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‘Tools in Their Tool Belts’

Inmates Building Safety Shields, Cubicles for SAU6 Schools

**By Eric Zengota
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CLAREMONT, NH—No matter how Claremont schools look when they re-open this fall, there will be an extra level of physical protection for students, teachers and staff in the effort to stop the spread of COVID-19.

The “extra” is the result of an innovative partnership between SAU6 and the Sullivan County Department of Corrections (DOC). Six inmates from the community corrections center are in the middle of a two-week construction carpentry class. Their goal: build 150 safety shields and three safety cubicles.

The inmates were already participants in DOC’s TRAILS (Transitional Re-entry and Inmate Life Skills) program. DOC superintendent David Berry proposed the class to Alex Herzog, director of career and technical education at Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center (SRVRTC). Herzog offered the use of the center’s

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Mike Bennett demonstrates the versatility of the safety shields. With feet removed, several can be latched together to give students a “separated but together” work area (Eric Zengota photo).



Battle of the Brews Brewfest Cancelled this Year Due to COVID-19

CLAREMONT, NH—After careful consideration, the Claremont Kiwanis Club and Brewfest committee have announced that they have reached a decision regarding Brewfest 2020 held annually in the fall. “While we have made the difficult decision to cancel our 2020 Battle of the Brews Brewfest event, we are excited to announce we will be hosting a world class craft beer event spotlighting some of the best local breweries,” said the organization in a press

release. “The club has closely followed the Governor’s restrictions and advice regarding large gatherings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our event annually draws upwards of 1,500 people, and the club felt that we needed to cancel the 2020 event in an effort to do our part in curbing the spread of COVID-19. We do, however, plan to be back next year with another World Class Brewfest event. We would like to thank all our sponsors who have

supported us in the past and hope to partner with you again next year.”

The club said that “Since we are unable to hold a live event, we have decided to hold a craft beer related raffle with over \$4,000 in prizes. Thanks to the courtesy of our longtime platinum sponsor, Claremont Savings Bank, we are able to offer five grand prizes. Each grand prize is a Brew Town Getaway valued

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at \$500, which includes gift certificates towards a one-night hotel stay, certificates to a restaurant and brewery, plus two VIP tickets to the 2021 Claremont Kiwanis Brewfest. In addition to the grand prize, there are many lower tier prizes, courtesy of some of the many breweries that have participated in our event in past years.”

2 Arrested, 3rd Suspect Sought in Assault and Robbery Investigation

NEWPORT, NH—On July 30, at approximately 3:00am, the Claremont Police Department notified the Newport Police Department of a reported assault and robbery that had taken place at a private residence in the town of Newport. The alleged victim had presented at Valley Regional Hospital for treatment of his

injuries, which were serious but not life threatening.

Based on information provided by the initial responding Claremont Police Officers, Newport Police Officers were able to locate the reported crime scene and identify several suspects. Investigators obtained a warrant to search the residence where the assault and robbery took place, and collected a substantial amount of forensic evidence. Numerous identified suspects and witnesses were also interviewed.

Based on the evidence gathered during the investigation, on July 31, 2020, arrest warrants were issued for the following three suspects: Mitchell Blaisdell, age 18, Claremont, NH; Tyler Anstruther, age 25, Woodstock, VT; Savion Thomas-Piche (a.k.a. “Curly”) age 18, Claremont, NH.

According to the Newport Police Department, they are each charged with Robbery (Class A Felony), Conspiracy to Commit Robbery (Class A Felony), and First Degree Assault (Class A Felony). On August 1, Anstruther was arrested by the Lebanon Police Department, and Blaisdell was arrested by the Newport Police Department. Both are being held at the Sullivan County House of Corrections without bail pending their arraignments on August 3, in Sullivan Superior Court. Thomas-Piche has not been located as of the time of this release, and is currently wanted. The case remains under investigation by the Newport Police Department, with the assistance of the Claremont Police Department, Lebanon Police Department, Sullivan County Sheriff’s Department, New Hampshire State Police and Sullivan County Attorney’s Office. Additional arrests and charges are anticipated.

Anyone with information about this investigation, or who

knows the whereabouts of Thomas-Piche, is encouraged to contact Newport Police Detective Stephen A. Lee at (603) 863-3232 or slee@newportnh.gov.

Claremont MakerSpace Offers Student Discount

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont MakerSpace Student Discount Program offers a 75% discount on CMS membership and classes to high school students, ages 15 and up, in Claremont and the greater Upper Valley region of New Hampshire and Vermont. This program is supported by a generous grant from The Couch Family Foundation.

To learn more and apply for the CMS Student Application Program, please complete the on-line application at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1QiNkKgm5LXFJLs5aMe_FRhKGRx-RmjdZPNqMPvG4G0Bc/viewform?edit_requested=true.

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Claremont School Board Given First Look at Proposed Back to School Plan

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CLAREMONT, NH—A Claremont School Board retreat was held Sunday morning during which the administration presented its proposed plan for the 2020-21 school year. The meeting was held via a Google Conference call for those attending, as well as the public, meaning that it could only be listened to via a phone. The plan is 99 pages long, a testimony to the challenges and complexities of holding school in the age of COVID-19. The complete draft may be found on the sau6.org website (scroll down to and click on the Claremont School Board Meeting 8/5 link, then click on the website link and then on 2020-21 CSB Meeting Packets to access).

Board chair Frank Sprague said the purpose of the retreat was to present the plan and give board members the chance to review it and ask questions in preparation for the Wednesday night meeting when they will be voting on it. He said that the district has received a number of letters regarding reopening schools this year and those will be read on Wednesday before any decisions are made.

Superintendent Mike Tempesta reviewed the entire document, explaining that the shutdown was phase one, that the district is now in phase two and that they want to transition to phase three, from a hybrid model to full school. Sept. 9 was cited as opening day. Over 70 people participated in the SAU6 Re-opening Committee and included staff, students, parents, first responders, and city and county staff. They used NH Health Guidance, NH Dept. of Education guidelines, CDC guidelines, NH Public Health Daily updates and the John Hopkins COVID-Tracking data. Much of the document includes graphs and data from those various guideline sources and covers recommendations for face masks and other layers of public health protections as well as social distancing in classrooms and how to accomplish that. Screening for symptoms, risk factors and who to exclude from school are also heavily covered. The results of surveys pertaining to comfort level of students returning to school, wearing masks, social distancing and daily temperature checks are also included, followed by CDC responses to those types of survey questions.

Transportation was another significant area of concern that the committee looked at. Of those who responded to that particular survey, half said their children normally ride the bus. Tempesta said they are looking at holding the number of children riding the bus up to 20 per run; various details of how students can ride buses safely are also presented.

Based also on various surveys, the general back to school preference appears to be a hybrid model amongst students, parents and staff. Sample models and schedules for re-opening are included for the elementary, middle and high school

levels. In the *Re-Opening Recommendation and Plan of Action for The Claremont School Board for Phase 2 of the fall re-opening moving to Phase 3* (full reopening), to be evaluated monthly, parents will be asked to select either the proposed Hybrid Model (2 full days in school; 3 remote) or the Full Remote Option (a blend of VLACS, LMS, or Google Classroom contingent on available staffing). Other considerations include: face masks required all day for students and staff; social distancing of 6 feet throughout the school day; 3-foot distancing on buses with mask and temperature checks needed before boarding a bus; temperature checks as well as COVID symptom checks for staff and students before boarding buses and/or entering school buildings; mandatory 14-day quarantine for staff or students who travel outside of New England.

Both administration officials and board members admitted the challenges of opening school in a few weeks. Some board members questioned how far precautions should go, considering the low COVID rate currently in the area, and added concerns about how remote learning could continue to impact residents economically. Questions also remain regarding sports and other extracurricular activities such as band and chorus.

The Wednesday meeting will be carried on CCTV, beginning at 6:30 p.m.



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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

Gov Vetoes Bills to Raise Minimum Wage and More



While Gov. Christopher Sununu has signed several beneficial measures passed by the New Hampshire Legislature, he has also vetoed 14 measures as of July 31, many of which I believe would have helped Granite State citizens.

Among these beneficial measures were House Bill 731, which would have raised our state's minimum wage from the current \$7.25 per hour, the same level as the federal minimum, to \$10 per hour Jan. 1, 2021, and then \$12 per hour Jan. 1, 2023. The Governor vetoed the bill July 28. It would have also increased the minimum wages of tipped employees of such businesses as restaurants and hotels from 45 percent of the minimum to at least \$4 per hour and as high as \$12 per hour, depending on the demonstrated amounts of tips such employees regularly receive. The bill is sponsored by a group of nine Democratic representatives led by Concord's Kristina Schultz.

Initially, House Bill 731 was passed by us representatives Jan. 9 as an amended version that raised the state's minimum to \$15 per hour by Jan. 1, 2025. This amended version was adopted on a 212-155 roll call vote. But then the bill was sent to the New Hampshire Senate where it was amended again so as to return to its original \$12 per hour version by a 14-10 roll call vote. Later on June 30 the House gave final approval to the measure by concurring with the Senate amendment on a 199-124 roll call vote.

As regular column readers are probably aware, I have consistently voted over the last few years to raise New Hampshire's minimum wage. I was again disappointed that our Governor vetoed this \$12 per hour increase which was a compromise over the \$15 per hour minimum that a majority of us representatives had originally preferred. If the veto is not overridden by both House and Senate later this Fall, then New Hampshire will continue to have the lowest minimum wage in New England, a situation which I believe is not helpful for our state's current workers as well as especially younger workers we wish to attract from other states. Furthermore, I was recently reminded from research conducted by the Economic Policy Institute, a nonpartisan, nonprofit think tank, that minimum wages are not just earned by part-time teenage workers. The Institute's research indicated that approximately 88 percent of workers making the minimum are older than age 20, and approximately 36 percent are over age 40. Additionally, 56 percent of such workers are women, 28 percent have children, and 55 percent work full-time.

Yet another beneficial measure vetoed by Gov. Sununu July 10 was House Bill 712, which would establish a paid FMLI (Family & Medical Leave Insurance) Program that would provide up to 12 weeks of such

paid leave per year for qualified employees, equal to approximately 60 percent of an employee's wages, once the program is fully operational. Paid leave would be for a list of specific reasons like the birth of a child, serious health condition of a family member, or serious health condition of the employee; the program would be paid for by a 0.5 percent payroll tax on employee wages.

Nevertheless, the Governor vetoed House Bill 712 because he claimed that the mandatory FMLI Program would be financed by a "Democratic Party Income Tax." Instead, he suggested that the Legislature should have passed his alternative FMLI Program, which he stated in his veto message would have been "voluntary, affordable, sustainable, and income tax free." The bill is sponsored by a group of 13 Democratic legislators led by Concord Rep. Mary Jane Wallner, who is also House Finance Committee Chair.

However, what our Governor neglected to mention in his July veto message is that his voluntary FMLI Program would actually not be affordable or sustainable over the long run, a situation I have learned about from various experts working on the FMLI issue for the past few years. In order to be affordable and sustainable, these experts have indicated that paid FMLI has to be mandatory, and financed through a broad-based tax such as a payroll tax similar to the payroll tax that now funds Social Security, which is also mandatory for most employees and a mandatory requirement that is similar to most employees being required to be covered by such protections as unemployment insurance and workers' compensation. The veto of House Bill 712 was not unexpected, but still disappointing, in my opinion. Especially in light of recent events in which many working parents were forced to stay home or scramble for other methods of childcare after schools closed in March because of the coronavirus pandemic. These parents may again be faced with same situations, if certain school districts decide to go to remote or even hybrid learning for the upcoming school year. Consequently, I believe it was inexcusable for Gov. Sununu to veto House Bill 712 without at least approaching legislative leadership of both parties to broker a compromise FMLI in advance.

Also another beneficial measure vetoed by the Governor on July 29 was an amended version of Senate Bill 311. This bill would provide for the annulment of a criminal record without payment of a fee in certain instances like drug possession cases. These annulments would only apply in such cases where an individual was arrested for drug possession, found not guilty, or had their case dismissed or not prosecuted. This bill as amended would also permit individuals under age 25 to petition courts for annulment of their arrest, conviction, and sentencing for certain crimes.

Senate Bill 311 was first introduced by a group of four Democratic legislators led by Hanover Sen. Martha Hennessey. The bill was approved by the New Hampshire Senate on a 16-8 roll call vote March 14, 2019. It was then sent to the House where it was retained for further study in 2019, amended, and finally passed Jan. 8 of this year by voice vote. On June 29 the Senate gave final approval to the bill by concurring with the House's amendment on a 15-9 roll call vote.

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In his veto message, Gov. Sununu declared that Senate Bill 311 as written would create “potential for confusion and serious unintended consequences as we continue to battle an opioid crisis and global pandemic.” Instead, he touted his previous signing of such narrowly-crafted drug reform laws as marijuana decriminalization in 2017. Again I am disappointed in this veto because I believe this bill would help many Granite Staters, including Claremont constituents, who may have made mistakes in their youth regarding the possession of illegal drugs and mistakes that they may have learned not to repeat, but are now plaguing them as they apply for jobs or seek to rent apartments. **Email: jocloutier@comcast.net**

Letters to the Editor

Rethink Pleasant Street Will Work for the Betterment of the Community

Open Letter to the City Council:

I am writing to each of you with several points concerning the project before you over the course of the next few weeks: The Pleasant Street project being called Rethink Pleasant Street.

This project has already been pointed out to be very doable, is clearly part of the Master Plan that was worked on and involved a large segment of residents' participation at various levels and could happen next year when Pleasant Street must have its infrastructure, water and sewer lines replaced and lead pipes removed. With a bit more effort Claremont could be brought into the 21st century from 50 years ago. The residents were clear during the Master Planning segments last 2 years of improving and making Claremont a more attractive and up-to-date location, a destination and uniquely attractive for a younger age group. Bringing a younger homeowner here is really a must for Claremont as the tax burden would clearly then fall on senior taxpayers.

It may be important to mention here that I am also a merchant on Pleasant Street and am very aware of what rerouting truck traffic, improving parking, widening sidewalks and doing a little landscaping would do for us as a restaurant located on arguably what is the premier corner in Claremont. My wife Christine and I bought a struggling restaurant, mainly to offer a destination and draw to Claremont from outside the area. We invested heavily in Taverne on the Square. I retired in 2016 and bought the restaurant with our own cash. Working as an Investment Advisor in Manchester and Boston commuting each day home to Claremont, I did invite, and in some instances, dragged colleagues, clients, friends and acquaintances back here, virtually all commenting on how nice Claremont was and not at all what they were led to believe.

It is obvious Pleasant Street is going to be torn up and will only cost .03 cents per 1000.00 of tax.

According to local realtors, buyers are flocking to purchase homes and move to more rural locations like Claremont to escape the hustle and bustle of big city life.

Let's invest in ourselves for a change. Let's make Claremont more attractive to residents and visitors. Let's make our downtown the centerpiece of the city with liveliness. There is a certain appeal to being able to experience culture and vibrancy in a beautiful section of town and still be within walking distance of your quiet neighborhood.

As Christine and I have tried desperately to do, we have led by example and put our money where our mouth is over the last 5 years, with the concert series at Arrowhead and Christmas lighting for 3 of the last 5 years' Christmas decorations. We bought and donated thousands of plants, shrubs and flowers. Christine and Mayor Charlene Lovett, with volunteers, have planted them everywhere, from the Amtrak Station, City parks, the High School, to the bullpen and in the planters throughout the City. Lastly, buying and improving a struggling restaurant hoping to make it an attractive destination for out-of-towners and residents alike our restaurant downtown.

We all collectively need to think forward and take this step to make the investment in ourselves with your leading the way. Decades of talk about this with no action have led us to where we are today; we all need to collectively work for the betterment of our community. Thank you all for your time and leadership. I thank you for voting in favor of the “Rethink Pleasant Street” project as proposed.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Michael Charest, Taverne on the Square, LLC, Claremont, NH

Gagnon Running as Write-In Candidate for Dist. 1 Sullivan County Commissioner Seat

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

I am asking you to write in Raymond Gagnon for the District 1 Sullivan County Commissioner position at the upcoming September 8 Primary.

Jeff Barrette, the outgoing commissioner, is not running and the position is vacant. Having been a Sullivan County State Representative for 12 years ('06-'18), I am familiar with how County Government operates and many of the issues they face. As a representative, I have chaired the Delegation, as well as been a member of the finance committee that worked with the commissioners in developing sound frugal county budgets.

In addition, I have 40 years' experience as a manager with local, county, state, and federal government systems. I believe in a common sense approach to government, and have a track record of supporting & crafting fair county budgets and programs. I believe I will be a positive team member regarding the challenges Sullivan County faces. Whether you vote absentee, or in person on September 8, I ask that you write in Ray Gagnon for District 1 Sullivan County Commissioner.

Thank You,

Ray Gagnon, Claremont, NH



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.

NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – August 2, 2020

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

On Sunday, August 2, 2020, DHHS announced 21 new positive test results for COVID-19. There have now been 6,634 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed in New Hampshire. Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from

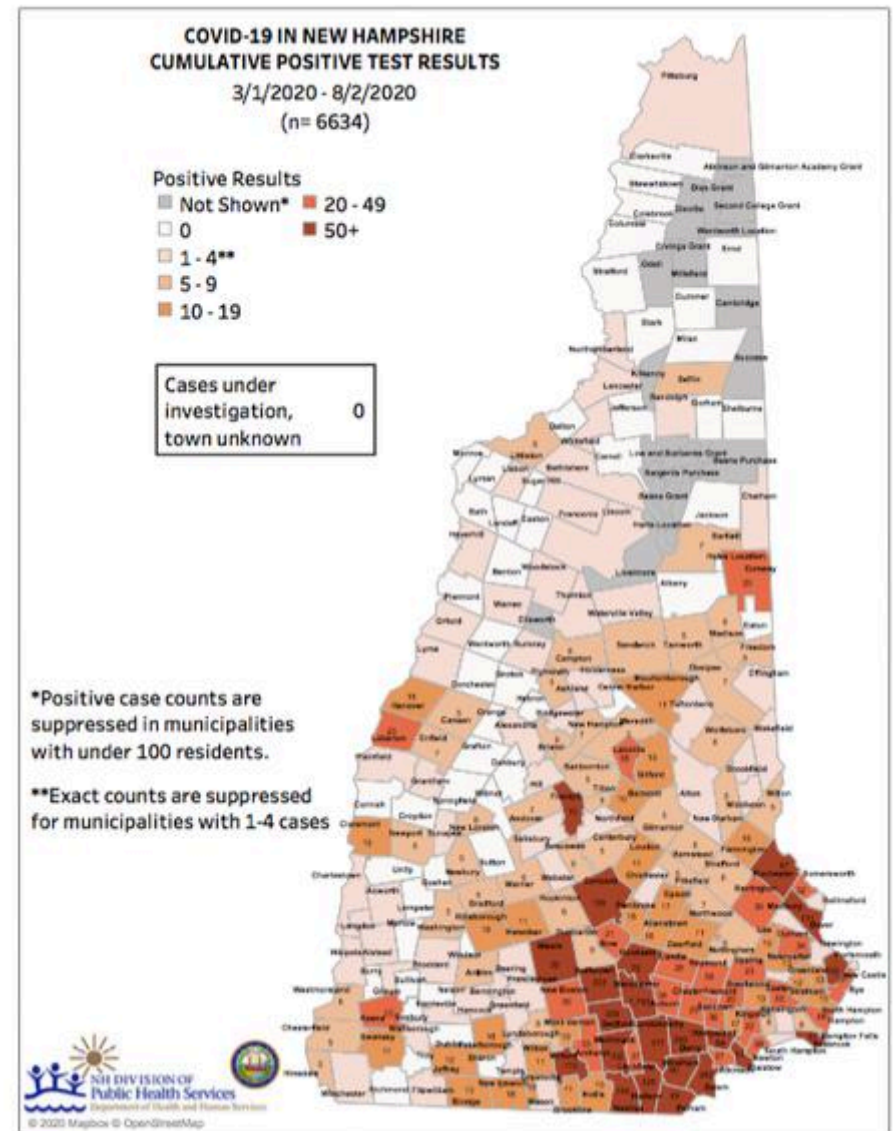
Public Urged to Wear Masks

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

Governor Sununu Rescinds Order Banning Reusable Bags

CONCORD, NH — On July 27, Governor Chris Sununu issued Emergency Order #60. Emergency Order #60 terminated Emergency Order #10, which “required all sellers of groceries to temporarily transition to use of single use paper or plastic bags.”

The action went into effect immediately.



Geographic Distribution* of COVID-19		Infections		Hospitalizations		Deaths	
		Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total
Belknap	Total	109	1.6%	14	2.0%	4	1.0%
Carroll	Total	89	1.3%	12	1.7%	1	0.2%
Cheshire	Total	90	1.4%	12	1.7%	2	0.5%
Coos	Total	16	0.2%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Grafton	Total	103	1.6%	8	1.1%	1	0.2%
Hillsborough	Manchester	1,792	27.0%	202	29.0%	108	25.9%
	Nashua	749	11.3%	75	10.8%	38	9.1%
	Outside Manchester and Nashua	1,226	18.5%	139	20.0%	133	31.9%
	Total	3,767	56.8%	416	59.8%	279	66.9%
Merrimack	Total	458	6.9%	41	5.9%	21	5.0%
Rockingham	Total	1,632	24.6%	167	24.0%	95	22.8%
Strafford	Total	330	5.0%	21	3.0%	13	3.1%
Sullivan	Total	40	0.6%	4	0.6%	1	0.2%
Grand Total		6,634	100.0%	696	100.0%	417	100.0%

Data as of: 8/2/2020

ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are two individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 62% being female and 38% being male.

The new cases reside in Belknap (4), Rockingham (4), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (3), and Strafford (2) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (4) and Nashua (4).

One new hospitalized case was identified for a total of 696 (10%) of 6,634 cases. Six of the new cases had no identified risk factors. Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Most of the remaining cases have either had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis or have recently traveled.

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

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

Newport School Board Approves Plans for 2020-21 School Year

NEWPORT, NH—On July 30, the Newport School Board approved the reopening plan presented by the school district team allowing families to choose between either in-person instruction with health and safety guidelines or remote learning. All families must submit their final decisions by August 12th.

The Newport School District's plan is called the Fall Reopening Plan and Procedures 2020 – 2021 and is 25 pages long.

The document, in part, reads:

“Students returning to school for the fall 2020 school year will have the opportunity to choose between two different educational formats due to the current Covid-19 pandemic. Families will need to decide which format will best meet the needs of their student(s) and communicate that decision to the district by August 12, 2020:

- In-person instruction daily (Monday - Friday) with appropriate social distancing and health and safety precautions based on current regional health and safety guidelines. This model may need to be adjusted based on student enrollment and may not be available for all grade levels and/or courses.

- Full-time remote instruction through the Newport School District staff or the statewide Virtual Learning Academy (VLACS).

“Families who do not communicate a decision to the SAU by the August 12th deadline will be assumed to be returning in person through option 1. Additionally, due to the complexity of offering multiple formats for education this fall, we will not be able to offer changes or adjustments to student preference after the August 12th deadline until the end of the first quarter. At that time changes in educational format will be allowed based on availability and health, and safety guidance at set times throughout the year.”

In addition to the board working on the plan, four additional groups were also involved: Remote Learning Committee Focus Group, Hybrid Learning Committee Focus Group, Traditional Learning Committee Focus Group and the District Staff Leadership

Team. The groups included staff, teachers and parents.

The district will bring students back in small groups from August 31st - September 3rd. “These transition days are important for rebuilding our school community and providing students with the social and emotional activities needed to be successful. All students

would begin after the Labor Day holiday on September 8th,” reads the plan.

More information may be found at <https://www.facebook.com/NSDHomeoftheTigers/>.

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll

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NH State Register of Historic Places New Listings Showcase the State's Rich History

Fort at No. 4, Old Abbott Library Among Those Added

The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources is pleased to announce that the State Historical Resources Council has added 11 properties to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places.

From the time it was built in 1795, the Town Pound played an important role in Boscawen's agricultural history. Two rods square (30 feet by 30 feet) and constructed of dry laid and naturally shaped granite fieldstone, the pound's four feet high by four feet thick walls held stray sheep, horses, cattle, oxen and other livestock until their owners could claim them.

The Fort at No. 4 in Charlestown, a recreation of the original mid-18th century fort along the Connecticut River, is significant for its role as an open-air museum established during New Hampshire's early preservation efforts. Buildings date back as far as 1960 and the complex is based on a 1746 map of the original fort.

Deering's District 1 Schoolhouse was the first of more than a dozen 19th-century schoolhouses in town and the only one still publicly accessible. A one-room schoolhouse with a hand-hewn timber frame, it was built in 1810 for \$175.85, closed in 1919, became a public library in 1926 and is currently home to older and historical books owned by Deering Public Library.

Farmington's School Street School's two-room layout makes it unique in New Hampshire. Built in 1859, its design includes characteristics described in "Schoolhouse Architecture," an influential 1838 publication by Henry Barnard. Today, it is the only one of Farmington's 19th-century schoolhouses still in its original location.

Stephenson Memorial Library in Greenfield was designed by noted school and library architectural firm of McLean and Wright. Built in 1909, its yellow brick and granite Classical Revival-style became popular following the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Today, the library continues to be a center of education and community events.

Ash Cottage in Hebron was built at the turn of the 19th century, soon after the town was incorporated. It is an example of a New Hampshire farmhouse that was converted to a sum-

mer home by out-of-state city dwellers during a tourism boom that began in the 1890s, and that continued to evolve to suit the changing needs of its owners for more than 200 years.

On Nov. 3, 1936, the Davis-Nadig Homestead in Millsfield became the site of the very first midnight presidential vote in the United States, when seven of the town's 12 registered voters cast their ballots at 12:01 a.m. Midnight voting continued at the circa 1880 farmhouse, which has late Gothic Revival and Queen Anne-style details, until the 1960s.

Orfordville School was built in 1898 when Orford, which once had 16 school districts, consolidated grades one through six into one school. The two-story wood-framed building has a steeply pitched roof and a prominent full-height dormer over the entrance. It last served as a school in 1998 and is now the town office building.

The Old Meeting House in Sandown was listed to the National Register of Historic Places in 1978 and to the State Register of Historic Places in 2011. The property's former hearse house, built in 1827 to store the town's hearse and converted to an outhouse in 1932 when the hearse was sold, has now been added as a feature to the State Register listing.

Sunapee's Old Abbott Library opened on June 1, 1926 and served as the town's literary center until 2014, when a new library was built. Its brick exterior, symmetrical façade and a pedimented portico with columns are characteristic elements of Colonial Revival style. The building is now home to the Sunapee Historical Society.

Named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1985, the Greek Revival Old Webster Meeting House is one of a small group of 18th-century meetinghouses in New Hampshire that essentially retain their original form; it is the only one still existing in the upper Merrimack Valley. Built in 1791, the building was altered in 1844 for dual use as a town hall on the first floor and a chapel on the second.

Anyone wishing to nominate a property to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places must research the history of the nominated property and document it on an individual inventory form from the New Hampshire

Division of Historical Resources. Having a property listed in the Register does not impose restrictions on property owners. For more information, visit nh.gov/nhdhr.

New Hampshire's Division of Historical Resources, the State Historic Preservation Office, was established in 1974 and is part of the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

Goshen Considers Future of Its Two Soldier Monuments

GOSHEN, NH—The Goshen Board of Selectmen, Olive G Pettis Library, Cemetery Trustees, Historical Society and general public met on Monday, July 20th, to discuss the future of Goshen's two soldier monuments. Together, with over 160 years of display and representation of those who bravely represented Goshen beginning with the Revolutionary War and spanning to current day, the two monuments have seen better days, said the town.

"Any passerby can note the strap holding one of our monuments together, and with a simple inspection up close, it is easy to note the patchwork upon patchwork that has been forged to keep those old stones and mortar together over the years. Sadly, weather and time have seeped into the cracks, and our historic monuments are on the verge of crumbling. This presents an eyesore to our community, safety risk, and does not honor those who served our country," said the town in a press release.

The Selectboard voted to create the Veterans Monument Committee, which consists of members of the Selectboard, Olive G Pettis Library, Cemetery Trustees, Historical Society and the general public. Being in the beginning stage of discussion, the committee discussed several options, including creating a new Veterans Monument at the Mill Village Cemetery, building a new monument at the Library, or finding an alternative location to celebrate our Veterans.

The next meeting of the Committee will be at 6pm, Monday, August 3rd, inside the Goshen Town Hall. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Fiske Free Library is Now Open

CLAREMONT, NH—The Fiske Free Library is now open with reduced hours. Library hours are now Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9AM to 1PM and Tuesday and Thursday 2PM to 6PM. All areas of the library are open for browsing but some services have been limited to reduce person-to-person contact. Access to the library is currently through the main Broad Street entrance and they are asking patrons to return all library items in the book drop outside the front door. Patrons who need elevator access can call the library at 542-7017 for assistance. All returned items are quarantined for a minimum of three days before being returned to the shelves. All library staff are wearing masks for the protection of patrons. "We ask that library visitors return the favor by wearing masks to protect us and their fellow citizens," said library director Michael Grace. For more information, please call the library at 542-7017.

The library is also offering a virtual Children's Summer Reading Program this year. This year's theme is "Imagine Your Story", and children or parents can sign up at: <http://fiskefree.read-squared.com>.

**Cornish Willing Hand Produce Drop
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Willing Hands produce drop at Cornish Town Hall will continue each Wednesday going forward from 11:45 AM to 12:30 PM. Masks are required to be worn by all who enter the Town Hall. While we will have a small supply of masks available, we ask that people bring their own if they have them. If you have signs of any illness or have recently been exposed to anyone who is COVID positive or being ruled out please stay at home. Social distancing and other public health protocols will be in place.

Restrooms will remain closed.

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On the back deck of a Claremont home, they're drinking their fill.

Eric Zengota

Be Bear Responsible from Now Through the Fall

CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department continues to urge homeowners, campers, tourists, and those with dumpsters and chicken coops to be responsible and bear attentive throughout the rest of the summer and into the fall. Adverse bear-human interactions increased in the Granite State during the first half of the summer, and it is predicted that these encounters will continue into autumn.

The escalation of conflicts between bears and the public this summer has been caused by a variety of factors such as weather and human behavior. Drought-like conditions prevailed during the early part of the summer, which affected the availability of naturally occurring foods for bears. It is common to see an increase in complaints during dry years, including most recently the summers of 2012 and 2016.

“It appears that the abnormally dry conditions of the spring and early summer reduced the quantity and quality of herbaceous vegetation which is a significant component of a bear’s diet during May and June,” said Andrew Timmins, NH Fish and Game’s Bear Project Leader. “The lack of a soaking rain has also reduced or delayed wild blueberries and raspberries, two important soft mast crops which bears rely on for their summer feeding. When these natural foods are lacking, bears will exploit human-related food opportunities, which increases their presence in residential areas.”

Additionally, the COVID-19 public health emergency has kept more people at home, increasing the amount of human food attractants available to bears in people’s backyards. With the onset of self-quarantine and social distancing, more people continued to feed wild birds later into the summer season, while others started backyard chicken coops and “free ranged” their poultry.

As COVID-19 restrictions eased and the state began to reopen, New Hampshire’s campgrounds became very busy in late June. This resulted in more frequent calls from some campgrounds as bears began visiting campsites looking for food. “Most campgrounds in the Granite State do a very

good job containing garbage and encouraging best management practices related to food storage around campsites,” said Timmins. “However, campgrounds that are less stringent tend to have more bear issues.”

Natural food availability has begun to improve in many areas as raspberries and cherries ripen and indications are for good black-

berry, apple, and acorn crops this fall. But despite improving food availability, people need to remain vigilant and responsible with food attractants.

The primary causes of most bear-human conflicts are bird feeders, accessible garbage, inadequately secured chickens, barbecue grills, and pet foods.

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Males Are Victims of Sexual Assault, Too

When it comes to instances of rape, perception is that men are typically seen as the perpetrator. However, unwanted or abusive sexual experiences happen to boys, men and those who identify as male too, and it happens at all ages.

The reality is, sexual victimization of anyone, regardless of gender, can leave the person feeling vulnerable, ashamed, guilty and fearful with the abuse often going unreported for those very reasons.

Boys and men can be sexually abused by straight or gay men or by women who take advantage of vulnerability. Because society views males as protectors, the myth persists that males can't be victims/survivors. Regardless of our individual definitions of masculinity, boys and men are vulnerable to those who use greater size, strength, knowledge and authority to coerce or force them into unwanted sexual experiences and then to remain silent.

A common myth is that sexual abuse of a boy may contribute to his sexual orientation later in life. However, studies show that a man's own sexual orientation is neither the cause nor the result of sexual abuse. By focusing on the abusive nature of the interaction rather than the sexual aspects, it becomes easier to understand that sexual abuse has nothing to do with a victim/survivor's own sexual orientation.

Studies indicate that male survivors of unwanted sexual experience often feel an intense anger and a fear of losing control of that anger; they may feel confused about their maleness, betrayed by those who violated their trust and ultimately abandoned and unsafe. Unacknowledged, they can or could feel helpless, and may be unable to trust others and therefore to make deep connections. And, they are often unable to set boundaries. With no one to talk to, these feelings can intensify, leading to a profound sense of alienation and the loss of childhood or a whole chapter of one's life. Some may be driven by a need to always prove their manhood through playing super-aggressive sports, having a number of sexual conquests, picking fights, reckless driving, daredevil stunts -- protecting themselves from further attack, and precluding any challenge to their manliness by being tough.

Sexual abuse is no less harmful to boys and men than it is to women. And, the harm increases if adults who could help them are reluctant or refuse to acknowledge what happened. This leads many survivors to believe they are at fault and on their own, and they stay silent and suffer shame for years instead of being able to get help and heal.

As a community, we must continue to do much better for boys and men of all ages. Sexual abuse is never the fault of the survivor, and we can start by never assuming blame because of gender. Here at TPN, we continue our work of remaining a safe space for male survivors as well as continue to raise awareness

in the community through prevention education.

If you are male and have experienced sexual assault, we are here to listen and support you, as well as help with resources to help you heal. Our advocates are available, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and ready to help. To learn more, call 1-800-639-3130 or visit our website, www.turningpointsnetwork.org

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.

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REALTOR of the Year named by Greater Claremont Board of REALTORS

CLAREMONT, NH—Cindy Haynes, Haynes Real Estate, has been selected as the REALTOR of the Year from the Greater Claremont Board of REALTORS (GCBR), Board President, Vi Lunderville recently announced.

Haynes has been a REALTOR for more than 35 years and has held numerous positions with GCBR over the years. She is a Past President of the GCBR and has served as a Director with the New Hampshire Association of REALTORS.

Haynes has been a member of the Claremont Country Club since 1984, where she has been involved with the Social Committee helping to plan and organize activities and events. For the past 2 years she has served as the Chairperson for the Community Service Committee with GCBR and has done an outstanding job. Under her leadership and guidance, the committee and the board membership have served many organizations in area communities providing for a wide range of needs. Donations have been collected to benefit a Stevens High School student in need of financial assistance to participate in the educational experience of a trip to the nation's capital, Washington, DC. Additionally, 8 Stevens High School graduates each received scholarships. Haynes also organized donations from members of the board, providing hundreds of food and snack items to serve food challenged children through the Weekend School Backpack Program. Her community service work also benefited the Sullivan County Cares for Troops, Claremont Soup Kitchen, the local Girl Scout Troop, and the Sullivan County Humane Society and Lost My Way Program.

Haynes recently helped organize volunteers to write hundreds of encouraging notes and cards which were delivered to residents in area nursing homes during the pan-

dem. She also helped coordinate Meals on Wheels volunteers.

After making the announcement, Lunderville

explained that the Board's committee made their selection after considering the records of multiple candidates for the honor.



Cindy Haynes

The basis of judgment, she said, was the contribution of the REALTOR to the betterment of community life, and her conduct of business reflecting the Code of Ethics of the National Association of REALTORS.

The Greater Claremont Board of REALTORS will now submit Haynes as their REALTOR of the Year in the New Hampshire Association of REALTORS statewide competition for the state REALTOR of the Year at a ceremony in Con-

cord later this year, where all Board ROTYs will be recognized and one selected as the state winner.

Norris Cotton Cancer Center Receives Grant to Improve Rural Patient Access to Cancer Clinical Trials

LEBANON, NH—A newly awarded \$820,000 grant from The National Cancer Institute (NCI) will allow a team of multi-disciplinary investigators to increase clinical trial awareness and

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participation for rural patients who make up almost half of the area served by Dartmouth's and Dartmouth-Hitchcock's Norris Cotton Cancer Center (NCCC). The project also seeks to address and reduce disparities in cancer outcomes between rural and non-rural populations.

The project, entitled, "Creating Access to Targeted Cancer Therapy for Underserved Populations (CATCH-UP)" is an administrative supplement to the NCI Cancer Center Support Grant under Program Director Steven D. Leach, MD, Director of NCCC. The team at NCCC, led by subaward principal investigator Jason Faris, MD, Director of the Early-Phase Trials Program at NCCC, aims to establish outreach, infrastructure, and a process that will improve access for patients from rural areas to the NCI's Experimental Therapeutics Clinical Trials Network (ETCTN). These are early-phase studies evaluating novel anti-cancer drugs.

"This is a truly exciting opportunity to address the problem of rural patient access to clinical trials, and in so doing, address a fundamental disparity for our patient population as well as a component that could affect cancer outcomes for patients from rural areas vs. urban areas," says Faris. "These trials have significant potential to identify beneficial therapies or advance the standard of care in multiple cancer types, so improving our patients' access to these trials is critically important."

NCCC is unique as the only NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center in northern New England, and one of few whose service area has a population that is almost half (48%) rural and does not contain a major urban core. This area carries a disproportionate burden in common and uncommon cancer types, leading to both cancer-related mortality and a growing population of cancer survivors. "It is a high honor to be chosen as one of only eight sites nationally by the NCI to collaborate on resolving current challenges of providing cancer patients in hard-to-reach areas with better access to some of the most promising clinical trials in the country," says Leach. "By connecting with patients through outreach in largely rural northern New England, we'll be able to provide important therapeutic opportunities that some patients may not otherwise have, and, over time, make a positive impact overall on cancer outcomes in our region."

The strategy planned and supported by the grant

includes:

- Initiatives to educate rural cancer patient populations about clinical trial availability and participation.
- Initiatives to increase rural provider awareness of clinical trials.
- Active outreach efforts conducted by outreach and clinical research coordinators, research nurses and clinical oncologists.
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- Transportation reimbursement for patients in trials, which has been a key limiting factor.

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carpentry lab. Mike Bennett, the center's carpentry teacher during the school year, runs the class. "My goal is to put tools in their tool belts, so to speak," he says. "I help them improve their skills, and see myself more a coach than a foreman."

Project funding comes from different sources. SAU6 earmarked money from its CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security) Act allocation. Sullivan County, through the DOC, is covering the cost of instruction and use of the SRVRTC's facility and equipment.

Six men signed up to work two 40-hour weeks, familiarizing themselves with the traditional employment environment that they hope to enter following their release. They will get an 80-hour Construction Carpentry Certificate upon completion. Previous TRAILS participants have presented similar certificates as part of a job interview. Several found work immediately upon release.

Jordan Richardson signed on because "I knew it would benefit me. This is helping me move on." Richardson, who has no previous carpentry experience, is looking to the future. "I'm learning new skills and how to run equipment. I'm very thankful for the opportunity."

The 150 safety shields — 50 tall standing wheeled versions for use by teachers, 100 table-top models for use in elementary schools — feature a panel of transparent plexiglass. Eliminating the need for face coverings will

heighten the relationship between teacher and students, Herzog said. It's also better for deaf students who can lip-read and for special education students who feel more comfortable seeing their teachers' faces.

The cost saving to the district is significant. Bennett noted that one cubicle comes in at about \$600 (which includes 15 hours of labor), compared to a market price of \$2,500. Similarly, safety shields on the open market cost several hundred dollars, whereas the project is turning them out for \$68.

The district purchased all the material from Lavalley Building Supply in Claremont. "We really appreciate what the store manager, Scott Chaffee, did for us," said Bennett. "Everyone in the country has been buying up construction supplies. But Scott went out of his way to get us everything we needed, especially the plexiglass."

The TRAILS team is also building three cubicles based on a prototype developed by the The New England Center for Children. "NECC is the leader in autism education and research," said Ben Nester, SAU6's director of special education. The cubicles minimize sensory stimulation, which helps students focus on a task. All four will be used as both a quiet workspace and a "de-escalation" place when a student is "acting up" and needs to be separated from others. They will be at Bluff Elementary School, noted Nester, where "we've contracted with NECC to have a class, which is quite a coup."

"This is a true community project," noted Herzog. "The school district is buying supplies from a Claremont business. Sullivan County is funding the actual construction at the tech center. The schools are getting safety devices at a cost that saves the district a lot of money. Definitely a win-win-win all around."

"I couldn't be more proud of the way the district invested in this project," added Bennett. "I'm learning something from these men every day. They have a great work ethic. In turn, they're finding out that there are helpful, compassionate teachers who want them to feel a sense of accomplishment. And since everything they're



Mike Bennett is seen clearly behind the plexiglass of two safety shields, which he designed. The large model has wheels so a teacher can move it around the classroom. The smaller one is designed for table-top use in elementary schools; space at the bottom serves as a pass-through for papers. The shields will be delivered with no more than a basic stain, to encourage a friendly design competition among teachers (Eric Zengota photo).

building will help protect students and teachers, I'm happy to celebrate their work."

The TRAILS participants will construct three cubicles based on this prototype, which was built by the district's maintenance staff. Special education students can choose this as a quiet workspace. The cubicles can also be used for "de-escalation," when a student needs to be separated from others in order to calm down (Eric Zengota photo).



The team inserts a sheet of plexiglass between the two halves of a frame. The frame is then drilled together, but it can easily be dismantled so that all the pieces can be reused (Eric Zengota photo).





Progress on Many Fronts

Given the challenges that many are facing during this pandemic, a community making progress in numerous areas might seem unlikely. However, such is the case in Claremont. It is not a new phenomenon for the City. In the most challenging periods of our nation's history, we have chosen to invest in ourselves. It is an approach that has proven successful throughout the centuries and continues to this day.

Most every morning I take long walks around different parts of the city. It is a chance to see the city from a different vantage point other than the driver's seat. What I have seen throughout the spring and summer months is inspiring and speaks of community pride and determination to move forward despite today's challenges. Whether public or private, business or residence, there are countless examples of people investing in themselves and in their community. Here are just a few examples of what has happened in 2020:

Goddard Block – Previously condemned due to non-compliance of fire and safety codes, this building was completely gutted and rebuilt to house 36 new apartment units and commercial space. Earlier this year, the project, representing over an \$11M investment, was completed. It is the largest investment in the city center since the completion of the mill project in 2009.

McGee Toyota – Earlier this summer, the dealership completed the construction of its new building on Charlestown Road. This new, larger, state of the art building will enable McGee Toyota to expand its operations, improve customer service and employ more people.

Arrowhead Ski Lodge – Run by volunteers committed to providing winter recreational activities at affordable prices, this facility has become a regional draw for tourists. As a non-profit it is difficult to acquire the financial resources needed for capital improvements. However, unanticipated revenue that the city

received from the state last October, provided the funds needed to replace the roof, doors, windows and the HVAC system, increasing energy efficiencies and protecting the lodge's longevity.

Claremont School District – Due to financial constraints, school district budgets have historically not included much funding for capital improvements. As a result, maintenance needs have long been deferred, creating many deficiencies and negatively impacting operational costs. As a result of the unanticipated revenue that the school district received last October, many issues are being resolved. Some school facilities are getting new roofs, air conditioning units, drainage and paving. The Dow building on Broad Street has a new chimney and plans are underway to do exterior renovations. All of which ensure that students and faculty are in a healthy environment that promotes learning.

Farwell Block – Owned by the Claremont Development Authority, this building is located in the city center and houses the Claremont Dental Initiative and several other businesses/offices. Due to the condition of the second level, it has been vacant for quite some time. A renovation of the entire second level and the installation of an elevator is almost complete, enabling the Dental Initiative to expand its services and provide the conditions necessary for full building occupancy.

Road Improvements – Because this year's municipal budget includes more funding for roads, improvements can be seen throughout the City. Actions are being taken to protect the longevity of roads recently paved, and address those that have needed attention for quite some time. Paving on Broad Street, one of our main thoroughfares, is almost complete. A new intersection, designed to improve traffic flow and protect public safety, near the Walmart entrance on Washington Street is also nearing completion.

Sidewalk/Trail Improvements – With the receipt of several state-funded grants, sidewalks and the Bobby Woodman Trail have been given greater attention. This year, both Belding and East Street sidewalks were completely replaced. Trail and trail head improvements were also completed on the Bobby Woodman Trail. Such improvements to the walkability of the community are not only attractive to residents, but also those who are contemplating making Claremont their home.

These are just a few examples of the larger investments that are being made in the City

this year. However, it is not a comprehensive picture. Many businesses and homeowners are making improvements to their properties. Volunteers are working throughout the city on beautification projects. Collectively, we are making Claremont a more desirable place to work, live and play. Once again, in times of adversity, we are a community focused on progress.

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

Applications Available for Claremont MakerSpace Artist in Residence Program

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont MakerSpace (CMS) Artist In Residence Program is designed to empower New Hampshire and Vermont based artists with tools, training and space to create compelling new work. Each CMS Artist In Residence receives \$800 towards the creation of new work at the CMS, two months of Unlimited CMS Membership, a dedicated studio space at the CMS, and training to use new tools. Each residency runs for two months.

All mediums and levels of experience are welcome to apply. Residencies are open to both NH and VT artists. Artists from New Hampshire may apply to any of the five residency periods. Artists from Vermont may apply for the second and fifth residency.

Applications for the next residency (R2) are being taken now. With the disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic, specific start dates to the next residency periods will be decided at a later time. To apply for the CMS Artist In Residence program, please fill out the online application.

Visit <https://claremontmakerspace.org/special-programs/> for more information.

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How Can You Help Lower Your Longevity Risk?

The investment world contains different types of risk. Your stocks or stock-based mutual funds could lose value during periods of market volatility. The price of your bonds or bond funds could also decline, if new bonds are issued at higher interest rates. But have you ever thought about longevity risk?

Insurance companies and pension funds view longevity risk as the risk they incur when their assumptions about life expectancies and mortality rates are incorrect, leading to higher payout levels. But for you, as an individual investor, longevity risk is less technical and more emotional: it's the risk of outliving your money.

To assess your own longevity risk, you'll first want to make an educated guess about your life span, based on your health and family history. Plus, you've got some statistics to consider: Women who turned 65 in April of this year can expect to live, on average, until age 86.5; for men, the corresponding figure is 84, according to the Social Security Administration.

Once you have a reasonable estimate of the number of years that lie ahead, you'll want to take steps to reduce your longevity risk. For starters, try to build your financial resources as much as possible, because the greater your level of assets, the lower the risk of outliving them. So, during your working years, keep contributing to your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan.

Then, as you near retirement, you will need to do some planning. Specifically, you will need to compare your essential living expenses – mortgage/rent, utilities, food, clothing, etc. – with the amount of income you'll get from guaranteed sources, such as Social Security or pensions. You do have some flexibility with this guaranteed income pool. For example, you can file for Social Security benefits as early as 62, but your monthly checks will then be reduced by about 30 percent from what you'd receive if you waited until your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67.

You might also consider other investments that can provide you with a steady income stream. A financial professional can help you choose the income-producing investments that are appropriate for your needs and that fit well with the rest of your portfolio.

After you've determined that your guaranteed income will be sufficient to meet your essential living expenses, have you eliminated longevity risk? Not necessarily – because "essential" expenses don't include unexpected costs, of which there may be many, such as costly home maintenance, auto repairs and so on. And during your retirement years, you'll always need to be aware of health care costs. If you have to dip into your guaranteed income sources to pay for these types of bills, you might increase the risk of outliving your money.

To avoid this scenario, you may want to establish a separate fund, possibly containing at least a year's worth of living expenses, with the money held in cash or cash equivalents. This money won't grow much, if at all, but it will be there for you when you need it.

With careful planning, adequate guaranteed income, a sufficient emergency fund and enough other investments to handle nonessential costs, you'll be doing what you can to reduce your own longevity risk. And that may lead to a more enjoyable retirement.

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NHIAA Releases Statement on Return to Sports

CONCORD, NH—The New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) released the following statement on July 30 regarding school-based sports:

“Over the past several months, the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) via its Sports Medicine Committee



has been working diligently on return to play guidelines for school-based athletics in the state of New Hampshire. This dedicated group of individuals represents Physicians, Certified Athletic Trainers, Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Administrators, and University Professors across the state of New Hampshire.

“In addition to the work of the Sports Medicine Committee, sport-specific guidance on the return to play was sought from each of the NHIAA committees overseeing sports sanctioned during the fall season. These conversations were guided by suggested rule modification documents produced by the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS). Input was given as to rule changes/modifications necessary and specific to each sport. These additional guidelines were approved by the sport-specific committees as well as the Sports Medicine Committee.

“The NHIAA Council, comprised of Principals, Athletic Directors, Superintendents, Coaches, and a State School Board Member, met this morning and took action on the following items:

“While the Council and the NHIAA do not decide if sports are offered, they did unanimously reaffirm the recognition of all the fall sports for the 2020-2021 school year.

“By unanimous consent, the Council approved NHIAA Return to Play Guidance document. New to this document was a third phase which includes practices, training sessions, competitions, games, and tournaments/jam-

borees. Guidelines vetted and approved by Governor Sununu’s Economic Re-Opening Task Force and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services provided the foundation upon which the NHIAA’s recommendations are based.

“Finally, the Council approved a delay to the start of fall sports. All fall sports will be permitted to begin practices on Tuesday, September 8th. Decisions on the first date to play contests will be forthcoming.

“We recognize that returning to interscholastic competition this fall will be individual school decisions. We hope, however, that the guidelines provided by the state of New Hampshire, the NHIAA, and the actions taken thus far by the NHIAA Council will help schools and districts make informed decisions about what is best for their student-athletes this coming fall.”

Swinging for the Fences

RBIs and Homers Dominating Recent Softball Games

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Call them sluggers. Those softball players who bash 'em over the fence at Veterans Park, that is. Those determined athletes who step up to the plate, then round the bases at an easy pace when they see the ball sail into the parking lot.

There’s a lot of such hard-driving play at the games played in Claremont’s Adult Softball Leagues. The summer season, administered

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Justin Martin, Ink Factory shortstop, connects for another of his home runs (Eric Zengota photo).

Softball, from A19

as usual by the Parks & Recreation Department, got off to a late, COVID-19-delayed start. But now that the full schedule extends into September, every team in both the modified and the coed slow-pitch divisions is battling to make the playoffs. After that, the divisions' championships are on the line.

Follow the teams' schedules by choosing coed slow-pitch and modified divisions in the drop-down box at: <https://www.leaguelineup.com/schedules.asp?url=claremontsports>

As of last week, the Free Agents and the Grown Ups led the modified division with matching records of 4 wins and 1 loss. The Benchwarmers were on top of the coed slow-pitch division with a 3 and 0 record.

Keep up to date on all the teams' standings at:

https://www.leaguelineup.com/standings_baseball.asp?url=claremontsports&divisionid=844218&list-type=0

The Basics

When: Modified plays Mondays through Thursdays, 6:30 and (on Monday and Tuesday) 8pm. Coed games start at 8am Sundays.

Where: Veterans Park, 25 Veterans Park Road, Claremont.

Cost: Free.

Food and drinks: Bring your own. But note: Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all City parks.

Top: Tyler Kerr of the Free Agents is about to send the ball into the parking lot for a 2-run homer. **Bottom:** This speedy runner thwarts an infielder's attempt to throw him out at first (Eric Zengota photos).



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Inspiration

Four Leaf Clover

By Priscilla Hull

Have you walked in a meadow somewhere and found a four leaf clover? Good luck to you, if you have. Maybe I've found two in 8 decades, but I have a sister who can walk into a field, look down and pick a four leaf clover! I've always envied her that. We have an Aunt Clara who did the same thing. Me? I can crawl around on my hands and knees for half an hour and still come up short handed.

I may not find four leaf clovers, but I'll never stop admiring this hardy, perennial ground cover and always will host it in my yard. We all know that clover is essential to honey bees. Clover honey is the best, with thyme a close second. It is also well loved by bumblebees. I love to see a bumblebee with its legs loaded with pollen scabbling among the clover in a field to get more, more, more! Honeybees too, but they are smaller and daintier. Gotta love bees of any kind and what they do for Mother Nature.

Clover has an important place in the realm of nature. A lawn full of clover is not only pretty to look at, it also is beneficial. Of course, all the grazing creatures that we take for granted love clover, and it is full of phosphorus, protein and calcium for them, therefore, us. Clover dries well and stores those nutrients, so it is great for winter fodder for cows, sheep and others. It also is high in nitrogen which is necessary for plant propagation.

Clover spreads by seeding, but also by root underground. This is very good for soil maintenance as the webbing helps avoid soil erosion, thus making it possible to grow a grassier, greener lawn. As the lawn is mowed, of course the clover trimmed restores nitrogen and other "fertilizer" to the soil. Good idea, this, no chemicals to leech through the soil and contaminate/pollute our ecosystem.

We all know that clover comes in several colors: pink, white, red and rarer yellow. Around here we mostly see the bold pink clover which grows fairly tall and has large deep green leaves and the diminutive white clover whose leaves are not as vividly green and whose flowers are smaller than its bolder cousin. Both are good and both can grow four leaves.

Look around in yards and meadows. Watch the bee activity in your yard. Visit a meadow. Most important, let the humble clover grow in your yard, maybe you'll find a four leafed clover! Lucky you!

Gracious speech is like clover honey - good taste for the soul and quick energy for the body.
Proverbs 16:21b

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



Calendar Of Events

CDA to Hold Meeting Aug. 19

CLAREMONT, NH—Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court 892 in Claremont will start to meet again, on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 6:30 PM, St. Joseph Church Hall, Elm St. This will be a business meeting followed by a Bingo program. Face masks will be required, and tables and chairs will be "socially distanced" as recommended under Covid Safety Precaution Protocols. Members are encouraged to attend in order to maintain a quorum and conduct business since the last physical meeting was held in Feb. 2020.

Acworth Woman's Club Yard, Plant and Bake Sale

Saturday, August 8th

9am-2pm

Tamarack Farm
513 Route 123A
in Acworth, NH

Come on over and join the fun as we raise money for local charities and causes. Find an irresistible treasure, an amazing home baked pie, or some beautiful plants for your garden. This year we are also celebrating 100 years of women's suffrage!

'Through the Eyes of Neverland' at the COH

CLAREMONT, NH—The Repertory Theater at the Claremont Opera House (AKA The REP) is bringing back community theater this summer with a social distancing show at the Claremont Opera House. The performance, "Through the Eyes of Neverland", is a new take on the original Peter Pan story told through the perspective of five main characters. The show includes modern music and original choreography. The Claremont Repertory is proud to have the directing team of Stacy Bathrick, Larissa Cahill, Craig Woodbury, and set designer, Amy McQuoid. Brandi Laplante wrote the adaptation, with costumes designed by Savannah Bathrick. Many local

community members including children, teens, and adults round out the cast, making a production for all ages by all ages.

The performance dates are August 7th at 7:00pm, August 8th at 7:00pm, and August 9th at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$10.00 (children under age 5 are free). Tickets will be purchased at the door. COH and the Claremont Repertory are committed to the safety of our patrons and performers, so please bring a mask for use while purchasing tickets and getting seated. Please be aware that patrons will be seated six feet apart for the performance. COH ushers will guide your party to safe and appropriate seating.

"Through the Eyes of Neverland" is an original adaptation which tells the story of Peter Pan in a unique way; breaking the story into five scenes told through the eyes of Wendy, Tinkerbell, The Lost Boys, Captain Hook, and of course, Peter himself. The show incorporates modern music to enhance the story; including songs such as "Somewhere Out There," "Invincible," "Lost Boy," "Lonesome Loser," "When I See You Again," and many more. This is a family friendly show, meant to bring our community back together in a safe way to celebrate performing arts and bring some magic and whimsy into this challenging time. As the story of Peter Pan is about a boy who won't grow up, it is an opportunity to remind ourselves that change is often a part of our lives. Although it will be a different kind of theatrical experience, we hope that the performance offers an escape and lifts our spirits with this timeless tale.

Waypoint Presents CampOut – Virtual Style, to Benefit Local Kids

LEBANON, NH—Waypoint's Upper Valley regional board presents CampOut – Virtual Style, Saturday, August 29, to benefit children at risk throughout the Upper Valley.

Because of the pandemic, the event will be DIY-styled and socially distanced this year, with participants camping out each in their own way and in a place of their choosing; campers may spend the night out in the woods, in the backyard, on the porch, or on the living room floor under a ceiling fan.

The CampOut is a peer-to-peer fundraiser in which people register as campers online and then share their campaign weblink with friends

and family as a way to raise interest in the agency's work in the community and raise money to support critical services.

Proceeds from the event will enable Waypoint to:

- Serve as a lifeline and line of defense for kids at risk of abuse or neglect
- Provide trauma treatment for those who've endured adverse childhood experiences
- Work to preserve families who are in distress and on the brink
- Optimize chances for children with chronic health conditions
- Empower struggling families with what they need to succeed
- Build a foster care support system for kids who need out of home placement
- Advocate at the legislative level to protect the rights and well-being of all children in NH

For further information and to participate in the Waypoint CampOut—Virtual Style, visit www.waypointnh.org, or call 603-518-4156. There is no fee to register but donations are welcome.

Waypoint is an independent, nonprofit organization, formerly known as Child and Family Services of NH. Accredited by the Council on Accreditation, Waypoint is the oldest human service/children's charitable agency in New Hampshire. The Waypoint mission is to empower people of all ages through an array of human services and advocacy.

VeggieVanGo Pickup Dates

VeggieVanGo has been temporarily relocated to Windsor High School, State Street entrance, Lower Level; the remaining pickup dates are August 4 and 11, from 10 -11am.

VeggieVanGo is a program of the Vermont Food Bank (VFB) to provide fresh produce, perishable products and shelf stable food to Vermonters facing hunger. Several Vermont hospitals, including Mt. Ascutney Hospital, work in partnership with the VFB to promote better health for Vermont families.

The World at Home: Stillness, Inspiration, and Change

CORNISH, NH—Saint-Gaudens Memorial and Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park

are pleased to announce this adapted season for 2020. We are sad that we will not be together in the Little Studio this summer, but the distance will make our return together all the sweeter. For this 2020 Season we are proud to partner with our friends at the West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts for three of our presentations, highlighting our mutual passions of creation, exploration, and innovation.

Concerts will be broadcast at 2pm on YouTube (Saint-Gaudens Memorial channel) and Facebook (Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park Page).

Visit us at saint-gaudens.org and wcc-ma.org.

Aug 9 - Women Composers of New England with Virginia Eskin piano, and guests Melissa Richmond, flute, and Angela Biggs, soprano. Works by Beach, Bauer, and Crawford.

Aug 23 - 15th Annual Rosamond Edmondson Concert - Great Piano Repertoire performed by Sally Pinkas, with guest Melissa Richmond, flute. Works by Brahms, Schumann, Reinecke, Molina, Santiago, Chopin, Paterno, and Piazzolla.

Sept 6 - Family Picnic at Home Day: Dance and Drum! - Visit drummers and dancers in the traditions of Japan, Egypt, and West Africa with Karim Nagi, Theo Martey, and Burlington Taiko Group. This program is a presentation by Saint-Gaudens Memorial and the West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts.

Sept 20 - Creations for a New Day and Reflections on Home - new works and arrangements for few musicians - with Layale Chaker, Kinan Azmeh, and Dinuk Wijeratne. This program is a presentation by Saint-Gaudens Memorial and the West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts.

The 20th Annual Springfield Hospital Golf Challenge Set for September 16

SPRINGFIELD, VT—It is that time of the year again, when Springfield Hospital hosts its annual Golf Challenge. The tournament takes place at the prestigious Okemo Valley Golf Club in Ludlow, VT, on Wednesday, September 16.

Besides the amenities offered by this golf course, golfers in this premier tournament receive a hearty box lunch at sign in, participa-

tion in course contests, and a special participation gift.

A and B flights ensure that golfers compete at their own level and increase the number of winning teams. Gift certificates to Okemo's pro shop are awarded to more than 1 out of every 4 golfers in the tournament.

There are hole-in-one prizes on all par 3 holes, including a new vehicle, and \$10,000 cash. Participants can compete for the longest putt and straightest drive.

A four-player scramble, the Springfield Hospital Challenge has an 11am start on Wednesday, September 16. We will be following the current State of VT, VT Golf Association and CDC guidelines at the time of the event, so tee times may need to be assigned. Players can enter as a team or as individuals. The entry fee for this fundraiser is \$150 per person.

Space is limited due to COVID-19 restrictions, so act soon. To enter or sponsor this year's Springfield Hospital Challenge, go to www.SpringfieldHospitalGiving.org/golf or contact Sandy Peplau at 802-885-7686 or speplau@springfieldmed.org.

Contact Info For Help for Vets

For those Veterans who live out in the Keene, Claremont, and Western part of NH, the Veteran Services Officer who usually works that area will be unable to assist you for a while. Until he returns, we are asking that you reach out to Cynthia Fisher (NH Division of Veterans Services Admin) at (603) 624-9230, Ext. 301 and she will get you an appointment with another Service Officer who can assist you in the interim.

Mid-Summer Farmers Market in Sunapee at MRA

SUNAPEE, NH—There will be a new Farmers Market this summer at Mount Royal Academy, Seven Hearths Lane in Sunapee. The final event will be 8th, and will run from 9 am to 1 pm. There will be live music, coffee, baked goods, local produce, and goods for all. There will be plenty of parking available for vendors and shoppers in the MRA parking lot, as well as on the lower soccer field.

Claremont Parks & Rec Outdoor Classes

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont Parks and Recreation has announced it is offering outdoor fitness classes and that "As per the governor's direction we are limiting our classes to 10 people max., we are asking that all individuals maintain the 6 ft social distancing practice before and after classes, and 8 - 10 ft. during classes, we are also encouraging all participants to wear a mask to and from class and to bring your own mat and water. We thank you for helping us make these classes successful."

For details on classes, please go to claremontparks.com and click on online program registration. You can also find information at <https://www.facebook.com/ClaremontParks/> or call 603 542-7019.

What's Happening at the Plainfield Libraries

Preschool Storytime on Facebook Live
Fridays at 10 am

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

RVAPL Potluck Dinner

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

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

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

Paint Nite! Unleash Your Inner Artist

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

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

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

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



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Bingo at Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497 has announced that Bingo has returned Wednesdays to the Post Hall at 365 Lover's Lane Road, Charlestown, NH. Early Birds at 5:00 p.m. and regular Bingo at 6:30 p.m.

The Post recommends anyone wishing to attend conduct a self determination as to whether or not you are in good health, i.e., no high temperature, no dry cough, etc. If you aren't healthy – stay home! The next recommendation is that if you can't maintain 6 feet social distancing at an indoor facility, then you should wear a face mask / covering, wash your hands frequently and / or use hand sanitizer.

Gaming laws prohibit anyone under 18 from playing bingo.

Saint-Gaudens Memorial Programming Update

CORNISH, NH—Due to COVID-19, the Saint-Gaudens Memorial, in collaboration with the Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park, has canceled or substantively altered programming for the 2020 season. Please check previous listing for concerts, and the website for exhibitions, and sculpture workshops pages for additional details.

The park grounds and trails are open for your enjoyment.

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

Summer Parking in Sunapee Harbor

Parking in Sunapee Harbor during the busy summer months can be a challenge if you are not familiar with our designated parking areas and restrictions. Our "Parking in Sunapee Harbor" video shows you where to park your vehicle and where you can park a boat trailer. Go to the police department's webpage at <https://www.town.sunapee.nh.us/police> and you'll see our video listed in the left sidebar. Always feel free to call the Police Department at 763-5555 for parking and any other questions you may have.

A Message from ServiceLink

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

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

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

Call 1-866-634-9412 toll free or find us online link. Direct phone numbers and email addresses for each local office are listed on our website. If you reach our voice mail box, please leave a message.

Offices are located in Atkinson, Berlin, Claremont, Concord, Keene, Laconia, Lebanon, Littleton, Manchester, Nashua, Stratham, Rochester, and Tamworth.

Now through October: Livestream from Saint-Gaudens

Need something to do during your lunch hour? Tune into a livestream with Saint-Gaudens NHP Sculptor-in-Residence.

Watch and engage with Saint-Gaudens NHP's Sculptor-in-Residence, Zoe Dufour, virtually via Facebook Wednesdays-Sundays, 12-1PM through October.

Even if you're not on Facebook, you can watch the livestream here:

<https://www.facebook.com/SaintGaudensNPS/>

Socially Distanced Outdoor YOGA Friday Mornings, Ongoing 8:30 am - 9:30 am Newport Town Common, North Main Street

Price: \$12.00 to \$40.00 —\$12 single session / \$40 for a four-class pass

NEW! Socially Distanced Outdoor -All Levels Yoga – Fridays, 8:30-9:30 am Now Meeting OUTDOORS on the Newport, NH Town Common

This socially distanced class will adhere to all current regulations for in-person yoga classes during COVID-19. This class is designed for any student looking to practice yoga. Movement will be linked with breath (as offered by the Hatha and Kripalu traditions of yoga), as well as focus on alignment, and attention paid to honoring your own organic movement.

Students can expect to practice both seated and standing poses as well as focus on balance and breath. Please bring your own mat and any props you would like, as sharing supplies is discouraged at this point. Scholarships available. Drop-ins welcome.

Find out more at libraryartscenter.org/yoga/.

School District Summer Meal Program Continues

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont School District has announced the continuation of its meal program through the Summer. Breakfast and lunch meals will be available for pick-up daily at each school from 9am-12pm. Friday's meal service will also provide meals for Saturday and Sunday.

These meals are available at no cost for anyone 18 and under.

Area Grocery Store Hours Reserved for High Risk Population

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

MARKET BASKET 6 AM - 7 AM EVERY DAY Claremont

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

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

SHAWS 7AM - 9AM TUES & THURS West Lebanon

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Claremont, Zoning Board of Adjustment
will meet on
Monday, August 3, 2020 7:00 PM

*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City is suggesting citizens participate in this meeting by Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

Online: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88959551701?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88959551701?pwd=QTl1b3N5ZUVTU2JVWk5ySHBma3BWdz09)

[pwd=QTl1b3N5ZUVTU2JVWk5ySHBma3BWdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88959551701?pwd=QTl1b3N5ZUVTU2JVWk5ySHBma3BWdz09)

Passcode: 250908 By Phone: 1-646-558-8656 US (New York) Webinar ID: 889 5955 1701

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

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

A. (ZO 2020-00016) Turning Points Network, 11 School Street – Application for a variance from Section 22-113 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit construction of an elevator shaft in the side setback at 231 Broad Street. Tax Map 132, Lot 54. Zoning District: PR (Continued from 7/6/2020)

B. (ZO 2020-00017) Brian Desmarais, 304 Old Newport Road – Application for a variance from Sections 22-113, 22-166 and 22-167 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit expansion of a nonconforming use at 653 Washington Street. Tax Map 135, Lots 19 and 20. Zoning District: RR

C. (ZO 2020-00018) Brian Desmarais, 304 Old Newport Road – Application from a variance from Sect. 22-169 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit building in the front setback at 653 Washington Street. Tax Map 135, Lots 19 and 20. Zoning District: RR

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 during the hearing, or

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

By email at cityplanner@claremontnh.com.

Michael Hurd, Chair

PUBLIC NOTICE**Claremont Development Authority**

Full Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 8:30 AM

*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City is suggesting citizens participate in this meeting by Zoom.

Join online at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87357021282?pwd=UE5BbDM5THJkb-](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87357021282?pwd=UE5BbDM5THJkb-VZ6WmdtNVFYUGU4UT09)

[VZ6WmdtNVFYUGU4UT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87357021282?pwd=UE5BbDM5THJkb-VZ6WmdtNVFYUGU4UT09)

Passcode: 286531 Or Telephone: 1 646 558 8656

(New York) Webinar ID: 873 5702 1282

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

Remembering Loved Ones...

Life Tributes 

Obituaries May Be Found On Our Website

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

www.etickernewsclaremont.com

Paul N. Mailhot, 65

Paul N. Mailhot, 65, of Acworth, NH, died Monday (July 20, 2020) at The Jack Byrne Center in Lebanon, NH, following a period of failing health.

He was born in Newport, VT, on April 10, 1955, the son of Norman and Jeanette (Huott) Mailhot and had been a longtime area resident. Paul had been employed as a machinist by Sturm Ruger & Company and had also been employed by Timberpeg. He was veteran of the United States Navy. He enjoyed listening to music, playing the guitar and was a pool enthusiast.

Members of his family include three daughters, Caroline Mailhot, Acworth, NH; Rebecca Mailhot, Claremont, NH; April Mailhot, CT; four grandchildren, Jack Blaine, Nathan Berube, Taylor Berube, Matthew Berube, his father, Norman Mailhot, CT; a brother, Mike Mailhot, CT; four sisters, Pauline Braddock, CT; Gail Ariola, Claremont, NH; Diana Reed, Goshen, NH; Joanne Orton, VT; and several nieces and nephews.

In keeping with his wishes there will be no services at this time. You are invited to share a memory of Paul with the family or send a message of condolence in the family guest book at www.royfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Roy Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

Mary Stevens, 98

Mary Stevens, 98, of Claremont, NH, passed away peacefully on July 28, 2020, at the Jack Byrne Center at Dartmouth Medical Center from a stroke that she had suffered a week before. Mary had been a resident of Silver Maples Residential Living in Claremont since 2017.

Mary was born in New Hampton, NH, on December 04, 1921, to Ralph and Emma (De-Fosses) Jones. She met her future husband, Harry D. Stevens, Sr at the rollerskating rink in Bristol and they later married on December 24, 1941 in Concord. They were married 64 years when Harry died in 2005.

They moved to Claremont in 1946 when Harry was hired at Joy Manufacturing. After her children started to school, Mary worked for many years in retail for JJ Newberry Co., The Queen Shop and the IGA until all of the stores closed.

Upon retirement, Mary and Harry traveled throughout the United States in their motor home before settling in Ft Myers, Florida where they spent their winters. They loved camping and they enjoyed taking their granddaughters along on camping and fishing trips during the summer. A yearly multi – family camping to York, Maine was a tradition for many years. During her winters in Florida, Mary was an avid seashell collector on the beaches of Sanibel Island. Mary also enjoyed flowers and vegetable gardening, sewing, and skiing.

Mary was predeceased by her parents, two brothers and five sisters.

She is survived by her son, Harry Stevens, Jr and his wife, Carole of Claremont, a daughter, Sandra Ennis and her husband, Alan of Cornish and her sister Ilene Booth of Plaistow, NH. She is also survived by four granddaughters, Darcy Fifield (Darryl) of Cornish, Mary Bourque (Michael) of Wilmot, Erin Stevens of Laconia and Katherine Tourville (Adam) of Guilford.; four great granddaughters, Amelia Field, Caroline Bourque, Abigail Bourque, and Charlotte Tourville; and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

There will be no visiting hours or service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurses or a charity of your choice.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

William Tucker

William (Bill) Tucker of Charlestown, NH, formerly of Granby MA, passed away unexpectedly on July 23, 2020, surrounded by his family. Born in Springfield, MA, on December 29, 1939, to the late Dwight "Bud" & Blanche (Oliver) Tucker, Bill was a graduate of Ludlow High School. He married Helen (Harer) Tucker (deceased) on October 28, 1961 and they had three daughters. Bill was a lifelong trucker, he enjoyed seeing the country and meeting friends wherever he went. An avid horseman, Bill enjoyed competing in Team Penning events and was proud to have participated in The Great Florida Cattle Drive. If you were to ask him about his favorite vacation he'd tell you about being a ranch hand at McGarry's Ranch in Rexburg, Idaho. He was a cowboy who was born 50 years too late.

Bill is survived by his daughters and their families; Beth and Glenn Cooke, Tammy Bibeau and Bob Adamites, Brenda and Teraisa Tucker; his grandchildren: Tim Cooke and fiancée Sara Smith, Rob Cooke, Carrie Bibeau, Ethan Bibeau, and Justin Tucker; his brother Tom Tucker and his wife Anne, and his sister Nancy Sedlak. Bill also had many cousins, nieces, nephews, and in-laws. He enjoyed spending time with his daughters and grandchildren, especially their annual trips to Cape Cod, trips into town with his neighbors, Bobbie and Liz, and stopping in on the gang at Beaudry Enterprises.

A private memorial service will be planned by the family at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the American Lung Association.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Roland F. St. Laurence, 93

Roland F. St. Laurence, 93, formerly of Claremont, NH, died Monday, July 27, 2020, at The Pines Nursing Home in Rutland, VT. He was born in Granby, Canada on March 13, 1927, the son of Josephat and Georgianna (Senechal) St. Laurence. Roland was a veteran of World War II serving in the US Army.

He was a self-employed truck driver, driving for St. Laurence Trucking, he retired in 1991. He had also worked for the Claremont School District, 13 years as a custodian and 2 years driving buses; the Claremont Coca Cola Bottling Company, Fred

King's Trucking, woven label, Claremont Parks and Highway Department.

He had been a member of Southern Vermont Old Time Fiddlers.

He was a great Pepere.

He is survived by his children, Aline Casey of Rutland, VT, Norman St Laurence and his wife, Brenda of Charlestown and Janet Patridge and her husband, Fred of Claremont; eight grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, his wife, Florence (Breault) St. Laurence whom he married on June 21, 1947 and she died in 2001 and his sister, Janet Dubreuil.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Joseph Church in Claremont on Saturday, August 1st. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Donald F. Kinson, 90

Donald Francis Kinson, 90, passed away July 25 at the New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton, NH. He was born November 26,

1929.

Don served in the United States Marines during the Korean War, November 1951 to November 1953 attaining the rank of Sergeant. Don earned the Korean War Service Medal with two stars, UN Service Medal, Letter of Commendation with Valor and the National Defense Medal. Don was a member of the American Legion, Vergennes, Vermont and a Life Member of the First Marine Division Association.

January 22, 1954, he married Barbara Lee Ripley. They raised 4 sons together. They resided in Charlestown, New Hampshire most of their lives.

Don worked many jobs throughout his life from picking up milk from local farms and delivering to the creamery in Bellows Falls to carpentry work. Don retired from MPB Corp, Keene, New Hampshire in 1988. Don traveled during his retirement and after a road trip to Alaska he volunteered for the US Forest Service in Rochester, Vermont. While in Rochester he built many trails and bridges for these trails. He was a major contributor to the Rochester Vermont Forest Service build.

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Don was preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters, his parents Nathaniel and Eloise (Harris) Kinson, a grandson Benjamin Kinson.

He is survived by wife and partner in life Barbara, his sons Donald and wife Lynne of Hayden, ID, Kenneth and wife Mary E of Charlestown, NH, Tony and wife Mary C. of Charlotte, VT, grandchildren Kara, William, Kimberly, Leslie, Breanna, Katie, five great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial service was held at Pine Crest Cemetery in Charlestown, NH, on Friday, July 31, for family and friends.

In lieu of flowers a memorial contribution can be made to the Eloise Kinson Memorial Fund Silsby Library, PO Box 307, Charlestown, New Hampshire 03603 or to the Activities Fund New Hampshire Veterans Home, 139 Winter St, Tilton, New Hampshire 03276.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jean A. Packard, 85

Jean A. Packard, 85, of Claremont, NH, (AKA – Mom, Meme, Ma P, Mrs P, Mrs Packard, Meme Jean and Meme Other) passed away peacefully at her home, Friday afternoon, with Ken, her husband of 60 years, by her side.

She was born in Claremont on December 31st, 1934, and was the daughter of Eugene Locke and Helen (Meyers) Robinson. She grew up and lived in Windsor, VT, for 21 years where she was a 1953 graduate of Windsor High School and became an LPN, before marrying her sweetheart Kendall P. Packard on June 19th 1960. Afterwards, she lived in Claremont, NH, and they raised their 3 children and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, last month.

She is survived by her husband, Kendall (Ken), of Claremont; her son Stuart Packard of Franklin, IN; her daughters Wendy Luck and husband Robert of Newport; and Shelby Lowery and husband Robert (Robby) of Charlestown, NH. She is also survived by her grandson Joshua K. Luck and wife Raenee of Sunapee, NH, and also leaves behind her many beloved “fur, feather, scaly, and fuzzy”, two and four-legged Great-grandbabies.

She was predeceased by her parents and granddaughter, Scotlynn Salome Silfies.

Per her wishes, there will be no services.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made, in her memory, to the

Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice, and to the Claremont Soup Kitchen.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Claremont Senior Center Updates

Masks mandatory during the pandemic, CDC and Universal guidelines are suggested for all members all the time to protect you and me, we thank you for your cooperation and patience on the matter.

Remember, our concerts are great fun, we have good food, good music, and good company. We will continue to social distance. Next up in our Concert Series is Gerry Grimo and the East Baby Jazz on August 8, 6:30 to 8:00. This concert is sponsored by Roz Caplan and Highview Century 21. Our concerts are outside because of the need to social distance so we hope for good weather.

On July 20, the board voted to require that masks or face shields be required to be worn by everyone throughout the building. This is for everyone's safety.

Check it out, our food is great:
Tuesday, August 4- American Chop Suey, freshly made salad, garlic bread, dessert.
Thursday, August 6- Turkey and Ham Grinder w/ all the fixings, Pickles, chips, dessert.
Call 543-5998 to reserve your meal by 10:30AM. Members-\$4, non-members-\$5.
Takeout meals only: Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:45AM – 12:15 PM. Reservations required.
Pick-up-11:45AM-12:15PM. Smile and wave while social distancing. Horn honking is allowed, but not too much.

The Penny Sale, May 8, 2021, is still in need of items. They can be delivered to the reception area on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Don't forget to schedule Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020, for our Winter Craft Fair. We will have a great variety of handmade items on hand. If you wish to join us with your beautiful wares, call 543-5998 or 542-5798 for an application.

Thought for the week: The hope that every day is a new day and that tomorrow could be a better day. The hope that what you are currently feeling and experiencing will pass sooner or later (Frankie Bridge).

Important: Laughter, smiles, and lively conversation are welcome. Smiles and breathing out your nose reduces stress.

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights, Claremont, NH. (603) 543-5998. Smoke Free. Worry Free. Stress Free. Open: Tuesdays-9AM-3PM and 6PM-9PM for Game Night, Fridays-9AM-3PM.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday July 26, 2020

06:49 Responded with E-1 to Whitcomb Lane for a medical call
08:14 Responded with E-1 to Whitcomb Lane for a smoke investigation
14:13 Responded with E-1 to Hewitt Rd. for a tree on wires
17:01 Responded with E-1 to Hanover St. for a medical call
18:19 Responded with E-1 to Prospect Ave for a medical call
18:50 Responded with R-1 and E-1 to Main St. for a motor vehicle accident

Monday, July 27

10:25 Responded with E-1 to Jarvis Hill for a motor vehicle accident
10:47 Responded with E-1 to Maple Ave for a medical call
10:56 Responded with E-1 to School St. for an alarm sounding
11:22 Responded with E-1 to Maple Ave for a well-being check
12:54 Responded with E-1 to School St. for an alarm sounding
13:07 Responded with E-1 to Charlestown Rd. for an alarm sounding
20:45 Responded with E-1 to Broad St. for a medical call
20:58 Responded with E-1 to Sullivan St. for a medical call
21:22 Responded with E-1 to Pleasant St. for a medical call

Tuesday, July 28

05:29 Responded with E-1 to Woodland St. for an alarm sounding
07:31 Responded with E-1 to South St. for a Box Alarm
10:37 Responded with E-1 to Red Water Brook Rd. for a motor vehicle accident
15:54 Responded with E-3 to Unity for a Box Alarm
21:43 Responded with L-1 and R-1 to Chestnut St. for a motor vehicle accident with entrapment

Wednesday, July 29

07:48 Responded with E-1 to Mulberry St. for a transformer issue
 09:03 Responded with E-1 to Timson St. for a medical call
 14:16 Responded with E-1 to Washington St. for a motor vehicle accident
 20:00 Responded with E-1 to Elm St. for an alarm sounding
 21:29 Responded with E-1 to Elm St. for a medical call

Thursday, July 30

07:33 Responded with E-1 to Winter St. for a small brush fire
 19:46 Responded with E-1 to Broad St. for a medical call
 20:26 Responded with E-1 to Myrtle St. for an illegal burn
 23:33 Responded with E-1 to Chestnut St. for a smoke investigation

Friday, July 31

06:31 Responded with E-1 to Broad St. for a Box Alarm

Saturday, August 1

08:04 Responded with E-1 to Pleasant St. for an extinguished fire

Sunday, August 2

08:35 Responded with U-3 to Arrowhead for a small fire

Free Breakfast and Lunch Meals

Free breakfast and lunch meals provided to children and teens 18 and under summer meal program will run through August 7, 2020

WHERE AND WHEN CAN I GET ONE?

Center Church 9:00-9:30
 Old Perkinsville School 9:45-10:15 ABS
 9:30-10:10

Windsor Common 10:25-10:55
 Windsor Resource (Goodyear) 11-11:25
 Hartland Library 10:00-10:30
 Meacham Farm 10:30-11:30

CAN I TAKE IT WITH ME?
 Yes we can offer Grab-n-Go

The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

To join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88968125417?pwd=U010VVk5U29xb0hIVFppSzV1QkZ1UT09>

Passcode: 739587

Or Telephone: 1-646-558-8656; Webinar ID: 889 6812 5417; Password: 739587

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

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 8 and 22, 2020, City Council Meetings
- 6:37 PM 5. MAYOR'S NOTES
- 6:42 PM 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
A. COVID-19 Update
- 6:55 PM 7. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
- 7:00 PM 8. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 23))
- 9. OLD BUSINESS
 - 7:10 PM A. Pleasant Street Update
 - 7:25 PM B. Proposed Council Rule Changes
 - 7:35 PM C. Censure Discussion
- BREAK
- 10. NEW BUSINESS
 - 8:00 PM A. Kurt Beek Memorial Garden (City Manager)
 - 8:10 PM B. 29 Water Street Deed Amendment (City Manager)
 - 8:15 PM C. 29 Water Street Easement (City Manager)
 - 8:20 PM D. 29 Water Street Parking (City Manager)
 - 8:25 PM E. Application for Community Revitalization Tax Relief Program (RSA 79-E) – 29 Water Street (City Manager)
 - 8:30 PM F. Junior Sports League (City Manager)
 - 8:35 PM G. Resolution 2021-8 to Accept and Expend \$125,000 COPS Grant from Dept of Justice – Public Hearing (City Manager)
 - 8:40 PM H. Sullivan House PILOT Agreement (City Manager)
 - 8:50 PM I. Sweetwater Hydro PILOT Agreement – Public Hearing (City Manager)
 - 9:00 PM J. Lower Valley PILOT Agreement – Public Hearing (City Manager)
 - 9:10 PM K. Resolution 2021-7 Establish Capital Reserve for Construction, Reconstruction, or Acquisition of City-Owned Facilities as Specified in the CIP – Public Hearing (Finance Committee)
- 9:25 PM 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 9:30 PM 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 9:35 PM 13. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 9:40 PM 14. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

SHS Alumni Association Awards \$88,750 to 38 Seniors, 48 Post Grad Students

By Carolyn LeBlanc
SHS Alumni Association

Under “normal” circumstances, I would start this article with notes about our annual alumni banquet and the presentation of scholarships as the highlight of the evening, but for the first time in Alumni history, our annual alumni weekend had to be cancelled due to Covid-19. This year, as you all know, has been a time of social distancing, wearing masks, and virtual videos of class night and graduation. All due to a deadly virus which still dictates how we go about our daily lives. What we took for normal now seems a “New Normal”.

The high school administration still managed to present an awards night and a nicely planned graduation at the Claremont Motor-sports Speedway followed by a car parade thru the city. The class of 2020 will well remember their unique and one of a kind graduation.

Due to the abrupt ending of in school studies in March, the Stevens Alumni Association extended the deadline to submit scholarship applications to both the seniors and post grad students. Even under this most challenging time in all our lives, students overcame the odds and submitted applications for scholarships. We commend them for their efforts. The Alumni Association scholarship committee unanimously decided to award each one of these students a scholarship in the hopes that this money will help further their education in whatever educational path they choose to follow.

The SHS Alumni Association awarded \$88,750 to 38 seniors and 48 post grad students.

The following seniors received scholarships:

Clara Avery, Class of 1935 Scholarship
Autumn Stickney, Class of 1935 Scholarship
Brenden Richardson, Class of 1937 Scholarship
Matthew Knowlton, Class of 1944 Scholarship
Tanner Brown, Class of 1958 Scholarship
Lexi Eitapence, Class of 1964 Scholarship
Kaliegh Adams, Dorothy Judd Goodhue Scholarship
Alexis Aiken, Bud and Bucky Tucker Scholarship
Alex Taylor, Bud and Bucky Tucker Scholarship
Callaway Barrette, Marie Grenier Scholarship

Quentin Bicknell, “Queeney” Quimby Scholarship
Ellee Grenier, “Queeney” Quimby Scholarship
Matt Bliss, Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Kaitlin Cox, Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Riley Craig, Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Meghan Mullane, Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Tyler Bonneau, Samuel E. Heller Family Scholarship
Cayla Carpia, Samuel E. Heller Family Scholarship
Fionah Carbee, Robert Hughes Scholarship
Nathan Savo, Robert Hughes Scholarship
Jenna March, Steve Doody Scholarship
Jasmine Gleason, Frederick W. Carr Scholarship
Samantha Hagar, Robert B. Averill Scholarship
Samantha Hagar, Evensen Family Scholarship
Keaghan McAllister, Magoon-Paquette Scholarship
Liberty Laarman, Magoon-Paquette Scholarship
Fallon Lavertue, Wayne Carter Photography Award
Rylee Little, Guy K.C. Wilson Scholarship
Rylee Little, Class of 1965 Anonymous Cash Award
Caleb Royce, Walter Paskevich Music Scholarship
Samuel Sweet, Dennis Prudhomme Scholarship
Meaghan Taylor, Mike Brousseau Scholarship
Joshua Thurber, Donald J Rollins Class of 1972 Scholarship
Evan Woodman, Milford Osgood Scholarship
Madison Sucharzewski, Stevens Alumni Memorial
Tyler Sullivan, Stevens Alumni Memorial
Molly Taylor, Stevens Alumni Memorial
Abigail Williams, Stevens Alumni Memorial
Sydney Miller, Stevens Alumni Memorial
Sydney Miller, Barbara Richards Award
2nd, 3rd, and 4th year students received the following scholarships:
2011
Brittany Root, Rosinski Family Scholarship
2016
Alaina Bandanza, Class of 1950 Scholarship
2017
Timothy Berry, Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Logan Bonneau, Piwowar-Blicharz Family Scholarship
Michael Callum, Stevens Alumni Memorial
Robert Carpia, Class of 1950 Scholarship

Cameron Cullison, Currier Perpetual Scholarship
L. Amber Duford, Class of 1951 Scholarship
Cody Foster, Rotary Club Jeff Patten Scholarship
Jazmyn Griffin, Class of 1951 Scholarship
Coby Hussey, Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Michael Miller, Stevens Alumni Memorial
Cody Schoolcraft, Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Emma Shea, Class of 1954 Scholarship
Memory of Beverly Bonneville Michaud
Nate Treadway, Stevens Alumni Scholarship
2018
Colby Clough, Rosinski Family Memorial
Andrew Friend, Class of 1945 Scholarship
Courtney Gallow, Stevens Alumni Memorial
Drew Grenier, Class of 1961 Scholarship
Mitchell Paquette, Stevens Alumni Memorial
Alexandria Parizo, Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Jacob Rider, Stevens Alumni Memorial
Tre Robidoux, Stevens Alumni Scholarship
Taya Simmons, Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Meghan Wilson, Currier Perpetual Scholarship
2019
Jesse Baril, Stevens Alumni Memorial
Julia Belaire, Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Brooke Bonneau, Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Raegan Burt, Rosinski Family Memorial
Kaitlyn Chambers, Class of 1981 Scholarship
Cameron Eaton, Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Madeline Ferland, Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Dean Ferland Flores, Duncan Littlefield Music Award
Stevens Alumni Memorial
Sophie Foote, Rotary Club Jeff Patten Scholarship
Logan Heino, Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Brandon Jarvis, Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Ethan Johnson, Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Hailey LaClair, Stevens Alumni Memorial
Hannah Lee, Class of 1961 Scholarship
Leeann McCarthy, Albert D. & Helen Farrington Leahy Scholarship
Abigail Miller, Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Amelia Parizo, Stevens Alumni Memorial
Brandon Perry, Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Audrey Puksta, Stevens Alumni Memorial
Ryann Rider, Joseph Rosinski Scholarship
Sarah Ruest, Stevens Alumni Memorial
Caitlyn Strecker, Class of 1945 Scholarship
Maddie Vaine, Stevens Alumni Scholarship