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More Choices On Channel 8

Besides videos of Andover meetings and events, Channel 8 also airs videos from around New Hampshire, New England, and the nation that you can't view anywhere else. Here's a sampling of the long list of shows from which we choose each week:

Capitol Access: New Hampshire politics and political activism with a skeptical, feisty, flinty edge.

Chef's Plate: Each show features one of New Hampshire's best chefs preparing a signature dish from their restaurant.

Expedition New England takes viewers close up into areas much like their own back yards, where there are all kinds of interesting creatures. It's a great show for kids as well as adults.

Graceful Aging: Each show tackles an aspect of growing older with an eye to making us stronger.

Granite State Outdoors: New Hampshire Fish and Game's news

magazine about fish and wildlife management, wildlife research, and outdoor recreation such as fishing, hunting, hiking, and wildlife-watching.

Healthy Living is a health interview show on a variety of topics including heart disease, cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure, and other health challenges.

Hot and Cold is about building and renovating houses as well as updating with new types of insulation and alternative energy.

People and Places explores interesting and uplifting interesting people and places in Maine.

Self-Reliance features people creating engaging lives and thriving, resilient communities for a more sustainable, lower-energy future.

Tracing Your Family Roots presents genealogy experts in various specialties to share their knowledge.

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Andover's new Smokey Bear is noticeably different from the placid, rotund national icon. Why the change? "There are Smokeys everywhere, and they all look the same," said Chuck, "so I told Dan to make ours a little different, give it a little attitude. And he did."

Rumors that Chuck modeled for the new Smokey's ripped physique

and penetrating glare are still under investigation.

Zach Barton At Fire Academy

Zachary Barton recently started Fire-fighter Level 1 class at the New Hampshire Fire Academy in Concord. "This is a big commitment," said Andover Fire Department chief Chuck Ellis. "The class will last around four months, with Zach going to class two nights a week and several Saturdays."

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In a STEMI heart attack, the worst kind of heart attack, severely blocked blood flow destroys heart muscle and can lead to cardiac arrest – when the heart stops beating, or beats ineffectively. Unblocking the blocked artery through catheterization essentially stops the heart attack, and the sooner it's done, the better.

"Early detection of when the care available through a catheterization laboratory would be most beneficial is absolutely vital for patient prognosis and recovery," John continued. "Andover is lucky to have access to cath labs at both Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and at Concord Hospital. Being geographically centered between two of the most advanced emergency cardiac centers in New Hampshire places Andover residents within 30 minutes of getting the best care possible."

In the previous process, patients were taken to a local hospital for assessment and preliminary treatment, then transferred to a facility with a cath lab if necessary.

"Timing absolutely can mean the difference between life and death, but it also can mean the difference between making a full recovery and having life-long medical issues," said Deputy Chief Shawn Riley of Laconia's Emergency Medical Services, and the regional EMS coordinator.

New Equipment

Funding from Concord Hospital and LRGHealthcare has provided new equipment and extensive training for emergency responders throughout the Lakes Region.

LRGH used proceeds from its Red Dress Gala last winter to train EMS personnel for the REACT project. LRGH is raising more to ensure that first responders have additional equipment and training necessary to properly

diagnose patients who need the specialized treatment.

Concord Hospital has purchased communications equipment that enables EMS personnel in 18 communities to transmit a heart attack patient's ECG results from the field to the Emergency Departments at Franklin Regional or Lakes Region General Hospital.

With that information, the emergency department doctors determine whether an artery blockage is serious enough to require immediate treatment at a cath lab, where a team can remove a blockage by inflating a balloon or inserting a stent to open the artery to restore blood flow.

"Andover EMS is currently in the process of obtaining the communication equipment that will allow us to transmit the ECG data directly to local hospitals for live, online medical direction for such cases," John Kinney noted.

The collaboration may mean a longer ambulance ride to the hospital, but a shorter road to life-saving treatment.

En route to a cath lab, the ambulance is a virtual emergency room. Paramedics are in constant contact with the emergency department doctors and can help stabilize a patient by administering life-saving techniques and medications that previously would have been delivered at the local hospital.

The hospitals and EMS personnel have been phasing in the new protocol since December. Through mid-July, 11 Lakes Region patients had been taken directly to Concord Hospital, including one whose heart stopped on the way. That patient was revived, then the blocked artery was opened at the Catheterization Suite, much sooner than if the patient had been taken to another hospital first.

"If there had been a delay, there is a strong likelihood that the patient would have died," said Dr. Strang.



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