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Claremont Police Chief Announces Retirement

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Yet another retirement amongst City employees has been announced, marking the gradual changing of the guard within

guard within City administration. On Friday, Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase formally announced that he would be ending his police career near the end of July. In recent months, other long-time City employeesformer finance director Mary Walter, Marta Smith, who held



Chief Mark Chase (Eric Zengota photo)

multiple titles at the Fiske Free Library, and most recently, Dorée Russell, administrative assistant to the City manager—have all retired. Former Parks & Rec director Mark Brislin has begun a new job back in Essex Jct., VT, from where he hailed when he took the position in Claremont eight years ago.

Chase released the following statement on Friday:

"We all hope to have many milestones to get us through life. I have been very fortunate to have hit many milestones that I am very proud of. I met and married my beautiful wife,

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Claremont PD Rolls Out New Motorcycle

By Eric Zengota e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH— On May 2, the Claremont Police Department was formally presented with a Harley-Davidson Police Electra Glide (Model FLHTP), the first motorcycle that CPD has owned.

Christian Gomes, the owner of Ford of Claremont, hosted the presentation at the dealership on Charlestown Road. His donation to the City in the amount of \$25,000, which was accepted by the City Council in October 2021, kick-started the motorcycle's journey to the CPD.

Gomes retired from the New York City Highway Patrol, where he had

These men worked together to ensure that the Claremont Police Department added a motorcycle to its fleet. From left: Christian Gomes, of Ford of Claremont; Angelo Todaro, of Harley-Davidson Motor Company; deputy chief of police Mark Grasso; chief of police Mark Chase (Eric Zengota photo).

been a motorcycle officer for nine years. "When I bought the Ford dealership four years ago, Claremont welcomed me with open arms," said Gomes. "This is one way for me to thank the City."

Two other men with decades of experience in motorcycle law enforcement were instrumental in getting the Harley-Davidson added to the CPD's fleet.

Angelo Todaro was a member of the Suffolk County (NY) Police Department for 36 years, 28 of those as a motorcycle officer. Currently he's the regional police & fleet sales representative for the Harley-Davidson Motor Company. Claremont's motorcycle was purchased through Seacoast Harley-Davidson in North Hampton, NH.

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Sharon, at Stevens High School, and we were married at St. Joseph's Church in 1991. Together we had two beautiful children, Courtney and Katelyn, and I am proud to be their father. I fulfilled my goal to become a police officer in 1990 when Claremont PD decided to take a chance on me. I have been very lucky to work in the community that I grew up in, one that has given me so much of who I am. I have become a grandfather and have two more women in my life to love and care for, Sophia and Nora. I have met so many people through my work at Claremont PD. I count many of the people I have met as friends, and I hope they also think of me as their friend. I love this community and the people in it. I have been blessed through the years, and many of my blessings have been because the City of Claremont allowed me to work and protect the citizens over the last 34 years.

"My next milestone has arrived. I am going to retire as Police Chief from the department that I love. On May 3, 2022, I announced to the

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Claremont Police Commission that effective July 29, 2022, I will step down as Chief and become just a resident of Claremont.

"I know my department is a great department. There are so many talented people in this organization, and the City of Claremont is very lucky to have them. One of the hardest things I have done is talk to all the employees and let them know I'm stepping down. They all want to help the city and the citizens and are all great people. Seeing the men and women protect the citizens of this city through the years has been an honor, and it was an even greater honor to lead them as their Chief over the last five years. But it's time for me to step back and focus on the first milestone that I mentioned: my family.

"Thank you all for trusting me through many tough times and believing in me as a police officer, your police chief and a person."

Retirement of Chief Cahill, Procession and Community Open House on May 13th

SUNAPEE, NH—Chief David P. Cahill is retiring after 20 years as the Sunapee Police Chief and 35 total years in Law Enforcement. The community is invited to come celebrate his many accomplishments. First, there will be a procession for Cahill which will begin at the Sunapee Police Department at 2pm and will move to Sunapee Harbor. Later that evening, a Community Open House will be held at The Livery in Sunapee Harbor from 5pm to 7pm. The Livery was also the former location of the Sunapee Police Department prior to 2006 and

was where the Sunapee Police Department was located when Cahill began his tenure as Sunapee Police Chief.

This event will be held in the newly refurbished "Riverside" room, which will be used for the very first time at this event as its debut.

Please Note: You may access this event from River Road, across the covered bridge.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

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We could use your help to clean up the County Trails this spring. We will meet at the Eco Ag Center, split into work groups, and travel to different trailheads to start the cleanup. We will be clearing the tread of fallen limbs, pruning branches, and making note of areas that need some attention. Please bring work gloves and your favorite trail cleanup tool. We do have some loppers. pruners, and fire rakes. Please let Dawn know if you plan to help out (ddextraze@sullivancountynh.gov; 603.504.1004).

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

Redistricting Controversies Remain



The dispute over the redistricting of both of our state's U.S. Congressional Districts continued last week in New Hampshire's House of Representatives.

On May 5, by a 179-159 roll call vote, the House gave final approval to an amended version of Senate Bill 200, which contains its second proposed redistricting plan for New Hampshire's First and Second Congressional Districts. A majority of representatives approved the second plan after Gov. Christopher Sununu made clear that he would veto the first redistricting plan contained in the House Bill 52. This bill was approved by the House Jan. 5, and then the New Hampshire Senate March 17 but still hasn't officially reached Gov. Sununu's desk for some uncertain reason. As for the second plan, it was adopted as a non-germane amendment on a 178-158 roll call vote to Senate Bill 200 which had originally only pertained to the election of five village districts in the Town of Haverhill; it was sponsored by a group of three Republican legislators led by Warren Sen. Robert Guida. The bill had passed the Senate by voice vote.

The non-germane Congressional redistricting amendment to Senate Bill 200 was adopted after spirited debate on the House floor and a recommendation by an 8-7 majority vote of the House Special Redistricting Committee to adopt the amendment, and then the entire bill as amended. The vote again fell along party lines with all the Republican committee members supporting the recommendation and all Democrats opposed. The bill as amended now returns to the Senate where senators have three choices. They must either concur with the House's amendment, non-concur and ask for a House-Senate Committee of Conference in an effort to produce a compromise version of the bill, or non-concur without asking for a Committee of Conference, thus rejecting the amended bill altogether. New Hampshire's 2022 Election Season Filing Period for all county, state, and federal offices, including the Congressional Districts, opens less than a month from now on June 1. Furthermore, former New Hampshire House Speaker Terie Norelli, a Democrat, has filed a lawsuit in the federal courts, which could stop the implementation of any newly proposed redistricting plans and keep the present Congressional Districts until at least the 2024 Election Season. This is because former Speaker Norelli claims the newly-proposed plans violate the U.S. Constitution.

More specifically, the redistricting plan contained in Senate Bill 200, like the one contained in House Bill 52, proposes some major changes in the makeup of both Congressional Districts. The most controversial change would switch Merrimack County, now in the Second District, to the First District. The county includes Hopkinton, which is the home of

the present representative of the Second District, Anne McLane Kuster. But Manchester, home of First District Rep. Christopher Pappas would remain in this district. Thus, both Congressman Pappas and Congresswoman Kuster, both Democrats, would be forced to run against each other, if both seek re-election, and Senate Bill 200 as amended were to become law. But the Governor again has indicated that he would also veto the second redistricting plan in the bill, if it were to reach his desk.

Proponents of the amended Senate Bill 200 like Manchester Rep. Ross Berry, a Republican, declared that its second redistricting plan met "all the legal and constitutional requirements of the U.S. and New Hampshire Constitutions." Rep. Berry touted the plan's low population deviation rate between the two districts, which meets the U.S. Supreme Court's redistricting principle of "one person-one vote." He also said that it kept 8 of the 10 counties together in either one district or the other. He added that the plan keeps every community bordering Interstate 93 in the southern central part of our state together. Finally, he declared that the lines of the current Congressional Districts, basically in effect since the 1880's, have produced the same party outcomes 90 percent of the time, and the redistricting plan in the amended bill would make both districts more competitive.

However, Senate Bill 200 opponents such as Nashua Rep. Paul Bergeron, a Democrat, disputed Rep. Berry's claims. Instead, they proposed an alternative redistricting plan contained in another nongermane floor amendment which was rejected by a 182-156 roll call vote, an alternative that Rep. Bergeron claimed would result in a population deviation rate of only .000037 percent between the two districts. The deviation rate would be achieved by only switching Hampstead, a town with a population of 8,998 residents now in the First District into the Second. No other municipalities in either district would be switched. All of Sullivan County, including Claremont, would remain in the Second District, under both the Republican redistricting plan contained in Senate Bill 200, as well as the Democrats' alternative plan.

For readers' information, I voted against both the non-germane Republican floor amendment to Senate Bill 200 with the Congressional Redistricting plan, and then the entire bill as amended. Instead, I voted for the Democrats' alternative plan, which was unfortunately rejected by a majority of the House. I did so because the proposed second redistricting plan contained in Senate Bill 200, like the first one in House Bill 52, is again another example of partisan gerrymandering of Congressional Districts at its worst, gerrymandering that has occurred in other states in the past, but has never occurred in New Hampshire up until this year from my recollection. We can do better with a more non-partisan plan. I hope Gov. Sunnunu will have the courage to veto the redistricting plans in both bills, if either one reaches his desk.

In my previous column, I wrote about preliminary approval of Senate Bill 418 by the House, which for the first time would create a "provisional ballot" law in New Hampshire, an unwise and maybe dangerous bill, which I voted against. Unfortunately, on May 4 a majority of my fellow representatives gave final approval to this same bill with a recommended amendment from a majority of the House Finance Committee

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which examined its fiscal impact on the state. Final approval of the amended bill passed on a 164-155 roll call vote. The bill now returns to the Senate which as earlier described with amended Senate Bill 200, has three choices as to respond with the amended bill. My guess is that the Senate will either concur with the House's amendment, or non-concur and ask for a Committee of Conference, so it can send the bill to Gov. Sununu in some form. I just hope he would veto it, if it is sent to his desk.

In a final note, I am pleased by the overwhelming decision of voters in the Croydon School District May 7 to restore the drastic school budget cuts made at an earlier school meeting in March. The budget cuts were reversed on a 377-2 vote of the town's residents who showed up at a special district meeting called after only 34 voters at the March meeting slashed the budget for the upcoming school years by 50 percent. The 379 voters who attended were actually about 90 more than the required number under state law necessary to even reconsider the earlier 50 percent budget slash let alone reverse the slash. This overwhelming decision proves to me that voters even in not so wealthy communities like Croydon still value public education and are prepared to take time out of their busy lives to defend such education, despite being forced to pay high property taxes to help pay for it. The main reason I'm commenting on the May 7 vote is because I plan to run for re-election in new House district this fall that includes Croydon as well as Claremont. So I'll probably be talking with Croydon residents more about their overwhelming support of public education in the coming months. **Email:** jocloutier@comcast.net

Hassan Ranked Most Bipartisan Senator by Nonpartisan Lugar Center

WASHINGTON, DC— Last week the nonpartisan Lugar Center and The McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University ranked U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH) as the most bipartisan Senator in 2021. Senator Hassan's score of 2.84 for 2021 is the highest score ever earned by a Democratic Senator in the history of the Lugar Center.

The Lugar Center, founded by former Republican Senator Richard Lugar, releases a Bipartisan Index that looks at how often Members of Congress work across the aisle on legislation. In 2021, Hassan secured a Republican co-sponsor for all 48 bills that she introduced, including legislation that became law, such as the STAND UP Act to support youth mental health and suicide prevention; her bipartisan bill creating state and local cybersecurity grant program; and her work to give tax cuts to new businesses to help them hire and retain employees. Hassan was also part of the bipartisan group that came together to draft and pass into law the bipartisan infrastructure bill.

"In 2021, Senator Hassan not only had the highest Bipartisan Index score in the Senate, she posted the highest score by a Democratic Senator in the 29 years for which we have data," said Dan Diller, Policy Director of the Lugar Center. "In doing so, she demonstrated an exceptional commitment to bipartisanship that sets the standard for other Senators. Despite the overall partisan atmosphere, sponsorship and co-sponsorship data shows that Sen. Hassan sought Republican legislative partners with steadfast consistency. Most remarkably, she secured a Republican co-sponsor for each of the 48 substantive bills that she introduced."

The Bipartisan Index measures how often a member of Congress introduces bills that succeed in attracting co-sponsors from members of the other party, and how often they in turn co-sponsor a bill introduced from across the aisle. The Index excludes non-binding resolutions and ceremonial bills. It is based on a formula applied uniformly to all members. No subjective judgments are made about individual members or bills. The Index serves as a critical resource for voters and the media and, its sponsors hope, encourages lawmakers to be more bipartisan when writing or cosponsoring legislation.

"In this polarized moment, bipartisanship is what allows us as a country to move forward. When we listen, collaborate, and value the opinions of those who we may disagree with and work to include their perspectives, we can make a real impact and improve the lives of all Americans," said Hassan. "We won't be successful in the long term if we can't remember that we have common experiences and ideas — and a love of country that has, historically, helped Americans overcome differences and make change..."

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Please be prepared to experience water discoloration at ANY TIME 5/16 - 5/26

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MONDAY 5/16

Winter Street (below Water Treatment Plant) Veterans' Park area Washington Street and neighborhoods

TUESDAY 5/17

Water Street and Mill Road
Opera House Square
Main Street (142) to Union Street
Broad Street
High Street neighborhood
Chestnut Street and sides
Sugar River Drive and Case Hill
South Street
Pleasant Street and sides to Drapers Corner

WEDNESDAY 5/18

North Street / Lincoln Heights Lower Hanover Street, Lafayette Lower Elm Street and neighborhoods to Main Street Main Street and neighborhoods to Coy Bridge

THURSDAY 5/19

Park Avenue area Myrtle Street / Bluff area Central Street and Pearl Street areas Summer Street Maple Avenue area and sides

FRIDAY 5/20

Grissom Lane to River Road (junction) Industrial Blvd. Sullivan Street and Twistback Road areas Old Church Road and Plains Road areas

MONDAY 5/23 through THURSDAY 5/26

Bible Hill / Ridge / Durham neighborhoods Ledgewood Road and Glenwood Drive areas Charlestown Road and sides to Lane Ridge Winter Street (above Water Treatment Plant) Thrasher Road, Slab City Hanover Street Elm Street and Dunning Street areas

Blow-offs throughout City (minimal disturbance expected)

CITY OF CLAREMONT Department of Public Works Notice of

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MONDAY, MAY 16th - FRIDAY, MAY 20th and MONDAY, MAY 23th - THURSDAY, MAY 26th

We will be cleaning the **ENTIRE CITY WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM** as part of our annual maintenance program to maintain high quality potable water and provide continued flow capacities. Although this process will produce temporary discoloration and pressure fluctuations, the safety of the water is **NOT** compromised in any way. *However*, we would advise scheduling washing clothes and cleaning projects at other times

It is suggested that Restaurants, Laundromats, etc. keep their use to a minimum until the water clears. The water system will be riled and cloudy, but this condition will clear upon completion of the work.

> A general neighborhood flushing agenda is available at our website www.claremontnh.com • scroll top of main page, click on link

> > Thank you for your patience.



NH DHHS COVID-19 Update May 6, 2022

On Friday, May 6, 2022, DHHS announced 603 new positive test results for COVID-19 for Thursday, May 5. Those results included 429 people who tested positive by PCR test and 174 who tested positive by antigen test. DHHS also announced an additional 52 new cases from Wednesday, May 4 (35 by PCR and 17 by antigen test) for a new total of 591. Test results for previous days are still being processed and updated case counts for prior days will be reflected on the COVID-19 interactive dashboard. There were now 3,962 known current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Positive results from home testing kits are not included.

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investiga-

tions will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there were eightythree individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 58% being female and 42% being male. The new cases resided in Rockingham (133), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (97), Strafford (75), Merrimack (70), Grafton (45), Cheshire (39), Sullivan (32), Carroll (26), Belknap (19), and Coos (6) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (39) and Nashua (38). The county of residence is being determined for thirty-six new cases.

There were currently 23 hospitalized patients being treated for COVID-19. Current Hospitalizations Treated for COVID-19 is the current metric tracking people hospitalized to treat their COVID-19 infection with Remdesivir, Dexamethasone or both therapies. These therapies are the primary medications for hospitalized patients to treat COVID-19. This new metric is modeled on NIH treatment guidelines and provides a more accurate view of the how many people are hospitalized because of severe COVID-19 illness, as opposed to patients admitted for other healthcare needs who may incidentally have COVID-19.

The NH Hospital Association reported 144 cases: it includes total confirmed COVID cases (96), total suspected cases (13) and COVID-Recovering (35). (The last category includes COVID-19 hospitalized patients no longer included in Confirmed COVID-19 statistics once removed from transmission-based precautions but who continue to receive inpatient treatment for COVID-19 related illness).

In New Hampshire, since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 313,288 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

As of Friday's map, May 6, there were 40 current positively identified cases reported by DHHS in Claremont; 26 in Charlestown; 7 in Grantham; 18 in Newport; 8 in Plainfield; 10 in Sunapee; with 1-4 cases in other towns. DHHS reported 126 current positively identified cases in Sullivan County.

Note: Data does not include positive home testing results.

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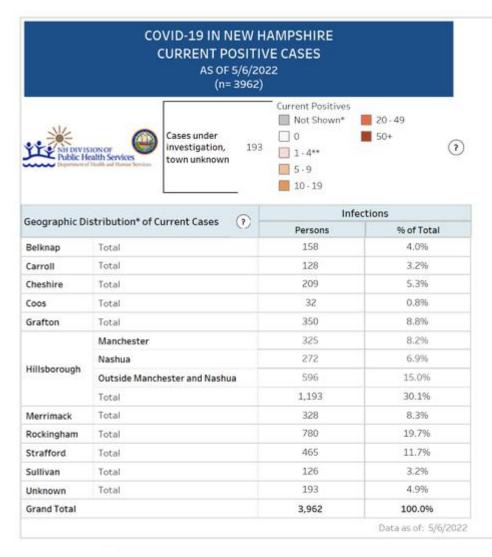
Fully vaccinated: 62.1% At least 1 dose: 71.6%

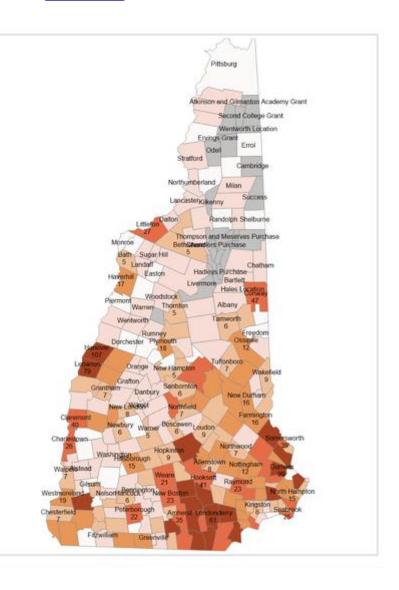
COVID-19 Hotline

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

Vaccine Information in NH

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





Charlestown Route 12 Repair Update – May 5, 2022

CONCORD, NH—Last week the Department of Transportation received the amended wetlands permit from the NH Department of Environmental Services. Fortunately, this necessary approval was obtained quickly, without the need to delay or stop work, reported Kathleen Mulcahey-Hampson, Legislative Liaison, Senior Hearings Examiner, NHDOT.

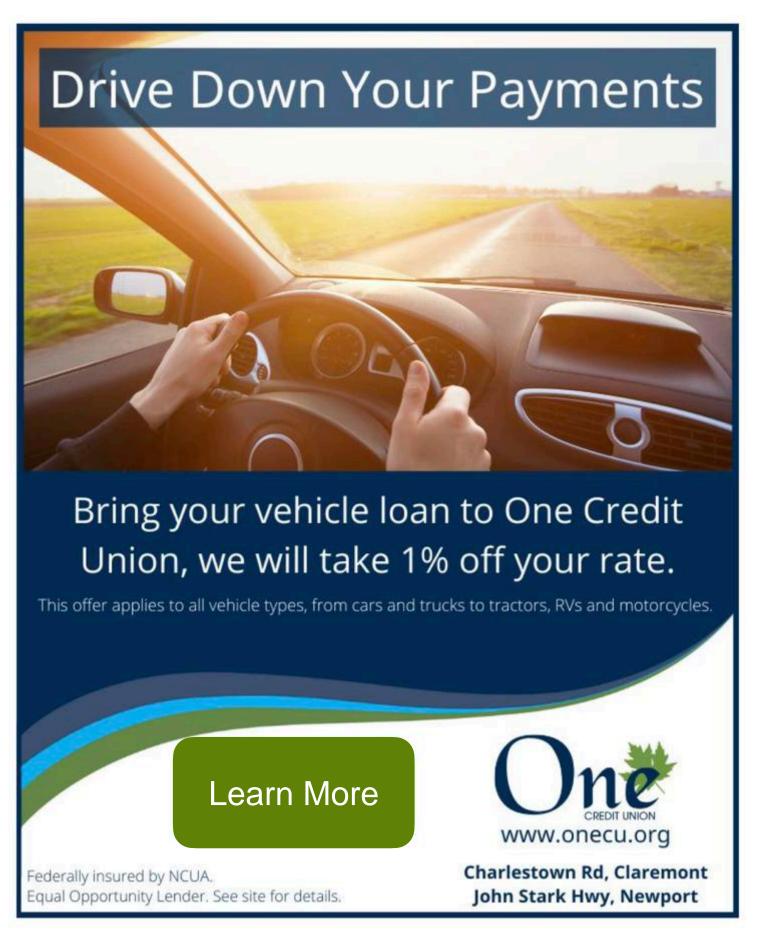




Photos showing work progressing in the constrained work site were shared with local elected officials. "The contractor, Casella, has been working on slope stabilization and preparing the future drainage outlets with erosion stone, as shown in the attached photos. Casella will be installing drainage structures

and pipes, as well as excavating the subgrade this week," said Mulcahey-Hampson on May 5. "If the required railroad approvals are received this week, Casella will recommence work within the railroad right-of-way."

Work continues on schedule, with the plan to reopen the road late May 2022.



Motorcycle, from page 1

After Todaro retired, he kept in touch with Gomes, as well as with Mark Grasso, Claremont's deputy chief of police, who had been certified by the Connecticut State Police as a basic police motorcycle operator when he served with the Westport Police Department.

"All three of us have known each other for years," said Gomes.

Since Grasso moved to New Hampshire and joined the CPD, he took a training course to become a certified instructor, and he recently completed classes in motorcycle maintenance. He described some of the uses and benefits of Claremont adding a police motorcycle to its fleet.

"The motorcycle has already proven effective with regard to motor vehicle enforcement, such as speed and distracted driving. It will also be a presence at many community events, including parades, fireworks and the Kiwanis Brewfest. The motorcycle also assisted with the Steppin' Up to End Violence 5K on April 30."

Motorcycle officers can negotiate congested traffic areas easier than 4-wheel police vehicles, thus decreasing response times, explained Grasso. This results in a more rapid scene survey and efficient deployment of additional resources. "The motorcycle was first on scene to a traffic accident on Washington Street just after the Steppin' Up 5K. The crash caused a significant back-up of traffic on the eastbound side of Washington Street. The scene was able to be cleared more rapidly, thus reducing the congestion on the roadway."

The motorcycle will be used as a recruiting tool, noted Grasso. "In an environment where police departments are competing for the best candidates, we're looking for any advantage to attract quality candidates."

Initially, the department will use the motorcycle as a special assignment vehicle, deployed to assist with special events, Grasso added. "If we have a shift with a certified operator working and our minimum patrol beats are covered, we will look to deploy it on patrol for motor vehicle enforcement."

Grasso, who as of now is the CPD's only certified operator and instructor, hopes to certify two other operators in Claremont. Officer Lucas Finamore, who has been riding his own Harley-Davidson for six years, has been selected to attend Basic Police Motorcycle Operator Training in Durham at the end of May. Grasso will be assisting with instructing this

class. Several other officers have expressed interest in being selected to take the next training, in September. Harley-Davidson has provided a scholarship for that class.

Seeing the motorcycle on the streets of Claremont will be a visual treat. It's painted black and blue to match the department's cruisers, sports the same logo, and features gleaming chrome. The lettering was done by Paint and Place of Newport through a gener-

ous donation from Ford of Claremont. The CPD is field-testing the emergency lighting

EMERGENCY BIL

Members of the Claremont Police Department attended the presentation at Ford of Claremont. From left: deputy chief of police Mark Grasso, chief of police Mark Chase, officer Lucas Finamore, officer Stephan Nix, detective sgt. Joshua Peavey, officer Cameron Blewitt.

equipment and siren, which were provided by Whelen Engineering Company of Charlestown.

May Is Motorcycle Awareness Month

For members of the public who plan to ride on two wheels as the weather gets warmer, please be vigilant of other motorists who aren't expecting motorcycles. Whether you're traveling on two wheels or in passenger vehicles, please ditch the distractions, don't drive while impaired, and use your turn signals so other drivers know your intentions. We'll be out there too, so please stay safe this month — and always.

Mark Grasso, Deputy Chief of Police



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Dartmouth Health to Host Career Fair Wednesday, May 11, at The Hilton-Garden Inn, Lebanon

LEBANON, NH – Dartmouth Health, the largest system of community hospitals, clinics and healthcare services across New Hampshire and Vermont, will host an in-person career fair on Wednesday, May 11, from 2 to 6 pm, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 35 North Labombard Road, Lebanon, NH.

Career opportunities are available at all Dartmouth Health locations, including Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital and Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH, Dartmouth Hitchcock Clinics throughout New Hampshire, Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center in Windsor, Vermont, New London Hospital in New London, NH, and Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire. Recruiters from Dartmouth Health will share information about career opportunities, and will conduct onsite interviews for some open positions.

Representatives of the Dartmouth Hitchcock Workforce Readiness Institute (DHWRI) will also be onhand to share information about the training programs and internships.

The event will include refreshments and raffles for all attendees. Pre-registration for the Dartmouth Health career fair is requested for planning purposes, but not required. Visit www.dhcareers.org.

Public Input Needed To Help, **Improve Vermont Rivers**

The State of Vermont gathers input from individuals, communities, and river organizations in order to strategize projects and monitoring activities that will help protect and improve the state's waterways for generations to come. Watch this video to learn about the planning process, how a Tactical Basin Plan is needed based on how our rivers and streams impact the landscape, and how you can be part of the planning process: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbAMLCI-B6cw.

The Black River and the Ottauquechee River together make up Basin 10, and there are two online opportunities to provide comments and ask questions: one for the Ottauquechee at 6 PM on May 10th and the other for the Black River at 6 PM on May 12th. Contact Black River Action Team Director Kelly Stettner for links by sending an email to

blackrivercleanup@gmail.com.

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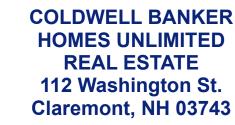
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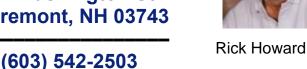


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Mark Brislin (center) was presented with a visual history of his eight years in Claremont by Justin Martin, superintendent of recreation programs, and Ivy Condon, CSBCC center coordinator.

'We Really Will Miss You, Mark!'

Friends and Colleagues Give Parks & Rec's Brislin a Send-Off

Text and Photo by Eric-Zengota e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Last Friday, May 6, was Mark Brislin's last day as the director of the Claremont Parks and Recreation Department. Today is his first day in his new position, assistant director of the parks and recreation department in Essex Junction, Vermont.

On Wednesday evening, the department's staff, commissioners, City colleagues, family and friends hosted a catered surprise party at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center. A photo display gave everyone a chance to look back at the many activities at which Brislin was organizer, master of ceremonies, participant — or all of the above. He was also honored by being chosen as the CSBCC's Spotlight Member for May.

Reviewing his eight years as director in Claremont, Brislin said he was most proud about helping to improve the community's quality of life through the parks, facilities, programs and events that he and the department's employees offered to the public.

In his last monthly report to the City, Brislin wrote, "I would like to take this time to thank the many organizations and individuals who helped collaborate on events and programs that helped make our department thrive over the past eight years. Whether the support came from financial donations or individuals volunteering to help at an event or coach a youth sport, I want to thank you for your help and assistance. We could not do many of the things we do without the continued support of the community. Thank you!"

Property Tax Relief Available for Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Through NH Department of Revenue Program

CONCORD, NH – New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (NHDRA) is offering a larger group of homeowners the opportunity to apply for property tax relief through its Low and Moderate Income Homeowners





at first, but that quickly changed to boss and friend. Mark has done an exceptional job in his position, which is oftentimes an unthankful place to be. He's handled trying situations with tact and finesse. It has been my pleasure working with Mark. He will be missed but I wish him well for his future.





Property Tax Relief program. Single homeowners making up to \$37,000 per year and married homeowners making up to \$47,000 can apply for relief from the state through June 30, 2022. Additionally, the maximum homestead value that may qualify for an award is increased to \$220,000 of value. NHDRA distributed more than \$821,400 in tax relief through this program last year, and nearly \$46 million in total since the program launched in 2002.

To learn more about NHDRA or to find the necessary form for the property tax relief, please visit www.revenue.nh.gov and click on Forms and Instructions. Residents who do not have internet access may request the required Form DP-8 by calling NHDRA's Forms Line at (603) 230-5001. The claim for relief must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2022.

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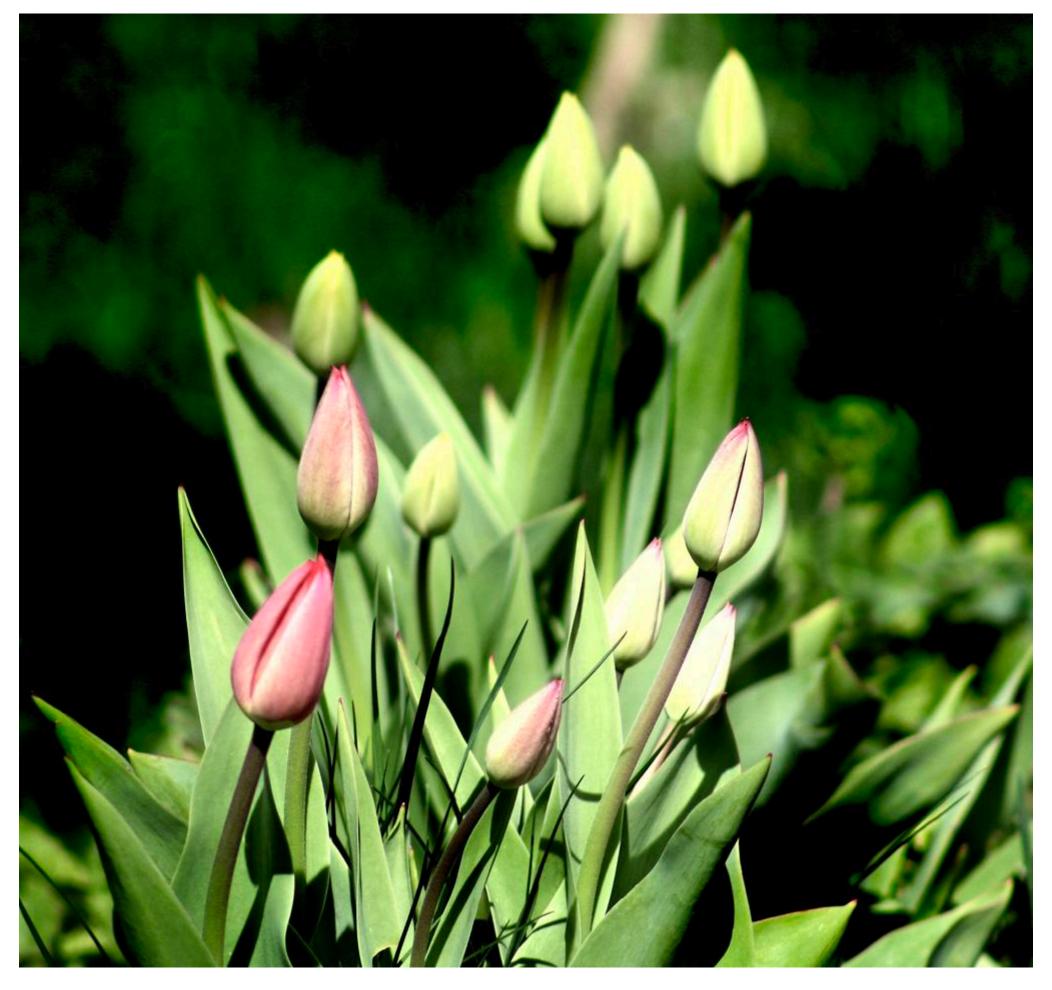
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The early stages of tulip blooms have a beauty all their own.

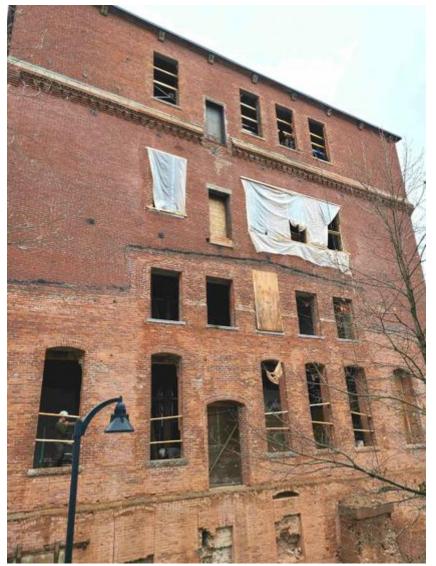
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Brick by Brick

Masons continue their work on the east façade of Monadnock Mill, a new apartment complex in an old mill building on Water Street in Claremont. The masons first re-opened the original windows on the first and second floors, which had been bricked up for decades. Then they cut in new windows on the

third through fifth floors, with the brickwork matching the original design, as approved by the National Park Service (Eric Zengota photos).

TUESDAY, MAY 10 NEWS FROM THE CORNISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Please join the Cornish Historical Society on May 10, 2022 for Exemplary Country Estates of New Hampshire.

In the early 20th century, the New Hampshire Board of Agriculture launched a program to boost the rural economy and promote tourism through the sale of abandoned farms to summer residents. After introducing the country house movement, Christina Ashjan, the presenter, focuses attention on some of the great country estates featured in the New Hampshire program between 1902 and 1913.

Time/Place: 7:00PM at the Cornish Town Office Building at 488 Townhouse Rd. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.



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Business News

NHEC Board Approves Capital Credit Payments to Members

PLYMOUTH, NH – At its April 2022 meeting, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative's (NHEC) Board of Directors reviewed the Coop's financial standing and approved the return of \$4 million of equity to members. Current NHEC members will receive their portion of these equity payments, called capital credits, as a credit on their July 2022 electric bills. This is the second consecutive year NHEC will be returning capital credits to its current and former members.

NHEC is a nonprofit, rural electric cooperative, which means it is owned by the people

and businesses it serves. When NHEC takes in more revenue than it spends in a given year, the Co-op builds equity. A key difference between nonprofit co-operatives, like NHEC, and for-profit utilities, is that cooperatives return this equity back to their member-owners.

The equity NHEC builds over time is used to fund capital projects, which keeps the electric distribution system safe and reliable, and helps keep electric rates affordable and stable. NHEC's member-owners are allocated their portion of the equity generated each year based on their electric usage. Members' accrued equity in NHEC is represented by capital credits that are accounted for in NHEC's financial records and returned to members when the Co-op's finances allow. Last year NHEC's Board approved the Co-op's first-ever capital credit retirement, returning nearly \$4 million to current and former members.

"Our members are not customers, but owners of their cooperative," said NHEC Board



Chair Jeffrey Morrill. "Returning equity to members is a hallmark of the cooperative business model and we're pleased to again be able to share the success of the Co-op with our members. Cooperatives are a reflection of the people and communities they serve. NHEC is financially strong because we have good management and members who use our services to create thriving

communities that support us all."

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members who received electric service in the year 2021 will see credits on their electric bills reflecting the return of their capital credits. Former Co-op members will receive checks based upon their portion of equity accrued between the years 1982 – 1984.

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Current and former NHEC members also have the opportunity to donate their capital credit payments to the NHEC Foundation or Project Care. Project Care and the NHEC Foundation are nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that provide assistance to Co-op members having difficulty paying their bills and support local community nonprofit organizations.

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Attorney General Secures \$683,522.00 for Consumers Deceived by TurboTax

CONCORD, NH – Attorney General John M. Formella announced May 4 that his office has secured \$683,522.00 from the owner of Turbo-Tax, Intuit Inc. (Intuit), for deceiving consumers into paying for tax services that should have been free. As a result of a multistate agreement, Intuit will pay \$141 million in restitution to millions of consumers across the nation who were unfairly charged. In addition, Intuit must suspend TurboTax's "free, free, free" ad campaign that lured customers with promises of free tax preparation services, only to deceive them into paying for services. All 50 states and the District of Columbia have signed onto the agreement. New Hampshire will receive \$683,522.00 for consumers who were deceived into paying to file their federal tax return.

"Today's settlement agreement with Turbo-Tax Owner Intuit is an important victory for the many Granite State taxpayers who were deceived by TurboTax," said Formella. "Taking advantage of low-income New Hampshire res-

idents and convincing them to pay for free tax services is unfair, unethical and a business practice that will not be tolerated in New Hampshire. Paying taxes is hard enough, so people should not also have to worry about being deceived by their tax preparers."

An investigation into Intuit began after ProPublica reported that the company was using deceptive digital tactics to steer low-income consumers toward its commercial products and away from federally-supported free tax services.

Intuit has offered two free versions of TurboTax. One was through its participation in the IRS Free File Program, a public-private partnership with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), which allows taxpayers

earning roughly \$34,000 and members of the military to file their taxes for free. In exchange for participating in the program, the IRS agreed not to compete with Intuit and other tax-prep companies by providing its own elec-

tronic tax preparation and filing services to American taxpayers.

In addition, Intuit offers a commercial product called "TurboTax Free Edition," which is only free for tax-payers with "simple returns" as defined by Intuit. In recent years, TurboTax has marketed this "freemium" product aggressively, including through ad campaigns where "free" is the most prominent or sometimes the only selling point. In some ads, the company repeated the word "free"

dozens of times in as short as 30 seconds. However, the TurboTax "freemium" product is only free for approximately one-third of US taxpayers. In contrast, the IRS Free File products were free for 70 percent of taxpayers.

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Retiring Early? Know Your Health Care Choices

Life doesn't always go as planned. For example, you might think you'll retire at 65 or later, when you'll be eligible for Medicare. But if you retire before then, how will you pay for your health care?

Without insurance, you risk incurring thousands of dollars of expenses if you are injured or become seriously ill. And if you must pay for these costs out of pocket, you might have to dip into your IRA, 401(k) or other retirement accounts earlier than you had planned – which could result in a less desirable retirement lifestyle than you had envisioned.

What, then, are your options? It depends on your situation, but here are four possibilities:

- Employer retiree health benefits If your former employer offers health coverage to retirees, it could well be your best choice, especially if the employer continues to pay a share of the premiums. However, fewer employers are offering continuing health coverage to former employees, and among those who do, they may use certain criteria – such as length of service and position within the company – to limit eligibility.
- Spouse's plan If you're married and your spouse still has employer-provided insurance, you may be able to get coverage under this plan or continue this coverage if you have it already. If the employer subsidizes premiums for spouses, this plan could be an affordable choice – if not, though, it might be more expensive than other options.
- COBRA The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) allows you to maintain your existing coverage with the same benefits and provider network. However, COBRA is typically only available for a specific time – usually 18 months – after you leave your employer, and coverage can be expensive. Your previous employer subsidized a portion

of the premium as a benefit, but once you've retired, you'll likely have to pay the entire premium, plus an additional

charge.

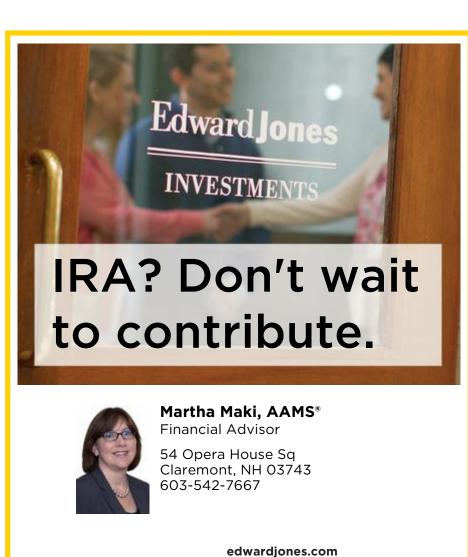
• ACA Marketplace plan – Through the Affordable Care Act Marketplace, you can find a variety of plans from which to choose, possibly including ones that include your existing network. If you qualify for subsidies, the premiums for your coverage may be similar to employer-sponsored coverage; if not, though, they can be more expensive. For information on ACA Marketplace plans, visit www.healthcare.gov.

If you have options for health insurance, you'll want to take into account differences in coverage and cost. Check whether your desired health care providers are in-network and try to determine if your current medications and the benefits you rely on are covered. You may also want to consider a plan that allows you to open a health savings account (HSA), which offers potential tax benefits. To contribute to an HSA, you must be covered by a high deductible health plan (HDHP), so there's that cost to consider, but if you're in generally good health and you don't expect to depend heavily on your health insurance until you're eligible for Medicare, you might want to consider an HDHP.

One final note: Even when you do enroll in Medicare, you will still incur expenses for premiums, deductibles and copays, so you'll want to budget for these costs in your overall financial strategy.

In the meantime, explore your health insurance options. The future is not ours to see – so you'll want to be prepared for anything.

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Penny Sale Prizes Galore

The Claremont Senior Center's Penny Sale is set for Sunday, May 15th. Over \$7,000 in prizes and gift certificates have been donated by area businesses, members, friends, and neighbors. Nine raffles valued between \$90 and \$150 will also be drawn. For the first time, this year we will have Grand Prizes, including a \$575 sapphire necklace donated by Daryl's Watch and Jewelry, a \$300 gift certificate donated by Manny's Appliances, a spa tub full of soaps and shampoos valued at \$275 donated by J.R. Liggett of Cornish, NH, a \$250 simple will donated by Atty. Lisa Wellman-Ally, and a \$200 comfort quilt made and donated by the Claremont Country Quilters. In addition, we have over 200 penny sale prizes. Refreshments will also be available. Doors open at 11 a.m. and the prizes are drawn beginning at 1 p.m. (Courtesy photo).

Cryans Announces Run for District 2 Executive Councilor Seat

HANOVER, NH—Former District 1 Executive Councilor Mike Cryans of Hanover has announced plans to run for the District 2 Executive Councilor seat. "The Executive Council districts are shaping up to be very different this year," said Cryans, a Democrat. "I am running for the newly reconfigured District 2 Executive Council seat."

Cryans added, "The new district is now made of 46 municipalities from District 1, 32 municipalities from District 2, and 3 municipalities from other districts. The 46 municipalities that were in District 1 now make up the majority of towns that will be in District 2. This district makes up much of the western half of New Hampshire."

He will be running against incumbent Cinde Warmington, also a Democrat. "I found my previous job experiences to be very helpful while serving on the Council. My experiences as a high school teacher in Littleton, Senior Vice President at a bank in Hanover, and Executive Director at a substance misuse center in Lebanon have given me the ability to work with many communities around the state. I have also served on several boards, such as the Unique 529 College Savings Commission, the New England Drug Court, and the Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital Board." Cryans said he was "committed to vote for funding Planned Parenthood, which failed three times during this term. I have done it during my term and will continue to vote for essential health services for over 12,000 women, many as their primary healthcare service."

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The Out-of-Towners

Moody Park has become a favorite recreation spot for not only Claremont residents but also visitors from around the Upper Valley. On a recent warm, sunny Saturday, Nathan Burnham and Tammy Freckleton, of Newport, brought two of their grandchildren to the park for a leisurely stroll. The kids — Kaylynn (8) and Kholton (2) Ovitt-Besaw, of Ascutney, VT — wanted to climb up on as many tree stumps as they could. And as everyone knows, grandparents can't help but grant their grandchildren's requests (Eric Zengota photo).

Trucking in A.M. Treats

Tech Students Enjoy an Epic Breakfast

CLAREMONT, NH-Mike Hammond, the owner/operator of Epic Food Truck, visited the Tech Center (SRVRTC) on Tuesday morning, May 3, to share his passion for making great food. Teachers and students were fed breakfast sandwiches, hash browns and juice.

"This was a great opportunity for our culinary students to see a food truck in action," said SRVRTC director Dr. Alex Herzog. "Reports from the students were overwhelmingly positive, and they were thankful for the visit."

May 2-6 was National Teacher Appreciation Week. "I've had many teachers to thank for my success today. This is one way I can help show that appreciation!" said Hammond.

The SRVRTC of Claremont asks local businesses to reach out to the school if they would like to share their talent with current students. This is also a good way to showcase a business and connect with students who may be looking for employment now and in the future. Contact Herzog at aherzog@sau6.org to find out how.

—Eric Zengota



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Sports/Recreation

Bly Still Undefeated; Wins Third Straight at Claremont

Claremont Motorsports Park May 6—Event Story

By Gary Dutton

CLAREMONT, NH—And then there was only Ricky Bly. The Sunapee star stormed to his third consecutive Late Model Sportsman feature win Friday, May 6, at Claremont Motorsports Park.

Bly, a former track champion in the sleek powerhouse division, entered Friday's third CMP event of the season as one of only two drivers still undefeated on the young 2022 campaign. When teen star JD Stockwell could muster only third on the night in the Pure Stock main, that left only Bly able to go home still perfect on the year.

And Bly jumped all over the opportunity, wiring his 25-lap feature to stay comfortably atop the Route 103 Auto LMS division.

Dynamite Dave Greenslit won his second Street Stock feature in a row Friday, while Braden Morrie was strong in becoming the third different Mini Stock victor in as many races. Craig Smith, the one years ago dubbed "the other Craig Smith," not to be confused with "the original Craig Smith," who was second to Bly in the LMS go-round Friday, scored his first Pure Stock victory of the season, and Steve Miller, the older version, earned his second 2022 Six Shooter victory lap.

Bly ran basically uncontested in the Late Model 25-lapper. One of three feature races run caution-free Friday night, this one was quickly over. Starting up front alongside the original Craig Smith, Bly jumped all over the opening green and never looked back.

Smith held strong to come home second, his best showing of the young season, while defending LMS champion Ben Poland completed his solid outing in third.

Trevor Rocke led lap one of the R.E. Hinkley Street Stock main event, completing that first circuit just inches ahead of Andrew Brousseau. Greenslit, the two-time defending track champ and widely recognized as one of New England's elite Street Stockers, took charge on lap three and never looked back. But what a battle was waged behind him!

Robert Hagar, who'd fired from row two, took second from Brousseau on lap 11, bringing week one winner Cody Schoolcraft with him. While Greenslit quickly sailed off to run a race all his own far ahead of the pack, the three-car battle behind him was furious.

When Hagar and Schoolcraft danced the ugly tango on lap 24, Brousseau was quick to jump all over second again, beating Joe Tetreault to the stripe by a wheel, as the potent duo reversed their two-three finishes behind Greenslit of a week earlier.

Joe Olmstead and Nick Houle led the In City Sugar Shack Mini Stocks to the green, with Houle taking charge on lap two and then setting fast time over the next nine go-rounds. Braden Morrie, charging from row three, then took over and blazed off to his first win of the summer.

Chris Judd's late-race surge netted him the runner-up hardware Friday, while Sean Lantas' third-place run kept him atop the early-season points parade.

Craig Smith, the other one, started up front in the LaValley Building Supply Pure Stock (Continued on page 23)

SHS Baseball

04/14/22	at	John Stark	L	2	-	6
04/18/22		Bow	L	0	-	14
04/20/22	at	St. Thomas Aquinas	L	12	-	18
04/22/22		Fall Mountain Reg	L	5	-	11
04/25/22		ConVal	L	5	-	15
04/29/22	at	Coe-Brown Northwood	W	9	-	0
05/02/22		Pelham	L	5	-	14
05/05/22	at	Plymouth	L	4	-	6
05/06/22		Hanover	L	2	-	15
05/09/22	at	Souhegan		04:3	30	PM
05/13/22	at	Newport		03:3	30	PM
05/13/22		Newport		07:0	00	PM
05/17/22		Laconia		07:0	00	PM
05/18/22		Pembroke		06:3	30	PM
05/25/22	at	Oyster River		04:	30	PM
05/27/22	at	Fall Mountain Reg		07:0	00	PM

SHS Softball

04/14/22	at	John Stark	L	0	-	14
04/18/22		Bow	W	6	-	4
04/22/22		Fall Mountain Reg	W	11	-	8
04/25/22		ConVal	L	4	-	7
04/29/22	at	Coe-Brown Northwood	L	2	-	3
05/02/22		Pelham	W	6	-	1
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05/06/22		Hanover	W	20	-	5
05/09/22	at	Souhegan		04:	30	PM
05/13/22	at	Newport		03:	30	PM
05/13/22		Newport		07:0	00	PM
05/16/22	at	Hanover		04:	30	PM
05/17/22		Laconia		07:0	00	PM
05/18/22		Pembroke		06:	30	PM
05/25/22	at	Oyster River		04:	30	PM
05/27/22	at	Fall Mountain Reg		04:0	00	PM

SHS Lacrosse

04/12/22		Campbell	L 0 - 15
04/13/22	at	Trinity	L 0 - 15
04/18/22	at	Hopkinton	L 0 - 20
04/20/22		Bishop Brady	L 3 - 18
04/21/22		Laconia	L 3 - 18
05/02/22	at	Milford	L 0 - 12
05/05/22	at	Plymouth	L 0 - 13
05/06/22	at	Pelham	L 0 - 17
05/09/22		Lebanon	04:00 PM
05/11/22	at	Hillsboro-Deering	04:00 PM
05/13/22	at	Inter-Lakes- Moultonborough	05:15 PM
05/16/22		Kearsarge	04:00 PM
05/18/22		Gilford	04:00 PM
05/23/22		Trinity	04:00 PM

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main and simply drove away at will to win his first of the year. The fact he fired from row one probably didn't matter, on this Friday he and his ride were simply the class of the field.



Nolan McClay scored his second

runner-up finish of the season and two-time winner JD Stockwell, whose ride lacked its magic of weeks one and two, was still good enough for third in the 20-car field, finishing just inches ahead of Chris Chambers, impressive in his third top-five finish.

Steve Smith Sr. topped the Avery Insurance Six Shooters, earning his second 2022 victory lap. Robert Shaw impressed again in second, while Lucas Bernatchy was third for the third race in a row.

Claremont Motorsports Park will return to action on Friday, May 13, when the Thrasher Road speedplant will honor speedway patriarch Sonny Fleury when the NHSTRA Modifieds top a seven-division card of racing in the Sonny Fleury Memorial 150 event. Post time is 7 p.m. each Friday.

CLAREMONT MOTORSPORTS PARK MAY 6 TOP TENS

LATE MODEL SPORTSMAN: Ricky Bly, Craig Smith, Ben Poland, Camdyn Curtis, Jack, McClay, Ryan Bell, Steve Bly, Andrew Campbell, Dylan Zullo, Dustin Leoutsakos.

STREET STOCK: Dave Greenslit, Andrew Brousseau, Joe Tetreault, Brandon Gray, Trevor Rocke, Jeremy Zullo, Cody Schoolcraft, Haydon Grenier, Briana Akusis, Kayleigh Eastman.

MINI STOCK: Bradon Morrie, Chris Judd, Sean Lantas, Nick Houle, Ryan Carman, Dave Thibeault, Lane Lantas, Richard Stockwell, Dan Young, Joe Olmstead.

PURE STOCK: Craig Smith, Nolan McClay, JD Stockwell, Chris Chambers, Andrea St. Amour, Bruce Jaycox, Kyle Templeton, Aiden White, Travis Sykes, Jacob Fowler.

SIX SHOOTER: Steve Miller, Robert Shaw, Lucas Bernatchy, Steve Miller Jr., Ryan Partidge, Tyler Scott, Eric Griffin, Andrew Scott.

SHS Tennis

The perennially short-handed Cardinals, missing their #4 player, made the trek to the North Country for a rescheduled match against Berlin on Thursday.

The singles results are as follows:

- 1. Amaya Eitapence 1 Kadence Gendron 8
- 2. Izabela Eitapence 0 Leilah Horne 8
- 3. Pantita Tansrisuwan 1 Redyn Munce 8
- 4. Morgan Tremblay 0 Abby Blais 8
- 5. Berlin by forfeit
- 6. Berlin by forfeit

Here are the doubles scores:

- 1. A. Eitapence / I. Eitapence 1 Horne/ Munce
- 2. Tansrisuwan / Tremblay 0 Gendron /Turmel 8
- 3. Berlin by forfeit

The Cardinals had almost no time to catch their breath, returning to Monadnock Park on Friday for a home match against Monadnock. Weary from Thursday's road trip to Berlin, the girls nevertheless put up a good fight and continued to improve. If the team can realize their elusive goal of consistency to a greater degree over the final contests, overall scores should reflect this improvement.

Here are the singles scores:

- 1. Amaya Eitapence 1 Bridget VanValzen 8
- 2. Izabela Eitapence 5 Aderyan Daughtry 8
- 3. Pantita Tansrisuwan 0 Hailey Peters 8
- 4. Kamdyn Aldrich 1 Lenina Ayala 8
- 5. Morgan Tremblay 4 Patricia Ryan 8
- 6. Monadnock by forfeit

The doubles results are as follows:

- 1. A. Eitapence / I. Eitapence 0 VanValzen/ Daughtry 8
- 2. Tansrisuwan / Aldrich 9 Cooper Martin / Phoebe Divens 7
- 3. Monadnock by forfeit

The Cardinals welcome the Pelham Pythons for a double-header at home on Tuesday, May 10th, before visiting the Huskies on Thursday, May 12th to end the week's competition.

NH Fights to Doubleheader Split at Somerset

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP, NJ— After rainouts on Friday and Saturday, the New Hampshire Fisher Cats (12-14) split their Mother's Day doubleheader against the Somerset Patriots (New York Yankees, 17-9). A first inning lead carried New Hampshire to a 6-3 win in game one. In game two, Somerset was two outs away from a no-hitter, and the Fisher Cats lost, 3-2.

Game one – NH 6, Somerset 3

The Fisher Cats showed no signs of rust after three days between games, tallying three runs in the first inning. New Hampshire loaded the bases with two walks and a hit by pitch by Patriots starter Luis Medina (L, 1-2), the No. 12 prospect in the Yankees system according to MLB.com. Luis De Los Santos then lifted a two-out, bases-clearing double to right-center that put the Cats up, 3-0.

Somerset added two runs in the bottom of the second. Paxton Schultz tallied two straight strikeouts to leave runners on first and third and keep New Hampshire in front.

New Hampshire scored twice more in the fourth inning with the help of two Somerset errors. Phil Clarke reached on an error and scored on a balk. Sebastian Espino also reached on an error and scored on a wild pitch, extending the Fisher Cats lead to 5-2.

After a Somerset run in the fourth, Sean Rackoski (W, 1-0) earned his first decision of the season with 1.1 innings of scoreless relief and struck out three.

Clarke's solo home run in the sixth inning put New Hampshire back up three, 6-3.

Game two - Somerset 3, NH 2

Somerset starter Ken Waldichuk turned in the most brilliant pitching performance the Fisher Cats have seen this season. The lefty, ranked No. 6 in the Yankees system by ML-B.com, struck out the side in the first two frames and finished with 12 strikeouts in 5.0 innings. He did not allow a Fisher Cats hit and walked three batters. New Hampshire entered the top of the seventh trailing 3-0 and did not have a hit. An error, double, sacrifice fly and a wild pitch pulled New Hampshire within one run, 3-2.

New Hampshire went 2-3 against Somerset this week in their first of three series this year. The Fisher Cats next game is home May 10 vs Binghamton Rumble Ponies (New York Mets, 8-18). Visit NHFisherCats.com.

Polishing the Diamond

Barnes Park Field Ready for Months of Action

CLAREMONT, NH—The infield of the Barnes Park baseball field in Claremont received an upgrade two weekends ago, thanks to the work of Mike Josselyn, owner of Josselyn Sports Turf in Jefferson, NH.

The project included several steps. First, Josselyn used a sod cutter to edge all grass areas for proper size specifications/dimensions and improved safety. Then he drove a John Deere Aercore around to aerate the grass. Next he used a rolling compactor to level the ground, then a rotogroomer to level the field by filling in low spots. An application of Turface (calcined clay) will help with water management and soil compaction. Finally, Josselyn reshaped the pitcher's mound to bring it back to its proper height.

The Barnes Park baseball field is the site of not only baseball games but also community events such as the Back to School Festival held in late summer (Courtesy photos).

—Eric Zengota





Mike Josselyn drives a John Deere Aercore around the infield to aerate the grass (Eric Zengota photo).



Before...

During...



After

Inspiration

The Purpose of Spring

By Priscilla Hull

We may think that spring is the bumper between winter and summer. We think that it is a special time when mud is deep and sticky and gets into our tires, our houses, everything. We might think that spring is a time of rest; there are no gardens to weed and water; there are no leaves to rake into bonfires at the edge of the road (who remembers those days?); there are no driveways to shovel or cars to be pushed out of snow banks. We think that spring is a time to turn back the thermostats and turn ahead the clocks.

Well, that's not it at all! Maybe once upon a time, those things might have been true, but with global warming or more accurately, climate change, as a constant companion, we find that spring is a time of cold wet rain, snow squalls, frost on the windshield and for goodness sake, keep that thermostat turned up! We are finding lately that spring, or the months that we call spring, are suddenly chilly, wet, and dismal. Oh, yes, a few flowers bloom, like those in well-tended gardens, but we can hardly prepare the soil for annuals and vegetables because it's not yet unfrozen in places. So we do relish the bulbs that still come through the cold earth in late April and May!

We plow through the days which, true to form, are growing longer (at least that's not changing); the sun rises earlier and sets later. We have some spectacular sunsets and sun risings to view. We're encouraged somewhat by the longer days and we plant seeds in little moss cups that one day we hope we'll plant in the garden or hanging pots. We watch as the seeds germinate and hope that it'll be warm enough one day to plant them outside. We wait! We watch! The temperatures hover around 40, still not warm enough to do much outside except maybe plant peas, if we're brave enough. One day it comes! After a week of the thermometer playing games and approaching 70, we have a couple of days that are pretty chilly and then suddenly the thermometer reaches 78 and then 80 and then 82! But beware, oh anxious gardener. That's a tease! In a couple of days it stays in the 40s and at night we go cover any little plants that in our eager state we may have put into the ground!



We now are sure that there will be a summer. The bumper season that was so enjoyable is now shortened to a very few days. So those couple of days when it was around 70 were not in vain. They were real and they brought hope. The summer will come. We'll be donning flip-flops and shorts (unless you're one who wore them through the winter).

So, tolerate the wildly fluctuating temperatures; tolerate the mud; tolerate the long wait. Summer is coming and the nights will take on that luminescence of the late setting sun. The stars will shine; we will rejoice in the myriad of flowers that decorate lawns and porches and window boxes. The world will emerge like a butterfly from the cocoon of winter and color will make us smile with joy!

"Even the wilderness and desert will be glad in those days. The wasteland will rejoice and blossom with spring crocuses. There will be an abundance of flowers and singing and joy! The deserts will become as green as the mountains of Lebanon, as lovely as Mount Carmel or the plain of Sharon. The Lord will display his glory, the splendor of our our God."

Isaiah 35:1-2

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

Calendar Of Events

SHS Class of 1977 Meeting

When: Tuesday May 10 5:30 PM Where: Steve Plourde's, Winter Street,

Claremont

Unity Historical Society Meeting May 10

UNITY, NH—The Unity Historical Society will be meeting on Tuesday, May 10, at 6:30 pm at the Town Office in the Selectmen's Office. They will be finalizing plans for landscaping the Veteran's Memorial and also other projects planned for this spring and summer.

Also, the Society will be honoring the Historical Society members through the years since the beginning in 1983. Help us celebrate on Sunday, May 15, from 2 to 4 pm at the Town Hall in Unity.

A Center for the Arts Fundraiser for Ukraine

In response to the devastating events taking place in Ukraine, the Center for the Arts is hosting a fundraiser to raise much needed funds for Ukrainian Relief.

"Art for Ukraine" includes over 25 donated pieces of art by award winning artists in the Lake Sunapee Region. The public was invited to view the art as part of the May 6th First Friday Gallery Night Stroll

and also to see additional pieces online at www.centerfortheartsnh.org/

The CFA asks the public to support this effort by purchasing art, or by making donations online. Art will be available to purchase through the end of May. All proceeds from the sale of this artwork, and all donations, will go di-

rectly to Ukrainian Relief Funds.

The CFA thanks the following artists for their generous donations to this fundraiser: Peter Anderson, Anna Marie Ash, Betsy Derrick, Bill Balsam, Mary Belecz, Megan Cardillo, Kathleen Curwen, Elizabeth D'Amico, Gwen Fuller, Ludmila Gayvoronsky, Jack Harkins, Nancy Hendrix, Pam Hill, Barbara Hunting, Mimi Wiggin, Andrea Lapins, Gwen Nagel, Rick Stockwell, Juliana Twomey, and many others.

New art is added online everyday. To see the entire gallery of "Art for Ukraine", please visit the website listed above.

For more information, please contact us at info@centerfortheartsnh.org or 603-526-4444.

Friday, May 13, 7:30 pm Sweet Baby James, James Taylor Tribute event at Claremont Opera House

Nashville's Sweet Baby James - America's #1 James Taylor tribute artist - comes to Claremont with his popular acoustic "Walking Man" solo performance.

Join us for the timeless music of 6-time Grammy winner and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame member James Taylor.

Family-friendly event at the Claremont Opera House. Tickets available at https://ci.ovationtix.com/35866/production/ 1121125.

Bill Griese (aka "Sweet Baby James") sounds so much like Taylor vocally, and plays his signature guitar style so faithfully, you can close your eyes and imagine you're listening to the legend himself. But rest assured, SBJ is not a James Taylor "impersonator" – expect a natural, authentic presentation; a respectful & fitting tribute to an American original.

The Claremont Opera House seating chart is optimized for social distanced seating; we have a limited number of larger groups available but are happy to combine smaller blocks to accommodate your needs. Contact the box office at 603-542-4433 to request.

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Registration Forms Available for Entries in SHS Alumni Parade

CLAREMONT, NH—Any class or organization looking to be a part of this year's SHS Alumni Parade may get a registration form on the Stevens Alumni website. Go to https://stevensalumninh.com/ and click on the link to the right, "Alumni Weekend Parade Scheduled for June 11" for more information.

Annual Penny Sale at Senior Center May 15

CLAREMONT, NH—We at the Claremont Senior Center are busy preparing for our Annual Penny Sale, to be held Sunday, May 15. There are already several items for the raffles

Deliver care and assistance to people where they are most comfortable – at home.



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603 863 0451 603 443 3747 djtreework51@yahoo.com and the grand prize. Of course, the 50/50 will be available. We know you will want to get your tickets early, so we will be open at 11AM for your convenience. Hungry? We can fix that. Our kitchen is humming already about the menu. Relax and watch those numbers as we start drawing at 1PM. There is a rumor that the raffles will be drawn in between. Not sure yet.

Thank you to all the local businesses for their generous donations.

Registration Now Open for The 41st Annual Prouty

LEBANON, NH – The Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center announce the launch of 41st Annual Prouty. Northern New England's largest family-friendly fundraising event is back and in-person on July 8-9, 2022. Registration is now open for the 41st Annual Prouty, benefiting life-saving cancer research and patient and family support services at Dartmouth and Dartmouth-Hitchcock's Norris Cotton Cancer Center (NCCC).

Health and safety are top priorities. Event plans and logistics will be based on local public health guidelines to ensure a safe experience for all participants and volunteers. COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions continue to evolve, and more details on protocols and plans will be shared in the spring at www.theprouty.org.

For additional details and to register, go to: www.thep-routy.org.

Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo

Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo is back every Thursday; doors open at 4:00 pm and games starts at 6:00 pm.

Check out our new hall at 183 Plains Road in Claremont, NH.

Lots of pull tickets for chances to win more money. 50/50 raffle and lots more.

Sandwiches and snacks available and drinks. Questions: call Sandy at 603-543-7118.

Open to those 18 and older.

Big Money Bingo Every Sunday, Doors open at 11:00 and games start at 1:00pm. Check out our new hall at 183 Plains Road, Claremont, NH.

Pay out depends on the number of people who show up. Lots of pull tickets for chance to win more money.

Lots of raffles including a big raffle of cash and scratch tickets.

Sandwiches and snacks available and drinks. Questions: call Sandy at 603-543-7118. Open to those 18 and older.

Grief Support Available Through Lake Sunapee VNA

NEW LONDON, NH - Lake Sunapee VNA offers three virtual grief support groups for the community at no cost. The "Recently Bereaved Group" is for men and women who have experienced the loss of their spouse within the last year and is held on the second and fourth Thursday of every month from 10:00-11:00am. The "Widow to Widow Group" is for women in all stages of grief and meets on the first Monday of every month from 3:30-5:00pm. Newly bereaved widows are welcome at this group as well, especially if they are feeling the need for more frequent support. In addition, a "Bereavement Check-in Group" is available for men and women experiencing a loss of any kind and is held on the third Wednesday of every month from 4:00-5:00pm.

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

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Charlestown VFW Bingo Schedule

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown VFW Bingo is offering a weekly opportunity for some entertainment and socializing while helping us to raise funds for our many Veterans programs. Wednesday nights at 5:00 p.m. for early birds and 6:30 p.m. for regular fun and games. Currently, we play 12 regular and two 2 part games, as well as a 50/50 game, Winner—take-all game, Carry Over Coverall game and a Jackpot game. The Governor's emergency order concerning COVID has expired.

It is now time to take the lessons we have learned over the past year plus and act accordingly. If you're sick – stay home. Cover your nose / mouth when you cough, wash and or sanitize your hands frequently, and we'll all be healthier. The attendance limit has also ended. In keeping with the state CDC recom-



mendations, if you have a compromised immune system you may still wear a mask for your own protection. We still have masks and hand sanitizer for anyone that may desire either product.

The Charlestown VFW Post is located at 365 Lover's Lane Rd, Charlestown, NH.

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

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting

Tuesday - May 17 - 6:30 PM St Joseph Church Hall - Claremont, NH Program: - Recital of Rosary Baby Shower (for Pregnancy Center of the Upper Valley).

Claremont Senior Center News

The Claremont Senior Center is opened but masks are required if non-vaccinated. We are open every Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. We are also open Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6pm to 9 pm. Another game afternoon has started on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 pm to 3 pm. We have many activities. Miracle Ear, Blood Drive and VNA Foot Clinic will continue as scheduled.

PLEASE NOTE: On May 3rd, we started two options for our meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays – drive-thru PLUS indoor seating. Reservations ARE required for indoor seating as there is a limited number of seats. Tuesday, May 10th - BBQ pulled pork, cole slaw, dessert. Thursday, May 12th – Turkey with gravy over stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert. Must call 603-543-5998 by 10:30 to reserve your meal for either drive thru meal or inside dining. Price is \$4 for members and \$5 for non-members. Indoor dining serving will begin at 11:45 am and drive thru pickup will begin at noon until 12:30 pm. Meals are always subject to change. Indoor diners will not be served at the table. Diners will have to collect their meal at the serving window and return used dishes at the dishwashing window. Beverages will not be included, at this time. Water and soda will be available for purchase or you may bring your own beverage.

Foot Clinic - Our next foot clinics will be

held on May 11, 18 & 25th. You MUST call 603-748-1731 to make an appointment with them. The fee is \$25.

Bingo - Our Wednesday afternoon Bingo is back and running. Cards are sold between noon and 12:45 only. We only take Ones, Fives and Tens, NO Twenties. You need not be a member to play Bingo but you must be at least 55 years old.

AARP – AARP Tax Aide volunteers will be assisting qualified NH property owners with applying for the property tax relief program.



Saturday, June 25th, 2022

Robert C. Hasevlat Memorial Park • Newport

8:30 AM (Race Day Registrations) | RUN STARTS AT 10:00 AM

\$25 PRE-REGISTRATION FEE | \$30 SAME DAY REGISTRATION FEE

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Income requirements are for the household which includes all adults (18 and older) who live in the home. Income requirements - \$37,000 or less for single taxpayer, \$47,000 or less for married filing joint or head of household. May 13th, 9 AM to Noon on the first come first serve basis. DO NOT CALL THE CENTER FOR APPOINTMENTS. Need to bring Copy of 1040 for tax year 2021 and Property Tax bill for last guarter of 2021.

We will hold a Grilled Chicken BBQ meal drive-thru Saturday meal on May 14th and this will be our final Saturday meal until Fall. The drive-thru takeout meal will be BBQ half chicken, fresh made potato salad, petite corn on the cob, roll, strawberry shortcake all for \$12. Call in reservation 603-543-5998 by 4 PM. Drive thru pickup is from 4:30 – 6:00.

Penny Sale - We will hold our 9th Penny Sale at the center on May 15th. Doors are scheduled to open at 11 am and the tickets are pulled at 1 pm. We are still collecting donations of NEW items for the Penny Sale. Have you received a gift that you will never use and don't know what to do with? Why not donate it to the Penny Sale. A food concession will be available with delicious offerings. Volunteers are also needed to help with the Penny Sale. We will need volunteers days before the sale for sorting and labeling. Volunteers are also needed the day before for setting up and on penny sale day many are needed to sell tickets and door prize tickets.

Yard Sale – is scheduled for July 22 and 23rd. We will need donations of useful items, We can not accept large appliances, large furniture, mattresses, luggage, carpets and rugs, clothes, shoes, typewriters, computers, TVs, exercise equipment, skis, or anything else we feel is not salable. Yard sale donations will be accepted after the Penny Sale.

Please Note: We have heard that a number of members would be interested in Poker, Ping Pong and Corn Hole. This past Wednesday we had a few members who came in and played corn hole. Please call if you would like to join the corn holers. Also if you are interested in the other events, please sign up at the center or call and leave your name, phone number and days you are interested. This is the only way that we would be able to know if the interest is here.

"Do not wait for extraordinary circumstances to do good; try to use ordinary situations"—
Jean Paul Richter

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Road, Claremont, NH; phone 603-543-5998.

Rhyme, Rhythm, Art, Body, and Mind

Somewhere along the line, our brains developed a keen sense of longing for visual art, music, literature, dance, and poetry. From personal adornment, and the rituals of song, dance and storytelling in nomadic times, to the present day, we enjoy art in a multitude of forms. Our brains crave ways to help us communicate, connect, and create. The arts do just that with their emotional and physically-perceptible pulls on our bodies and minds.

Out of aesthetic experiences and their impact on our brains and our physical selves comes the field of study known as neuroaesthetics. Neuroaesthetic research can focus on how the brain rewards us when we view or create art by secreting feel-good brain chemicals like oxytocin, serotonin, and dopamine. These chemicals trigger sensations of pleasure, reducing stress and anxiety as we engage in aesthetic experiences. Research also reveals that aesthetic experiences impact our bodies, such as changes in breathing, heart rate, and skin responses as people create or experience art.

Fortunately, here in the Upper Valley, the arts abound. It's no wonder, then, that three of our local non-profits are banding together to present an art exhibition and poetry reading all to be filmed and replayed for people to enjoy over time. Currently, the AVA Gallery & Art Center offers an art exhibition titled "The Thing With Feathers" inspired by the theme of "hope" as presented by nineteen local artists showing through May 21st.

A public poetry reading on May 14th at 3 pm on the same theme of "Hope; What brings you light and lifts you up?" is a welcome addition to this community art exhibition, organized by West Central Behavioral Health in collaboration with AVA. And it will all be video recorded by CATV8, yet another local non-profit that understands the need to share the arts to help people grow, learn, and feel connected. The poetry reading will include guest poet Alice Fogel, the former NH State Poet Laureate, along with ten community poets who will read their verse aloud.

For more information about this free and open to the public poetry reading, art exhibition, and community reception to celebrate National Mental Health Awareness Month on Saturday, May 14th, at 3 pm, please contact Dave

Celone, Director of Development and Community Relations at West Central Behavioral Health at dcelone@wcbh.org.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday 5/1/22

0936- Engine 4 responded on First St. for a medical call

1311- Engine 4 responded on Main St. for a well-being check

1837- Brush 1, Engine 4, Utility 3 and Car 1 responded on Chestnut St. for a brush fire

Monday 5/2/22

0128- Engine 4 responded on Veterans Park Rd. for a medical call

0835- Ladder 2 and Engine 4 re-

sponded on Goss St. for a chimney fire

1024- Engine 4 responded on Pleasant St. for a medical call

1032- Engine 3 responded on Sullivan St. for a medical call

1743- Engine 4 responded on Bavier St. for a medical call

1804- Engine 4 responded on Hunter Circle for a medical call

1943- Engine 4 responded on

Grandview St. for a smoke investigation

2131- Engine 4 responded on Stewart Ave. for an odor investigation

Tuesday 5/3/22

0002- Engine 4 responded on Myrtle St. for a medical call

0717- Engine 4 responded on Washington St. for a Box Alarm

1002- Engine 4 responded on Winter St. for a Box Alarm

1309- Engine 4 responded on Main St. for an alarm sounding

1917- Engine 3 responded on Trinity St. for an illegal burn

2002- Engine 3 responded on Central St. for a medical call

2159- Engine 4 responded on Main St. for an alarm sounding

Wednesday 5/4/22

0246- Engine 4 responded on Broad St. to assist the ambulance

0404- Engine 4 responded on Main St. for a medical call

Thursday 5/5/22

0330- Engine 4 responded on Manor Dr. for a medical call

1019- Engine 4 responded on

Pleasant St. for an electrical issue

1138- Engine 4 responded on Bond St. for a medical call

1551- Engine 4 responded on Sugar

River Dr. for a public assist

1744- Engine 4 responded on Sul-

livan St. for a medical call

1909- Engine 4 responded on

Spring St. for a medical call

2302- Engine 4 responded on Cen-

tral St. for a medical call

Friday 5/6/22

0836- Utility 1 responded on Sugar

River Dr. for a public assist

0927- Engine 4 responded on

Leslie Ave. for a well-being check

2054- Ladder 2 and Engine 4 re-

sponded on Main St. for possible structure fire

Saturday 5/7/22

0654- Engine 4 responded on Sullivan St. for a Box Alarm

1539- Car 2 responded on North

St. for a public assist

1624- Dispatched Mutual Aid to

Weathersfield, VT for a brush fire

1703- Engine 4 responded on

Summer St. for a motor vehicle accident

1738- Engine 4 responded on

Chellis St. for a medical call

1832- Engine 4 responded on Main

St. for a public assist

CFA Arts Scholarships Now Available for Summer Enrichment, College Programs

The Center for the Arts invites students in grades 7-11 and high school Seniors entering college to apply online now. Deadline is June 1st.

Thanks to the generosity of our members and the community, the Center for the Arts awards scholarships each year to student artists, musicians, writers, dancers, and theater majors, for both summer enrichments programs and college level studies. The Center for the Arts has awarded over \$30,000 to students in the Lake Sunapee Region with a dream of pursuing their education in Art, Music, Theater, Dance and Literature.

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Reside in one of the 12 towns in the Lake Sunapee Region: Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Newport, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner, or Wilmot; be enrolled in public or private school, or home schooled; submit a completed application for a scholarship to fund arts-based enrichment education; agree to share their talent with the community.

Applications be made online at <u>www.center-fortheartsnh.org/scholarships</u>.

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Sunday, May 22, 2022

Claremont Senior Center

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Purchasing a \$5 book gets you a play for each of the 20 regular games

And buying multiple books can only multiply your LUCK

Doors will open @ noon & games will begin at 1:00

Masks are required



Game 21 is a GRAND PRIZE of

'Out and About Gift Certificates for 4: Movies, Mini Golf, Escape Room, Tavern on the Square and Time-Out Americana Grill valued over \$300.00'

Buy as many \$3 sheets as you'd like to have plenty of chances to win!

Get 1 Free Grand Prize sheet by bringing a donation for our Pet Food Bank

Proceeds will benefit the Sullivan County Humane Society.

Pursuant to NH Gaming Laws, no one under 18 is permitted during the event.

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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Hilda J. Underwood, 87

Hilda J. Underwood, 87, of Maple Avenue in Claremont, NH, died on Friday, April 29, 2022.

She was born in Claremont, NH, on December 20, 1934.

She was predeceased by her parents. Harry and Mildred (Foisy) Converse; her husband, Donald Underwood Sr.; and a sister, Brenda Nightingale.

Her surviving family includes two daughters, Donna Bohn of Vermont and Doreen Underwood of Claremont; one son, Donald Jr. and his wife, Debra of Claremont; two brothers, Larry Converse and his wife, Janice; and Harry Converse Jr. and his wife, Kathy; a sister, Apryl Blake and her husband, John; two grandchildren, Jennifer Anderson and her husband, Luke and Amanda Viger and her partner, Joel Waterman; two great grandchildren, Ashton Birere and Kailey Waterman and several nieces and nephews.

Hilda worked as a secretary for Agel Corman, Valley Family Physicians and Reeds Trucking.

She loved and enjoyed her pets. She also loved camping, crafts and puzzles. She sang in the Trinity Episcopal Church. She loved music, especially Elvis.

There will be no service at this time. There will be a celebration of life at a later date.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Ginger L. Chan

Nee: Ginger Lee Gnatek

It is with great sadness that we announce that Ginger Lee Chan passed away on April 19, 2022. She fought a good fight but finally succumbed to liver cancer.

Ginger was a lifelong resident of Claremont, NH. She earned a bachelor's degree in accounting at Plymouth State University in 1996. She was a para teacher in the Claremont grade school system for many years, which was the highlight of her life. She loved all the kids she taught and carried each one of them in her heart. She also tutored many of them outside of school.

She loved to volunteer at the Sullivan County Animal shelter in Claremont. She adored her "kitty cats" and wanted to save them all. Most of all she loved spending time with her

family and friends going out for lunch and afternoon shopping.

Her fun spirit and big heart will be greatly missed by her family and her many friends.

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There will be a memorial service to celebrate her life on May 14, 2022, at the River Stone church, 739 Main St, Claremont NH, at 11:00

In lieu of flowers Ginger has asked for donations to be made to the Sullivan County Humane Society or the River Stone church community outreach program.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Mocktails For Moms and Caregivers event is on May 14, the weekend after Mother's Day. Moms enjoy mocktails and treats in the Cornish Store, while kids do crafts, stories, activities in the library. Childcare/event supported and headed by the Friends of the Cornish Library.

Email stowelllibrary@comcast.net to RSVP.



Dark green, leafy veggies like spinach, collard greens and kale are good for your eyes. Eat a diet rich in dark, leafy greens, and it can go a long way toward preventing macular degeneration. Call

it tasty preventive medicine. Just start early. Eat your dark greens.

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(we're right there by the hospital)



The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

AGENDA (Revised)

- 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 April 27, 2022, City Council Meeting(s)
- 6:37 PM 5. MAYOR'S NOTES
- 6:42 PM 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

General Remarks

- 6:55 PM 7. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
- 7:00 PM 8. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))
 - 9. OLD BUSINESS
 - 10. NEW BUSINESS
- 7:10 PM A. City Fee Schedule Public Hearing (City Manager/Finance Director)
- 7:20 PM B. Resolution 2022-27 Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund & ARPA Grant Public Hearing (City Manager/Public Works Director)
- 7:35 PM C. Resolution 2022-28 Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund & ARPA Grant Public Hearing (City Manager/Public Works Director)

BREAK

- 8:00 PM D. IAFF Contract/Authorize City Manager to Execute (City Manager/Human Resources Manager)
- 8:15 PM E. Ordinance 592 OHRV Class V Roads-First Reading (City Manager/Public Works Director)
- 8:30 PM F. Resolution 2022-29 Relocate Taxiway A Phase 1 Public Hearing (City Manager/Airport Manager)
- 8:40 PM G. Ordinance 593 Amend Merit Plan First Reading (City Manager/Human Resources Manager)
- 8:55 PM 11. BUDGET
 - A. Preliminary Budget Discussions
 - B. Assessing
 - C. Welfare
 - D. Library
 - E. Elections
 - F. Debt Retirement (Debt Service)
 - G. Policy
 - H. Outside Agency Request
- 9:35 PM 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 9:40 PM 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 9:45 PM 13. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 9:50 PM 14. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. In addition, budget meetings will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022, Wednesday, May 25, 2022, June 8, 2022. Public Hearing and Vote – 2023 Budget will be Wednesday, June 22, 2022.

The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on <u>Saturday, May 14, 2022</u>, at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. NOTE: Different date and time.

AGENDA

8:30 AM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

8:32 AM 2. ROLL CALL

8:34 AM 3. AGENDA CHANGES

8:35 PM 4. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))

8:45 AM 5. BUDGET

A. Fire

B. Airport

C. Planning & Development

D. TIFD-Downtown

10:00 AM BREAK (15 minutes)

E. Finance/IT

F. City Administration (Finance)

G. General Services

H. Police

I. Communication 911

12:15 PM LUNCH (1 hour)

J. Sanitation

K. Cemetery

L. Streets and Roads (Highways)

M. Parks

N. CSB Community Center-Recreation

O. Municipal Complex (Maintenance)

3:30 PM CIP Tour

4:30 PM 6. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

4:35 PM 7. ADJOURNMENT

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Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate Sherman Visits Claremont

By Eric Zengota e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—State sen. Dr. Tom Sherman (D-24th district, Seacoast region), to date the only declared challenger to Gov. Chris Sununu in the 2022 election, visited Claremont on Friday and Saturday. He stopped in at several businesses, walked around the historic downtown, and held a Meet & Greet to introduce himself to voters on this side of the State.

At the Meet & Greet, which included a question-and-answer session, Sherman addressed the critical issues that New Hampshire faces and how, if elected governor, his administration would put the Granite State back on course.

"The principal duty of a governor is to engage with the legislature from the first day," he said. "You have to identify common goals, collaborate on legislation to meet those goals, and then implement that legislation. None of that is being done by this governor," he asserted. "You need someone in the corner office who looks out for the people. You can't run a State like you're the CEO of a company."

"The governor and the Republican-majority legislature have lurched so far to the right" that Sherman is afraid that four years from now, "New Hampshire will be unrecognizable as the State we've known in the past. Just consider





Above and below: NH State sen. Dr. Tom Sherman, who is running for governor, criticized current State policies and trends, and proposed changes he would spearhead if elected (Eric Zengota photos).

the restrictive abortion ban, the cuts to public education funding, teachers under attack."

"Our best teachers are leaving because of the toxic atmosphere," he said. "This governor-appointed commissioner of education doesn't know what public education is. Cutting \$100 million from the latest budget has resulted in the most expensive voucher program in the country." He also pointed out, "It's cheaper for New Hampshire students to go to college out of state. Why? Because even doubling the amount of New Hampshire's funding for higher education leaves us in last place nationally."

"Tax cuts are investments," Sherman stated, and the best way is to lower property taxes. "Ours are not only the third highest in the nation, but they've gone up every year of the past six under this administration." Meanwhile, "this governor gives money away to people who don't need it or sends it out of state."

Sherman called Sununu's reliability into question on several points.

"In 2019, he vetoed a budget that included \$134 million for public education. Yet last year

he didn't veto a budget that had provisions he said he didn't support because he doesn't like to exercise his veto power. And if any woman thinks he's the pro-choice governor he says he is, she should do some more thinking." The governor "loves to take credit for what others have done, but not responsibility for what he hasn't done." In short, "You cannot trust what he says."

Sherman addressed some current policies that have to be reversed or greatly improved: Affordable housing. "As I walked around Claremont, I kept saying you could build apartments here, and here. There is so much potential in this city, but funding is inadequate to attract developers."

Child care. "We have to make it more affordable for parents. There are currently 14,000 children in this State waiting to be placed in child care."

Technical education. "You have a great facility here with the Tech Center. We have to identify students' interests as early as possible,

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then nurture them, especially in their junior and senior years. That way they can graduate with certifications and hands-on experience that can launch them into their first job at more than just a 'living' wage."

In light of the threat of climate change to the environment and the economy, Sherman would have the State stop investing in and paying for fossil fuels. He would "immediately" open up the solar power-based grid to 5 megawatts, in contrast to Sununu's current capping at 1 megawatt.

He noted that the governor has vetoed 12 bipartisan bills on climate change. Sherman would promote renewable energy sources such as wind, solar and an off-shore wind project based in the Gulf of Maine. He would increase New Hampshire's investment in renewables, which are currently "flat," unlike the rest of the New England states in REGGI (Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative), which aims to regionalize energy costs. Those States, he pointed out, are getting a 3-times return on their investments.

"Why vote for me?" Sherman concluded. "You can trust me. As a medical doctor, a gastroenterologist, I've built trust with all my patients, and my constituents know that I work continuously for their benefit. I'll work with the





legislature, as I've been doing during my two terms as a state representative and two as a state senator. And I will always do what I say I will do."

Above: Sullivan House will soon open as transitional housing for individuals released from the Sullivan **County Community Corrections Center.** From left: Dr. Tom Sherman, superintendent of the department of corrections David **Berry, Charlene Lovett** (Courtesy photo). Bottom left: At Time-Out Americana Grill, from left: Dr. Tom Sherman, State sen. Suzanne **Prentiss, Time-Out** owner Nicholas Koloski, State rep. Gary Merchant (Courtesy photo). Bottom right: **Sherman and Merchant**

played a few holes of mini golf at Time-



Out's just-opened Blackbeard's Cove (Eric Zengota photo).

Lovett Announces Run for New Hampshire Senate District 8

CLAREMONT, NH—Charlene Lovett has announced that she is running as a Democratic candidate for New Hampshire Senate District 8. Lovett was Mayor of Claremont (2016-



Charlene Lovett

21), City Councilor (2014-15), State Representative (2011-12), and Claremont School Board member (2009-12), and served in the military for 22 years, retiring as an Army Chief Warrant Officer in 2003.

"I have worked at all levels of government," said Lovett, "and I will use my experience to build strong partnerships and develop policy that will benefit the communities and the people of Senate District 8 and New Hampshire.

"New Hampshire faces longstanding issues that cross party lines – from education funding to affordable housing and economic development," Lovett said. "I believe that the purpose of government is to create an environment of safety and security, while building a framework of equitable opportunity. I will use my experience at building coalitions and partnerships to solve problems in Concord."

Lovett's campaign chairperson is former State Representative Virginia "Biddy" Irwin of Newport, NH. Irwin stated, "I am supporting Charlene Lovett for State Senate because her experience working across party lines will bring common sense to Concord." Former Assistant Mayor Allen Damren of Claremont will serve as Treasurer for the Friends of Charlene Lovett Campaign Committee. "I've worked with Charlene on several projects over the years," said Damren. "I have always been impressed by her thoughtfulness, ability to critically examine issues - both pro and con, and then choose well thought out positions."

Newly formed as the result of state senate redistricting, Senate District 8 encompasses the City of Claremont and 19 towns in four different counties, including the towns of Acworth, Antrim, Bennington, Charlestown, Croydon, Deering, Dunbarton, Francestown, Gilsum, Langdon, Lempster, Marlow, Newport, Stoddard, Sunapee, Unity, Washington, Weare and Windsor across the counties of Cheshire, Hillsborough, Merrimack, and Sullivan.

Lovett retired as an Army Chief Warrant Officer in 2003 after serving for 22 years in Military Intelligence and subsequently provided intelligence training to military and federal employees. Her military service and work in the federal sector honed her leadership skills and her dedication to helping veterans and honoring their service to the nation. She is currently the Historian at American Legion Post 29 and has organized numerous events to honor local heroes.

While mayor, Lovett was a member of Cities Thrive and Climate Mayors, national coalitions of mayors advocating for resources at the local level to address mental health and environmental issues. When she became aware of the devastating effects of lead poisoning on children's health and ability to learn, she advocated for landmark legislation to prevent childhood lead poisoning and supported efforts to bring nearly two million federal dollars into Sullivan County to remediate lead and other health hazards in homes. Her leadership in this area earned her awards from both the EPA and the Conservation Law Foundation. She has served as chair of the Board of Trustees for Valley Regional Hospital and continues to be a member of Claremont's Clean Lead Action Team.

Lovett said she knows "firsthand the importance of educational opportunities to the pros-

perity of NH and its people, and I know that the lack of adequate funding creates inequities for both families and communities." Her advocacy for better funding brought "millions of dollars to Claremont, enabling the school district to complete many capital improvement projects that had been deferred for decades. Having served as Chair of the Advisory Committee for River Valley Community College, I understand the importance of developing pathways from secondary education to higher learning and creating a robust portfolio for career options."

Lovett's supporters said that she has been "instrumental in the revitalization of Claremont, a community that suffered economic and population loss when the mills closed and is now a city on the rise. During her leadership, the City Council adopted investment tools and updated ordinances that attracted millions of dollars of outside investment to transform vacant buildings into housing, new businesses and the Claremont MakerSpace. As a Commissioner on the Claremont Housing Authority, she works to address the housing crisis facing our families, businesses, and communities. She believes that people are an organization's greatest asset - whether in a hospital, a military mission, or an entire community - and believes that investing in people is equally important to investing in infrastructure as a strategy for community prosperity."

In 2021, Lovett was one of 13 mayors to receive the Municipal Advocate Leader of the Year Award from the NH Municipal Association for the mayors' success in advocating collectively for housing and better funding to municipalities.

"I believe the purpose of government is to create an environment of safety and security while building a framework of equitable opportunity, providing each person the chance to live up to their full potential," she said. "[I want to] be a champion for the people and communities of Senate District 8 and ensure that their voices are heard in Concord."

PUBLIC NOTICE

For a meeting of the CONSERVATION COMMISSION
To be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022 6:00 PM
Visitor Center, 14 North Street Claremont, NH