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Community Remembers Homeless Who Died During Memorial Vigil

BY ROBERT BLECHL
Staff Writer

LITTLETON — For the second consecutive year, community members joined those across the North Country, state, and nation for “The Longest Night” candlelight vigil to remember those who died as a result of being homeless.

At 6 p.m. Sunday, on the first day of winter — the longest night of the year — a dozen people gathered in front of the Littleton Winter Shelter, which has entered its second year of operation to house the community’s unsheltered during cold winter nights.

As Sunday evening brought temperatures dropping into the teens, a brisk wind, and snow flurries, the winter shelter’s director of operations, Chloe Duff, and executive director, Naomi Smith, read the personal stories of those who died in New Hampshire, followed by a

moment of silence.

The vigil is held annually on National Homeless Persons Memorial Day.

“Tonight we take note and memorialize the 71 souls in New Hampshire who passed away experiencing homelessness,” Erik Becker, housing stability director with the Tri-County Community Action Program, said in a letter read by Smith.

“Some passed in the hospital, some passed unsheltered, and some passed shortly after securing housing,” said Becker. “Please take notice of each name tonight, and know that while we gather and read each name and story aloud, our words echo across our region with five vigils happening concurrently in Colebrook, Littleton, Conway, Lancaster, and Plymouth, with other such gatherings across the rest of the state.”

Becker thanked the Little-



To remember those who died from being homeless, a dozen community members turned out for the second annual Longest Night candlelight vigil outside of the Littleton Winter Shelter on Sunday. Reading the biographies of those who died in New Hampshire in 2025 were Chloe Duff, left, the shelter’s director of operations, and Naomi Smith, the shelter’s executive director. (Photo by Robert Blechl)

ton Winter Shelter, the Bridge House in Plymouth, the Way Station in Conway, and North Country Missions in Colebrook for agreeing to host vigils in their communities while he and others stood in Lancaster doing the same.

“I am proud to be able to partner with each of you in taking this on,” he said. “Each

of us has a role to play, locally, regionally or statewide, in helping to realize a world where homelessness in New Hampshire is rare and short-lived.”

Also read was a Dec. 21, 2025, proclamation from Gov. Kelly Ayotte, who said, “We honor and remember those who have lost their lives, and encourage all stakeholders to remain committed to helping our local communities in making sure that our citizens have the fundamental safety and security of a home.”

New Hampshire has made measurable progress in addressing homelessness, achieving an 8-percent decrease in 2024, decreasing family homelessness by more than 8 percent, and reducing veteran homelessness by 8 percent, “reflecting meaningful strides toward greater stability for vulnerable Granite Staters,” said Ayotte.

For the vigil, candles were lit as luminaries, and the name

of each person was written on a bag that enclosed the flame, which was placed in front of the Littleton Winter Shelter along Pleasant Street.

Duff and Smith read the biographies of those who died related to homelessness.

They included:

* “Allen Proulx, from Manchester. He was 60 years old when he passed away on March 21. His smile and happy energy were infectious! He meant a lot to so many in the community.”

* “Amy Goldberg, from Manchester. She died on January 27, 2024, at the age of 36. A caring, vibrant woman who greeted you with kind energy and always had a story she was excited to share.”

* “Curtis Ayer, from Con-

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ON THE COVER

To remember those who died from being homeless, a dozen community members turned out for the second annual Longest Night candlelight vigil outside of the Littleton Winter Shelter on Sunday. Here, reflected on the outside of illuminated bags, are the names of those who died. (Photo by Robert Blechl)

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Planners Approve Subdivision Of Bethlehem Country Club

BY ROBERT BLECHL
Staff Writer

The Bethlehem Planning Board on Wednesday approved a subdivision of the Bethlehem Country Club, separating the 1.62-acre parcel that includes the clubhouse from the main parcel. The clubhouse currently houses the El Mirador Restaurant.

The owners, however, have not disclosed their plans for the property, including whether

there will be an upcoming sale of all or part of it, or any operational changes.

The subdivision comes after the provision in the sale agreement that required the country club to be operated as a public 18-hole golf course in its same configuration for a minimum of five years expired on Nov. 20, 2025.

In November 2020, the town sold the property to Mark and Kim Koprowski, of Bethlehem.

The agreement also prohibited the sale of any individual

parcel from the whole for the 5-year term.

The 1.62-acre parcel at 1901 Main St., which, in addition to the clubhouse, also includes a parking lot and putting green, will be separated from what had been a total 99.26-acre parcel, which is now reduced to 97.64 acres.

Wednesday's 10-minute public hearing brought no comments from the public.

That's in contrast to a hearing on the same subdivision request in July, when planners denied it

because the Nov. 20 golf course expiration date had not yet been reached, and one resident voiced concerns that redevelopment of the property would change the character of that part of town at Main and Prospect streets.

At that hearing, one town planner said many people in Bethlehem want to see it remain a golf course.

The total 138-acre property features an 18-hole Donald Ross-designed golf course that opened in 1910, after an upgrade from the original 9-hole course built in 1898.

The clubhouse was built in 1912.

The town had owned the property since 1949, making it one of the last municipally owned golf

courses in New Hampshire.

In 2020, the town sold it to the Koprowskis for \$425,000, while noting that an appraiser estimated that the property needed more than \$400,000 in clubhouse and greens renovations.

Currently, after a town-wide revaluation, the property is assessed at \$1.3 million.

Although a Donald Ross golf course, it is not listed on the National or State Registers of Historic Places.

In October 2023, the Koprowskis ended golf course business operations, after Kim Koprowski cited financial struggles. The course has remained open for walking golfers. The El Mirador Restaurant has also remained open.

In July, a planning board member said that the ceasing of business operations did not violate the sale agreement that the property be maintained as a golf course.

Mark Koprowski's name was on the subdivision application, which was filed on Nov 21.

On Thursday, a voicemail message left with Mark Koprowski inquiring about the business plans now that the property has been subdivided, if there will be any change in operations or if it will remain a golf course as it has been, and if he and Kim intend to keep the property or sell all or some of it was not returned by press time.

Vigil

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cord, 36 years old. I knew CJ to be a kind and funny person, who always looked out for others and was a talented artist, but struggled with consistent access to the services he needed."

"Edward 'Ed' Rayno, 60 years old ... He was a friendly, happy guy! Born in Franklin on June 17, 1964, Eddy spent his life in the Franklin-Northfield-Tilton area. From a young age, he was a hard worker ... Eddy was quiet, kind, and had a gentle smile, but due to a lack of housing, income, and ongoing

medical issues, Eddy died in his tent on March 7. His story is a solemn reminder of the urgent need for housing and support for all members of the community."

* James McNamara, of Concord, was 20 when he died on Nov. 18. He found housing a month before his death. "James was a positive and kind young man. At such a young age, he made an impact."

After attending Sunday's vigil, Mark St. Hilaire, a local community member, shared his story about a loved one.

St. Hilaire, of Littleton, who has been a steadfast volunteer

for the Littleton Winter Shelter by helping out and enlisting the needed expertise to get it open and keep it running, lost a sister, who for years had faced struggles and periods of homelessness in Massachusetts.

Martha Rappe, 60, was found deceased in her home on Aug. 12 in Lowell, Mass., not long after she had found housing.

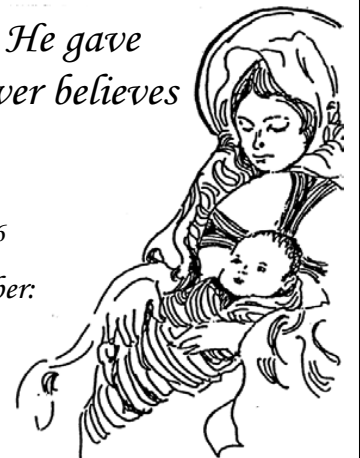
Her obituary reads, "Martha graduated from Chelmsford High School in 1983 and went on to become a talented and beloved barber working in the local area, including Sinclair's Barber Shop in Billerica, for many years."

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

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Town, Hospital To Discuss Repeated Sewer Spills

BY PAUL HAYES
Staff Writer

LANCASTER — Town officials will meet with Weeks Medical Center representatives

on Dec. 22 to discuss chronic sewer spills on Middle Street.

A section of sewer line near the Middle Street-Brickyard Lane intersection recently overflowed for the third time in

three weeks and the sixth time since 2019, Town Manager Jessica Cyr told the Select Board on Dec. 15.

Town officials suspect the repeated clogs are caused by

medical waste — particularly wipes — from Weeks Medical Center. The problem area is downhill from the hospital, and past efforts to resolve the issue have been unsuccessful, officials said.

The town's wastewater superintendent has said a past spill deposited "thousands" of wipes on the lawn of Madison and Benjamin Gonyer at 129

Middle St. "One time we filled up almost a 55-gallon drum full of wipes," he said.

Noting that the most recent spill was "just liquid," Cyr said

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White Mountains Regional Eyes Staff Cuts To Offset Insurance, Special Education Hikes

BY PAUL HAYES
Staff Writer

WHITEFIELD — The White Mountains Regional School District has unveiled a draft 2026-27 budget that would cut staff positions to offset a projected \$1.1 million increase in health insurance and special education costs.

Finance Director Melissa Wadsworth presented the draft spending plan to the School Board on Dec. 18, saying it would eliminate six full-time equivalent positions to counter increases of \$610,000 in health insurance costs and \$500,000 in special education.

Under the proposal, the district would cut one full-time position in special education, one

at the elementary and middle school level, and three positions yet to be determined.

The assistant superintendent position would also be phased out as Rob Scott moves into the superintendent's role next year, replacing Superintendent Marion Anastasia when she retires July 1, 2026.

The proposed budget totals \$24.8 million, a 3.9% increase over the current school year.

The draft budget remains subject to change, with board discussions continuing ahead of the district's deliberative session on Feb. 4.

"We're going to be continuing to dig in to see if there's anything we can do," Wadsworth said.

School Board member Herb Randall of Lancaster said health

insurance and special education costs were non-negotiable and beyond the district's control.

He said administrators were "doing backflips" to cut costs in areas they can control, but special education and health care expenses cannot be reduced. "That's what the numbers are and we have to arrange our budget around them. We don't have any discretion over them," Randall said.

Nonprofit insurer SchoolCare notified the district of the \$610,000 premium increase months after issuing a surprise \$614,000 bill. On Oct. 1, SchoolCare sent invoices to nearly 90 member organizations — including about 65 New Hampshire school districts — to cover an unanticipated multimil-

lion-dollar shortfall and replenish reserves.

Wadsworth said the district has begun weighing its health insurance options following the surprise bill, but the discussions came too late to affect the 2026-27 budget.

"The timeline to address that this year was borderline impossible," she said.

District officials said the response to rising health insurance and special education costs includes staff reductions because of taxpayer opposition to higher spending. Voters rejected two of the district's last three proposed budgets, in 2023 and 2024.


School Board member Annette Marquis of Carroll said she supports more competitive teacher pay and raised concerns about staff cuts, noting that positions are difficult to restore once eliminated.

Wadsworth said the political climate has made increased school spending difficult. "We would love to include many more things, but I think it's been demonstrated to us that that's not okay," she said.

Lancaster board member Kristen Van Bergen Buteau said rural districts such as White Mountains Regional face unique fiscal challenges, particularly

when health insurance costs rise sharply.

"When School Care is off by millions and millions and millions of dollars and they make that up on the backs of school districts across the state — including poorer school districts like ours — this is the end result," she said. "It makes it incredibly difficult to then increase salaries to be more competitive. Because we still need to not completely exhaust the taxpayers. They've told us for several years now that we've hit the tax burden for the district, by passing two consecutive default budgets. It's a tricky thing to figure out."




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'My Life Changed In An Instant . . .' Teen Left Alone After ICE Arrests Boyfriend, Housemates

BY PAUL HAYES
Staff Writer

CARROLL — Moriah Morgan was left on her own after Immigration and Customs Enforcement [took seven people into custody](#) in Carroll on Dec. 3.

Those detained included her five housemates — among them her boyfriend, Indian national Kaustubh Rane, 25 — and two people living across the street.

"My entire life changed within an hour," Morgan said. "I've never been more stressed out or sad ever. I don't even know how to process this. It happened so fast."

At 19, Morgan said she is struggling to support Rane while he is held at the Strafford County House of Corrections. She said she has about a month left in their home because the rent is too high on her own. Her family lives in Florida, leaving her to handle the situation without legal experience or support.

She launched a [GoFundMe](#) to help cover a down payment for Rane's attorney, as well as commissary costs and living expenses. The campaign has raised nearly \$3,300, but Morgan said the emotional toll has been immense and she still feels overwhelmed.

"One day I couldn't even get up. I felt like such a failure because there's so many things that I need to do for him and that I want to do for him," she said. "His birthday was Dec. 12 and he spent it in jail. He doesn't deserve that. It's awful."

"WE DIDN'T RUSH INTO ANYTHING"

Morgan met Rane six months ago when she began working at Applebee's in Littleton.

Hired as a hostess, she later moved to the kitchen, where Rane worked as a line cook and trained her. A friendship followed.

"The first thing I noticed about him was his character," Morgan said, describing him as dependable, punctual, well-liked and hardworking. She added, "I thought he was the cutest thing ever."

Morgan said she arrived in New Hampshire wary of people because of past experiences, but that gradually changed with Rane.

"As a trainee, the thing I liked about [Rane] was that he wasn't one of those guys that just wants to talk to girls really bad," she said. "He didn't come onto me. He just was very straightforward and told me how to do my job and was very genuine, and I appreciated that about him."

They bonded after realizing they both had spider tattoos — hers on her leg, his on his neck.



Kaustubh Rane & Moriah Morgan. (Contributed photo)

"So then we started talking and then things just kind of blossomed from there," she said. "We didn't rush into anything. It was a very gradual."

Morgan said she often felt responsible for caring for others while growing up, helping support her single mother and four younger sisters as the family moved across several states. She said Rane offered a level of emotional support she had never experienced before and described him as respectful and trustworthy.

"He helped me in many ways, but most of all, he felt like my best friend," she said.

She said Rane was the first person who encouraged her to put herself first.

"He was the first person to ever tell me, 'I want you to pick a day where you do whatever you want to do, not what anybody else wants. We will do whatever you want the entire day,'" she said. "Nobody has ever said that to me before. He has healed me in many ways and proven to me that he's all around the best person that I've ever met."

"HE FLOURISHED HERE"

Through Rane, Morgan also met his housemate and co-worker, Sandeep Kalluri.

"He's a good friend," she said.

Rane and Kalluri, both from India, previously worked together at the Omni Mount Washington Resort before joining Applebee's. Morgan described her boyfriend as an introvert and Kalluri as a "massive extrovert."

"I have videos of him dancing in the kitchen," she said.

She described Kalluri as generous and selfless, recalling how he once taught her how to cook rice "because I'm awful at cooking."

"Sandeep cares so much for everyone," she said. "That was always apparent through his actions."

Dating Rane and meeting his friends, she said, opened her eyes to another culture.

"All I wanted to know was his back-

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Carroll Police Release Additional Information On Recent ICE Action Following Criticism

Police Say Immigration Enforcement Followed DUIs, Public Safety Concerns

BY PAUL HAYES
Staff Writer

CARROLL — The Carroll Police Department has released additional details about a Dec. 3 incident in which seven foreign nationals were taken into custody by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Police had previously reported that three of those taken were charged with driving under the influence. At Tuesday's Select Board meeting, CPD Lt. Ian MacMillan said the remaining four had overstayed their visas. The information emerged during public comment, as community activist Cathy Fulkerson criticized the department's participation in the ICE action, which involved three of the department's four officers.

MacMillan said Carroll police contacted ICE after three people from the same residence were charged with three DUIs within a month: Kaustubh Rane and Kaustubh Rao on Nov. 27, and Sandeep Kalluri — his second DUI — on Nov. 6.

While Carroll police do not generally focus on the estimated 2,000 temporary foreign workers living in town — more than twice the number of year-round residents — MacMillan said the situation raised public safety concerns.

"It's not common practice for the Carroll Police Department to check on somebody's immigration status just because they look different, they've got a different name, they speak a different language, or that we know them as being a J-1, or H2-B [foreign worker visa] resident of town," MacMillan said. "The incident that involved ICE on December 3 was at my request ... because over the peri-

od of [21] days, one residence produced [three] DUI incidents, [two] resulting in motor vehicle collisions."

The department has signed a 287(g) agreement with ICE, which allows local officers to assist with the enforcement of federal immigration laws. MacMillan said Carroll police had assisted ICE before entering into the formal agreement and that it did not represent a fundamental change in the department's relationship with the agency. "It just formalizes the agreement that we would assist them if they made that request," he said.

Despite the agreement, MacMillan said CPD does not routinely police the immigration status of foreign nationals living in town, many of whom work seasonally in hospitality and outdoor recreation. He said the three individuals charged with four DUIs were an exception.

The four others taken into custody were "in the wrong place at the wrong time" and, despite holding foreign worker permits, had overstayed their visas, he said. MacMillan added that the department did not consider action until the recent cluster of DUI charges.

"We've known these gentlemen and other members of the household for several years. We've never, at any point in time, thought of a reason to verify their immigration status," MacMillan said. He added that an ICE supervisor in Boston had not prioritized enforcement of temporary worker visa status. "When I asked ... is that something that you're interested in, he said no, he's not concerned because those people are not committing crimes or caus-



Carroll Police have released new information on the Dec. 3 Immigration and Customs Enforcement action where seven foreign nationals were taken into custody including, from left, Ashray Rao, Kaustubh Rane, Harshal Taru, Rajesh Bairava, and Sandeep Kalluri. (Photo from Instagram)

ing a public safety risk. But a DUI is a very big thing for me, it is a public safety risk."

Asked why Rane, Rao and Kalluri were apprehended before their DUI cases had been adjudicated, MacMillan said people on temporary worker visas are held to a different standard and are expected to respect the law and demonstrate "good moral character."

"Just because they haven't been convicted of DUI, they have several incidents," MacMillan said. He explained that the individuals will appear before a judge and plead their

case for why they should be allowed to stay. If their request is granted, he said, "we'll deal with the New Hampshire stuff afterwards."

MacMillan also criticized online commentary from what he described as "far right" and "far left" partisans, saying their views did not reflect the facts of the case.

"They're contributing to the society," he said. "The only reason why we made the contact is because a red flag public safety was raised."

Fulkerson objected to the use of taxpayer funds to support

ICE actions and said she plans to submit a petitioned warrant article asking voters to oppose the town's 287(g) agreement.

The Select Board raised no objections to the department's partnership with ICE. Selectman Jules Marquis said that while he sometimes disagrees with ICE actions, "you can't micromanage your police force."

"If they feel something is wrong and they need to be there, they need to be there," Marquis said. "And we can't sit there and set a rule that says you can't work with ICE. ICE needs backup and police officers need backup. I don't care who they are working for, they need backup."

"ICE has got a job to do. The police force has got a job to do. Whether we like it or not, they're somewhat tied together," he added. "That's for them to balance."

Tuesday's discussion came about six months after the Franconia Select Board considered, then withdrew, a proposal to declare the town a "sanctuary community." The proposal was

pulled after laws signed by Gov. Kelly Ayotte required municipalities to cooperate with state and federal immigration enforcement.

Instead, Franconia adopted a resolution barring town officials from enforcing laws deemed unconstitutional — specifically those infringing on due process, equal protection and habeas corpus — and directing public officials, including police officers, to act "in the spirit of constitutional fidelity." According to ICE, the seven people taken from Carroll on Dec. 3 are being held at three facilities.

Four — Rajesh Bairava, Sandeep Kalluri, Harshal Taru and Kaustubh Rane — are being held at the Stafford County House of Corrections in New Hampshire. Ashray Rao is being held at the Plymouth County Correctional Facility in Massachusetts, and Sangeeta Bangera and Widyastuti Putu were transferred to the South Louisiana ICE Processing Center.

All are from India except Putu, who is from Indonesia.

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OBITUARIES

LEWIS NICK DESOUZA

Lewis Nick DeSouza passed away peacefully on Dec. 4, 2025, in Whitefield, N.H. Nick leaves behind his loving wife, Karen, and his two daughters, Melissa and Katharine, as well as his beloved dog, Felix, and many close friends.

Nick was born in Riverside, Calif., on Jan. 29, 1953 to his loving parents Mary Lou and Lewis (deceased) and raised in Newtown, Massachusetts with his six siblings: Rick, Mark, John, Diane, Robert, and Mimi. He attended the Wentworth Institute of Technology and UMass Amherst where he was an active part of the UMass Outing Club.

His passion for the outdoors drove his move to New Hampshire in 1975 where he worked with Eastern Mountain Sports. Nick loved teaching others and sharing the wonder of the great outdoors, and with his desire to help others he became a local cross-country ski instructor. In his years in New Hampshire he led many adventures and built lifelong friendships while



enjoying his interests of kayaking, biking, skiing and hiking. His love of tinkering motivated him to obtain his master electrician's license and eventually Nick opened his own electrician business that he operated until 2017.


Nick's friends would describe him for his quick wit, generous nature, and lighthearted jokes. His time as an Eagle Scout and Boy Scouts of America post leader made him ever resourceful, and he was always willing to lend a hand to a friend in need. He loved

nothing more than making others laugh, baking custom birthday cakes, attending a local trivia night, and cheering on the New England Patriots.

Nick's generous spirit, witty humor, and charismatic personality will be sorely missed.

Services for Nick to be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Conway Humane Society P.O. Box 260 Conway, NH 03818 or to the Morrison Skilled Nursing 6 Terrace Street, Whitefield, NH, 03598 in Nick's honor.

SCOTT MITTON

 Scott D. Mitton, 67, passed away on Dec. 10, 2025, at his home in Littleton, NH.

Scott was born in Littleton on Jan. 22, 1958. After high school, he served in the Navy, then built a rustic home in the woods, where he lived out the rest of his days.

He loved dogs, loud music, and driving around in his Volkswagen bus. He was known by many as the life of the party.

He was predeceased by his parents, George



and Esther Mitton, and survived by his two children, Sonja (Corey) Safford and Aaron (Taysia) Mitton, his four grandchildren, Tanner, Tevon, Claire, and Gannon, as well as his six siblings, Brenda, Gary, Randy, Tracy, Rodney, and Becky.

A private gathering will be held for family and close friends at a later date.

To view Scott's Online Tribute, send condolences to the family, or for more information, visit www.csnh.com.

NATALIE CROWE

Natalie A. Crowe, 88 of Lebanon, N.H. passed at New London Hospital on Friday evening, Dec. 12, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Natalie was born in Littleton, N.H. on Feb. 19, 1937, the youngest child born to Flora (Kentfield) and Lindsay Corey. After her father passed when she was 9, her mother remarried Howard Hill.

Natalie married Lawrence (Lonnie, Larry) Crowe in Littleton on July 4, 1953, and the couple enjoyed almost 71 years together before Larry's passing on May 28, 2024. Together they enjoyed dancing, frequent trips to Maine, and most of all time spent with their family and friends.

Natalie worked as an Admissions Clerk in Medical Records at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center from 1974 to 1993, when she retired.

Natalie enjoyed reading, playing games on her computer, and listening to old country music, as she would say, "Back when it was good." She also loved knitting, crocheting, and making afghans for her grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, husband, and stepfather, Natalie was preceded in death by



her grandson, Shane L. Gile of Winchester, N.H.; brother, Erwin Corey; sisters, Doris "Dot" Ingalls, Anna Jackman, Velma Hill, Carlene Foster, and Laura Lucas; sister-in-law, Gwendolyn Corey; and two brothers-in-law, Rodney (Junie) Crowe, Jr. and Luther R. Crowe of Littleton, N.H.

Natalie is survived by her children, Debra (Joe) Stumpf of Enfield, N.H., Gregory (Cindy) Crowe of Kearneysville, W.V.,

Rick Crowe of Charlestown, N.H., and David (Pam) Crowe of Lebanon, N.H.; nine grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Della Gilman of Ashland, Maine; brother-in-law, Leonard "Len" G. (Joye) Crowe of Carthage, Mo.; former daughter-in-law, Ellen Perra; and many other family members and friends who will miss her terribly.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring of 2026.

Memorial donations in Natalie's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org

To leave a message of remembrance or condolence, please visit the online guestbook at www.rickerfuneralhome.com

MILTON RAY PRESBY

Milton Ray Presby better known as "Bo" died Dec. 12, 2025, at the Littleton Regional Hospital at the age of 77. He was a lifelong resident and current select board member of Lyman. He was born Nov. 11, 1948, to Milton and Mildred (Clark) Presby in Woodsville, N.H. He grew up near Dodge Pond and attended Tinkerville School through 6th grade. Lyman students were sent to Lisbon for school grades 7 - 12. He graduated from the class of 1966. He was a popular student who had many friends and spent many hours hanging out at Mutt's Garage.

In his youth he enjoyed snowmobiles and fast cars. He spent many summers in Maine with his cousins. He liked to hunt deer with his friend Rolla. He was interested in American history and politics. He watched countless old Western movies on TV.

As a young adult he was employed at Lisbon Shoe Shop and remembered being Mr. Liberty's driver as well as countless trips to Canada for materials.

On April 5, 1969, he married Beverly Heathe. They celebrated 55 years together and had two children, Dawn & Bruce. Sadly, Dawn and Beverly predeceased Bo. Beverly died on Christmas Eve 2024.



Bo loved the town of Lyman and had worked as a road agent as well as select board member. He left the shoe shop to work with heavy construction equipment. He was happier operating bull dozers, excavators, back hoes, front loaders, and driving dump trucks. He worked for large companies and traveled to work on HASMAT projects. Over the years he worked for local loggers such as Fenoff, Foster Brothers, Packard, and Peters.

Most recently he worked for Mike Carbonneau in excavating. He was always reliable. He would frequent the coffee shop for conversations with old friends. He led a simple life. He was content to be a country boy traveling the back roads.

His death was not expected even as he battled diabetes, COPD, heart and kidney failure.

Bo is survived by Bruce and wife Angie, sisters Mabel Mackie, and Mary Pinkham. Grandchildren Ashley, Skye, Angelina, Monica, Anthony and Tiffany, as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins in NH, VT, and ME. His faithful companion, an Australian Shepherd named Annabelle will make her forever home with Bruce and Angie.

A graveside service will be held in the spring at the Grove Hill Cemetery, Lisbon. To offer your condolences to the family please visit www.rossfuneral.com

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Spills

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the town plans to meet with hospital representatives “just to check in.”

A spokesperson for North Country Healthcare, which includes Weeks Medical Center, previously challenged the claim that the hospital was responsible and said the network had no knowledge of the current situation, but added it was open to working with the town.

“We have been partners with the town in the past on infrastructure issues and have always been willing to collaborate to resolve concerns,” spokesperson James Patry said earlier this month. “We have

not had any recent reports brought to our attention. As always, we are willing to partner with the town as we are grateful to provide health services for their residents.”

Meanwhile, municipal officials are taking steps to address the impact of the spills on the Gonyers, who filed a formal complaint with the state Department of Environmental Services after sewer system failures on Sept. 24 and Nov. 21 sent raw sewage and flushable waste across their property.

At the Dec. 15 board meeting, Cyr said environmental consultants Stone Cipher Environmental have taken soil borings for testing, and a robotic sewer camera is scheduled to inspect the problem section of

line on Dec. 23.

Madison Gonyer appeared before the Select Board on Dec. 1, urging the town to act. She said she understood the challenges of maintaining aging infrastructure but described the Middle Street-Brickyard Lane section as a growing liability and a public health hazard.

“You get home and there’s an awful smell. You look out at the front lawn and there’s a river of sewage ... running down through our lawn, down through the driveway, and out back,” Gonyer said, describing

past spills. “With that comes wipes, toilet paper, feces and all of the other things that go in a sewer line.”

She said one recent incident forced sewage back into her home and through her washing machine, damaging a load of baby clothes. At the time, she said, she was seven months pregnant.

The Select Board directed Wastewater Superintendent Tim Bilodeau to propose a permanent solution. Options discussed included rebuilding the entire section of line, replacing

or sleeving part of the pipe, or installing a septic system to divert and contain future spills.

“It’s on the town. Bottom line, no excuses,” Selectman Shane Beattie said. “Apparently, we knew that we had a problem there, and we did not go back and fix it. We made a connection there that should have been taken out years ago, and the town owns this. We will do our best to make it right.”

Bilodeau defended the de-

partment’s response, citing the age of the pipe and a history of deferred maintenance.

“The problem with that sewer pipe is it’s a hundred and something years old and it should have been replaced a long time ago,” he said, adding that other residents have experienced similar issues. “I’m playing around with this infrastructure that is garbage, and it should be replaced. It should have been replaced a long time ago.”



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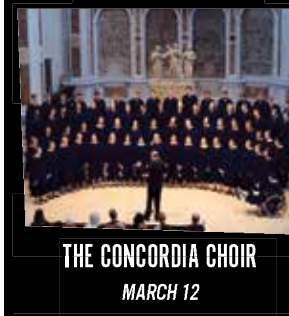
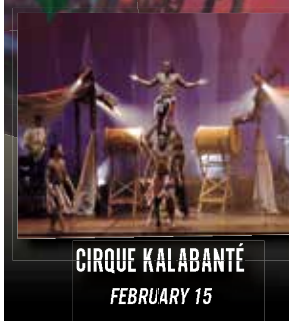
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Fugitive Charged With Ramming Police Cruiser Found, This Time Held

BY ROBERT BLECHL
Staff Writer

After a year of catches and releases, a local woman charged in 2024 with ramming a New Hampshire State Police cruiser to avoid a traffic stop has been arrested again and is now being held behind bars.

Following the issuance of a most recent arrest warrant in September, Abigail J. Ordway, 40, of Littleton, was arrested Dec. 4.

She remains in the Grafton County House of Corrections on preventive detention as

her case that involves felony counts of reckless conduct with a deadly weapon, criminal mischief for allegedly causing thousands of dollars in damage, driving after being certified a habitual offender, and drug possession, as well as misdemeanor charges that include DUI, attempting to elude police, and disobeying a police officer, pends at Grafton Superior Court.

A dispositional conference is scheduled for Jan. 6, followed by a pre-trial hearing on Feb. 17.

Since the August 2024 collision with the cruiser in Haver-

hill, Ordway has allegedly failed to appear in court several times and is accused of failing to comply with and communicate with Grafton County pre-trial services while on release, resulting in several arrest warrants and her ejection from the pre-trial services program.

She was released several times on personal recognizance bail until the newest arrest, when prosecutors successfully argued for detainment.

On Aug. 21, 2024, NHSP responded to County Road in Haverhill to assist Haverhill police in finding the driver of a Hyundai Elantra who had

evaded a motor vehicle stop.

Responding was NHSP Trooper Jawara Conde, who observed the Hyundai approaching opposite in the southbound lane.

Conde activated his cruiser's emergency lights in an attempt to stop the car, whose driver continued to drive recklessly, moving in both lanes, said authorities.

The car then struck the police cruiser, causing several thousand dollars in damage.

The driver, identified as Ordway, attempted to turn the car around and flee the scene but instead left the road and lodged

the car in a ditch.

Other criminal incidents involving Ordway occurred earlier that month.

Less than two weeks before in Bath, Ordway was arrested on a Class B felony count of driving after being certified a habitual offender, on a misdemeanor count of driving after suspension, and on violations for misusing license plates and driving an uninspected and unregistered vehicle.

Failures to appear in court for those charges also resulted in arrest warrants, as well as a warrant for failure to appear for a previous April 2024 fel-

ony drug charge and a March 2024 felony count of driving after being certified a habitual offender.

In August 2025, Ordway was indicted by a Grafton Superior Court grand jury on a Class B felony count of possessing methamphetamine in Littleton on March 23, the same day that Littleton police responded to Littleton Regional Healthcare, which had called them about a suspicious person.

At the time, Ordway had a warrant for her arrest and was taken into custody. She was soon released.

Change

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ground," she said. "We come from different countries. We're different people — and I love that."

She also admired his decision to travel alone to the U.S. to start a new life.

"It's amazing to me that he had the courage to leave his mom and dad, and come straight here all on his own, and

start brand new," she said. "He didn't know anyone. And he flourished here, he really did."

A KNOCK ON THE DOOR

At about 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 3, Morgan heard a knock at the

door of the Carroll home where she was staying with Rane.

He went to answer it. Moments later, he asked her to come outside.

"He's there with a cop and I was like, 'what's happening?'"

she said.

ICE officers took seven people into custody — six from India and one from Indonesia — leaving Morgan alone.

Those apprehended were transported to three separate facilities. Rajesh Bairava, Harshal Taru, Kalluri and Rane are being held at the Strafford County House of Corrections. Ashray Rao is being held at the Plymouth County Correctional Facility in Massachusetts, while Sangeeta Bangera and Widyastuti Putu were transferred to the South Louisiana ICE Processing Center.

Morgan said her landlord — who she called "the sweetest person ever" — temporarily reduced her rent and added her to the lease, giving her time to gather her housemates' belongings and make plans.

Four of those taken into custody in Carroll on Dec. 3 [have no criminal record](#), according to the New Hampshire Department of Safety. ICE has not publicly stated why they were incarcerated.

Rane, 24, and Rao, 27, were charged with driving under the influence on Nov. 27, shortly before their detention. Those cases remain open. Rane's work permit is reportedly valid through 2029.

Cathy Fulkerson, a volunteer with [the North Country Sanctuary Community group](#), formed to assist those in ICE custody, said the charges should not have resulted in immediate deportation proceedings.

"There are people that have

DWIs in this town, multiple ones," Fulkerson said. "But these people weren't doing drugs, they weren't robbing people. They were working."

"I CHOOSE NOT TO BE HATEFUL"

Morgan returned to work at Applebee's, helping cover closing shifts and fill in for Rane and Kalluri. She said she has relied on her faith as she navigates anger, sadness, hope and numbness.

"There is no one that is greater than another person, and we are all loved equally by God," she said.

While acknowledging that some people strongly support ICE actions as part of the Trump administration's immigration crackdown — which has seen 1.6 million undocumented immigrants voluntarily leave the country and another 400,000 deported since January — Morgan said she hopes critics will consider the human impact.

"I believe that the people that have awful things to say to me and awful things to say about [Rane] and my friends, I forgive them," she said. "Because they don't know the impact of their words. They don't understand what they're saying. They don't understand the situation that I am in, or that [Rane and my friends] are in. And I believe that if they understood and they were in this position, that they would not say the things or do things that they do. And all I can say is: I choose not to be hateful in return."

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