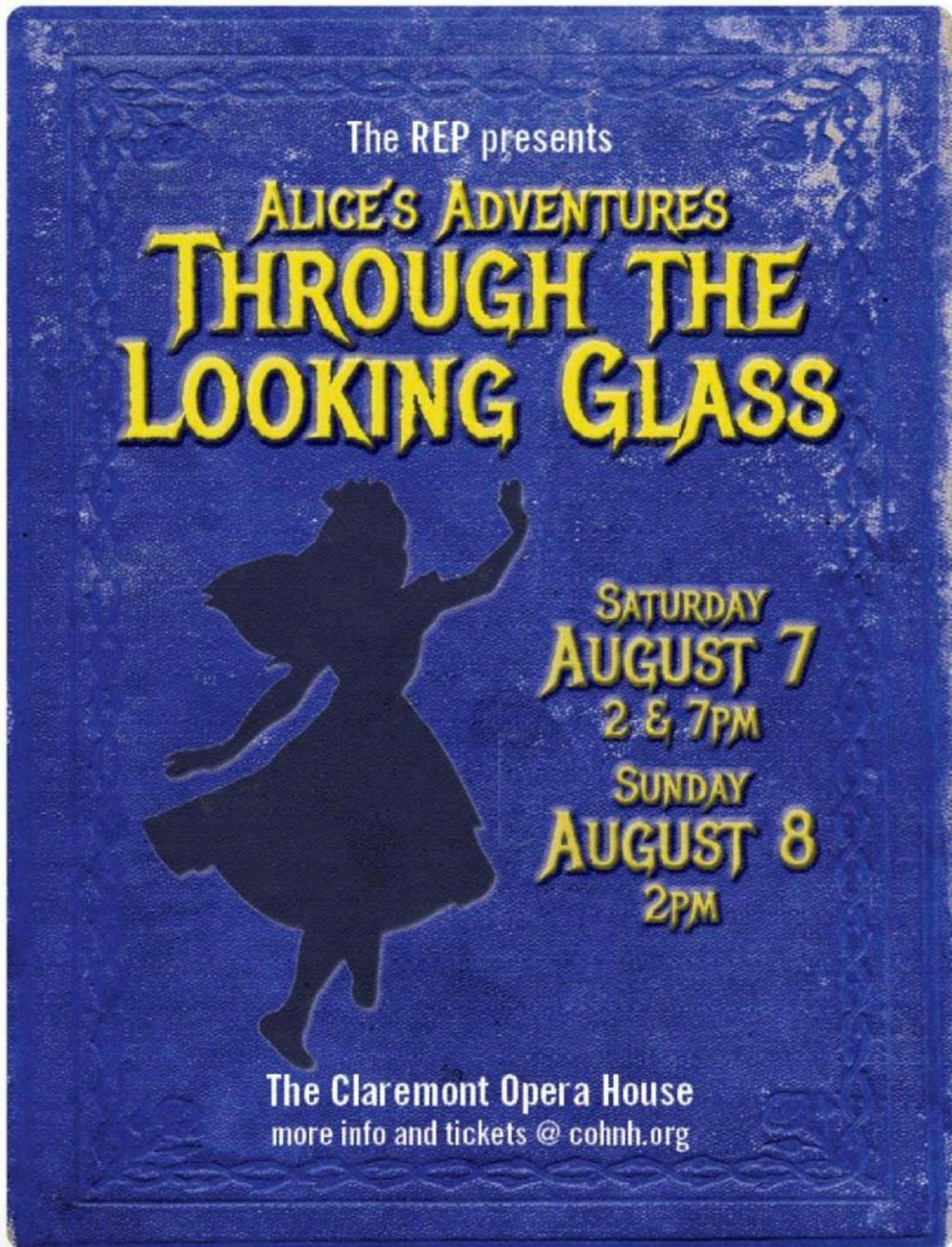
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