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THE “NEW HAMPTON CONNECTION”

E-mail notices will be sent from this office with dates, locations and times of Town Meetings, special meetings, special events, and other important town events or information. We hope you will find these notices helpful. These e-mails will not provide notice of regular scheduled meetings, deadlines, holiday hours, general information, etc. For such scheduled information, please check the town web site www.new-hampton.nh.us or call the Town Office at 744-3559. All public meeting notices are posted at the Town Office and Public Works Department. All town newspaper notices are placed in the Laconia Daily Sun.

Please talk with other New Hampton residents who may not have been contacted to see if they are interested in receiving these e-mails. I also would encourage you to get the “word out” about important information to those who may not have e-mail.

If at some future time you change your e-mail address or you wish to be removed from the list please send an e-mail to blucas@new-hampton.nh.us.

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April 10, 2019

“BRINGING the PRESENCE of the PAST into the PRESENT”

New Hampton Had a Train Wreck?

Although I grew up in New Hampton, I do not recall hearing about two locomotives involved in a head-on crash in our town. A stereoscopic card on eBay, with its faded image of the wreckage of two locomotives, led to many questions. These were quickly answered by a framed collage hanging on the wall of the New Hampton Historical Society Museum. Local resident Volker Antoni, through photos and text, narrates the story of *The Railroad in New Hampton*, including the collision. The following information is from Volker’s work.

On May 8, 1882, through an error of the dispatcher, the daily local from Plymouth to Concord collided with a cattle train out of Vermont. While most of the crew members were able to jump free before the crash, there were two fatalities. One was William Abel (1834-1882) of Bridgewater, an English immigrant who owned a knitting machine factory in Laconia, and the other was Hiram Jones (1832-1882), a horse drover from Barre, VT. Volker concludes, “*The conductor and as such, the person in charge of the passenger train was Thomas Robie (1830-1893). Passengers referred to his*

train as 'Robie's Train.' He was a New Hampton native. Twice-daily on his route he passed the Robie family homestead and farm on the east side of Winona Road at the intersection of Straits Road and extending down to the Fogg's Road Station."



½ of a Stereoscopic View Card found on eBay. The photographers, C. F. Bracy of Ashland and C.H. Colby of Meredith took several photographs of the wreck from various perspectives – all of which were sold to the public! Lake Winona was once "Long Pond."

All aboard, indeed! For more information on the history of the town, please visit the New Hampton Historical Society website at www.newhamptonhistory.org

Kent Bicknell
Historian, NHHS
April 9, 2019

Assessing Firm Beginning Annual Visits to Properties

The assessing firm of Commerford Nieder Perkins LLC is beginning their annual review of properties in New Hampton. They will be visiting properties to re-measure and re-list assessment data, requesting access to the interior whenever possible to be sure properties are accurately listed. They will carry photo identification with them and will leave tags on doors to notify residents they have visited their property. These visits are required by the NH Dept. of Revenue to ensure all properties within the town and the state are being fairly assessed.

NEW HAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019 @7:00 PM

Songs of Emigration-Storytelling through Traditional Irish Music

Our **Presenter, Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki**, relays some of the adventures, misadventures, and emotions experienced by Irish emigrants. The focus is on songs about leaving Ireland, sometimes focusing on the reasons for leaving (a man who is driven from his land by English persecution), sometimes revealing what happened upon arrival (an immigrant drafted into the Union army during the Civil War), and sometimes exploring the universal feeling of homesickness of a stranger in a strange land (a factory worker in London missing his home in County Clare). The presenter discusses the historical context of these songs, interspersing their stories with tunes from Ireland that made their way into New England's musical repertoire, played on his fiddle or guitar. This program is sponsored by New Hampshire Humanities.

Our Programs are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Visit our website at www.newhamptonhistory.org

Road Postings

Town Roads have been posted, for a 10 Ton load limit, as determined by the Public Works Director in accordance with RSA 231:191.

It may be possible for you, or a contractor, to receive a special permit to operate over posted roads for a job or operation for specific dates and times based on weather and road conditions. These permits are available from the Public Works Director Jim Boucher at 744-8025.

NEWS RELEASE

New Hampton Police Department taking back unwanted prescription drugs April 27th at the New Hampton Police Department, New Hampton, NH

On Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the New Hampton Police Department and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public its 17th opportunity in nine years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted

prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to the New Hampton Police Department at 24 Intervale Drive, New Hampton NH 03256. (Sites cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last fall Americans turned in nearly 460 tons (more than 900,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at more than 5,800 sites operated by the DEA and almost 4,800 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 16 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in almost 11 million pounds—nearly 5,500 tons—of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s National Survey on Drug Use and Health shows year after year that the majority of misused and abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including someone else’s medication being stolen from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 27 Take Back Day event, go to www.DEATakeBack.com.



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Seeking the Help of New Hampton's Citizens

The Belknap County Drug Task Force along with participating area law enforcement agencies such as New Hampton Police Department cannot be successful without the assistance and support of the citizens. We welcome information as it relates to illicit drug dealing and criminal offenses and will continue to follow up on leads/tips as they are developed.

[Click here](#) for more from the Sheriff's Department.

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