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New Heights in Law Enforcement

\$10,000 Grant Enables County to Develop Drone Project

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—How do you thank an anonymous donor? In the most concise way possible, according to Sullivan County sheriff John Simonds. “We’re very appreciative of the donation, and developing our drone program is the perfect project to spend this on.”

The \$10,000 grant came from the Common Sense Fund, one of the advised funds of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The award letter, which was addressed to county manager Derek Ferland, stated in part, “The grant is to support the sheriff’s department with a specific focus on the purchase of safety equipment.”

The Sheriff’s Office wants to buy two drones. But as Simonds noted, “The grant covers the cost of about one and a half drones. We don’t want to use any tax dollars to fund the equipment, so we’re actively seeking other donations and grants.” The new equipment, he pointed out, does not affect the county’s insurance rates.

Chief Deputy Jeremy Wilson is in charge of the program’s rollout. He and three other deputies selected to be drone pilots will be trained in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration guidelines, commonly referred to as the Part 107 rules for government agencies. They’ll enroll in an online training course, which entails about 25 hours of study time and an exam. After completing the

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Chief Deputy Jeremy Wilson goes online to learn about drone usage by law enforcement agencies. He is also in charge of comparison-shopping the various models before purchasing equipment. At hand is a regional FAA aeronautical map, which drone pilots study in the course of their training (Eric Zengota photo).

Robert S. Adcock Named Chief Executive Officer For Springfield Hospital

SPRINGFIELD, VT—Springfield Hospital’s Board of Directors has announced that Robert S. (Bob) Adcock, MBA, FACHE, of Wildwood, MO, has been named its new Chief Executive Officer. Adcock most recently served as an independent contractor providing administrative consulting services to West Virginia University Hospitals, Inc., and as CEO of Fairmont Regional Medical Center in Fairmont, WV.

Adcock brings more than 30 years of executive leadership at community and specialty hospitals, serving as chief executive officer, administrator, chief operating officer, and other administrative positions in healthcare organizations throughout the country.

As CEO, Adcock will work closely with the Board of Directors and senior leadership in providing strategic and operational leadership

for the hospital.

“I am looking forward to joining Springfield Hospital, and continuing its 107-year tradition of caring for the community and the remarkable achievements its team has made in providing high quality healthcare through some challenging times,” commented Adcock. “I will be working closely with community leaders to

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ensure strong relationships between the hospital and the people it serves," he added.

Chairman Jim Rumrill commented, "On behalf of the Board of Directors, I'm pleased to welcome Bob Adcock to Springfield Hospital." He added, "We look forward to envisioning the future of healthcare in the region and the role Springfield Hospital will play in meeting the needs of our local communities. We also want to recognize the dedication and service of Michael Halstead of QHR Health whose skill and leadership as Interim Chief Executive Officer over the past two years has been of



Robert S. Adcock

great value to our organization," added Rumrill.

Adcock received his master of business administration from the University of Alabama in Birmingham and his bachelor of science degree in commerce and business administration with a major in health-care management from the University of Alabama. He is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and is Board Certified in healthcare management.

Adcock will be re-locating to the Springfield area, and is expected to join Springfield Hospital this week.

In December of 2020, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Vermont confirmed the chapter 11 reorganization plans of Springfield Medical Care Systems and Springfield Hospital. Confirmation of their chapter 11 plans was the final step necessary for the two companies to exit chapter 11 and the culmination of an 18-month debt-adjustment process.

The Chapter 11 reorganization plan was negotiated with several interested parties and included reducing long-term debt to a sustainable level for each company.

between two people and at some point during this altercation there were multiple shots fired from a handgun and a shotgun. Claremont Police responded and located witnesses as well as a firearm at the scene. No one was reported injured.

"Based on the investigation into this event the Claremont Police Department arrested: Kevin Dooley, 30, Claremont, NH."

Dooley was being held without bail at the Sullivan County House of Corrections. Dooley was originally scheduled to be arraigned at Sullivan County Superior Court on April 13, on multiple charges to include:
 Reckless conduct with a deadly weapon - Class B Felony
 Criminal Threatening with a deadly weapon - Class B Felony

The *Valley News* reported that Dooley "waived his arraignment, which was scheduled for Friday morning in Sullivan Superior Court, and the judge entered a plea of not guilty on his behalf, according to court records." The *Valley News* also reported that "The judge adopted prosecutors' proposed bail order to hold Dooley in jail based on 'evidence that the defendant's release will endanger the safety of the defendant or of the public,' according to the proposed order."

This incident is still under investigation. The Claremont Police Department is asking anyone who witnessed this incident to please contact Detective Sergeant Justin Laffin at 603-542-7010.



Kevin Dooley
(CPD photo)

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Arrest Made Following Investigation of 'Shots Fired' in City

CLAREMONT, NH—On April 12 at approximately 7:13 a.m., the Claremont Police Department received multiple calls of a disturbance and shots fired in the area of Paddy Hollow Road and Madison Place in Claremont. According to Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase, "Investigation revealed that an alteration occurred

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course, they'll take a hands-on certification test at the Keene Dillant-Hopkins Airport in Swanzey to earn their Part 107 certification.

Wilson explained the need for two drones. "We'll use one for training and one for calls. We want to start small, which is why we're relying on local grants and donations to fundraise for the second drone." He added, "Once everyone is up to speed, we intend to grow the program. That's when we'll go through the federal grant system for larger drones with more capabilities."

Drones are also known as Small Unmanned Aerial Systems, or sUAS. There are certain guidelines for operating Part 107 sUAS, said Wilson. "For instance, they can't be flown higher than 400 feet, and they must always be in the pilot's sight. Nor can they be used at night or flown in restricted airspace, such as airports."

Guidelines, however, can be put aside in certain situations, such as a night-time pursuit of a suspect. In each case, the office will apply to the FAA for a waiver, which, Wilson noted, is usually granted within 20 minutes. Anyone with questions about the drone program can call the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office at 603-863-4200.

PUBLIC NOTICE Claremont Development Authority

Full Board Meeting

Thursday, April 22, 2021, 7:30 AM, via ZOOM

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The Sheriff's Office will use drones in situations such as:

- *Search and rescue – to assist with missing person investigations, AMBER Alerts, water rescue, lost persons, fleeing suspects, and other search and rescue investigations.*
- *Situational awareness – to assist decision makers (incident command staff/first responders) in understanding the nature, scale and scope of an emergency while planning and coordinating an effective response to that emergency.*
- *Tactical Deployment – to support the tactical deployment of officers and equipment in emergency situations such as hostage situations, barricaded subjects, active shooter, support of large-scale tactical operations and other temporary perimeter-security situations.*
- *Visual Perspective – to provide an aerial visual perspective that will aid staff in providing direction in crowd control scenarios, traffic incident management, temporary perimeter security and other special circumstances.*
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Commentary

NH House Happenings

**By Reps. John Cloutier
and Gary Merchant**

Budget Cuts Open Door to Higher Property Taxes



For three days during the week of April 8th, approximately 380 members of the House of Representatives met each day from 9 AM until 7 PM in Bedford, NH, at a sport complex facility to debate and vote on over 300 bills. The sport complex provided for safe social distancing and most members wore a face mask, keeping Representatives relatively safe from COVID 19.

Day one started off with solid bi-partisan support of HB 25, the Capital Budget. The bill passed the House on a strong voice vote. After the vote on the Capital Budget, the House tackled HB 1 and HB 2, the \$13.6B General Operating Budget. Compared to the prior capital budget, HB 1 faced strong partisan challenges.

As presented, the HB 1 contains significant cuts in the Department of Environmental Services, eliminations of much needed upgrades to various state parks, and underfunding public education by \$90 million. Some Commissioners acknowledged their departments cannot meet statutory obligations with resources allocated to them with this budget.

HB 1 was presented as an "efficiency" budget, one that stays within the means of state. The budget also includes a substantial reduction in business taxes to some of the biggest corporations, many not even located here in the state. The extensive and broad cuts in the budget significantly underfund vital services, programs, and staffing throughout the state workforce.

HB 1 cuts \$4 million from the Department of Safety, resulting in underfunding 50 positions which will likely create delays in service, especially the Department of Motor Vehicles, creating increase in wait times and decrease in service.

HB 1 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to cut \$50 million in general funds. Most department funds are matched dollar for dollar by the federal government, thus a \$50 million cut in state funding may actually become a \$100 million cut to the department.

HB 1 fails to appropriately fund important public health services supporting home visiting programs that help strengthen vulnerable members of our society with individualized support, important parenting education and services, along with access to primary care, and WIC (Women, Infants, and Children).

As expected, HB 1 passed along the partisan divide by a vote of 200 Yea to 178 Nay.

Throughout day one, several amendments were proposed to restore funding of the Department of Health and Human Services for family planning, dental benefit, tobacco prevention and cessation, child services, to name a few. All amendments failed to pass with close votes that fell along party lines.

HB 2, commonly referred to as the 'trailer' bill, contains policies necessary to implement the budget in HB 1. Policies within HB 2 should address financial policy; however, the bill often contains non-fiscal policies of the majority party as a means to bypass contentious and transparent public hearings before a House committee.

Inserted into HB 2 was language of HB 544, a bill that would ban individuals and agencies, including schools and private businesses, that contract with the state from speaking on certain "divisive concepts" as race and sex. HB 544 is a product of the prior presidency directive to federal agencies to curtail trainings that address systemic racism. The bill also includes a provision to provide \$10 million for the state to bail out investors who lost money making bad investments related to a Ponzi scheme.

The budget cuts \$15 million from water grants to local communities, even grants already awarded to local municipalities for water and sewer projects, including over \$400,000 for the city of Claremont.

It also suspends \$20 million in revenue sharing that was in the last state budget. The city of Claremont received over \$2 million in revenue sharing, contributing to the first reduction in the tax rate in many years. How does one spell "Higher property taxes", courtesy of the State of New Hampshire?

Many bills passed the House along strict party lines; however, the House did vote to overturn some key bills such as HB 177 and HB 111. HB 177 came to the full House with a recommendation by the Environment and Agriculture Committee not to pass the bill. HB 111 came to the House from the Judiciary Committee with a strong recommendation to pass the bill.

HB 177 prohibits a landfill within two miles of a state park. New Hampshire relies strongly on revenue related to state tourism, especially rooms and meals tax. Prohibiting a landfill near a state park helps preserves the park for future generations and protects tourism in the state which significantly contributes to the state budget via rooms and meals taxes. The House overturned the committee recommendation to not pass the bill with 171 supporting the recommendation and 187 opposing it. The House passed a subsequent motion to pass the bill with a vote of 197 Yea and 159 Nay.

HB 111 would allow a citizen to sue in state court for an injury caused by an agent of the State of New Hampshire or a municipality if it involved a violation of state or federal law. The law would have waived qualified immunity granted by state law. Municipalities, counties, and state agencies strongly opposed the bill because the bill applies to citizens who voluntarily serve on many city and town boards. Another concern relates to the potential for significant increases in the cost for liability insurance which would trickle down to higher local property taxes. The committee recommendation to pass the bill failed by six votes – 178 Yea to 184 Nay.

Good news for Claremont—HB 88 relative to the City of Claremont police commission. HB 88 changes appointments to the city's police commission from appointments by the city manager to the city council.

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Letter to the Editor

'Give Back' to The Community By Supporting Turning Points Network

To The Editor:

Giving back to one's community is a privilege. At some point in life hopefully, we seek opportunities to give of ourselves in areas where we nourish a passion for helping others. Such opportunities can come in many different faces and many different places. I'd like to recognize Turning Points Network's dedicated staff and volunteers for the amazing work they do to enhance the safety and well-being of victims and survivors of domestic and sexual abuse and stalking in Sullivan County.

TPN services are free. As a non-profit, funds are raised through grants and donations from our business partners and citizens. This past year over 1,000 women, men and children were served as nationwide and locally, unfortunately, the need has risen in the wake of COVID. These services include a sixteen-bed shelter, school-based violence prevention education programs and The Healthy Relationship Project, court advocacy, peer counseling, support groups, safety planning, financial empowerment training, obtaining safe permanent housing and accompaniment to community agencies to apply for additional services for which survivors are eligible.

This non-profit organization is well established and respected in our towns and cities and has been helping to achieve their mission for more than 40 years. As I write this letter, TPN is actively working with sponsors, teams and contributors on the 15th Anniversary of Steppin' Up to End Violence, a Virtual Event this year. Usually an in-person 5K Walk/Run Event, last year it was cancelled due to COVID-19 and this year it's gone virtual. This means team activities are wide open to fresh and creative ideas as to what they will do "anytime, anywhere, any way they want – Now through May 15th."

The Claremont Savings Bank Community Center Peacekeepers' Team, of which I am a member, decided to hike the 5K distance at Moody Park in Claremont. It was a beautiful day, the sun was shining, the sky was blue, the trails were mostly dry and there were no bugs! Team Members enjoyed a bring-your-own lunch and lawn chair, circle of friendship luncheon at the end to celebrate being together again and having raised close to our team goal!

For those who are ready to commit to "giving back", I personally encourage you to reach out to Turning Points Network to get involved in the Steppin' Up Campaign; or ask about other opportunities available. A strong base of dedicated and passionate volunteers can, as the saying goes, "move mountains"! You are invited to be part of the team. Contact Information: www.turningpointsnetwork.org or call 603-543-0155 for more information.

Brenda M. Reed, Charlestown, NH

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HB 88 passed the House overwhelmingly on a strong bi-partisan voice vote. The bill was sponsored and supported by all four of the city state Representatives.

At the end of the three-day marathon with time running out on the contract at the sports complex, the House left approximately 70 bills on the table. One of the bills not voted on was HB 288 that would eliminate the newly created Housing Appeals Board, a hotly debated issue last term. The Housing Appeals Board allows for an efficient way to appeal decisions by local planning boards to this state board. The NH Business and Industry Association and the NH Association of Realtors support having the board. House rules allow bills not addressed this year to be reintroduced next year, which may be the case with this bill.

The budget now goes to the Senate which will most likely make changes. Hopefully one of the changes includes removal of the contentious and divisive HB 544.

The budget passed by the House along party lines provides less state funding to local cities and towns for public schools, eliminates funding for water and sewer grants the state agreed to pay, and reduces support for local non-profit organizations that provide essential services and programs. Bottom line, tax breaks for big corporations and the wealthy mean less money to local municipalities and higher property taxes. Elections have consequences.

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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – April 18, 2021

CONCORD, NH –On Sunday, April 18, 2021, DHHS announced 308 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 2.8%. Sunday's results include 230 people who tested positive by PCR test and 78 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 3,140 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported Sunday:

4/17: 308 new cases

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are fifty-nine individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 47% being female and 53% being male.

The new cases reside in Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (48), Rockingham (46), Merrimack (39), Strafford (34), Belknap (15), Coos (14), Grafton (14), Sullivan (9), Cheshire (8), and Carroll (4) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (39) and Nashua (25). The county of residence is being determined for thirteen new cases.

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

DHHS has also announced four additional deaths related to COVID-19. Two of the deaths occurred in December of 2020 and were recently confirmed as related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends: 1 male resident of Carroll County, 60 years of age and older
1 male resident of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
2 male residents of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older

There are currently 133 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 91,586 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

As of Sunday, there were 23 current positively identified cases in Claremont; 64 in Sullivan County. Newport had a count of 17 Sunapee, 8; Charlestown, 7. Other Sullivan County communities had counts of 1-4, according to DHHS.

Governor Lifts Mask Mandate

On Thursday, Governor Chris Sununu announced that the statewide mask mandate implemented on November 20, 2020, would expire on Friday, April 16.

The announcement followed “a reduction in the state’s 7-day average of daily deaths to 0.6, the lowest since October of 2020 before the mask mandate had been implemented, as hospitalizations remain at a manageable level, and as over 70% of those 65+ have been vaccinated,” said the governor’s office.

State officials did note Thursday that hospitalizations have been on the increase in recent weeks as has the number of daily positive cases identified by DHHS. The state reported that hospitalizations were at the highest number since mid-February. The number of

COVID-19 cases Thursday was placed at 3,763, the highest total since Feb. 6. The number has dropped to 3,140 as of Sunday.

Businesses, municipalities and schools may continue to require mask wearing as they deem appropriate. Health care professionals urged citizens to continue wearing masks, washing hands and social distancing even as vaccinations increase. Businesses will be able to set their own guidelines and policies for employees and customers.

SAU6 superintendent Mike Tempesta told the e-Ticker News that “We will still follow CDC and NH DPH guidelines as part of our School District’s Re-Opening Plan. We do not have any plans to reduce the masking requirements for teachers and students at this time.”

Sununu also announced plans to go from the existing “Safer at Home” guidelines to a Universal Best Practices May 7, essentially transitioning the state to a single, universal set of guidelines instead of mandates. A document detailing those guidelines will be released closer to the May 7 date.

As of April 19, vaccinations will be opened up to everyone in the state, age 16+, regardless of residency, and all schools have been instructed to return to 5 day a week in-person instruction; remote learning will still be offered.

In NH thus far, approximately 43% of the state’s population has received its first dose; 25% is now fully vaccinated.

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.

School Cancelled Due to Teacher Shortage Monday

SAU6 announced Sunday evening that “Due to an extreme number of staff experiencing side effects from their second vaccinations appointments this weekend, there will be no school tomorrow, April 19, 2021, for the Claremont Public Schools. We simply do not have enough available staff to safely operate schools in Claremont tomorrow.

“There will be school for Unity Elementary School tomorrow as there have not been any reported absences.”

Remote instruction was also cancelled for today.

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated April 18, 2021, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	91,586
Recovered	87,176 (95%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	1,270 (1%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	3,140
Current Hospitalizations	133
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)2	683,571
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests2	39,164
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	N/A
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL3	122

'Everything Good Comes From How We Treat Each Other'

CFD Chief Receives RVCC Award

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont fire chief Bryan Burr was recently selected to receive the River Valley Community College President's Community Partner Award.

The honor comes in recognition of his work with the college, starting with its closure last spring because of a concern of exposure to the COVID-19 virus. As the award nomination stated, "Burr offered immediate support by coming to the campus to ensure that staff and

students had everything needed to handle the situation."

"I've stayed in constant communication with the college for the past year," said Burr. "When the campus was selected to be one of the State-authorized vaccination sites, my first thought was, how can I accommodate them?"

Burr, who is also Claremont's emergency management director, feels that he got the award because of his partnerships, which made coordination of the site a much easier project. "Mark Chase and John Simonds are not only colleagues. We've been friends for decades," he said. Chase, the City's chief of police, assigned officers to support the National Guard in easing the flow of on-site traffic. Simonds, the Sullivan County sheriff, provided the county's mobile command post, which stood ready in the parking lot.

Members of the Claremont Fire Department were instrumental in the success of the RVCC site, which distributed up to 600 doses every day. Burr noted, "We had 13 department personnel up there at various times over several months. They must have given out more than 5,000 of the nearly 15,000 vaccinations."

The award also recognized Burr "for his skilled emergency management planning, outreach efforts, and city-wide co-



CFD Chief Bryan Burr (Eric Zengota photo)

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ordination throughout the COVID pandemic. He has been the key link for aligning vital resources to fight the pandemic."

"If someone asks for help or information, I make it happen or find someone who can," Burr said. "Service is the premise of my being."

Friday, April 23rd, 11 AM Intro To Quickbooks

Join Claremont MakerSpace for a free webinar on QuickBooks Online! We will walk you through the basic layout of QuickBooks and point out helpful features and tips.
<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event-list>.

CLAREMONT Energy Advisory Committee PUBLIC Meeting

Monday, April 19, 2021 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
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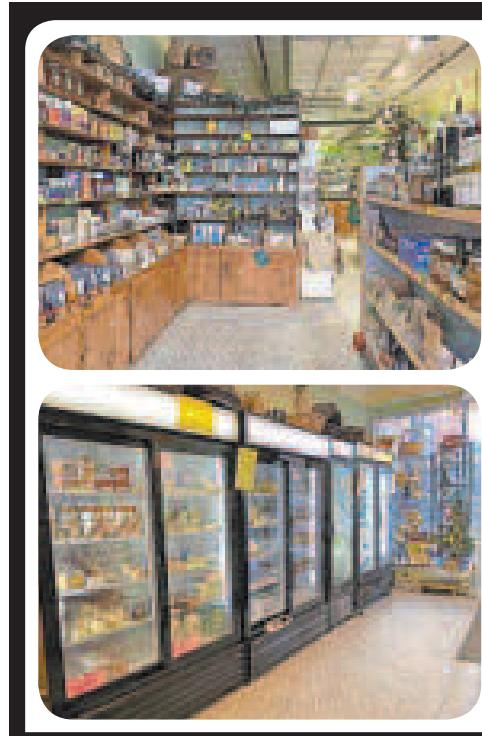
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Let's face it, most of our homes are full of personal belongings including photos, documents, and memorabilia. But have you ever stopped to think whether you or your family members know the stories behind these things? Do you know why your child has that clay model on his/her/their window sill? Or that poster on the back of her/their/his bedroom door? Do you know why your parent keeps that ragged old apron hanging in the pantry? Those eye glasses on a kitchen shelf? What about the objects of seemingly more importance on the mantel or in a display case?

Join Claremont MakerSpace for this intergenerational story-sharing gathering to learn more about one another via the things you/your family keeps.

For more information and to registration, visit: <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event-list>.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 25
CORNISH TOWN FOREST MEETING AND GREEN-UP**

All are welcome to attend the spring Cornish town forest committee meeting and green up. We have rescheduled our get-together for 10 am Sunday, April 25, at the Tandy Brook parking area. We'll have a short meeting and then pick up roadside trash. Afterward we can look for wildflowers blooming on the trail heading up into the forest. Masking and appropriate distancing will be observed.

Ginny Prince, chair, Cornish Town Forest Management Committee
virginiatprince@gmail.com

**SUNDAY, APRIL 25
Conservation Award Dedication Ceremony for Dale Rook
2:00 pm, Cornish Fire Station, Town House Road**

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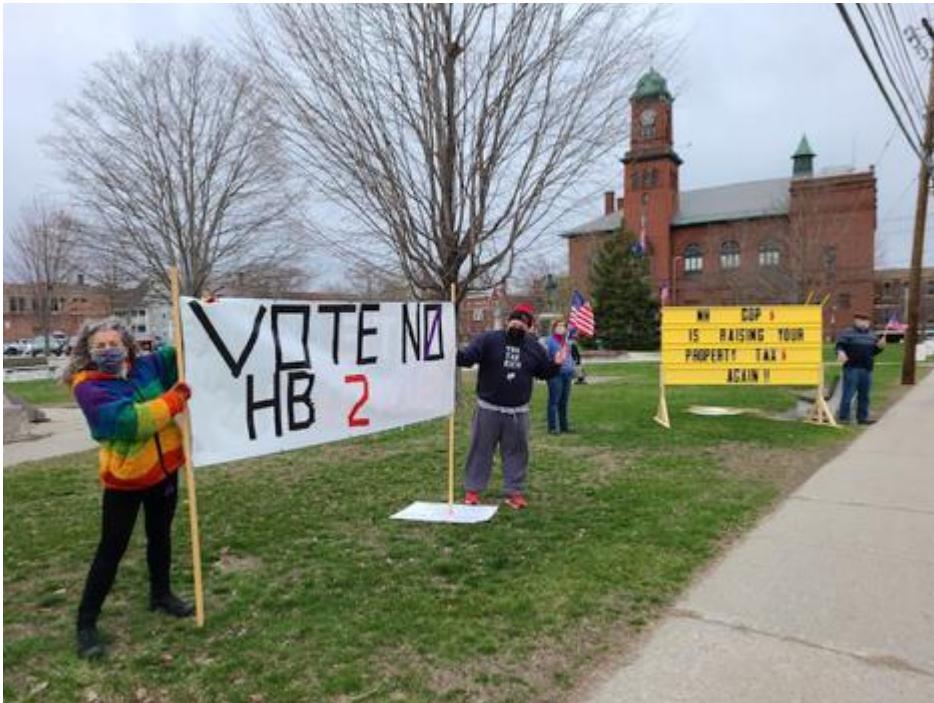
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The Claremont Democrats held a “Save Our Schools” visibility rally Monday afternoon, April 12, at Broad Street Park in Claremont (Eric Zengota photo).

Earth Day Tree Planting Thursday, April 22

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Democrats secured approval from the City Council this month for the donation and planting of a tree in McKenzie Circle on Earth Day 2021. Claremont Democrat delegate and City Council member Jim Contois



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worked with city officials and a local arborist to identify the appropriate species and agree on its location.

“This will be the newest addition to the circle on McKenzie Drive, which houses the Ronald McKenzie Memorial we rededicated in 2020,” said Contois. “Everyone is invited to join our volunteers at the 5:30pm planting ceremony on Thursday, April 22, rain or shine. We hope that tree planting in recognition of Earth Day will become a tradition here in Claremont and that our donation will inspire other local civic groups to make similar efforts to benefit the environment.”

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Mayoral Notes

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Stopping Childhood Lead Poisoning, One Family at a Time

Part one of a two-part series

When Governor Sununu signed Senate Bill 247 into law in February 2018, the state enacted several provisions to proactively address childhood lead poisoning. Screening one-and two-year old children for lead poisoning became mandatory. The state threshold for lead poisoning was incrementally aligned with the Center for Disease Control's threshold of 5 micrograms per deciliter (mg/dl). A fund to provide loans to eligible property owners for the remediation of lead in homes was created. The law transformed New Hampshire's position on the issue, but its impact can best be understood through the stories of the families in our communities.

Ashlee and Nick are the parents of two young boys, Ace and Miles, who are 3 ½ and 1 ½ years old respectively. They live in Claremont in a quiet neighborhood in a house built in 1914. In fact, they purchased the house in which Nick lived during his teenage years.

When his parents brought him in for his one-year-old check-up, Miles was screened for childhood lead poisoning. He had an elevated blood lead level (EBLL) of 17 mg/dl. Because of the elevated results, his parents also had Ace screened and he tested 15 mg/dl. Both children were significantly above the NH threshold which was 7.5 mg/dl at the time the boys were screened. It will drop to 5 mg/dl on July 1 of this year.

Not long after the Public Health Division of the Department for Health and Human Services (DHHS) received the elevated screening results, the division reached out to the parents with recommendations on how to pro-

tect their children from continued exposure to lead. Since the house was built prior to 1978 when lead-based paint was banned in the U.S., it stood to reason that their home was the source of the lead poisoning.

The Public Health Division recommended covering friction areas such as windows. Because of how lead is absorbed in the body, the department also suggested having the children consume a diet higher in iron, calcium and vitamin C. Ashlee and Nick followed these recommendations and, in February of this year, Ace and Miles' EBLL dropped to 7 mg/dl and 9 mg/dl respectively.

However, the parents' ultimate goal was to remove the sources of the lead poisoning from their home, but they needed help in securing the funds. Ashlee contacted Kate Kirkwood, manager for the Sullivan County Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes program which is funded by the \$1.7M HUD Lead Hazard Mitigation Grant awarded to the county in October 2020. Kirkwood helped Ashlee and Nick with the application process and they were approved. At the same time, they also applied

for and were approved to receive a 0% interest loan from the NH Lead Paint Hazard Remediation Fund Program.

With the help of these funds, Ashlee and Nick now have the financial resources to make their house safe for their children. Lead abatement contractors will soon begin replacing some of the plaster walls, painted with lead-based paint, with sheet rock. They will replace all old windows, also painted with lead-based paint, with vinyl windows. Lead-painted clapboards will be covered with vinyl siding and other sources of lead removed or encapsulated.

Had New Hampshire not taken the action it did in 2018, had Sullivan County not been awarded federal funds, had the parents not acted swiftly to protect their children, the story would be much different. Today, we have the resources to prevent childhood lead poisoning. In my article next week, I will outline eligibility criteria and the application process for accessing federal and state funds to help protect your children from lead poisoning.

(Continued on page 14)

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In the meantime, if you are a resident of Sullivan County and would like to know more about the Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes program, please go to <https://www.sullivancountynh.gov/1236/Lead-Paint-Healthy-Homes-Program>. If you would like to speak with the program manager, please contact Kate Kirkwood at 603-781-4304 or email her at kate@kkirkwood.com.

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

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, April 22, 2021 6:00 PM

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

The public is invited to join the Zoom meeting online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8399452183?pwd=OG5GM3JmOWIWTEQ3b-EVoNDhxY2IVdz09>

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Historic District Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider the following Certificate of Appropriateness application:

HDC 2021-00005 Christopher Morley, East Haven CT – for a handicap ramp on the rear of the building at 40 Pleasant Street. Tax map 120, Lot 79. Zone: MU.

HDC 2021-00006 Kylie Russell, 262 Maple Avenue – for new signage at 32 Pleasant Street. Tax Map 120, Lot 79. Zone: MU

Interested persons may review this application at the City of Claremont Planning and Development Department, 14 North Street, during normal business hours.

Comments may be submitted in writing to Historic District Commission 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743 or at the public hearing. David Messier, Chairperson

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 PLUMBERS' LICENSE RENEWAL CLASS

The next Plumbers' License Renewal class at RVCC is coming up on Wednesday, April 21st, at 6:00 p.m. in Claremont. For more information or to register, go to: <https://rvcc-coursestorm.com/category/plumbing-licensure/>

SHS Alumni Meeting

CLAREMONT, NH—Stevens Alumni monthly meeting Wednesday, April 21st, 5:30pm will be held at the alumni office, 50 W. Pleasant St.

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Business News

NH DHHS Issues Certificate to Temescal Wellness for Therapeutic Cannabis Dispensary in Keene

CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued a registration certificate allowing Temescal Wellness to begin operations at its new therapeutic cannabis dispensary location in Keene, NH. The Keene dispensary was to open to qualifying patients and designated caregivers on Saturday, April 17, 2021.

Qualifying patients currently registered with Temescal Wellness in Lebanon will be able to access both dispensary locations and will not have to register separately for the Keene location.

In 2018, the NH Legislature approved

SB388, which required the State's Therapeutic Cannabis Program (TCP) to make access and travel to Alternative Treatment Centers (ATCs) easier for qualifying patients and their designated caregivers. SB388 enabled the establishment of an additional therapeutic cannabis dispensary in Region 3 (representing Sullivan and Cheshire counties).

As part of SB388, DHHS conducted a patient needs assessment, which determined that a dispensary in the Keene area would best allevi-

ate the travel burden on TCP patients in Region 3.

Applications for qualifying patients and designated caregivers, medical provider certifications, and other important information can be downloaded from the Therapeutic Cannabis Program page at www.dhhs.nh.gov/oos/tcp/.

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Greater Claremont Board of Realtors® Community Service Project

The Greater Claremont Board of Realtors® has raised numerous donations to help support the needs of local school children. Various hygiene items, as well as hats, mittens, and scarves were delivered to the Claremont school system, Cornish Elementary School, and the Claremont Christian Academy to be distributed to the classrooms and individual students, as needed (Courtesy photo).

Bank of New Hampshire Announces Partnership with NH Food Bank's Mobile Food Pantry

LACONIA, NH— Bank of New Hampshire has announced a one-year partnership with the New Hampshire Food Bank in support of their Mobile Food Pantry program. This sponsorship comes as a result of Bank of New Hampshire's implementation of an annual giving focus.

"Our mobile food pantries have become a safe and effective approach to meeting the needs of our food insecure neighbors during this difficult time," said Eileen Liponis, Executive Director, New Hampshire Food Bank. "Thanks to the generosity of Bank of New Hampshire we will be able to further our reach this year and ensure that our neighbors across the state do not have to worry about where their next meal will come from. Our mission would not be possible without our community partners, like Bank of New Hampshire. We are truly grateful for this partnership."

Bank of New Hampshire's annual giving focus has been implemented within the bank's Corporate Giving Program to concentrate monetary donations and volunteer efforts on a specific need to better serve the community in a more measurable way. The 2021 giving focus for Bank of New Hampshire is food insecurity. While food insecurity has always been a struggle for many, the current COVID-19 pandemic has greatly increased this need across our state with a projected 13% increase in 2021.

The Mobile Food Pantry travels to locations throughout the state, aligning with Bank of New Hampshire's footprint. Bank of New Hampshire employees will be serving as volunteers at Mobile Food Pantries throughout the year.



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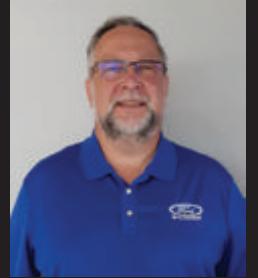
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INVESTMENT TIPS

Begin Investing While Young

You're never too young to begin building an investment portfolio.

There's a simple word that has profound implications for

savings and investing: compounding. Like a snowball that grows as it rolls down a hill, compounding provides the potential for your money to grow, reinvesting your investment earnings.

It is a basic model for growth potential, and the more you invest, the greater the opportunities to create long-term value. Let's take a hypothetical examples¹ to illustrate:

If you invest \$1,000 at age 20 and do not add anything to the principal, relying instead on 7.2% annual earning growth, you would end up with \$32,000 at age 70.



If you wait until you're 30, though, investing that same \$1,000 that earns 7.2% annually, you would end up with \$16,000 at age 70 — a decrease of 50%.

¹ From <https://www.hermoney.com/invest/retirement/these-two-examples-illustrate-the-magic-of-compound-interest/>.

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Finally, if you invest the \$1,000 at age 20, earning 7.2% annually while contributing \$83 a month until retirement, you would have \$465,000. (This is a hypothetical example and is not representative of any specific situation. Your results will vary. The hypothetical rates of return used do not reflect the deduction of fees and charges inherent to investing.)

CALCULATING THE IMPACT OF COMPOUNDING

To estimate how long it will take for compounding to double an investment, use the rule of 72:

Divide 72 by the annual rate of return. The answer is the approximate number of years it would take to double your investment's value, assuming a fixed rate of return.

As an example: If you earn 9% annually, it will take $72/9 = 8$ years to double the value of your investment. Please note: the rule of 72 is a mathematical concept and does not guarantee investment results nor functions as a predictor of how an investment will perform. It is an approximation for the impact of a targeted rate of return. Investments are subject to fluctuating returns and there is no assurance that any investment will double in value.

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Be Conscious of Your Investment Environment

On April 22, we observe Earth Day, an occasion that has inspired millions of people over the decades to take steps to clean up our world. Of course, your physical surroundings are important, but you also operate in other “ecosystems” – social, cultural and political. And you’ll need to consider your investment environment, too. How can you improve it?

Here are a few suggestions:

- **Avoid “toxic” investment strategies.** The dangers of pollution helped drive the creation of Earth Day. As an investor, you also need to watch out for “toxins” – particularly in the form of unhealthy investment techniques. For example, chasing after “hot” stocks can burn you. In the first place, by the time you’ve heard of them, they may already be cooling off. Second, and probably more important, these hot stocks just may be wrong for the investment mix that’s appropriate for your needs. Another toxic investment strategy: trying to “time” the market by “buying low and selling high.” No one can really predict when market highs and lows will occur, and if you’re always jumping in and out of the investment world, you’ll likely waste time and effort – not to mention money. Instead of looking for today’s hottest stocks or guessing where the market is heading, try to create and follow a long-term investment strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

- **Reduce waste.** From an environmental standpoint, the less waste and garbage we produce, the better it is for our planet. As an investor, can you find “wasteful” elements in your portfolio? It’s possible that you own some investments that may be redundant – that is, they are virtually indistinguishable from others you may have. Also, some investments, due to their risk profile or performance, no longer may be suitable for your needs. In either case – redundancy or unsuitability – you might be better off selling the investments and using the proceeds to purchase others that can be more helpful.

- **Recycle wisely.** Recycling is a major part of the environmental movement. At first, though, you might not think the concept of recycling could apply to investing. But consider this: If you own stocks or mutual funds, you may receive dividends, and, like many people, you may choose to automatically reinvest those dividends back into the stocks or funds. So, in a sense, you are indeed “recycling” your dividend payments to boost your ownership stakes – without expending additional resources. And, in fact, this can be quite an effective and efficient way to increase your wealth over time.

- **Plant some “trees.”** Planting trees has always been a key activity among boosters of the environment – with the recognition that their efforts will take years, or even decades, to reach fruition. When you invest, you must sometimes start small. By purchasing a limited amount of an investment and nurturing it over the years by adding more shares, you may one day have achieved significant growth. (Keep in mind, though, that there are no guarantees – variable investments such as stocks can lose principal.)

By making these and other moves, you can create a healthy investment environment – one that can help you achieve your long-term goals.

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1,086 Meals ... and Counting

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont Scout Troop 38 spent a recent Saturday at both entrances to Market Basket on Washington Street. Their goal: raise funds and accept food donations, all of which they would deliver to the Claremont Soup Kitchen and Pantry.

Their Scouting for Food efforts paid off. At the end of the day they had collected \$900 and 681 food items. Cindy Stevens, CSK's executive director, calculated the value of the food items at \$1,097. All told, the Scouts' work translates into 1,086 meals.

Each Scout earned six hours of community service hours, one of the activities needed to achieve the next rank. For Life Scout, Scouts must do six hours of community service, two of them conservation-focused.

Scoutmaster Alex Herzog noted, "Our duty is to follow the Scout oath. One of the tenets is 'Help other people at all times,' and our slogan is 'Do a good turn daily.' I translate this into community service, and we try to get the Scouts out as much as possible in the community."

Scouts taking part in the food drive were Trevor Adams, Kieran Adrian, assistant senior patrol leader Hayden Freeman, senior patrol leader Aubree Herzog, and Ben Mason. Adult leaders were Kathy Dickinson, Jackie Fairfield and Conny Mason.

—Text and photos by Eric Zengota

Claremont Couple Plead Guilty to Conspiracy to Defraud the IRS

CONCORD, NH—William Cote, 49, and Kelly Cote, 52 of Claremont, pleaded guilty in federal court to conspiracy to defraud the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Acting United States Attorney John J. Farley announced April 5.

According to the information and plea agreements, from 2011 through 2016, the Cotes filed false tax returns using the identities of Kelly's sons and William's stepsons, J.E. and T.E. While J.E. was deployed overseas for the United States military, the Cotes prepared a false tax return for tax year 2011 using his identity. While T.E. was stationed overseas for the United States military, the Cotes pre-



Left: Generous shoppers filled shopping carts and money pouches, making Scouting for Food a success. **Right:** Scouts and troop leaders counted the food items before storing them in Claremont Soup Kitchen's basement pantry.

pared and filed false tax returns for tax years 2012 through 2015 using his identity. To obtain larger refunds, the Cotes falsely listed J.E. and T.E. as head of household on the false tax refunds for these returns and deposited the money into their own joint bank account.

In February 2013, while T.E. was stationed overseas, the IRS audited the false 2012 tax return the Cotes filed using T.E.'s identity. On May 6, 2013, in a phone call with the auditor, William impersonated T.E. and "confirmed" the details in the false 2012 tax return. That same day, to support the false tax return, the Cotes prepared and faxed the auditor a lease agreement that falsely stated that T.E. rented William and Kelly's home. Kelly forged T.E.'s signature on the lease agreement.

All told, the Cotes received more than \$36,700 in fraudulent tax refunds.

Kelly Cote pleaded guilty on March 24, 2021 and is scheduled to be sentenced on June 30, 2021. William Cote pleaded guilty on April 5, 2021 and is scheduled to be sentenced on July 15, 2021.

Arrest Made in Child Sexual Abuse Images Case

On November 11, 2020 the Claremont Police Department's Detective Bureau began an investigation into the illegal use of computers and alleged Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Images with the assistance of the New Hampshire Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC),

Cheshire County Sheriff's Department, Grafton County Sheriff's Department and the New Hampshire State Police. According to the Claremont Police Department, "The suspect was identified as: Thomas Seaward (DOB: 04/21/1977). It was found that Seaward was also a suspect in a CyberTip received from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), which also indicated the [alleged] illegal use of computers and alleged possession and/or distribution of sexual abuse images."

As a result of the initial investigation, Seaward was arrested on November 30, 2020 and charged with one (1) count of Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Images (Class A Felony). A further investigation into Seaward allegedly indicated that he had not only possessed Child Sexual Abuse Images but had distributed them as well.

On March 25, 2021, Seaward was indicted by the Sullivan County Grand Jury on the following offenses:

- One (1) count of Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Images (Class A Felony)
- Two (2) counts of Distributing Child Sexual Abuse Images (Class A Felony)

If anyone has further information regarding this case, they are asked to contact Detective Joshua Peavey at 603- 504-0234/jpeavey@claremontrh.com. If anyone would like to anonymously report cases of child exploitation, please call the Claremont Police Department tip line at 603-542-7026, ext. 1234.

Sports

Spring Turkey Season Opens May 1 in New Hampshire

CONCORD, NH—The Granite State's spring turkey hunt will open on May 1 and run through May 31, with the youth turkey hunt taking place the preceding weekend, Saturday, April 24, and Sunday, April 25. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFG) urges hunters to take advantage of the state's weather, woodlands, and natural resources this year with hunting safety in mind.

Hunters should be aware of the increased number of people recreating in the outdoors this spring—it is more important than ever to be absolutely sure of your target and what lies beyond it. Hunters are strongly encouraged to maximize pre-season scouting and to be prepared with back-up locations if their desired spot is busy with other outdoor enthusiasts during the spring turkey season.

NHFG continues to work with many registration locations throughout the state to provide local resources for hunters to register their birds. However, some registration stations may currently be closed, have limited hours, or be experiencing other restrictions due to COVID, so hunters planning to register their harvest in person should confirm that their registration station of preference will be operating during the spring 2021 turkey season.

For a list of all the registration stations in New Hampshire, visit <https://wildlife.state.nh.us/hunting/deer-check-stations.html>. Due to the rapidly changing nature of the public health emergency, this list may not be up-to-date and hunters are again reminded to call ahead if they choose to register their turkey at a physical station.

Hunters will also be able to register their birds online again and must do so within 24 hours of harvest. The tag that is issued with the hunter's turkey license must be affixed to the bird, and the first harvested bird must be legally registered prior to harvesting a second bird in those Wildlife Management Units where two spring birds are permitted.

Licenses are available online at <https://www.nhfishandgame.com> or from license agents that are open at this time.

Big Hits Are in Kids' Sights

Softball, Baseball Players Set to Play Through Spring

CLAREMONT, NH—The crack of ball on bat. The woomp of a fast ball in a catcher's mitt. The cheers and groans of fans. These and other sounds of Spring are soon to be heard on the fields in Monadnock Park.

About 185 young athletes will participate in the Claremont Youth Baseball & Softball Association's spring league, organized by the Parks & Recreation Department. They showed up at evaluations in the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center. Under the watchful eyes of volunteer coaches, they batted, pitched, caught fly balls and fielded ground balls. The coaches then formed teams of generally equal ability; everyone will play. Practices are ongoing in preparation for Opening Day, Saturday, May 1.

There are 20 teams in seven divisions. For baseball, which is open to boys and girls, Rookies (ages 7-8) have four teams; Minors (ages 9-10), four; Majors (ages 11-12), two; and T-Ball (ages 5-6, who didn't have to go through evaluations), six teams. Softball is open only to girls: 8U (ages 7-8), one team; 10U (ages 9-10), two; and 12U (ages 11-12), one team.

Greg Clark, CYBSA president, noted that league play will be guided by COVID-19 protocols. Among them: Masks must be worn when social distancing is not able to happen. Each



kid gets a helmet for the season, and returns it at the end of the season. Coaches will sanitize bats after each use and rotate bats. Umpires will be behind the pitcher's mound.

The six-week season ends on Saturday, June 12. Fans are welcome to attend the games; they must comply with social-distancing protocols and wear masks at the concession stand. The schedule will be posted on leagueup.com/welcome.asp?url=claremontsports and at the field.

—Text and photos by Eric Zengota

Inspiration

Alive Now

By Priscilla Hull

"Look, Mom the trees look like lace!" These were the words of teenage son as he and his mom walked the dogs one evening. It was a warm spring evening and the leaves were just beginning to spread their opening buds at the tops of the trees across the evening sky. It was a beautiful sight.

In the midst of his busy schedule, this teenager, who loved heavy metal and hard rock, looked up at the sky and saw the beauty of creation. He could see the beauty of now, when leaves were just escaping from the hard shell that protected them from the snow and ice of winter. Like a dog straining at his leash to go outside, the tiny leaves, hardly recognizable, are straining against their hard casing to meet the sunshine, the gentle rain and the warm breezes of spring. They have a ways to go before they'll shelter birds, squirrels and us from the hot summer sun!

Right now, though, they are emerging from the darkness of winter and catching the first rays of a sun that will shine down on them for the next five months. Right now, they are vulnerable to frost, ice and hungry birds and animals! Right now we are looking forward to the beauty of trees in full leaf green against the blue sky. We're looking forward to the day when they will cast shadows on the ground where it might be a little cooler.

Too often we don't see the present because we're so concerned with the future. What is going to happen tomorrow? What should we expect next week? Take time today to appreciate the buds on the tree. Look at the beauty in a tiny plant. Appreciate the sun now! Sit in a sunny place and feel the warmth today. We'll never quite have the chance to appreciate it again in the same way and in the same spot. Life does that to us. It presents an opportunity to see the brown, dull buds on a tree as future leaves. Or we can look a little closer and see the beauty in the bud as it is now. The buds in the picture are, I think, grey birch against white pine tree bark. Quite a contrast and both beautiful in their own way.

Remember to be alert to what is happening today because tomorrow will come and we'll have another chance to experience the beauty of the present time.

So then, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.

Matthew 6:36



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

Spring, Winter or Springter?

While some could see the beauty in Friday's snowstorm or were thankful for "Poor Man's Fertilizer", others could only groan at the return of winter. Some areas received at least a half foot of the heavy, wet snow, and power outages and broken tree limbs were very much unwelcomed. Fortunately by Saturday, much of the snow was gone. A small glimpse here of what area residents (and staff) captured...

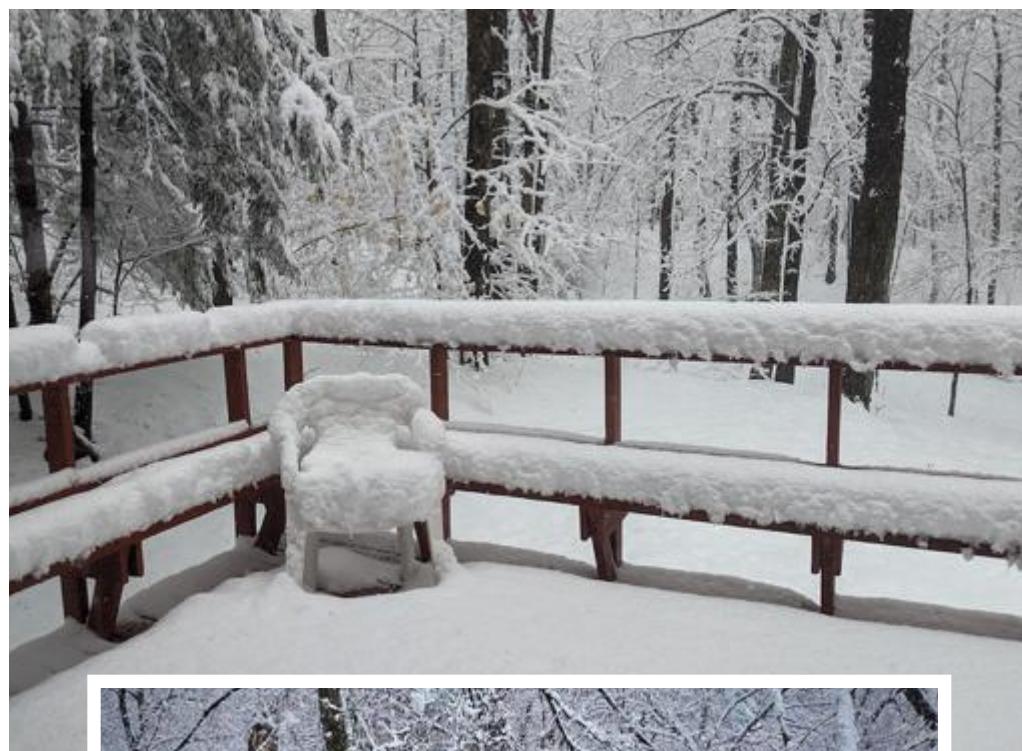


A Claremont garden's Kokopelli dances ecstatically in Friday's snow ...hoping that Saturday's warmth will bring the forsythia back to full glory (Eric Zengota photo).

Winter merges with spring as snow caps clumps of maple tree buds
(Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo).



Above: A blanket of snow and silence in West Claremont, by Janet Peirce; middle: Mike Cryans's visit to his deck found this awaiting him; below: Katrina Strout shared a picturesque scene.



IT'S EARTH DAY IN THE CITY OF CLAREMONT



PLEASE TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

WE ARE ASKING OUR COMMUNITY TO COME TOGETHER
WITH THE COMMON GOAL OF CLEANING UP THE CITY
OF USED TIRES

CLAREMONT RESIDENTS MAY DROP OFF CAR AND/OR LIGHT
TRUCK TIRES (LESS THAN 20" - WITH OR WITHOUT RIMS) FOR

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WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 24th, 2021 - 8:00 AM TO 3:45 PM

WHERE: TRANSFER STATION - 875 WASHINGTON ST.
*(businesses are not eligible to participate - residents must have
transfer station decal)*

Calendar Of Events

Claremont is 'Grilling for Good' on May 8th

CLAREMONT, NH—On May 8th, the Claremont Opera House, Claremont Soup Kitchen and Claremont Savings Bank are coming together to hold a "Grilling for Good" benefit concert, including a "Chopped" style food competition. The concert will be held on the hillside of Arrowhead Recreation Area. Funds raised through the event will support the Soup Kitchen's Summer Lunch Feeding Program for area K-12 students, and fund new programming for the Opera House.

The Chopped Competition - Grilling Edition - starts at 4pm with three contestants, who are city residents not working in the food industry. There will be two rounds of competition: appetizer and entree, with judging after each round. The Soup Kitchen will be selling concessions of grilled favorites and beverages. Sweet Fire BBQ will provide beer/wine service in a restricted adult only area.

At 5pm, the COH Orchestra led by Director Gerry Grimo, will play classic hits from the mid-late 20th century. The playlist will include early rock, R&B, blues, fusion and easy listening tunes featuring the Beatles, Van Morrison, Chuck Berry, Wilson Pickett, Bette Midler, Tina Turner, Mama Cass, Stevie Wonder, George Benson, Chubby Checker and many others.

Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$10.00 for K-12 students, with \$10 of every adult ticket and \$5 of every student ticket going directly to the Soup Kitchen's summer program to feed area youth.

Tickets can be purchased online starting April 5th at www.claremontoperahouse.org. Social distanced assigned seating will be in place and masks are required when not in your assigned seating area. Doors open at 3:30pm.

15th TPN Steppin' Up Fundraiser

CLAREMONT, NH—National Field Representatives will partner with Turning Points

Network as Honorary Chair and Lead Sponsor of the Sullivan County crisis and support center's 15th Steppin' Up to End Violence that culminates on Saturday, May 15, at 9:30 AM.

Known for its annual signature event, Turning Points Network has hosted hundreds of supporters walking and running through historic downtown Claremont in years past. Steppin' Up 2021 will be a virtual event, encouraging individuals, organizations and companies to raise money anywhere, anytime, any way they want – from now through May 15.

On Saturday, May 15, a video of the combined efforts – teams, individuals, sponsors and volunteers – will be shared on-line, followed by a virtual celebration and awards party on May 26.

This year's Steppin' Up virtual event will include contests for best mask, best costume, best team theme, best pet participant as well as recognition of top fundraisers and sponsors.

Steppin' Up participants can submit photos and videos of their fundraising efforts to TPN before May 5 to be included in the event. Go to <https://www.turningpointsnetwork.org/steppin-up> or to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/1393623240984049> or call 603-542-8338 for details about teams, sponsorships, contests and to register for the free link to watch these events on-line on May 15 and May 26.

For information about survivor services, contact 1.800.639.3130 or www.turningpointsnetwork.org or find us on Facebook.

Need Some Extra Space for Your Next Project/ Business/ Creative Ex- periment?

CLAREMONT, NH—Need some extra space for your next project/business/creative experiment?

The Claremont MakerSpace has Personal Studio Spaces that provide personal work areas for dedicated users to call their own. Personal studio spaces are

made up of 48" dividers and come in sizes of 60 sq/ft and 100 sq/ft, with each studio including 2 power outlets and an Ethernet jack.

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

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

Virtual Grief Support Available Through Lake Sunapee VNA

NEW LONDON, NH—Lake Sunapee VNA offers two virtual grief support groups for the community, which can be attended once, multiple times or as needed. To help anyone grieving during this pandemic and time of social distancing, a "Bereavement Check-in" group is available on the third Wednesday of every month from 4:00-5:00pm. A "Widow to Widow" group is held on the first Monday of every month from 3:30-5:00pm.

Anyone interested in participating in these free groups should email their contact information to Lori O'Connor at loconnor@lakesunapeevna.org and a member of the bereavement team will call with further details.

Charlestown VFW Bingo Schedule

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown VFW Bingo schedule for the new year:

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

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

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

A Message from ServiceLink

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

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

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

Call 1-866-634-9412 toll free or find us online.

Direct phone numbers and email addresses for each local office are listed on our website. Offices are located in Atkinson, Berlin, Claremont, Concord, Keene, Laconia, Lebanon, Littleton, Manchester, Nashua, Stratham, Rochester, and Tamworth.

Call for Entries: Library Arts Center JURIED REGIONAL COMPETITION Library Arts Center Gallery

2021 Jurors: Shawna Gibbs & Karena Ness
Entry Deadline: May 1, 2021

All artists residing in New Hampshire and Vermont are invited to submit up to two pieces to the jury for this annual favorite exhibit. This exhibit highlights the diverse and creative talent of the NH/VT region, and will take place in-person this year. Painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, photography and mixed media are welcome. Entry fee: \$10, or free for Library Arts Center Members. For more information, and to enter, visit libraryartscenter.org.

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

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

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

Draw A Spring Flower Bouquet

April showers bring May flowers! In this Claremont MakerSpace class, we will draw a floral bouquet using simple repeated shapes that are representative of flowers. This class is suitable for beginners with no drawing experience, or for anyone who wants to try something new. Children with an adult to help are welcome. These bouquets are easy and fun to draw and make great greeting cards. We will discuss methods to add color if desired. The materials list is a recommendation for the best experience; if you do not have these, plain paper and a ball point will still work to learn the drawing techniques.

Register at:

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event-list>. Date: April 26th, 6pm

NH Envirothon Announces Virtual, Remote 2021 Competition

CONCORD, NH—The New Hampshire Envirothon announced its 2021 competition for high school student teams to test their knowledge about the environment and natural resources. In response to Covid-19, the 2021 event will shift to a virtual, remote format. Registration is free and open for teams to sign up on the NH Envirothon website: www.nhen-virothon.org until April 30th. Training webinars are being offered during April. The competition will be extended to a full week-long event, beginning on Friday, May 21 and ending on Thursday, May 27. The winning team will represent New Hampshire at the virtual North American National Conservation Foundation competition beginning on July 26.

The NH Envirothon is a NH Association of Conservation Districts program with substantial support from volunteers, the NH Department of Environmental Services and other state and federal agencies, charitable and professional organizations and individual donors.

Student Art Contest Winners

The Center for the Arts has announced the winners of the Student Art Contest. This competition was open to local students in Grades 3 – 12, with the theme "Behind the Mask – People, Cultures, Emotions..."

The winners in the Elementary School category:

1. Alieze Kozma, Grade 3, KRES, from New London, Mrs. Kellogg is her teacher
2. Maggie Plamondon, Grade 5
3. Iris Patrick, Grade 3, KRES, from Wilmot, Mrs. Kellogg is her teacher

The winners in the Middle School category:

1. Josefina Eliessetch, Grade 7, KRMS, from North Sutton, Mrs. Salathe is her art teacher
2. Ciara Kerley, Grade 7, KRMS, from New London
3. Aria Varian, Grade 7, Sunapee Middle School, from Sunapee, Brent Baker is her teacher

The entries were judged by The Center for the Arts director, Jean Connolly. Prizes donated by Blick Art Materials will be sent to the winners. The winning artists and their artwork are posted on the CFA website. Please check them out at centerfortheartsnh.org.

College Scholarships Available

The Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library Scholarship Award is available for graduating high school seniors from Plainfield. Scholarships of up to \$500 are awarded. Homeschoolers are eligible. Since the scholarship's inception in 2016, nine scholarships have been awarded to Lebanon High School and KUA graduates and homeschoolers who are permanent residents of Plainfield. Deadline for applying is May 14, 2021.

Application forms are available from PRML-Friends@gmail.com or 603-675-5494.

Claremont Senior Center News

Hi, everyone! We are so excited to announce the partial opening of the Center on Tuesday, April 27. We will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays for now. The hours: Tuesdays-9am-3pm and 6pm-9pm for Game Night. Pool guys-wax those cues!! Also, open Thursdays- 9am-3pm. Yarns and needles welcome. And the new Mahjong cards are in just in time. We hope to start Mahjong on Thursday, April 29. The puzzle is waiting on the table and there is room for cards, cribbage, chess, Corn Hole, ping pong. Wear your masks and distance. There will be a signup sheet at the door as you enter per Covid guidelines.

Come one! Come all! We are waiting to welcome you back!!

More exciting news. The long-awaited generator started up for its weekly test. Your event will never be in the dark. We have been waiting almost a year for this unit and we are so excited it is finally here and running.

We are always pleased to present the menu for Tuesday and Thursday. It always amazes us how the volunteers do this after doing a big turkey dinner. Here are the meals for Tuesday and Thursday.

Tuesday, April 20-Salad, Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Dessert.

Thursday, April 22-Soup, Tourtiere, Roasted Potato, Veggies, Dessert.

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

Your feet will be so excited when they receive their pampering at the Foot Clinic. Treat day

will be Wed. Apr.24. Call 748-1731 for your "feotsie" appointment.

The AARP Tax Group was excited to have accomplished their task of helping seniors with their tax filing. Now, they can rest, but not for long. They will be back on Friday, May 21, to help with the Property Tax Refunds, 9am-noon. No appointment necessary but it will be a first come-first served basis.

We have had quite a few people sign up or express interest in the Christmas Show in New York. This will be an overnight or two trip. Write us and let us if you are interested. Also write us to let us know where else you would go.

There is so much in the works to be excited about. As you know, any event we have planned takes volunteers to make it a success. If you can volunteer for any event, call 543-5998, We will direct you to the right person for more information. Here are some of the events we have in the works: Penny Sale, Winter Wonderland, The Car Show, the Saturday meals. More to come.

Well, guess that's it for this week. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, April 27. Don't forget, we are now accepting rentals. We have several rooms that will accommodate your event nicely. Renew your membership or try a new one for a month free. Come in and scope us out. We have a lot in the works so stay tuned. And volunteer. It will be fun!

Have a good week everyone. Smiles, laughter, good jokes, friendly conversation always welcome here.

Thought of the week: Some days I amaze myself. Some days I put my keys in the fridge.

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

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday, April 11

14:54 Responded Brush 1 and E-3 to Dump Hill for a brush fire

15:53 Responded with E-3 to Roosevelt Ave for a medical call

20:02 Responded with E-3 to Bowen St. for a vehicle fire

22:38 Responded with E-3 to Deerfield Court for a medical call

Monday, April 12

13:42 Responded with E-3 to Hanover St. for an odor of propane

13:55 Responded with E-1 to Byrd Ave for a detector sounding

18:22 Responded with E-3 to East Green Mtn. Rd. for a medical call

19:26 Responded with E-3 to Main St. for a motor vehicle accident

20:21 Responded with E-3 to Twistback Rd. for a medical call

23:30 Responded with E-3 to Pleasant St. for a medical call

Tuesday, April 13

03:04 Responded with E-3 to Bond St. for a medical call

17:40 Responded with E-3 to Broad St. for a medical call

18:05 Responded with E-3 to Broad St. for a medical call

Wednesday, April 14

00:20 Responded with E-3 to Mulberry St. for an alarm sounding

17:41 Responded with E-3 to South St. for a medical call

19:59 Responded with E-3 to Chase St. for an illegal burn

Thursday, April 15

08:49 Responded with E-1 to North St. for a medical call

08:50 Responded with E-3 to Goyette Ave for a medical call

13:27 Responded with E-3 to Kinney Place for an alarm sounding

20:37 Responded with E-3 to Green St. for a medical call

20:47 Responded with E-1 to Federal St. for a medical call

Friday, April 16

04:43 Responded with E-3 to Hanover St. for a tree down with wires

04:56 Responded with U-1 to Winter St. for a tree down

08:21 Responded with E-3 to Washington St. for an alarm sounding

17:33 Responded with E-3 to Broad St for an odor investigation

21:41 Responded with E-3 to Main St. for a medical call

Saturday, April 17

15:25 Responded with E-3 to Chestnut St. for a low hanging wire

19:06 Responded with E-3 to Thrasher Rd. for an illegal burn



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Arrowhead Recreation Area
Saturday MAY 8th (4pm)

TICKETS: \$25 Adults / \$10 K-12 Students available online at www.claremontoperahouse.org

Food and Non-Alcohol beverages provided by CSK / Adult Beverages provided by Sweet Fire BBQ

Remembering Loved Ones...

Life Tributes

Obituaries May Be Found On Our Website

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

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Roy Winot, 79

Roy H.A. "Butch" Winot, 79, of Claremont, NH, died Tuesday (April 13, 2021) at Mount Ascutney Hospital in Windsor, VT, following a period of failing health.

He was born in Claremont, NH, on April 11, 1942, the son of Theodore and Ruth (Roberts) Winot and had been a lifetime area resident. He was a graduate of Stevens High School, Class of 1960 and also served as president of his class. On August 12, 1961, he married the former Elaine Cote. This year they would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Butch had been employed as an inspector by Sturm Ruger in Newport, NH. He had also been employed by Customized Structures and the Claremont Flock. Butch formerly played semi pro basketball and baseball. He coached both baseball and basketball at the community center. He enjoyed fishing as well as playing sports in his younger years. He served as a deacon at the First Congregational Church and on the board of directors at the Claremont Senior Center. Butch liked to work on woodworking projects in his shop but above all he loved spending time with his family.

Members of his family include his wife, Elaine Winot, Claremont, NH; a daughter, Candy Winot Reed, Claremont, NH; a son, Eric Winot, Claremont, NH; four grandchildren, Nicholas Smith, Erica Smith, Hillary Winot, Rachel Winot, a great granddaughter,

Ella Rose Smith and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Theodore and Ruth Winot; two brothers, Bernard Winot, Theodore Winot; and two sisters, Beryl Nielson and Lois Dupont.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday (April 20) at Grace River, a Life Giving Church with Pastor Kyle Allen, officiating. Committal will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Claremont Parks and Rec. Youth Programs, 152 South Street, Claremont, NH 03743.

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

Larry A. Aiken, 78

Larry Allen Aiken, 78, of Claremont, NH, passed away on March 2, 2021.

He was born in Claremont, NH, on March 20, 1942, the son of Louis and Lorraine Aiken.

Larry was a graduate of Stevens High School in the class of 1962. He had served in the US Navy.

He had worked at Homestead Industries, Dartmouth Woolen Mill for 21 years and was a delivery driver for LaValleys Building Supply.

He had been a member of the Polish American Citizen Club and the American Legion Post #29.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl Ann (Cusinelli) Aiken whom he married on June 11, 1966, and their daughter, Loretta Marie Aiken. Also his sister, Lois Berry.

A graveside service was held at Mountain View Cemetery in Claremont on Friday, April 16th.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Marie-Paule Chastenay, 95

Marie-Paule Carmen (Roch) Chastenay, 95, passed away peacefully at the Sullivan County Health Care in Unity, NH, on April 11, 2021. Marie was born in Coventry, VT, on June 19, 1925, and was the daughter of Alberic and Ce-

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cile (Trottier) Roch. She was raised and went to school in Morrisville, VT, and moved to Claremont in 1952. Before moving to Claremont, Marie worked for the US Rubber Co., located in Providence, RI, in the accounting department for 9 years and this is when she met and married Arnold Albert Chastenay of Burlington, VT.

Marie loved to embroider pillows, knit, sew and crochet. She had two close friends, Jean George and Millie Towle. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Marie was predeceased by her parents, her brother, Emmanuel, her sister, Isabelle Lamberus, a niece, Rose-Marie Luscher and her beloved cat, Daisy-Mae.

She is survived by her three sons, Phillip Chastenay and his wife, Rachel; Richard Pinsonault and his wife, Carmen; and Roger Pinsonault Jr. and his wife, Bonnie; eight grandchildren, Phillip, Tony, Jeremiah, Amanda, Ryan, Sara, Shawn and Shawna; one niece, Patricia Blossom and her son, Robert.

Marie was a cat lover and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sullivan County Humane Society, P.O. Box 111, Claremont, NH 03743.

A private service will be held at a future date.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Joanne Lemieux, 78

Joanne L. (Dubois) Lemieux 78, of Claremont, NH, died unexpectedly on Sunday, April 11, 2021. Joanne was born on November 6, 1942, in Claremont, NH, to Maurice and Fannie Dubois. She attended Stevens High School and graduated from Charlestown High School. On November 26, 1960, she married Gilles Lemieux. Together they raised three children and co-owned and operated several local businesses together, Dean Hill Motors Inc. and later built and managed Pine Hill Mobile Home Court Inc. Upon their semi-retirement in 1987, they spent Winters in Port St. Lucie, FL.

Joanne was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She enjoyed sewing, crafts, cooking, gardening and spending time with her family. She was an exceptional cook and a talented quilt maker. Many of her quilts can be found in the homes of her family members and friends.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Gilles; her three children, Lisa Viens of Claremont; Michael Lemieux & his wife, Beth of

Claremont; and Angela Chicoine and her husband, Roger, of Surry NH; seven grandchildren whom she cherished, Brandon and Krista Viens, Eric Lemieux, Emily Baldwin, Rachael Lemieux, Megan and Collin Chicoine; three great grandchildren, and a sister Susan Barna and her husband, Nick, of Sunapee, NH.

A Funeral Mass for Joanne was held Saturday, April 17, at 11:00 AM at Saint Mary Church in Claremont; burial followed at St. Mary Cemetery.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Claremont Soup Kitchen, 53 Central Street Claremont NH.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Gloria J. Santini, 72

Gloria J. (Hunt) Santini, 72, formerly of Stewart Avenue in Claremont, NH, died Sunday (April 11, 2021) at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH, following a period of failing health.

She was born in Springfield, VT, on September 26, 1948, the daughter of Jesse and Esther (Abbey) Bacon and had been a lifetime area resident. She was a graduate of Fall Mountain Regional High School, Class of 1967. Gloria had been employed by Hampshire Mfg., Pep Industries, Holson Corp, Sullivan County Healthcare and retired from the housekeeping dept. at Elmwood Center in Claremont. She was an avid reader.

She was the widow of Truman M. Hunt, Sr., who died on March 19, 2006.

Members of her family include her husband, David Santini, Claremont, NH; two sons, Truman M. Hunt, Jr., Claremont, NH; Norman Hunt and his fiancee, Tina Eastman, Delphi, IN; two grandchildren whom she cherished, Sydney Aryn Hunt, Gretchen Elena Hunt, and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, three brothers, David Bacon, Jessie Bacon, Bernie Smith and a sister, Patricia Lowell.

Funeral services will be private and held at the convenience of the family.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, 2 Commerce Dr Suite 210, Bedford, NH 03110.

You are invited to share a memory of Gloria with the family or leave a message of condo-

lence in the family guest book at www.royfurneralhome.com.

Wallace A. Osgood, 70

Wallace Armand Osgood (Wally), age 70, passed away peacefully on April 6th, 2021, from complications of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).

He was born on September 29th, 1950, in Claremont, NH, to Dennis and Evelyn Osgood. Wally graduated in 1968 from St. Mary's High School in Claremont, NH. He worked for Cone Blanchard Machine Company in Windsor, VT, from 1969 until the company closed in 2009. After Cone closed, he continued as the building maintenance supervisor at the former Cone property until his retirement in March of 2020. Shortly after starting at Cone he became a member of the board of directors for the Covered Bridge Credit Union (now Members Advantage CU) in Windsor, serving as president of the board from many years. Wally loved fixing things, building things, spending time in the woods, making sure every bird in the area was fed, sitting on his porch, and the Red Sox.

He is survived by his four children; Candice Strickland (Ben Strickland), Jason Osgood, Jeremy Osgood (Kim Pittman), and Justin Osgood (Natalie Osgood); three grandchildren Brian, Amy and Laura; sisters Beverly Hatch, Alice Osgood, Phyllis Messier; and brothers Dennis Osgood, Richard (Dick) Osgood, and Phillip (Joe) Osgood.

He was preceded in death on August 25th, 2020 by his wife of 50 years, Arlene Osgood.

Due to the ongoing restrictions of COVID a celebration of life for both Wally and Arlene will be planned on the date of their anniversary, July 4th, 2021. Details will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative and Hospice Care (<https://dhmc.alumdev.hitchcock.org/Byrne-Center-for-Palliative-and-Hospice-Care>) or his favorite charity, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

David T. Henry, 92

David Thomas Henry, 92, of Charlestown NH, passed away on April 1st, 2021, after a brief illness.

David, was born on March 12th 1929 to Gladys Chenoweth and Maurice Henry in Springfield, VT. After graduating from Springfield High School in 1948, he went on to study Pharmacy at Massachusetts College Of Pharmacy.

After graduation, David joined the army and was stationed in Paris, France, where he was a surgical technician. Following his two years of service, David worked for Kent's Pharmacy in Springfield, VT. In 1954, David married Katherine at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Charlestown, NH. Following their wedding they moved to Brandon, VT, where David worked for Brown's Pharmacy. In 1960, David and his family moved to Charlestown, NH, where he purchased Kendall's Pharmacy, later named Henry's Pharmacy. The pharmacy employed many of the town youth over the years to work at the soda fountain and as clerks in the store.

David was a pillar of the Charlestown community. He served as the town Health Officer for a number of years, spearheaded Splash Days to raise money to construct a large outdoor swimming facility, was a trustee for the Unitarian Universalist Church, a Director of Connecticut River Bank, and announced many Charlestown Homecoming Parades, including a parade honoring Carlton Fisk, when Carlton was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

After retiring in 1991, David spent time traveling with Katherine. He enjoyed spending time with his family and many close friends. Spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren was one of his greatest joys.

David was predeceased by his wife Katherine, brother Joe Henry, sisters Janet Henry and Polly Remmington.

He is survived by his daughter Marcia Henry, son Steven Henry and wife Fran Henry, Grandchildren Heather Kinsey and her husband Matthew Kinsey, Heidi Allen, Stefanie Henderson and her husband Ryan Henderson, Craig Henry and his wife Christina Henry. He was blessed with eight great granddaughters, Katherine and Charlotte Kinsey, Delaney and Piper Allen, Anna Henderson, Harper, Emery, and Lillian Henry.

There will be a private graveside service at a later date.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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

To join the webinar:

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AGENDA

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| 6:30 PM | 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE |
| 6:32 PM | 2. ROLL CALL |
| 6:34 PM | 3. AGENDA CHANGES |
| 6:35 PM | 4. MAYOR'S NOTES |
| 6:40 PM | 5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT |
| 6:45 PM | 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24)) |
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| 7. OLD BUSINESS | |
| 6:55 PM | A. Water Rates Discussion |
| 7:15 PM | B. Ordinance 582 Rescinding Article V- Merit System – First Reading (City Manager) |
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| 8. NEW BUSINESS | |
| 7:30 PM | A. County Rebranding (City Manager) |
| BREAK | |
| 8:10 PM | B. Ordinance 583 Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Article X Solar Ordinance – First Reading (City Manager) |
| 8:25 PM | C. Resolution 2021-28 Northern Borders Grant for Arts Center – Public Hearing (City Manager) |
| 8:35 PM | D. Resolution 2021-29 Apply for LCHIP Grant for City Hall Windows – Public Hearing (City Manager) |
| 8:45 PM | E. Resolution 2021-30 PILOT Agreement with Claremont Senior Center – Public Hearing (City Manager) |
| 8:55 PM | F. Ordinance 584 Remove No Parking on Charles Street - Pleasant to Highland – First Reading (City Manager) |
| 9:10 PM | G. Resolution 2021-31 Apply for a Northern Border Regional Commission Grant in the Amount of \$325,000 to Install a Solar Array System at the Water Treatment Plant – Public Hearing (City Manager) |
| 9:20 PM | H. Establish Claremont Cultural Resources Ad Hoc Committee (City Council) |
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| 9:30 PM | 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES |
| 9:35 PM | 10. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL |
| 9:40 PM | 11. ADJOURNMENT |

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall and via Zoom.