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BY ROBERT BLECHL
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LITTLETON — As winter nears, the topic of homelessness was raised during Monday's Select Board meeting, where property owners aired frustrations about trash and damage on their land, and police detailed what they can and cannot do under current laws and the town ordinance.

What began as a 3-minute-per-person public comment period resulted in an exchange of more than 30 minutes.

Mike Carbonneau owns 2,700 feet of Ammonoosuc River frontage that he said has drawn some homeless persons.

"Four times this summer I've had to deal with people making encampments on my land, trashing my land, making an outhouse

on my land, cutting my trees down," he said. "I'm here partially to express frustration, but also I remember a year or two ago we as a town voted no camping on Littleton land and that continuously happens. I'd like some answers on how we're dealing with that."

The town is addressing the no-camping policy, said Deputy Littleton Police Chief James Gardiner.

That policy, which stemmed from a voter petition, was approved at the 2024 town meeting and prohibits overnight camping on municipal property unless authorized by the Select Board. The town had been developing a permitting policy for overnight camping approvals, which to date has not been completed.

A breach of the ordinance is a violation-level offense and not a crime.

As such, is only subject to a fine (\$10 for a first offense and \$25 for subsequent) with no associated jail time, said Gardiner.

Regarding Carbonneau's property, if people trespass and return after being told they can't be there, Carbonneau can choose to post the land with 'no trespassing' signs, which would make it easier for police to enforce through a misdemeanor charge of criminal trespass, said Gardiner.

In New Hampshire, people can walk on private property without it being a criminal offense, unless the property owner has posted it, which therefore constitutes legal notice to others, he said.

As far as damages, a New Hampshire statute regarding timber trespass could be invoked, and if someone cuts down a tree valued at more than \$1,000, it would be considered a felony,

otherwise a misdemeanor if valued lower, said Gardiner.

The challenge is linking a branch 300 feet down the river, for instance, to a tree, he said.

That's why Littleton police have attempted to catch people in the act, but haven't yet been successful, said Gardiner.

Carbonneau said Littleton police found an encampment on his land a month ago and identified the person, who he alleged also had a bag of drugs, but nothing happened.

Existing bail statute in New Hampshire generally calls for holding someone in detention only if they are a danger to the public or to the lives of others or, sometimes, if they repeatedly fail to appear in court as scheduled, said Gardiner.

"The other problem is that for most of these violations, you simply cannot hold someone on bail," he said. "You can't take someone's liberty away for a violation offense. It has to be a misdemeanor A or a felony offense. The other is if cash bail is set, they

have to be able to pay it. If someone has no means, a judge can't set cash bail ... We are incredibly frustrated with that law as well."

"There's town land on both sides of me," said Carbonneau. "They probably think they're on town land. They just move in and totally disrespect everything. They steal tools from my shop, steal wood, steal from other neighbors, and now I've kicked them off four times in one month from my property."

The person in question was cited at least four times in the last week and a half and hasn't paid any of the fines, and can't be placed behind bars for violation-level offenses, said Gardiner.

If someone doesn't satisfy a fine or civil forfeiture within 30 days that can be paid to the town through the police department, they can be charged at the district court for violating the town ordinance, and if they fail to appear in court, a warrant can be issued for their arrest on a misdemeanor failure to appear, provided that a judge decides to hold them re-

sponsible, he said.

"I'm just tired of people stealing from me, living on my land, trashing my land," said Carbonneau, who filed a trespassing report, but not a theft report. "I know your hands are tied."

Rod Marvin lives near Carbonneau and has had similar experiences.

"I've been putting up with this sh** for six years," said Marvin, who spearheaded the 2024 petition. "I've had people on my land, off my land, all around my land. I would like the Board of Selectman to give police the authority to have trespassing on these pieces of town property. It's just non-stop. They move in one day, they take them out, they're back there two days later, all around me and him. So the Board of Selectmen can give police the authority to call it trespassing, just like at Remick Park and anywhere else, because it's really starting to get old."

Littleton Police Chief Paul

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ON THE COVER

Liason plays its soccer season opener in a New Hampshire Division IV home clash with visiting Pittsfield on Friday, Aug. 29, 2025. The girls rolled to a 5-0 win while the boys won 2-0. (Photo by Michael Beniash)

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NCH Defends Outsourcing Billing Work

COOS COUNTY — North Country Healthcare is outsourcing parts of its billing operation to a Colorado firm, a move leaders say is necessary to keep pace with complex insurance requirements while protecting frontline medical jobs.

CEO Tom Mee said nearly 80 percent of U.S. health systems now outsource some revenue cycle functions, which handle insurance authorizations, claims and billing. “This initiative will ultimately save jobs,” Mee said. “I have to collect every single cent that we’re entitled to.”

The system awarded its contract to Hartzler Healthcare, owned by Matt Hartzler, who recently served as NCH’s interim vice president of revenue cycle. NCH counsel Brooke Belanger said Hartzler was a consultant, not an employee, and that the company was selected after an independent review. She said the firm offered a customized approach allowing NCH to retain more staff than larger vendors.

Officials said the transition will extend into early 2026 and dismissed rumors of more than 100 layoffs. The number of employees affected will be “dramatically lower,” Belanger said, and below the threshold requiring federal layoff notices. Mee added that displaced staff would be prioritized for open roles, noting the system typically has 50 to 100 vacancies.

Community members have raised transparency concerns, but Belanger said the system provided as much notice as possible. She and Mee emphasized that outsourcing is intended to reduce billing errors, fight insurer denials, and improve patient experience.

Mee stressed that the decision was unrelated to recent federal Medicaid cuts and that NCH remains committed to keeping its three critical access hospitals in Berlin, Colebrook and Lancaster open. “All of my efforts, 100 percent of the time, are directed at keeping all three hospitals open,” he said.

Littleton Weighs Special Town Meeting for Senior Project

LITTLETON — The developer of a 117-unit senior living community on St. Johnsbury Road is asking Littleton to hold a special town meeting so it can qualify for financing through New Hampshire’s C-PACER program.

Artemis Living at Littleton is building 62 independent living units, 35 supported-living units, and 20 memory care units at 1262 St. Johnsbury Road, with an opening planned for spring 2026. Owner’s representative Roxie Severance told the Select Board this week that a special town vote is needed to establish an assessing district, a requirement before the project can apply for C-PACER funding.

C-PACER, administered by the New Hampshire Business Finance Authority (BFA), allows developers to borrow up to 35 percent of a project’s cost from private lenders for energy efficiency, water savings, and disaster resilience improvements. The program uses no taxpayer funds and carries no financial risk to municipalities, according to BFA executive director James Key-Wallace. If a property is sold, future owners assume the loan obligation.

Although the law enabling municipal participation was revised earlier this year, no New Hampshire town has

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OBITUARIES

DAVID CHAPMAN

David Lee Chapman, 82, passed away peacefully at home with his family at his side on July 29, 2025. David was born on Aug. 5, 1942 to Margaret and Kenneth Chapman in Manhattan, New York. He grew up in his early years in North Strafford and then moved to Lisbon, N.H. where he graduated from Lisbon High School in 1960.

David, also known as Dave, Chappie, Chapman, Dad, Uncle Dave and Grampa Dave, had a big life! As a young man while still living in North Strafford he picked beans on a farm in Columbia, N.H. He later worked at Cannon Mountain and Waterville Valley doing ski patrol. Eventually he got into construction and went on to own his own company in Waterville Valley. David loved to hunt, fish, ski, white water canoe and everything that was outdoors. He and his very good friend Todd Baldwin spent much of their time planning their next outdoor adventure. His love of the outdoors brought him to Alaska where he was able to obtain his pilot’s license so he could do more hunting and fishing!

The construction business brought David to Seattle, Wash. He spent many years in Seattle. His love of travel took him to Thailand each year, originally for golf but eventually for the love of the country and the his-

tory and the beauty of the land as well as the people he met. He spent the past several years traveling between Seattle, Thailand and New Hampshire. He loved spending time with his family and friends. He made it a point to connect with as many people as he could wherever he was.

David was predeceased by his parents Margaret (Chapman) Blakslee and Kenneth Chapman, and sister Starr Chapman.

David leaves behind his sister Linda Nelson and her husband James Nelson; half-brother Kenneth Michael Chapman; daughter Beth Simpson and her husband Michael; daughter Melanie Monnant, and her husband Brian; nephews: David Nelson-wife Shameriah, and James Nelson, grandchildren: Melissa Brown, Jeffrey Brown, Jessica Chant, Michelle Brown Mayo, Jade Perron, Juan Alvarez, Miguel Alvarez; great-grandchildren: Olivia Brown, Mason Brown, Asher Chant, Pryor Chant, Bryson Perron, Braydon Perron, Anika Mayo and Harper Mayo.

Please join David’s family for a celebration of his life on Monday, Oct. 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Fosters in Plymouth, N.H.

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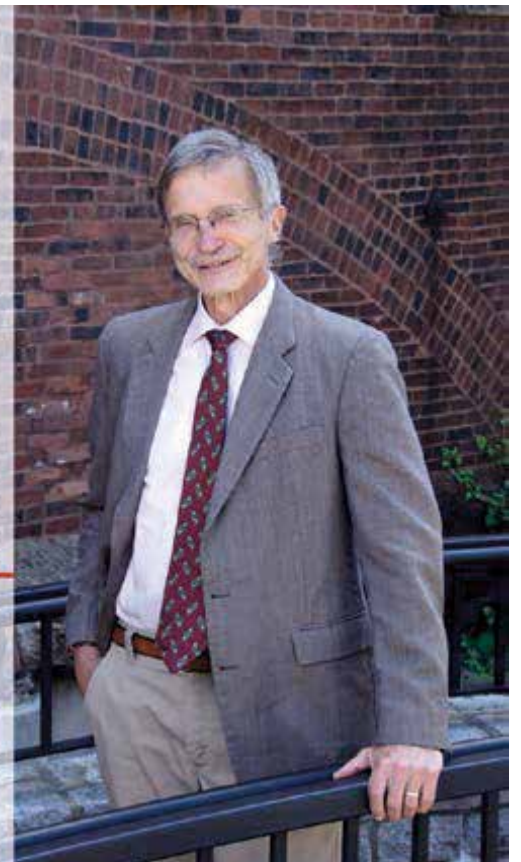
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RALPH W. LYNCH



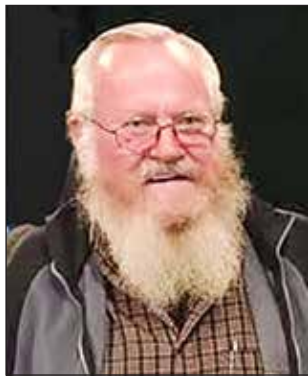
Ralph William Lynch, 83, of Colebrook, N.H., died peacefully at his home on Sunday evening, Aug. 31, 2025, with his wife and sister at his side after a long period of declining health. He had had a good weekend with visits from his two daughters, their families, and extended members of his family.

He was born in West Stewartstown, N.H. on March 15, 1942, a son to the late J. Kenneth Lynch, Sr., and Dorothy S. (Barker) Lynch. Ralph attended the local schools and was a 1960 graduate of Colebrook Academy. He was drafted into the Army and served with honor from 1964-1970 with overseas time in the Dominican Republic.

When he returned home, Ralph made a career as a heavy truck parts specialist in the region. He worked for several automotive parts outlets, including Napa Auto Parts, Sanel's, and O'Reilly's. He was familiar with every big truck garage and delivered to all of them frequently. In his retirement, Ralph also worked for Brooks Chevrolet, taking trips to pick up or deliver new automobiles for the dealership.

Freemasonry was a very big part of Ralph's life. Having been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1988, he was a two-term Past Master of Evening Star Lodge #37, F&AM, in Colebrook, in 1994 and 2014, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Mt. Eustis Chapter No. 1, serving as Worthy Patron multiple times. He was the secretary of Evening Star Lodge for 13 years. As part of his Masonic service, in 1998 Ralph was honored to be awarded the Major General John Sullivan Medal in bronze.

He was also a lifetime member of the John W. Weeks VFW Post 3041 in Lancaster, the George L. O'Neil American Legion Post 62 in Colebrook, and more recently he was a member of the American Legion Riders, a social motorcycle riding group who affectionately referred to Ralph as the "Old Goat."



Family was extremely important to Ralph. He would do anything for his daughters, including things they didn't know they needed done. He was supportive of not only his daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, but also his sons-in-law and grandsons-in-law. Ralph valued his relationships with his sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, and cousins as well as those with the Pires and Placy families. Most recently, he enjoyed

riding with Barb on their trikes.

Ralph is survived by his loving wife of 12 years, Barbara Pires Lynch of Colebrook; his two daughters, Helen Robertson and husband Steve, and Tina Chasse and husband Daniel, Sr., all of St. Johnsbury, Vt.; a sister, Martha Fedele of Newport, Vt.; 10 grandchildren, Elizabeth (Robert) Little, Mary (Dillon) Kasel, Ericka (Reilly) Davis, Michael Robertson, Daniel (Andrew) Chasse, Jr., and Patrick, Rebecca, Anna (JJ McNeal), Joseph and Simon Robertson, and five great-grandchildren, Hope, Carter, Abraham, Mazikeen, and Theresa; as well as beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins too numerous to list.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Richard Lynch and John K. Lynch, Jr., and two sisters, Edith Lynch and Norma Covill.

Calling hours will be on Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A Masonic funeral rite will immediately precede at 3:45 p.m. A graveside interment service with military honors will be held the next day, Sunday, Sept. 7, at noon in the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Ralph may be made to the Evening Star Lodge #37 Masonic Scholarship Fund, c/o Matt Smith, Secretary, P.O. Box 241, Errol, NH 03579.

Condolences may be offered to the family online by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

GAIL GIROUARD



It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of our Mom, Gail E. Girouard, 79 of Littleton, N.H. on Sept. 4, 2025 with her daughters by her side after a short battle with Acute Erythroid Leukemia.

Gail was born June 12, 1946. The youngest of three daughters of George A. and Elizabeth G. (Jackson) Edson.

Gail lived her whole life in Littleton, attending the local schools. In her freshman year of school, she attended Stoneleigh Girls School in Greenfield, Mass. However, with the sudden passing of her father, she moved home and completed her junior and senior years in Littleton, graduating from Littleton High School in 1964.

On July 24, 1965, Gail married the love of her life Gilles (Gil) Girouard. They raised three children: Michele Marie, Jay Scott and Naomi Gray. They lived all of their married life in Littleton. They were just one month shy of celebrating 51 years of marriage, when Gil passed in 2016.

Gail was a stay-at-home Mom while her children were young. Once they were all in school, she took a part-time job at the Smoke Shop on Main Street in Littleton. She eventually got a job at Burndy Corporation at the Littleton plant and during her almost 25 years of employment held various job titles. After the downsizing happened at Burndy in 2009, Gail went on to do some various jobs through a local temp agency until she officially retired in June of 2011.

During the winter and into spring of 2015, Gail and Gil decided to take an adventure and traveled to Arizona by way of a class A camper. With Gil as the steady driver and Gail reading the maps they navigated their way to various places like the Grand Canyon, Lake Tahoe, several stops in California, not to mention checking out several different speedways (Nashville, Memphis and Las Vegas) to take in their love of auto racing.

Being avid fans of NASCAR racing, they channeled that love into local racing and gave their support in many ways to racers and brothers, Steve, Russ and Michael Clark.

Gail was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Strong-Nourse Post 68 for over 50 years. She held many positions at the local level and twice she was the District Director at the state level. She was a proud supporter of all service members and veterans.

Gail is survived by her daughter Michele Foster and husband Rob of Monroe, N.H.; daughter Naomi Girouard and partner Ron Vaillancourt of Belmont, N.H.; daughter-in-law Amy Girouard-Crush and husband Chuck Crush of Concord, N.H. Five grandchildren: Maureen Lemay, Henry and Michel White, Joshua and Allison Girouard; along with seven great-grandsons; brothers-in-law Herb Lloyd, Don Roper, Claude (Joe) Girouard and wife Jeannette; sister-in-law Diane Richey and husband Ed; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Gail was predeceased by her parents, her husband Gil Girouard in 2016; her son Jay Girouard in 2008; her sister Fay Lloyd in 2024; her sister Susie Roper in 2003 as well as her parents-in-law Phil and Rita Girouard; brother and sister-in-law Guy and Pauline Girouard; brother-in-law Yvon (Peanut) Girouard and her nephew Timothy Lloyd.

A friends and family gathering will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at the Ross Funeral Home from 10 a.m. to noon. A funeral will be held at noon with Reverend Lyn Winter officiating, followed by a graveside service at St. Rose of Lima Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in her memory to a local animal shelter as with Gail's passing the invisible sign letting homeless cats and dogs know her home would welcome them, they will need support to find a new forever home.



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yet opted in. Because Littleton is a town meeting municipality, voter approval is required. Town Manager Troy Brown said he believes only one annual town meeting is allowed, in March, and the issue may need Superior Court approval.

Select Board members expressed concern about the cost and timing of a special vote. Severance said Artemis would cover those costs.

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Board chair Linda MacNeil asked about filing deadlines, and Severance stressed urgency, citing more than 100 inquiries from families seeking assisted living and memory care.

Gov. Kelly Ayotte toured the Artemis site Thursday with local officials. Brown noted the C-PACER funding could provide equity and accelerate project phases, potentially expanding housing and care options in Lit-

tleton.

No decision was made Monday. The board will seek legal guidance before acting on the request.

Ayotte Hosts Rural Health Summit on \$100M Federal Grant

LITTLETON — A new federal law could bring New Hampshire up to \$100 million to strengthen rural health care, and state officials are moving quickly to apply.

On Thursday, Gov. Kelly Ayotte convened about 100 local stakeholders at the Littleton Opera House to discuss priorities as the state prepares its application for the Rural Health Transformation Grant, administered through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Funding could be awarded as early as January.

The program is designed to stabilize and modernize rural hospitals and providers through workforce recruitment, expanded telehealth and specialty services, behavioral health and substance-use treatment, and investments in technology and shared services. Nationwide, it sets aside \$50 billion over five years.

State Sen. David Rochefort, R-Littleton, said participants identified mental health centers, critical access hospitals, Federally Qualified Health Centers, nursing homes, and substance misuse programs as top funding priorities. “We strategized on where this money would go the farthest, and I think we had a lot of great ideas,” he said.

Each state is eligible for up to \$100 million, regardless of size, according to Rochefort. He said the governor acted quickly after passage of the law, ensuring North Country voices were included in shaping the application.

In a statement, Ayotte said rural providers “are at the heart of their communities, but they face unique challenges. We are here to listen, learn, and work alongside community leaders to design a plan that will help us maximize our federal funding and deliver real solutions.”

DHHS Commissioner Lori Weaver called the fund “an unprecedented federal investment” that will bolster rural hospitals, community providers, and the state’s health system.

Participants broke into small groups to provide feedback to DHHS officials, who will compile it into the state’s application. Rochefort acknowledged the short turnaround but expressed optimism: “It’s very

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Homeless

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Smith said summonses have been issued to those in violation of the town ordinance, and he’s been working with Marvin, but doing so in a way that does not criminalize people for being homeless.

Marvin, though, does have a great point, said Smith, who has been researching how the Littleton parks commission, several years ago and under New Hampshire statute, prohibited people from being in town parks between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The parks are posted conspicuously, and those who are found by police and asked to leave can be charged with criminal trespass if they don’t leave, he said.

“It’s been very effective,” said Smith, who consulted with town legal counsel on the matter and told Select Board members they have the authority to place restrictions on town properties, including access during certain hours, per New Hampshire RSA 41:11.

In light of an issue that “has become very problematic,” and after listening to concerned citizens, Smith asked the board for permission to work with town manager Troy Brown to develop recommendations.

Restricting town properties to certain hours would give the police department a little more authority to remove trespassers from those properties, said Smith.

Town officials intend to review an inventory of municipal properties.

As for private landowners, Smith said they need to call the police immediately when they encounter a trespassing issue and not wait two days or two weeks.

“It’s very effective,” he said. “We’ve arrested hundreds of people since I started working here. Criminal trespass is a very effective statute in the state of New Hampshire. It’s not an ordinance.”

But the property needs to be posted to give others notice, otherwise it’s a gray area, unless

someone is told to leave, said Gardiner.

“In most cases when we give notice, the individuals don’t come back,” said Smith.

Marvin noted that the town ordinance prohibits the making of campsites on municipal property.

“We have people making a Taj Mahal so they can stay there at night,” he said. “That’s strictly forbidden in the ordinance.”

At Stoddard Field, a man was sleeping in the girls’ bathroom and was found one recent morning when the girls’ team arrived at 5:45 a.m. for practice, said Heidi Hurley, a parks commissioner.

“They went into the bathroom and he had set up a whole homestead in there,” said Hurley. “There should be no child in this town that has to deal with something like that when they go to the field from the school for practice.”

The man then proceeded to sit outside charging his phone as the girls practiced, she said.

Smith said police were not called when the man was found, but hours later, and had officers

been called when the individual was first discovered, it would have been a different situation.

The issue of homelessness is a difficult subject, said Select Board Kerri Harrington, who added that the 10-bed nonprofit Littleton Winter Shelter opens Dec. 15.

“I care about this greatly, I care about the unhoused,” said Harrington. “I want to continue to have these conversations, but not be so adversarial ... If we don’t each budge a little bit, we’re not going to come up with anything ... We need to work together or we’re just going to have this conversation over and over and over, ad nauseam.”

And the state requiring that all municipalities bear the burden of welfare-related costs isn’t helping, and many towns, including Littleton, need help, she said.

Everyone needs to be respected, said Linda MacNeil, chair of the board.

“We as a board have to remember that we work for the taxpayers,” said Selectman Roger Emerson.

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important that the North Country gets some of the outcome of this.”

Coos County Pushes Competitiveness Plan Amid Economic Struggles

COLEBROOK — Coos County officials are advancing an Economic Competitiveness Plan aimed at reversing years of job losses and positioning the North Country to attract new businesses and state support.

Commissioner Ray Gorman said the plan, now in development by consultants Greg Payne and Mike Malone of Economic Leadership, will be completed later in September but already provides data underscoring the county’s challenges. “We’re trying hard to improve business and quality jobs coming into the county,” Gorman said

The statistics show:

Coos County’s GDP has been stagnant since 2007, while business numbers and employment have declined.

The county has New Hampshire’s lowest labor force participation rate, 54.8 percent, compared with the statewide 66.4 percent, reflecting its older demographics.

Population is projected to shrink 1.6 percent by 2034, while neighboring counties are expected to grow.

Vacant housing stands at 32 percent, with three-quarters seasonal or recreational units, far above state and national averages.

Only 22 percent of adults hold a bachelor’s degree or higher, compared with 40 percent statewide.

Gorman said the plan’s bottom line is to stem losses and “gain more jobs.” It highlights opportunities to repurpose vacant properties, such as the former American Performance Polymers building in Colebrook, and to bolster existing industries like the Gorham paper mill and Milan lumber mill.

The plan builds on Senate Bill 180, sponsored by Sen. David Rochefort, R-Littleton, which this year designated Coos a “place-based distressed economy.” The status, now law, is meant to make the county more competitive for state and federal grants.

Rochefort said the measure was intended “to elevate competitiveness and ensure that the North Country

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is out in front.” Gorman added that having data-backed evidence will help county leaders make their case to legislators and economic development groups.

“We want to try to be a spark plug,” he said. “One of the ways to increase the tax base is to get some industry in here and support what we already have.”

Littleton Cancels Field Hockey Season For Low Numbers

LITTLETON — There will be one less Littleton Crusaders sports team taking to the field this fall.

The decision to cancel the Littleton High School field hockey season was recently made after there was not enough girls to field a team for the upcoming fall season. The Crusaders’ originally scheduled season opener would have been played Tuesday at home versus Berlin.

“Unfortunately, we do not have enough interest in the program and had to notify the NHIAA of the difficult decision to cancel the season,” Littleton athletic director Brock Ingalls said.

Littleton struggled with low participation numbers last fall — and suffered a second straight winless season. It’s been four years since the Crusaders qualified for playoffs.

Less than 11 players signed up ahead of this season, forcing the can-

cellation.

“Numbers were a factor and have been for years,” said Kat Sourgiadakis, who coached the Crusaders last season and has since moved out of state.

Littleton posted the vacant coaching position after Sourgiadakis’ departure and had just one official applicant, which Ingalls says did not end up working out. There were a few additional inquiries but no further official applicants.

Littleton is the second area school to drop its varsity field hockey team in recent years due to low participation numbers. White Mountains Regional only fielded a JV team last year and will again do so this fall. The Spartans graduated eight seniors from the 2023 team that reached the postseason.

Littleton will not have any field hockey teams this fall after not having enough girls show interest. There will not be any Crusaders suiting up for nearby schools, either, although a possible co-op between Littleton and White Mountains in the future has been discussed.

“With that being said, we do not have any Littleton athletes participating in field hockey this fall,” Ingalls said. “We have had some internal discussions about revamping a cross-country running program, and we have also been advocating for getting more young ladies involved in our golf program. Plus, we do have soccer that we would be open to adding if there is interest.”

With the removal of the Crusaders from NHIAA varsity field hockey competition, Division III now includes just 15 teams — the fewest among New Hampshire’s three divisions.

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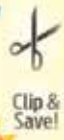
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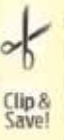
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