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Airport project will feature innovative lumber

Concord Municipal Airport hangar to use engineered wood instead of steel, concrete

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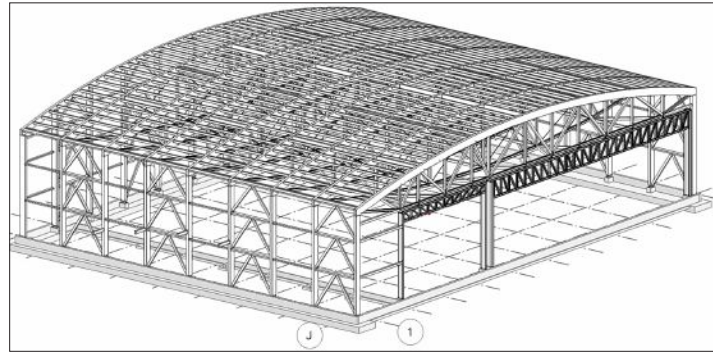
Business boosters are excited about the expansion of biotech firm United Therapeutics in New Hampshire but the corporate hangar it will build at Concord Municipal Airport is exciting for another reason: Glulam. Lots and lots of glulam.

"The entire skeleton and truss system is glu-

lam. We've never done anything like it and I don't think many have," said Evan Herron, project manager for Silver Maple Construction of New Haven, Vermont.

Glulam is a term for wood beams and panels made by gluing together smaller layers of wood, or laminations, into pieces that are big enough and strong enough to replace steel and even concrete in commercial buildings. It is part of the industry trend of engineered lumber, which has a number of names including mass timber, that combines

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Renderings of the wood columns and trusses that will be used to make the new hangar at Concord Municipal Airport. It is about 56 feet from the floor to the peak of the curved barrel truss.

Silver Maple Construction



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Sarah Stanley works full-time at the Veterans Home in Tilton as the public information officer but she also volunteers at the Franklin Outing Club where skiers came on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2023.

Serving those who have served

Franklin native works with veterans and inspires youth for community impact

By RAY DUCKLER
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Sarah Stanley's family name, Griffin, is forever part of the Franklin landscape.

Her married name, meanwhile, has had its own impact on the town, this one centered at the Veterans Home in Tilton. That's where Stanley has worked the past three years, replacing longtime staffer Len Stewart as the home's public information officer.

She works full-time at the Veterans

Home, often putting in more than 40 hours to make sure soldiers who have stormed beaches and been wounded in action receive the comfort they deserve.

Fellow Rotarian Carisa Corrow nominated Stanley for the *Monitor's* Hometown Hero series, writing, "Can we nominate other members of my family instead? I think that's what Sarah might say as the whole family gives back to the community in various ways. Sarah helps keep neighbors connected through Rotary, Business and Professional Women, and other volunteer groups in the city.

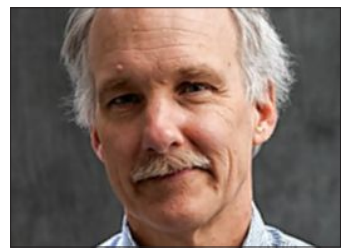
She loves Franklin, and it's clear through a conversation and her actions. She's a valuable resource, a kind spirit and has had an enormous impact on the veterans she now serves."

She's an important figure to longtime Franklin residents. Griffin Beach, overlooking Webster Lake, was named after Stanley's great uncle decades ago "as an honor to a longstanding individual in the community," Stanley said.

A local drug store was also named af-

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COVID TRACKER



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A new phase for COVID

We're finally calling it - the pandemic is over! Well, sort of

The pandemic is dead. Long live the endemic. Wishful thinking? No, more like a not-as-good-as-it-sounds prediction.

The good part is that the Monitor's COVID Tracker is prepared, at long last, to call the pandemic over in New Hampshire. Several factors led to this admittedly arbitrary distinction.

The state's spotty count of new cases of COVID-19 - spotty because reported testing is so erratic these days - has fallen to the lowest level in over a year and a half. Fewer than 100 new cases were reported in the most recent two-week report, the smallest figure since August 2021.

The CDC's wastewater monitoring program says that the amount of SARS-CoV2 virus from the four plants being tested, including Concord, has declined consistently since January. Boston's wastewater virus count has plummeted this year and is now lower than it has been since last fall.

More importantly, the number of

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BOSCAWEN

Residents OK smaller budget

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In a meeting lasting six hours, over 180 residents packed into Boscawen's elementary school gym Saturday to vote on a modified version of the proposed budget and warrant articles after residents previously expressed criticism over a plan to increase spending.

Following calls to rein in spending at a February hearing, the select board and budget committee presented a smaller budget at the annual town meeting. However, voters raised concerns that the modified budget remained too high and would pose a significant burden on taxpayers.

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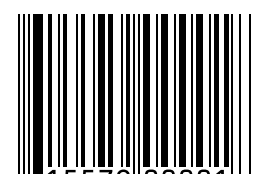
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