

NEWS & NOTES

Plant closure

The Anheuser-Busch facility in Merrimack will close in early 2026, as reported in a Dec. 11 report on WMUR.com and by several other media outlets. A press release from New Hampshire Senate President Sharon Carson (R-Londonderry) said the plant represented nearly 120 jobs. “The State of New Hampshire will provide the necessary resources and support to help them navigate this challenging transition,” Carson’s press release said. Sen. Tim McGough (R-Merrimack) also put out a release on the closure saying, “Anheuser-Busch has been a long-time supporter of Merrimack, contributing to local schools, charities, and civic organizations. It has been a driving force behind our economy providing jobs and supporting vital community projects.”

LCHIP

On Dec. 9, Gov. Kelly Ayotte joined ‘New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) Board Chair Richard Lewis in announcing 31

LCHIP grants totaling more than \$3.5 million awarded to municipalities and nonprofit organizations in support of land conservation and historic preservation initiatives across the state,” according to a press release from the program. Grant recipients include Canterbury Shaker Village (\$250,000) for its East House, Kimball Jenkins Estate (\$18,450) for a comprehensive building assessment of its five historic structures, Goffstown Public Library (\$19,272) for preservation of its wood windows, Hudson Historical Society (\$72,875) for Hills House, Grace Episcopal Church in Manchester (\$22,000) for Riddle House, and the Town of Milford (\$12,500) for the Milford Town Hall assessment, according to the program’s website lchip.org, where you can find descriptions of all of this year’s recipients, see a map of LCHIP projects and find information about applying for the grants.

Delta Dog

Red Arrow Diner raised more than \$8,000 to benefit Operation Delta Dog, an organization that res-

ques and trains “shelter dogs as specialized service companions for veterans experiencing PTSD, TBI, and MST,” according to a Red Arrow press release. The diner held a Breakfast for a Year raffle, selling tickets for \$1 each, to raise the funds, which it presented to the Hollis-based Operation Delta Dog on Dec. 12, the release said. See operationdeltadog.org.

Big stuffies

The D’Amante family continued an annual tradition of gifting “more than 20 oversized stuffed animals” to the Concord Hospital pediatric unit for pediatric patients “who are invited to choose their own stuffed companion to snuggle with and then take home,” according to a Dec. 8 hospital release. “The tradition began when Cinda D’Amante visited the unit decades ago and decided to make a positive impact on hospitalized children during the holiday season,” the release said. See concordhospital.org.