Rindge Community Newsletter

From the Rindge Chamber of Commerce - Fall 2021

The purpose of this newsletter is to integrate and engage Rindge residents, the business community, and Franklin Pierce University in a positive and informative way. Enjoy!

The Rindge Chamber Welcomes Monadnock Gymnastics Center

Monadnock

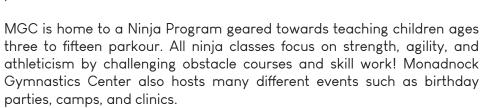
The Monadnock Gymnastics Center (MGC) first opened its doors in 2016 and was purchased by Tymnastics

Marissa Patnode just six months ago. Since becoming the owner, she has continued to accommodate families in countless ways and create a safe, explorative space for students of all ages. Located in

Peterborough on 9 Vose Farm Road, MGC offers both competitive and recreational gymnastics with ages ranging from one to seventy plus!



The competitive gymnastic program trains gymnasts at all levels to compete throughout New England and beyond. Gymnasts stay engaged and showcase their hard work through competition, while parents enjoy watching their children grow, learn, and perform.



Their "Parents Night Out" event is a local favorite and allows parents to drop their children off for three hours of structured activities and enjoy a child free evening!

In September, the gym will be launching a new strength training program for athletes with a focus on preventing sports injuries through proper strength building.

Monadnock Gymnastics Center's newest venture will bring personal trainers onsite, which will be open for the public to utilize.

For more information in regard to this inviting and inspired venue, please visit monadnockgymnastics.com.



a Letter from the President of the Rindge Chamber of Commerce

To All of our Loyal Members,

Due to the resurgence of COVID, it was unanimously agreed by the Board that we should postpone our Gala event on September 10th, until mid-January, 2022. We are hopeful that by then, we will be able to have a safe and fun evening for all. There will be tickets available beginning in November so thank you in advance for your patience as we move forward with a new date for our Annual Gala Event. The Honoring

of the Business Leader of the Year and Non-Profit of the Year will be for the 'years' 2020 through 2021. "The Woodbound Inn," will remain Business Leader of the year and "The Rindge Woman's Club" will remain Non-Profit of the year. If any Chamber Members have given money towards a Sponsorship for the September 10th date, we are happy to return it. Otherwise, we will put it towards the January Gala date. In the meantime, if you would like to donate money towards a Sponsorship at any time, we would be extremely appreciative. As we head toward the Holidays we will be reaching out for any gift certificates or donations for our raffies and Silent Auction. Please feel free to let us know if you are interested in contributing.



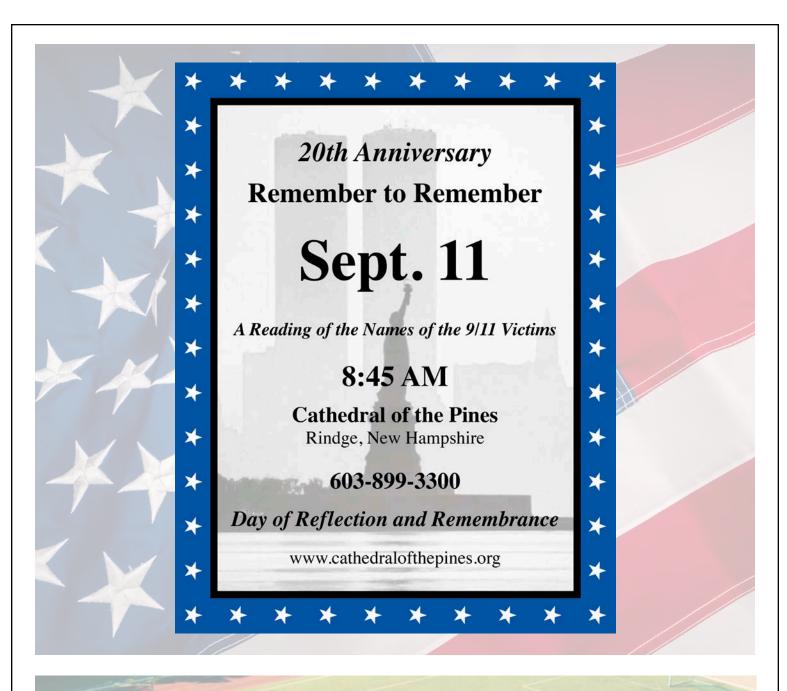


This year, we have a Franklin Pierce University Intern, Clarissa Chisholm, who is helping us change over our website to Squarespace, therefore making it easier to use and more economical for the Chamber. We are also getting ready to send out our newest brochure with the addition of all the new businesses that have joined over the past year and also in honoring the 2020–2021 Business Leader and Non-profit of the year. In the past year, we have strived to get out all emails to all businesses to help with grants or loans via the SBA (who has been very informative through the Covid crisis) and have continued our monthly Virtual meetings. We also presented three \$500 Scholarships to Conant graduating students in the Class of 2021. We have collaborated with the Woman's Club for Earth Day and went forward with 'Candidates Night' Virtually. It went quite well bringing 50 plus attendees onto our ZOOM meeting!

The Chamber Board has continued our quarterly Newsletters in full color to help promote Businesses in the area and to update the Community on upcoming Events. We will continue as usual to collaborate with the Recreation Center in regards to the upcoming Senior Dinner and to help out during the Holidays with Operation Santa.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Rindge Chamber. We will keep working diligently to support you in your business endeavors. Last of all, we look forward to seeing you at our January Extravaganza!!!!

Sincerely, Lynda Hunt President of the Rindge Chamber of Commerce



Youth Soccer Registration is now open!

Who: PreK-6th grade
Where: Wellington Park
When: Saturday, September 11Saturday, October 16 (6 wk)

Register now at rindge.recdesk.com



Edward Jones: Help Protect Your Family's Inheritance

Investing in an IRA is a great way to save for retirement. But if you don't need all the money, you may want to leave what's left to your children or grandchildren. What's the best way to do this? Until recently, when you left the proceeds of your IRA to your beneficiaries, they could "stretch" required withdrawals over their life expectancies. These required withdrawals were generally taxable, so this "stretch IRA" was a good way to reduce the annual taxes due and benefit from longer tax-deferred growth potential. But recent legislation has greatly limited the stretch IRA strategy, so you may need to look for alternatives. For example, you could convert your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA during your lifetime. By doing so, you would pay taxes on the amount converted, so your heirs could generally take withdrawals tax-free.

Another option is to purchase life insurance to ensure a specific dollar amount is passed on or to help your heirs cover

taxes on their inheritance. Consult with your tax and financial professionals before taking action. The more thorough your planning, the better the chance of meeting your legacy goals.

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Rindge Woman's Club Harvest Fair



Saturday, September 25, 2021 Homemade Jams & Pickles 9 am - 2 pm Rindge Recreation Center 283 Wellington Road

Homemade Baked Goods Home & Garden Table RADA Cutlery and Outside Vendors!



For vendor information please email: rindgewomansclub@gmail.com



The Rindge Woman's Club is excited to announce the return of its ever popular Harvest Fair on Saturday, September 25 from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM. Like so many organizations, our event was canceled last year due to Covid's widespread infections. This year we will be moving our Harvest Fair to the Rindge Recreational Building on 283 Wellington Road, which can be accessed from Rt.119 via the new bridge, which is due for completion in late August.

Our Fair's most popular booths will be present, including the ever popular Basket Raff e. The Home and Garden table will have a large assortment of canned jams, jellies and vegetables, many useful handmade household items, along with fresh garden vegetables, and indoor houseplants. The

Bake table will include wonderful varieties of our member's favorite recipes, including fresh made breads and pies. Lunch will be available in take-out form, and can be enjoyed at the picnic tables in the outside pavilion or taken home. A new addition for us this year is a RADA table where you can order all kinds of well made, handy kitchen utensils and cutlery made in the USA at reasonable prices.

There will be outside vendors as well offering many and various goods for sale. Mark you calendars for time and place; we look forward to seeing everyone again!

Once our Harvest Fair is over, it will be time to get moving on OPERATION SANTA, a program to help families during the Holiday Season. Watch for our fivers throughout town in early November. Giving Trees will be set up mid-November in various in-town locations. The RWC motto is to "Lend a Helping Hand" and we really missed doing that last year. Your support allows us to assist those in our community who have a need.



Rindge Jaffrey Fitzwilliam Republican Committee

It's refreshing to say that our Rindge, Jaffrey, Fitzwilliam GOP Republican meetings continue to thrive and succeed, as they have all year long. Numerous speakers (such as Senators Denise Ricarrdi and Kevin Avard, and our N.H. State Reps Matt Santonastaso, Jim Qualey & John Hunt) have kept all those in attendance well-informed regarding state budgets, hearings, up-coming bills, and legislative matters of current interest; and always with specifics so the public will better understand the workings of our New Hampshire Government.

We also have attendees from our Cheshire County Republican Committee leadership and from other local Republican committees. So, our meetings are a great way to keep in touch with your fellow Republicans from around our area!



Join Us 7:00 pm

1st Monday of each month
Rindge Meeting House
6 Payson Hill Rd, Rindge Center

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We also welcome new and future Republican candidates at all levels for local and state office including, for example, Rita Mattson and Lucille Decker who are running for the Cheshire District 9 special election for State Rep. We also heard from Jeff Selander who's running for Cheshire County Sheriff in the 2022 election. We wish them all the best!

We look forward to preparing for our 2022 and 2024 Elections with up-coming events and activities all around our great state of New Hampshire (with details to be announced at future meetings).

All Republicans and Independents are welcome at our meetings that are usually held the First Monday of the month @ 7:00 in the Rindge Meeting House. (Please note, however, that our next meeting will be on Monday September 13th). Stay safe, be strong, and keep the faith!



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The VFW Post 5613 Auxiliary will be hosting their annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 27th, 2021 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. It will be held at the VFW Hall on Hathorn Road (off Route 202) in Jaffrey, NH. For more than 100 years, the VFW Auxiliary has been fulfilling its original objectives by supporting the Veterans of Foreign Wars, serving veterans, service members and their families, and spreading patriotism nationwide.

Offering over 40 tables of art and lots of various handcrafted items, Christmas décor, home décor, cards, jewelry, candles, personal care items and more, plus product vendors...Something for everyone! Bake sale and hot and cold lunch items will be available for purchase. Raffie winners will be announced at approximately 1:30. Admission is free. A perfect start (or finish!) to your holiday shopping.



Got Lunch Program

Serving children in the Rindge and Jaffrey Communities

In 2013, Got Lunch began providing bags of food to children experiencing food insecurity in the Jaffrey Rindge communities to cover the weeks when school is not in session. The program expanded to add weekend bags during the school year and a pantry at the middle and high schools. Starting in January of 2021, many of our Got Lunch families were grateful for the help during the height of the pandemic and requested to continue the deliveries until they could get back on their feet again. So, with the support of our volunteers, we continued to provide weekly emergency grocery bag deliveries to children that needed help through the end of school year.



During the Easter Season we were thrilled to be able to provide the Got Lunch kids with a small Easter surprise along with a ham to share with their families!



At the end of the school year, Got Lunch forged through and implemented our regular weekly summer delivery program. Our summer program just ended on August 26th. Since January 2021, we have covered 1,600 miles in our delivery efforts and have delivered 1,486 bags! That is approximately 17,832 meals provided to children in need.

Our food program is 100% run by volunteers and is grateful to all who process enrollments, prepare the routes, organize the inventory, pick up hundreds of pounds of food from the Food Bank and from Hannaford, bag the food and deliver the bags to the homes of the children. We have successfully

provided this service because of the generous support we have received. We are confident we will be able to provide help to all children who seek to participate in Got Lunch for the remaining weeks of this year. While it is impossible to list all the generous donors and volunteers in this article, we do want to acknowledge the following businesses and organizations who have been instrumental in helping us this summer: Rindge Woman's Club, RAMS, The First Congregationals Church of Jaffrey, and Data Axle.

Take Care, Got Lunch Team





Newfoundland Ponies



Against all odds, Ammy's Honour and Highland Snow Storm, two critically endangered Newfoundland Ponies, overcame physical and environmental challenges and created a beautiful filly. She was born at 10pm on July 21st, 2021 at one of our local foster farms. Her name is Ammy's Islay Storm. (Pronounced "eye la".) We are ecstatic.

You see, when he was just 5 years old, Ammy was seriously injured, kicked by a horse at a former farm, badly fracturing his femur. We took Ammy in fully aware that the kindest thing to do was to euthanize him. It was heartbreaking to see him so

broken. But our vet said he was small, young, and the fracture had fused. She felt we should give him a chance.

Ammy is now 15 years old. For most of the 10 years since the fracture, he couldn't bend his right rear leg. However his will to live was incredible. He adapted and was an inspiration for many children and adults facing challenges, a reason for never giving up.



A year ago a kind woman from Four Paws Reiki came to help the ponies. By golly, after 6 months, Ammy could slightly bend that leg! In fact he could stand on his back legs a bit, and that was enough to create this beautiful filly with Storm.



Islay's foster is a Canadian citizen, living here in the USA. His grandparents were born and raised in Newfoundland, west coast. His Nana lived in Codroy, NL. His Grandfather lived in Chanel Port Aux Basque, on the southwest tip and was in the merchant marines. His grandfather's brother, Hubert, ran the lighthouse.

Ammy himself came from the island of Newfoundland, and to the USA when he was 4.

This birth is extra special to NPCC since Ammy, try as we might using alternative reproduction processes, has not been able to have a foal to pass his wonderful traits, his genetics to the future.

This birth is also extra special to our foster who feels so blessed to have had a Newfoundland Pony, symbolic of his roots, born at their New England farm.

We have many people to thank for this. Sometimes it really does take a village to make something so beautiful happen.

Welcome to the world, Ammy's Islay Storm! We've been waiting for you for a very long time!



Rindge Mears Purchase of Conservation Land Protecting Land and Water for the Future

One year ago, the outlook for purchasing Rindge Stone & Gravel for conservation land appeared bleak. The owner had just announced the sale of his property to a commercial gravel operation. Rindge Conservation Commission didn't give up. Its persistence is paying off.



Earlier this summer the Town of Rindge signed a Purchase and Sale Agreement for nearly 225 acres of the Rindge Stone and Gravel property. Completion of the purchase is expected before the end of the year. The land, which will be conserved and opened to the public for recreation, will also preserve wetlands that protect our water supplies and help prevent flooding. The Conservation Commission has covered a lot of ground this summer. In addition to a signed agreement, the land has a clean bill of health from an Environmental Assessment and a boundary survey is nearly complete. Funding for the land purchase is confirmed.

According to Al Lefebvre, Conservation Commission Secretary, "The people of Rindge really stepped up with generous donations. We were able to qualify for an anonymous \$25,000 matching donation." Additional funding is from State grants, private foundations and in-kind services.

Two important steps remain in the coming months. The Rindge Conservation Commission will finalize the conservation easement with Monadnock Conservancy and complete legal documents for transferring the property. These pave the way for Town residents to enjoy hiking, hunting, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, horseback riding and other activities in this natural environment for years to come.

If you have questions or wish to learn more about donating to the Conservation Fund, email the Rindge Conservation Commission at rindgeconcom@town.rindge.nh.us

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Community Volunteer Transportation Co.



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To optimize health, well-being and independence, we coordinate transportation options for people throughout the Monadnock Region.



Community Volunteer Transportation Company (CVTC) has hired Renee Sangermano of Jaffrey to serve as Advancement Assistant. Her responsibilities include building up the volunteer driver base in the 34 towns served by CVTC in the Monadnock Region, with a particular focus on those towns most in need of representation. She will also coordinate marketing and communication activities to CVTC's volunteers, community partners, donors, and friends.

Sangermano previously worked to improve public health and wellness through the management of recreational programs and facilities as the Director of Parks and Recreation for the town of Jaffrey, NH. Sangermano says, "I am very excited to be working with the team at CVTC. The volunteer driver program fills a vital need for transportation in our region to ensure our most vulnerable residents have access to essential services. The impact isn't just with the riders either, CVTC volunteer drivers have the most uplifting stories to tell about their own experiences giving rides. The gift of giving doesn't just serve the recipient." Asked how her time in the parks and recreation field will benefit her in this new position, Sangermano responded, "My heart is in serving others and I look forward to utilizing the marketing and relationship building skills I honed during my parks and recreation days to expand regional awareness of CVTC's mission and impact. CVTC is truly a neighbor helping neighbor, local organization and I am thrilled to be part of it."



CVTC Executive Director Ellen Avery says "Renee is the perfect candidate for this position. She is a graduate of Leadership NH in 2020-2021, and Leadership Monadnock 2018. These experiences provide her with a working knowledge and professional connections throughout the region and the state. Her parks and recreation experience in Rindge and Jaffrey will only strengthen CVTC's relationships with our service towns. We are so fortunate!" Funding for this position is provided by the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Healthcare Access Workgroup Implementation Funds through the Center for Population Health at Cheshire Medical Center.

CVTC provides "no fee" transportation. Rides to non-emergency medical and social service appointments, grocery shopping and other basic needs are provided by Volunteer Drivers. CVTC provides accessible rides for people whose mobility is dependent on a wheelchair.

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The Clark Memorial YMCG Announces September Membership Drive

The Clark Memorial YMCA in Winchendon has announced its "Our Gift To You" membership drive. Join the Clark Y during the month of September and get the month of December Free! The Clark Y is the regional YMCA for the Monadnock area towns of Rindge, Jaffrey, Fitzwilliam, Peterborough and New Ipswich and offers a range of programs for everyone in the family.

The Clark Y campus includes the fitness center, six lane pool, gymnasium, field house, gymnastics center, before and after school child care center and soccer fields.







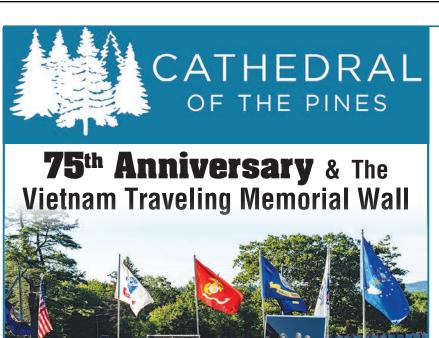
Youth programs include learn to swim programs, swim team, gymnastics, team sports and summer camp. Adults can choose from a variety of fitness classes, or structure their own workout with cardio machines, weight training or lap swim. Seniors enjoy the Silver Sneakers classes every day and the whole family has fun during Family Swim hours.

The Clark Memorial YMCA's membership fees are among the lowest in the Central New England region. Further, our Membership For All program, an income-based fee structure funded by the Clark Y's Annual Campaign, is evidence of our commitment that no one is turned away from the Clark Y for lack of financial resources.

Are you ready to put the COVID pandemic behind you and recommit to a healthy lifestyle? Learn more about the Clark YMCA on our website (www.theclarkymca.org), visit us on Facebook or stop by at 155 Central St. Winchendon and tour our facilities. Then take advantage of the "Our Gift To You" by joining in September and getting the month of December for free.







We would like to take a moment to thank all our sponsors, volunteers, and community members for their support and for making it possible to bring the Vietnam Traveling Wall to celebrate our 75th Anniversary. During the three-day celebration, we all had the opportunity to honor our veterans, celebrate life, and reflect on peace.

With deepest gratitude, Patricia J. Vargas, Executive Director Heather Hill, Administration

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Thank you, Cathedral of the Pines and the Rindge Veterans

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall was visited by hundreds of people throughout the Rindge Community and surrounding areas during the weekend of the 13th through the 15th of August along with the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Cathedral of the Pines.

The Rindge Veterans were there helping to assemble, watch over and disassemble the Wall. They also provided shirts, hats and coins as a tribute to those soldiers who gave their lives for our Country. We are extremely lucky to have the Cathedral of the Pines who made this event successful in providing our town with the Memorial Wall and the beautiful plaques and fiags that signified the war.

People were available onsite to help in finding families loved ones on the wall and to answer any questions regarding the Wall, plaques and fiags that were beautifully placed on the front lawn of Cathedral of the Pines.





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The River Center



The River Center is bringing a strong line-up of family support programs to you this fall. We are bringing back our regulars such as Baby and Me, See the ABLE not the LABEL support group, Safe Sitter, and more. We are also adding new programs from Your Pregnancy, When Your Kids Push Your Buttons; also, parenting and youth expert Joshua Wayne will be speaking, and we are offering a Youth Mental Health First Aid program.

In our Money Matters programming, on Wednesdays or by other arrangement, we have money coaches who will guide you along the way to creating goals and a plan to meet them so you can better understand your finances, one-on-one. This is offered at no-cost to anyone, regardless of income level. A monthly Money Matters series of guest speakers will also begin in September, kicking off with Writing Wills: What Every Parent Should Know. For more information on these and other programs and to register, visit our website at rivercenter.us or call us at 924-6800.

The River Center Family and Community Resource Center provides community connections, parenting support, tax assistance and money coaching to strengthen individuals and families in the Eastern Monadnock Region. Funding comes from Monadnock United Way, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, and the generous contributions of individuals, businesses, and private foundations. We are located at 9 Vose Farm Rd., Suite 115, Peterborough, NH 03458



Greetings from the Rindge Food Pantry Board Members

The Rindge Food Pantry is open every Thursday from 3 to 6 pm and serves New Hampshire residents in need. We are located at 1102 Route 119 (rear of building). We prefer cash donations at this time. tel: 603-899-5031



*Front row from left to right: Andrea LaVache, Annie Maher, Nancy Lindberg, Joan Coleman, Tina Hansen Back row from left to right: Craig Jennings (with Fox), Jen Marszalek, Ellen Ostreicher, Stella Walling























We hope you enjoy the Fall 2021 issue of our community newsletter! Please feel free to send in articles, announcements, recipes, or poems; we will try to print as much as we can, but please keep your submissions to a 200-word maximum. All written articles should be in Word format. Business card size advertisements are available and should be emailed in PDF or JPEG format. All ads and articles should be e-mailed to newsletter@rindgechamber.org.

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Whole page - \$130 (see above)

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