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## NH to Receive 3 FEMA Monoclonal Antibody Teams

### Alice Peck Day One of Three Sites to Host Teams

CONCORD, NH—Governor Chris Sununu and DHHS Commissioner Lori Shibinette announced Dec. 29 that New Hampshire has received confirmation from FEMA that the state is set to receive three monoclonal antibody teams this month.

Originally scheduled to arrive Jan. 3, an overwhelming demand has delayed their start date, it was announced this morning. FEMA is deploying three teams dedicated to administering monoclonal antibodies to three hospitals in New Hampshire: Elliot Hospital, Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital, and Concord Hospital.

“I would like to thank the Federal Government for listening to our calls and sending these resources as we continue to fight this winter surge,” said Sununu.

“Providing additional teams to expand capacity to administer these time-critical treatments will ease some of the burden on our already strained hospital staff,” Shibinette said. “We are grateful for the assistance to help our hospital system and save lives.”

“Patients are referred for treatment with monoclonal antibodies at infusion sites by their primary care provider and are accessible at some urgent care centers,” said Dr. Jonathan Ballard, Chief Medical Officer at DHHS. “This assistance will reduce the number of patients needing hospitalization.”

A map of locations administering monoclonal antibodies in New Hampshire is available at <https://www.covid19.nh.gov/resources/covid-19-treatment-resources>.

## Glowing Fire, Growing Light

### Traditional Abenaki Fire Ceremony Livestreamed to All Americas

Story and Photos By Eric Zengota  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—On December 21, at the winter solstice, one man lit and tended a sacred fire on Abenaki tribal land in Claremont. The Unity Fire was at the core of an hour-and-a-half ceremony held to honor the sun as it began its journey increasing the hours of daylight up to the summer solstice.

For centuries, indigenous peoples sat around or circled the actual fire as they explored and strengthened the bonds of their nation. In 2021, however, the ceremony adopted a distinctly  
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**David Nepveu tended the fire throughout the ceremony. “The fire represents four stages of life. The coals are the children, the small sticks the adults, the large sticks the tribal elders. The fire may not be put out but must burn itself down to ashes. The ashes represent the grandfathers — fire is a masculine element, whereas water is feminine — and they’re safely scattered back into the land.”**







# Youth CAN Coalition

*Decreasing youth substance misuse by  
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## 1 WHO ARE WE?

We are a group of people interested in using youth-adult partnerships to create positive opportunities for young people so they use less alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and other drugs. We are from Claremont and Newport and come from different backgrounds.



## 2 WHAT ARE WE DOING?

We care about substance misuse prevention and destigmatizing substance use disorder and mental health to promote awareness and acceptance. We hold Community Conversations and share data from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. We collaborate with community partners to increase readiness and capacity to advance prevention efforts.



## 3 WHY ARE WE DOING IT?

It is our collective responsibility to address substance misuse in our communities, protect and support young people, and decrease substance related harm within our community.



## 4 HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- Join the coalition!
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## Letter to the Editor

### Much Gratitude and Appreciation

#### To The Editor:

At this special time of year I am reminded of the wonderful help I have received after surgeries.

In the spring I had a reverse shoulder replacement. I contacted Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurses and shared my situation and possible needs. Due to other health issues I was not able to drive so I am so grateful to Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurses for the care they have given me during what was an extremely challenging time.

Within a few days I was visited by a Social Worker to determine how they could assist me. Next visit was from a Physical Therapist to determine any changes that would need to happen in my home to keep me safe and benefit my recovery. Both were very helpful.

Then Kate arrived, my Occupational Therapist! Kate spent 4 months working with me and caring for me. She is amazing, kind, knowledgeable, skilled and creative. She is a consummate professional always ready to adapt my therapy as I moved through the many stages of recovery. I am so much better and have much to be thankful for. You are the best, Kate, and I am so lucky to have known you!

I am so appreciative of Kate and grateful to have had the opportunity to receive the services and care offered by Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurses. Thank you so much!

I wish you all a very Happy New Year! Be well, healthy and happy.

**Judith Koester**

Claremont, NH

### NH Delegation Welcomes \$1.6 Million to Combat Substance Use Disorder Crisis Through NH Drug Court Program

MANCHESTER, NH—U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Chair of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee that funds the Department of Justice (DOJ), and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Representatives Annie Kuster (NH-02) and Chris Pappas (NH-01) welcomed \$1,619,765 for the Drug Court Program (DCP) at the New Hampshire Department of Justice (NH DOJ). The funding will support NH DCP’s efforts to combat the substance use disorder crisis and stem drug-related overdose deaths, which have surged during the pandemic. This Drug Court grant funding marks a stark increase from its 2019 level at \$493,000.

Specifically, the grant will help NH DCP:

Address barriers to access treatment, including by providing transportation services in rural communities;

Enhance the drug court database to track recidivism and improve utilization;

Expand evidence-based practices training; and

Examine recidivism rates of drug court participants and validate the statewide risk assessment tool.

“The substance use disorder crisis has taken too many lives and torn too many Granite State families apart, and sadly it’s only gotten worse during the pandemic. New Hampshire’s Drug Court Program is on the frontlines of delivering life-saving treatment programs to offenders with substance use and mental health disorders. And let’s be clear, we know that we cannot jail our way out of this public health crisis. All Granite Staters need resources to respond to the scope of this epidemic, and I’m pleased to see this funding will help our courts reach more individuals in need,” said Senator Shaheen. “From assisting with transportation to treatment facilities to tracking rates of recidivism, this funding will make a difference in addressing the root cause of a drug court participant’s offenses, protecting public safety and ending this epidemic once and for all. I’ll continue delivering the resources our state needs to ensure another generation doesn’t succumb to this tragic crisis.”



# Claremont Welcomes in 2022 with Events, Fireworks

Claremont welcomed in 2022 Friday night, from 5PM to midnight. Fun, family-friendly events were scheduled at Arrowhead Lodge, the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center, Claremont Opera House and Meyer Maple Lanes. At 10PM, fireworks were shot off from the slope at Arrowhead, lighting up the sky. The night was hosted by the Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club with support from the Claremont Parks and Rec Department and local businesses, including assistance from Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, Claremont Savings Bank and Mascoma Bank.

Activities included a live performance of "Mark the Halls" at the Claremont Opera House presented by The Rep theater group, free swim at the CSBCC, bowling at Meyer Maple Lanes, food and beverage sales at the Arrowhead Lodge, performances presented by Wunderle's One Man Circus, a presentation by members of Broad Street Players and the Second Annual First Night Scavenger Hunt. There was also an

RSVP party at REMIX. Warm temps and recent rainy weather cancelled snowshoeing and tubing. More than 500 First Night buttons were sold for the night; \$1.00 each, buttons were required by all those attending to enjoy First Night activities. Children 3 and under were free.



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## NH DHHS COVID-19 Update December 30, 2021

CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Thursday, December 30, 2021, DHHS announced 1,580 new positive test results for COVID-19 for Wednesday, December 29. Those results included 1,090 people who tested positive by PCR test and 490 who tested positive by antigen test. DHHS also announced an additional 145 new cases from Monday, December 27 (53 by PCR and 92 by antigen test, for a new total of 790); and an additional 143 new cases from Tuesday, De-

ember 28 (63 by PCR and 80 by antigen test, for a new total of 1,308). Test results for previous days are still being processed and updated case counts for prior days will be reflected on the COVID-19 interactive dashboard. There were 9,341 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire.

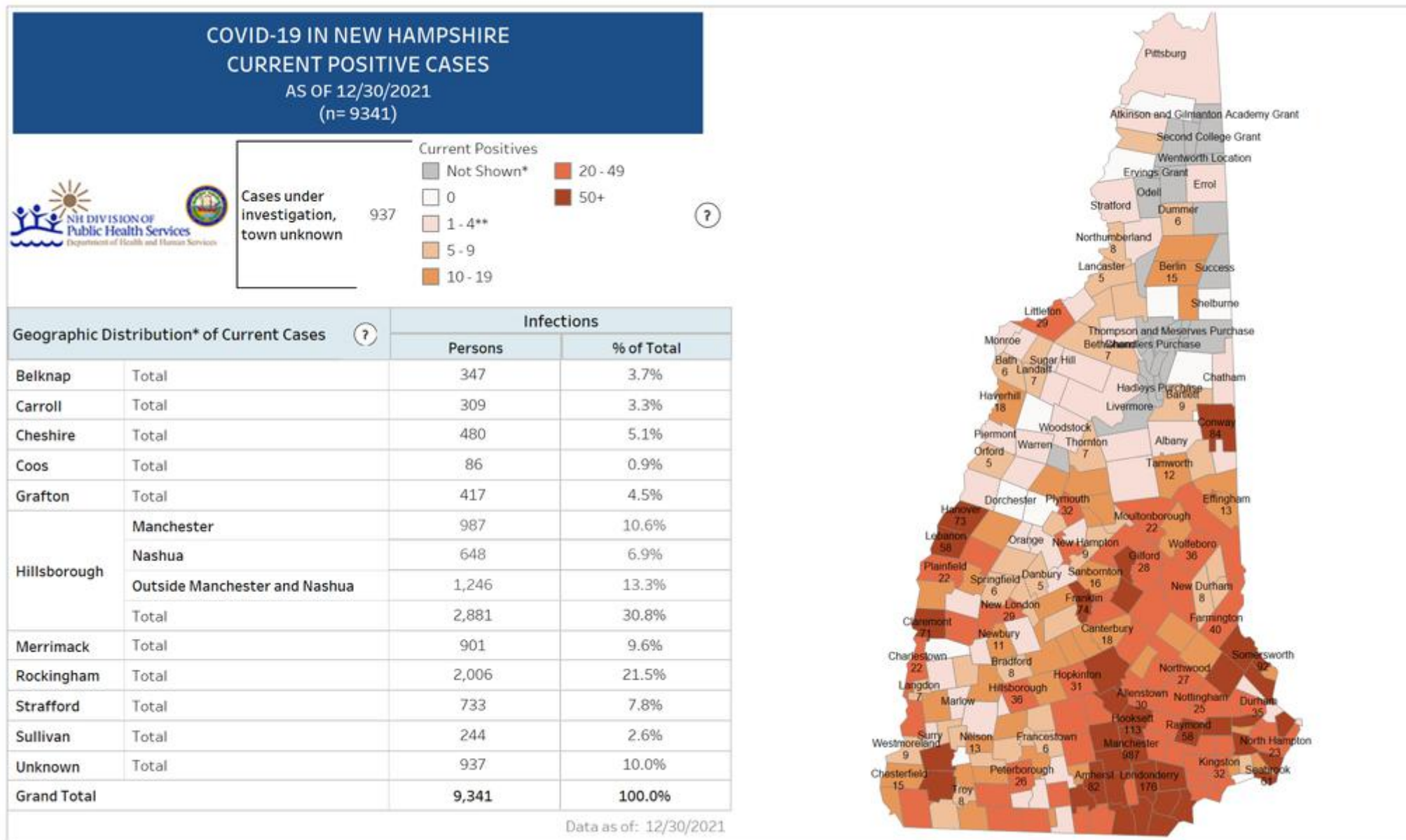
Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are three hundred and forty-seven individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 54% being female and 46% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (408), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (225), Merrimack (189), Strafford (135), Belknap (80), Carroll (77), Grafton (64), Cheshire (55), Sullivan (38), and Coos (28) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (211) and Nashua (128). The county of residence is being determined for two hundred and thirty new cases.

DHHS has also announced eleven additional deaths related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends.

- 1 male resident of Belknap County, 60 years of age and older
- 2 male residents of Carroll County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Cheshire County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Grafton County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Hillsborough County, fewer than 60 years of age
- 1 female resident of Merrimack County, 60 years of age and older
- 3 female residents of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older

There were currently 384 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire,

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since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 198,667 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

**As of Thursday, the 30th, there were 71 current positively identified cases in Claremont, 22 in Charlestown, and 40 in Newport, with additional cases identified in other county communities, including 6 in Lempster; 13, Cornish; 16, Grantham; 22, Sunapee; 22, Plainfield; and 1-4 in other Sullivan County communities. DHHS reported 244 currently positively identified cases in Sullivan County.**

**COVID-19 Hotline**

211NH has been mobilized to handle all COVID-19 related calls from New Hampshire residents. All residents with questions or concerns regarding COVID-19 can call 2-1-1.

**Vaccine Information in NH**

For vaccine information, please visit <https://www.covid19.nh.gov/resources/vaccine-information>.

**NH Set to Receive Department of Defense Deployment Team**

CONCORD, NH—Thursday, Governor Chris Sununu announced that New Hampshire is set to receive a 17-person team of active duty service members from the Department of Defense to be deployed to Elliot Hospital. The team, composed of medics, nurses, administrative support, and a physician are set to arrive on January 3, 2022, and depart in the beginning of February.

“We continue to press for all available resources as we combat this winter surge,” said Sununu. “This latest team will be a valuable

part of our all-hands-on-deck effort and I would like to thank the federal government for being responsive to our calls.”

**State Licenses Over 650 Nurses in Three Week Period**

CONCORD, NH – Wednesday, Governor Chris Sununu issued the following statement after the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC) confirmed that the State licensed over 650 nurses in a three week period following the governor’s Executive Order 2021-12, regarding “all actions completed in order to increase licensed health care workforce and hospital capacity.”

“As a result of our Executive Order, we have fast tracked flexibility and granted licenses to over 650 nurses,” said Sununu. “We are breaking down barriers to ensure our health care system has the staffing needed to respond to this winter surge, and I would like to thank OPLC for their expedited work in helping get nurses on the front lines of our hospitals.”

**Registration for NH 2nd Booster Blitz Opens**

CONCORD, NH—Online registration for New Hampshire’s second “Booster Blitz” opened this morning. The statewide event will be held on Jan. 8. In the state’s first Booster Blitz, more than 10,000 booster shots were



administered at 15 locations across New Hampshire.

To register for a COVID-19 booster appointment you must be:

- 16 years or older
- NH resident
- Completed Pfizer or Moderna series on or before 7/8/21, or
- Completed Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) series on or before 11/13/21

Go to <https://www.covid19.nh.gov/>.

If you need assistance, please call 603 271-1000.

<b>New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated December 30, 2021, 9:00 AM)</b>	
NH Persons with COVID-19	198,667
Recovered	187,365 (94%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	1,961 (1%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	9,341
Current Hospitalizations	384

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## Claremont Man Pleads Guilty in Diner Arson Case

CLAREMONT, NH—Leo J. Leblanc pleaded guilty late last month to starting a fire at the Daddypops Tumble Inn Diner in July. He received a sentence of 3 to 6 years in state prison. The *Valley News* reported that he “could see a year shaved from his sentence for the arson count if he successfully completes substance abuse counseling in prison, according to documents in Sullivan Superior Court in Newport.” A charge of attempted arson was dropped, and Leblanc will be credited with having served 120 days time.

The Claremont Fire Department was called to the scene of the fire around 9:00 p.m. on the night of July 29. The fire was quickly extinguished and was believed to have been caused by gasoline poured into a bottom window Leblanc had broken open. There was extensive smoke and electrical damage and the diner has not reopened. According to authorities, the owner passed away last fall.

The investigation moved along quickly after “Leblanc’s estranged wife had contacted authorities shortly after the diner fire and told them she suspected Leblanc may have set the blaze, according to an affidavit from Claremont Det. Joshua Peavey,” said the *Valley News*; as the investigation evolved and law enforcement announced the arrest of a suspect in August, CPD said that they believed Leblanc had a grudge against the cook at the diner.

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll

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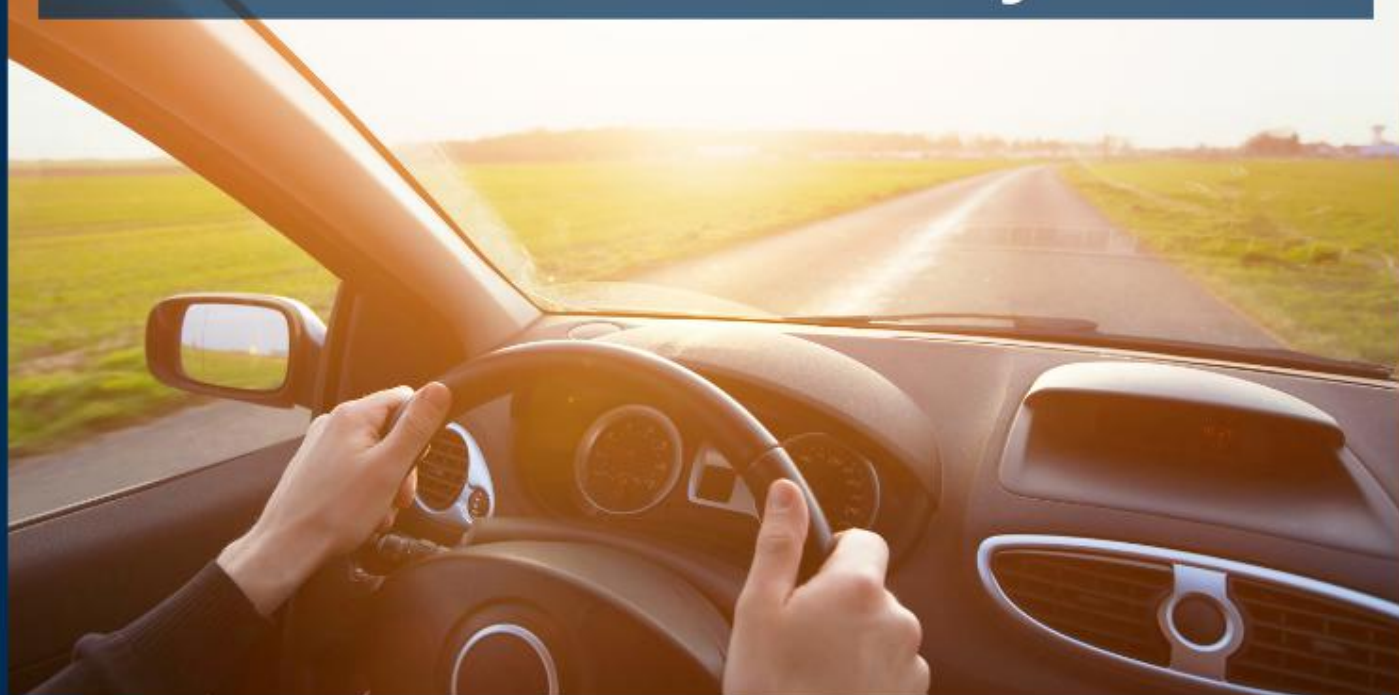
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## Fire, from page 1

modern, high-tech touch. That man was the only member at the site, while the other participants — 35 in all — watched the flames and joined in the blessings and shared stories via Zoom.

In his invitation to the members of the Sovereign Abenaki Nation and to the general public, Chief & Elder Paul “Gwilawato” Bunnell said that all who joined the meeting would be “coming together in love and unity, bringing all of our members and friends together in this special day, and honoring the warmth of our creator’s fire.”

Bunnell, who lives in Alstead and who led the meeting, welcomed everyone who joined in. Eventually there would be attendees from 11 States — as close as Maine and Vermont, as far away as Minnesota and Texas — as well as two from Canada, one from Mexico and one from Peru.

War Chief David Nepveu built the fire, using only ash wood, saying, “the Abenaki believe that they came from the ash tree. By honoring the sun,” he added, “we recognize that it gives energy to the trees that become fire. The fire is its own spirit, its own being. In this way, we thank the creator for giving us life and show our gratitude for what we’ve been given.”

Nepveu lit the fire starting on the east-facing side because “that’s where the sun rises and where the Abenaki people come from.” He performed a tobacco blessing that honored the four directions, the elements and all living creatures — in short, the entire physical and spiritual universe of which humans are a part.

The fire was always visible on the screen-within-screen feature. Attendees could light their own fires at home (if legal and safe) or burn a candle.

Bunnell gave blessings and “smudged” the gathering virtually. In person, smudging involves burning sage in a small container and scooping the smoke toward oneself in a ritual cleansing.

The ceremony continued with practices intended to draw together the far-flung attendees and both reconnect and strengthen their cultural and community bonds.

Song teacher and Koasek artist Dan Duhaime offered his blessings for all the relations, and presented two Abenaki songs, “Unity Chant” and “Drums in the Valley.”

The fire contributors had the chance to come forward, introduce themselves and their locations, and say what they feel. Contributions ranged from a humorous account of trying to learn the Abenaki language to one couple’s “praying and smudging a lot here at home, and incorporating our traditions into our worship at our Roman Catholic parish, where St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the patron saint.” (She is popularly venerated as a patroness of ecology.)



In a virtual medicine circle, members spoke if they chose on the general subject of praying for peace between countries, politicians, neighbors, tribes and each other.

The meeting ended with a prayer offered by Koasek professional basket weavers, and Bear Clan Mother, Valerie Boles, and her daughters, Megan and Elizabeth Boles.

*Honor the sacred*

*Honor the Earth, our mother*

*Honor the elders*

*Honor all with whom we share the earth*

*Four-legged, two-legged, and the winged ones, swimmers, and crawlers, plants, and rock people*

*Walk in balance and peace*

“Wliwni [thank you],” said Bunnell afterwards, “to everyone for contributing their thoughts and feelings as we all had our unity fires burning to heal our mother earth.”

Bunnell is hosting free Monthly Talking Circles on Zoom, beginning Jan. 13. For details, the full 2022 schedule and meeting access information, contact the chief at [bunnellloyalist@aol.com](mailto:bunnellloyalist@aol.com).

**“Our family acknowledged our indigenous heritage but we didn’t take part in any traditions,” says David Nepveu, who is of Micmac, French-Canadian, Scots and Irish background. “The fire ceremony is a rebirthing for me, a way to learn more about my ancestry.” He accompanied one of the traditional songs, heard via the Zoom meeting, on a drum made of elk skin.**



**While tending the fire on Abenaki tribal land in Claremont, David Nepveu “meets” with Chief Paul Bunnell (on small screen) and the other 34 participants via his device.**





Photo by Phyllis A. Muzeroll





## FREE COVID-19 PCR TESTING



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- Your phone number
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### ***Riding the Wave...***

With recent warming temps, a wave of icy snow partially slid off a roof in Charlestown, NH, creating a unique effect (Courtesy photo).

### **Coffee with the Chief on January 5th**

SUNAPEE, NH— The next Coffee with the Chief in Sunapee is on Wednesday, January 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Safety Services Building. There is always a lot to talk about so bring your comments and questions and join us for coffee on January 5th.



Rotarian Gary Merchant displays the certificate of recognition that will be presented to Aalysia Gardner, a CMS sixth-grader, who won this year's contest for the First Night button design (Eric Zengota photo).



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# Business News

## Mt. Ascutney Hospital Radiology Designated as Lung Cancer Screening Center By American College of Radiology

WINDSOR, VT – The Radiology Department at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) has received American College of Radiology (ACR) designation as a Lung Cancer Screening Center. The designation makes MAHHC Radiology notable “as a provider of safe, effective diagnostic care for those con-



sidered at high risk of lung cancer,” according to ACR. MAHHC is one of only three sites with this designation in a 25-mile radius, and one of nine within 50 miles.

MAHHC Radiology earned the designation by achieving ACR CT (Computed Tomography) Accreditation, and submitting clinical data including the department’s lung cancer screening protocol.

The designation represents the Hospital’s dedication to excellence in cancer care, says Dr. Joseph Perras, CEO and Chief Medical Officer at MAHHC. “We are proud to earn this distinction,” says Dr. Perras, “which signals to our community that Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center is recognized for our effectiveness in diagnosing lung cancer, a disease that affects more than 200,000 people a year in the United States. While lung cancer is the leading

cause of cancer death among both men and women, making up nearly 25% of all cancer-related deaths, there is hope, especially with cancer detected at an early stage. That’s what we are here for.”

The American College of Radiology is a national organization founded in 1923 that represents nearly 40,000 radiologists, radiation oncologists, nuclear medicine physicians, and medical physicists in their mission to “serve patients and society by empowering members to advance the practice, science, and professions of radiological care.”

## NHEC & NH Broadband Partner With Conexon for Major Fiber-Optic Broadband Project

### Companies aim to bring high-speed internet to rural NH communities

PLYMOUTH, NH—New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) has entered into a partnership agreement with Conexon, a national fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) rural broadband solutions provider that works exclusively with electric cooperatives, to deliver high-speed internet to NHEC members in 118 communities who now lack it.

The partnership will enable NHEC’s new subsidiary, NH Broadband, to take the next steps in its plan to ensure that all NHEC members have access to affordable, reliable, high-speed internet.

A rural fiber-optic network design and construction management leader, Conexon works exclusively with rural electric cooperatives to design and build state-of-the-art fiber-optic networks. This year Conexon will complete construction of over 40,000 miles of fiber-optic networks for cooperatives across the country.

Conexon will work with NH Broadband to bring

fiber-optic service to a wide area of rural New Hampshire that has been largely overlooked by existing internet providers. NH Broadband’s plan is to construct networks utilizing the latest XGS-PON technology. These networks will be capable of symmetrical download and upload speeds of up to 1 Gigabit per second – a technology that can meet the needs of NHEC members today and well into the future.

Through this relationship with Conexon, NH Broadband will begin critical planning and pre-construction work, positioning itself to hit the ground running when grant opportunities become available. As funding is secured, NH Broadband’s goal is to construct fiber-optic networks that ensure all 85,000 NHEC members in 118 communities across nine counties have access to high-speed internet. Under this plan, NH Broadband will make significant progress towards bridging the rural digital divide in New Hampshire.

The critical effort to expand rural broadband access gained new urgency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, as the rapid shift to remote work and learning left many rural residents with slow or no internet connectivity struggling to keep up. As it did in the 1930s, when it brought electricity to rural New Hampshire, NHEC is committed to making this equally essential service available to all its members.

The project builds upon NHEC’s current  
**(Continued on page 16)**

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## Business News

### Broadband, from page 15

FTTH project encompassing two of the cooperative's communities, Acworth and Sandwich, that will provide fiber-optic access to nearly 1,800 underserved homes and businesses.



Those networks are scheduled to go online in early 2022. One year ago, NH Broadband connected its first customers in Lempster, Colebrook, Stewartstown and Clarksville, when it completed fiber-optic networks utilizing a grant from the Connecting NH Emergency Broadband Expansion Program. Those networks are currently providing over 1,000 previously unserved NHEC members with access to world-class high-speed internet service.

"We are thrilled to work closely with Conexon for this undertaking," said NH Broadband's executive chair, Leo Dwyer. "With their expertise and the pending availability of federal and state grants, a wide swath of rural New Hampshire will finally be connected to priceless economic, educational and lifestyle opportunities that have been beyond reach until now."

"We're very excited to work with the New Hampshire Electric management team and board to serve their members with fiber broadband," Conexon Founding Partner Randy Klindt said. "New Hampshire is in desperate need of world-class broadband and this project will go a long way in closing the digital divide within the state. It's going to be transformative."

### Kevin M. DeRosa of Claremont named VP of Greenfield Savings Bank for Retail Distribution Network

GREENFIELD, MA—Greenfield Savings Bank of Greenfield, MA, announces the hiring of Kevin M. DeRosa as Vice President for the

Retail Distribution Network. DeRosa will be responsible for overseeing the retail operations of all GSB offices and the Bank's contact center, which includes teller and customer service in the lobbies, the call center, and the teller services offered through the Bank's network of Teller Connect ATMs. Teller Connect ATMs provide GSB teller service via video.



**Kevin M. DeRosa**

"Kevin has joined GSB with more than 11 years of experience in the banking industry," said John H. Howland, President and CEO of Greenfield Savings Bank. "Kevin's experience in managing bank retail operations and customer contact centers, as well as his commitment to excellent customer service, mirror our Bank's core values."

DeRosa earned a BS in Business Finance and an MBA from the University of New Hampshire. He has graduated from the CUNA Management School as a Certified Credit Union Executive and has also earned the designation of Credit Union Compliance Expert. He has recently received a National Excellence Award from the Credit Union National Association for developing a solutions-based sales program.

DeRosa is also an Adjunct Professor at Vermont State Colleges and at the Community College System of New Hampshire where he has taught since 2014.

Born in Kansas City, MO, DeRosa grew up in Buffalo, NY, before moving to Claremont, NH, where he currently lives with his wife and family and their two dogs. He is very active volunteering in the Claremont area at Riverstone Church and has been a past Board Member/Treasurer of the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce. He is also a past member of

the Norwich, Vermont Business Council. He looks forward to getting involved in the communities in both Franklin and Hampshire Counties, said Howland.

His hobbies are woodworking, following New England sports, and participating in many outdoor activities with his family.

Founded in 1869, Greenfield Savings Bank has 165 employees and has offices and ATMs throughout Franklin and Hampshire Counties. Together, the Bank and the GSB Wealth Management and Trust Services department have more than \$1.3 billion in assets under management.

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**The Claremont City Council will hold a Special public meeting on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.**

**AGENDA**

6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

6:32 PM 2. OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCILORS, MAYOR AND ASSISTANT MAYOR

6:45 PM 3. ROLL CALL

4. NEW BUSINESS

6:50 PM A. Welcome from Mayor Girard (Mayor Girard)

7:15 PM 5. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.





**The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.**

#### AGENDA

- 6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL
- 6:34 PM 3. AGENDA CHANGES
- 6:35 PM 4. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY  
Minutes of December 8, 14, and 21, 2021, City Council Meeting(s)
- 6:37 PM 5. MAYOR'S NOTES  
A. Proclamation for Marcie St. Pierre and Chris Pixley Retirements
- 6:42 PM 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
- 6:55 PM 7. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
- 7:00 PM 8. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))
9. OLD BUSINESS
- 7:10 PM A. Claremont Country Club Discretionary Easement – Public Hearing
- 7:20 PM B. City Manager Transition Update
10. NEW BUSINESS
- 7:30 PM A. EV Charging Station Grant (City Manager)
- 7:50 PM B. Sale of City-Owned Land (City Manager)
- BREAK
- 8:15 PM C. Resolution 2022-14 LCHIP Grant for Opera House Windows – Public Hearing (City Manager)
- 8:30 PM 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 8:35 PM 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 8:40 PM 13. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 8:45 PM 14. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.



## What Should You Know About Investment Risk?

When you invest, you incur risk – there's no avoiding it. But the concept of "risk" may be more expansive than you realized. And by understanding the different types of investment risk and how these risks can be addressed, you can improve your skills as an investor.

The most common perception of investment risk is simply the risk of losing money. When you invest in stocks and stock-based vehicles, such as mutual funds, there are no guarantees that your principal – your initial investment amount – will be preserved. Generally speaking, if you hold stocks or mutual funds over a period of years, and even decades, you can reduce the likelihood of sustaining losses that could send your investments' value to zero. Hopefully, the value of your investments will rise over time. And it's worth noting that, since the Great Depression, U.S. stocks have averaged 9.59% annual returns, according to Morningstar Direct, an investment research service. However, past performance can't guarantee future results.

In any case, this type of risk is real, and it's a factor to consider when making your investment decisions. But you can't avoid all risk by avoiding stocks and putting your money into other types of investments. Consider bonds, for example. When you purchase a bond, you typically receive regular interest payments and you get back your initial investment when the bond matures, provided the issuer doesn't default. But if interest rates go up and you want to sell your bond before it matures, you'll have to offer it at a "discount," because no one will pay the full price for your bond when they can buy new ones at a higher rate.

You can help manage this type of interest rate risk by owning a variety of bonds with different maturities. When interest rates are rising, you can reinvest your short-term bonds at the new, higher rates. And in a falling-rate environment, you can still benefit from your longer-term bonds, which typically pay higher interest rates.

Foreign or international investments also contain specific risks. When you purchase foreign stocks, you'll find that fluctuations in the value of currencies relative to the U.S. dollar can affect your returns. Also, international investments may carry political risk, since some foreign governments and political systems may change in ways that work against businesses in those countries. To contain these types of risk, you'll want to maintain an appropriate allocation of international holdings and diversify across regions.

Ultimately, your most broad-based defense against all types of risk is to build a diversified portfolio containing U.S. stocks, international stocks, corporate bonds, mutual funds, government securities and other investments. Diversification works because it helps reduce the impact that market volatility can have on your portfolio if you only own one type of asset, such as domestic stocks. (However, diversification can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.) And you'll also want your portfolio to reflect your individual tolerance for risk.

By being aware of the different types of risk, and taking steps to mitigate them, you can create a strategy that offers the potential to help you achieve your important goals, such as a comfortable retirement. And by doing so, you'll avoid the greatest risk of all: not investing for your future.

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# Sports/Recreation

## SHS Boys Basketball

12/14/21	Fall Mountain	W	58	-	25
12/17/21	at Gilford	L	36	-	63
12/20/21	Winnisquam	W	45	-	39
01/03/22	Belmont				07:00 PM
01/05/22	at Hillsboro-Deering				05:30 PM
01/07/22	Mascenic				07:00 PM
01/10/22	Hopkinton				07:00 PM
01/14/22	at Campbell				06:00 PM
01/18/22	at Kearsarge				06:00 PM
01/21/22	at Newport				07:00 PM
01/25/22	at Conant				06:30 PM
01/28/22	Newport				07:00 PM
01/31/22	at Fall Mountain				07:00 PM
02/02/22	at Mascoma Valley				06:30 PM
02/04/22	Kearsarge				07:00 PM
02/07/22	Newfound				07:00 PM
02/09/22	at Inter-Lakes				06:00 PM
02/11/22	Monadnock				07:00 PM

## SHS Girls Basketball

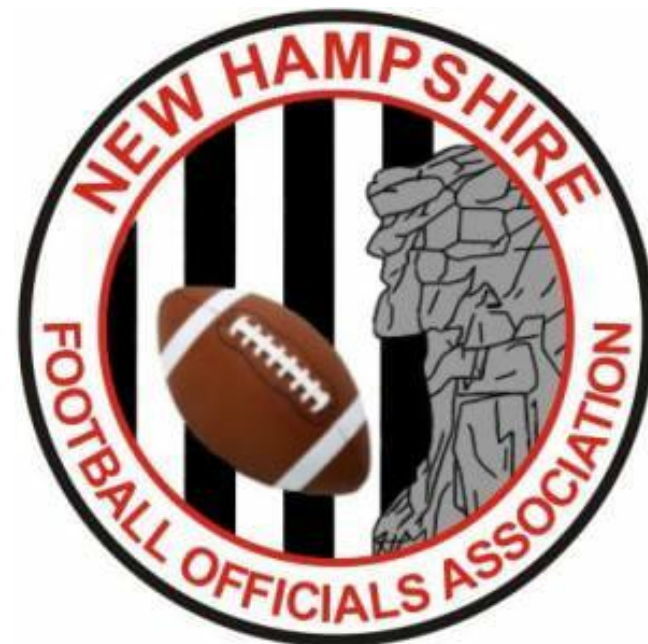
12/10/21	Inter-Lakes	W	64	-	7
12/14/21	Fall Mountain	L	35	-	47
12/20/21	at Winnisquam	W	47	-	14
01/03/22	at Belmont				06:00 PM
01/05/22	Gilford				06:30 PM
01/07/22	at Mascenic				06:30 PM
01/10/22	at Hopkinton				07:00 PM
01/12/22	Campbell				07:00 PM
01/19/22	Kearsarge				07:00 PM
01/21/22	Newport				07:00 PM
01/25/22	Conant				07:00 PM
01/28/22	at Newport				07:00 PM
01/31/22	at Fall Mountain				05:30 PM
02/02/22	Mascoma Valley				07:00 PM
02/04/22	at Kearsarge				06:00 PM
02/07/22	at Newfound				06:00 PM
02/09/22	Hillsboro-Deering				07:00 PM
02/11/22	at Monadnock				06:00 PM

## Lebanon-Stevens-Kearsarge Girls Ice Hockey

12/21/21	at St. Thomas-WNC-DOV				06:30 PM
12/29/21	Bishop Brady-Trinity	W	4	-	1
01/08/22	at ConVal-Conant				08:00 PM
01/12/22	Hanover				07:10 PM
01/15/22	Concord				05:10 PM
01/17/22	Bedford				01:40 PM
01/26/22	at Hanover				06:00 PM
01/29/22	at Man. Central-Memorial				04:20 PM
02/04/22	at Pinkerton				07:50 PM
02/05/22	Keene-Mon-Fall Mountain				04:20 PM
02/07/22	at Berlin-Gorham-Kennett				04:00 PM
02/09/22	at Kingswood				07:00 PM
02/16/22	Exeter				05:10 PM
02/19/22	Oyster River-Portsmouth				07:30 PM
02/23/22	Souhegan				05:30 PM

## Lebanon-Stevens-Mount Royal Boys Ice Hockey

12/15/21	at John Stark-Hopkinton-Hillsboro-Deering	W	3	-	2
12/30/21	Berlin-Gorham	L	1	-	4
01/06/22	at Mon-Fall Mountain				04:30 PM
01/08/22	Belmont-Gilford				04:20 PM
01/10/22	John Stark-Hopkinton-Hillsboro-Deering				07:50 PM
01/12/22	Hollis Brookline-Derryfield				05:10 PM
01/15/22	at Kennett				06:00 PM
01/22/22	at Laconia-Winnisquam-Inter-Lakes				03:00 PM
01/29/22	at Berlin-Gorham				06:00 PM
02/02/22	Mon-Fall Mountain				07:00 PM
02/05/22	Sanborn-Epping				06:20 PM
02/09/22	at Kearsarge-Plymouth				TBA
02/12/22	Pembroke-Campbell				07:30 PM
02/16/22	Kearsarge-Plymouth				07:10 PM
02/19/22	at Hollis Brookline-Derryfield				04:20 PM
02/23/22	ConVal-Conant				07:30 PM
02/26/22	at Pembroke-Campbell				07:30 PM



Congratulations went out to head coach Paul Silva, his football coaching staff, the entire 2021 football team and everyone who helps out and attends the SHS football games. The New Hampshire Football Officials Association has named Stevens High School to receive their annual sportsmanship award.

"For many years, the NHFOA has presented annual sportsmanship banners to those schools whose players, coaches and fans have exemplified the high standard of sportsmanship we believe is essential to the high school student-athlete experience."

## Free Fishing Day in NH is Jan. 15

CONCORD, NH – If you've ever wanted to try ice fishing, why not take advantage of New Hampshire's winter free fishing day on Saturday, January 15, 2022. That's a day you can fish without a license in New Hampshire. Note that all other regulations must be followed. Persons participating in a fishing tournament must still hold a license, even on free fishing day.

Find more information about ice fishing in New Hampshire, including videos, a list of bait dealers, and more at [www.fishnh.com/fishing/ice-fishing.html](http://www.fishnh.com/fishing/ice-fishing.html).



# Inspiration

## Happy New Year

By Priscilla Hull

The New Year of 2022 started rather inauspiciously! Foggy, damp, not good for the ski industry, not good for much unless you enjoy grey! Everything was grey! I walked the dog around the field; the trees seemed to be barricaded on the edge of awareness. It would have made a great opening scene for a scary movie where we expect some evilness to creep out of the woods. Is this how we expected the new year to start? I dare say that we all are looking forward to a year that is better than the one we just left! Let's look back on 2021. What good things happened? I'll start. I have a sister who moved across the country to Portland, Oregon. She was going to come here but due to insecure flights, Covid (and age) the trip has been postponed indefinitely. So, we made an agreement to intentionally talk once a week. We've been doing that most of the year and now, we are closer than we were before. We reminisce, we laugh, we talk politics and we generally have deeper and longer conversations than we've had before. There's one good thing that happened and without much work. I can think of more. So, while it has been disappointing at times, frustrating at others, there have also been good things that happened this year. What are yours?



Every New Year many of us are called to make some New Year's resolutions. These resolutions are supposed to help us through the year, and to make us better people. We make resolutions to lose weight or maybe to exercise regularly to get in better shape or read more beneficial books. All sorts of things to make me a better person have been on my lists in the past.

There are other things to focus on, though. These are things where we don't focus on ourselves, but on others. Find a place to volunteer, helping others. Donate time, material goods to some worthy cause.

Through our New Year's resolutions we make decisions to change our lives. We make plans and set goals for our lives. We dream dreams about flying to Oregon and hugging that sister we've become so close to. We make plans to lose weight and fit into those favorite jeans again. We decide that we'll read that Brené Brown book to be a better person. Yet, there is One who has already written your future. Maybe not the finite details, but the direction and the outcome. It is the One who makes the days foggy and bright. He gives us the imagination to fly our own ideas and ideals. He gives us inspiration to make a better way for our lives and for the lives of others.

So go ahead, make your plans and resolutions, and remember that there are plans made and our job is to follow through and do the very best we can with those plans.

*For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:11-13).*

*Priscilla Hull is the Lay Leader of the First United Methodist Church in Claremont, NH.*



# Call to Arms

## CFD One of Many Local Vaccination Sites

CLAREMONT, NH—On December 20, the Claremont Fire Department hosted the latest in a series of vaccination clinics. This one was another collaboration between the Greater Sullivan County Public Health Network and Dartmouth-Hitchcock. Fire captain Jim Chamberlain, who vaccinated an estimated 2,000 individuals in 2021, was one of the vaccinators.

As the Omicron variant continues to surge throughout New Hampshire, public health officials are urging unvaccinated residents to step up and get their shots, the first and second ones as well as the booster.

According to the State's website — [www.covid19.nh.gov/dashboard/vaccination](http://www.covid19.nh.gov/dashboard/vaccination) — some statistics for "fully vaccinated" individuals as of Dec 30, 2021, are as follows. Greater Sullivan County Public Health Region: 24,415 individuals of total 46,308 residents; 51.1% Sullivan County: 22,688 individuals of 43,146 residents; 51.6% Claremont: 6,043 individuals of total 12,992 residents; 46.5%

Fire captain Jim Chamberlain gives booster shots to (from top) Kyle Steinmetz, of New London; Kelly Finn, of North Hartland; and John Murray, of Claremont.



Text and photos by Eric Zengota

Tuesday, January 11

Art Appreciation with Jane O'neil, Plainfield Library Virtual Program 6:30 pm

Join us virtually for the third program in our Art Appreciation series. Granite State Gallery: NH Art and Artists through the Years.

New Hampshire has attracted and inspired artists since the colonial era. What is distinctive about the art made here? This program will consider works by itinerant and folk painters, landscape artists drawn to the state's scenic vistas, and modern artists that adopted bold styles to depict everyday life in the Granite State. Augustus Saint-Gaudens, Childe Hassam, and Maxfield Parrish are some of the artists discussed in this program.

Comments from participants of the previous programs: "Loved it." "Jane O'neil really knows her stuff." "I learned a lot and really enjoyed it."

Register at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtdeqqqTMO-GN3p1tn3oY7OrKM3eE0eumWA>.



Despite his busy schedule, Santa paid a visit to the Barn Cafe in Claremont at the holidays handing out a present to each child who came in. A table was covered with presents and the kids could pick the one they wanted (Courtesy photo).



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## Calendar Of Events

### American Legion Oratorical Competition and Scholarships

The 2022 American Legion Oratorical Competition is offering up to \$32,500 in scholarship awards for high school students under the age of 20.

The overall national contest winner is awarded a \$25,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$22,500, and third gets \$20,000. Each department (state) winner who is certified and participates in the national contest's first round receives a \$2,000 scholarship. Those who advance past the first round receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship. The American Legion's National Organization awards the scholarships, which can be used at any college or university in the United States. However, last year due to Covid challenges the National competition was cancelled and rather each State winner received a \$5,000 scholarship in addition to the \$2,500 that had been awarded for each state winner.

Competition begins at the post level where winners advance to a district level, then a state competition. Each post winner may receive up to a \$100 scholarship for those that advance to the district level. Each district awards up to \$300 for participants and each district winner then moves to the New Hampshire State competition. New Hampshire competition for district winners will be held March 12th beginning at 9AM at St. Anselm's College. New Hampshire awards \$2,500 to the first place winner who will then participate in the national competition, \$750 for second place, and \$500 for third place.

Speaking subjects must be on some aspect of the U.S. Consti-

tution, with some emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to our government. Speeches are eight to 10 minutes long; additionally, a three- to five-minute speech on an assigned topic is also part of the contest.

For additional information please see <https://www.legion.org/oratorical> or contact the District 6 Oratorical Committee chair Liz Hennig at Lhennig878@gmail.com (603-454-8658), or your local American Legion Post.

### Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo

Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo is back Every Thursday, doors open at 4:00 pm and games starts at 6:00 pm

Check out our new hall at 183 Plains Road in Claremont, NH.

Lots of pull tickets for chances to win more money. 50/50 raffle and lots more.

Sandwiches and snacks available and drinks.

Questions: call Sandy at 603-543-7118.  
Open to those 18 and older.

### Big Money Bingo

Every Sunday, Doors open at 11:00 and games start at 1:00pm

Check out our new hall at 183 Plains Road, Claremont, NH.

Pay out depends on the number of people who show up. Lots of pull tickets for chance to win more money.

Lots of raffles including a big raffle of cash and scratch tickets.

Sandwiches and snacks available and drinks

Questions: call Sandy at 603-543-7118.  
Open to those 18 and older.

### Lake Sunapee VNA Offers Three Grief Support Groups

NEW LONDON, NH – Lake Sunapee VNA offers three virtual grief support groups for the community. The “Newly Bereaved Widows Group” is for women who have experienced the loss of their husband within the last year and is held on the second and fourth Thursday of every month from 10:00-11:00am. The “Widow to Widow Group” is for women in all stages of grief and meets on the first Monday of every month from 3:30-5:00pm. Newly bereaved widows are welcome at this group as well, especially if they are feeling the need for more frequent support. In addition, a “Bereavement Check-in” group is available for men and women experiencing a loss of any kind on the third Wednesday of every month from 4:00-5:00pm.

All of these groups provide an opportunity for participants to come together in a safe place of

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If interested, email your contact information to Elizabeth Gantner at [egantner@lake-sunapeevna.org](mailto:egantner@lake-sunapeevna.org) and a member of the Lake Sunapee VNA bereavement team will call you with further details.

## Charlestown VFW Bingo Schedule

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown VFW Bingo is offering a weekly opportunity for some entertainment and socializing while helping us to raise funds for our many Veterans programs. Wednesday nights at 5:00 p.m. for early birds and 6:30 p.m. for regular fun and games. Currently, we play 12 regular and two 2 part games, as well as a 50/50 game, Winner-take-all game, Carry Over Coverall game and a Jackpot game. The Governor's emergency order concerning COVID has expired.

It is now time to take the lessons we have learned over the past year plus and act accordingly. If you're sick – stay home. Cover your nose / mouth when you cough, wash and / or sanitize your hands frequently, and we'll all be healthier. The attendance limitation has also ended. In keeping with the state CDC recommendations, if you have a compromised immune system you may still wear a mask for your own protection. We still have masks and hand sanitizer for anyone that may desire either product.

The Charlestown VFW Post is located at 365 Lover's Lane Rd, Charlestown, NH.

Updates to our schedule and the weekly carry over coverall game can be found on our Facebook page.

## Arrowhead 'People' Needs

CLAREMONT, NH—The Arrowhead Recreation Site needs to recruit some help for operations, snow-making and support positions.

Being 100% volunteer, Arrowhead always needs volunteers for winter time operations. Outside, for lifts, tubing area operations, ski and snowboard instructors. Inside with kitchen help, concessions, ski shop, first aid, weekly cleaning and other tasks. The need for volunteers is greater than ever this year.

Help is also needed for vacation periods, the site needs staff for some weekday periods and

occasionally a few operations people for some midweek private rentals for a couple of hours.

They are looking for people to take a more active role in leadership positions to add some "new blood and enthusiasm". Don't assume others are stepping up, because they are not.

The site is also looking to add people to the Board of Directors, to include advisory help in all areas of the organization and to fill officer positions, including public relations, marketing, recruitment, mechanical maintenance, heavy equipment knowledge, grant writers, activities coordinator and anyone with a skill or who just wants to help.

If anyone wants to learn more, please contact them an email: [arrowhead@arrowheadnh.com](mailto:arrowhead@arrowheadnh.com) - best contact method  
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/arrowheadnh>

Phone: (603) 542-7016 - Leave a message web: [www.arrowheadnh.com](http://www.arrowheadnh.com).

They also have new brochures to distribute.

On the website there is lots on information and you can fill out the one time seasonal tubing release form and purchase gift cards and season passes.

## Claremont Senior Center News

The Claremont Senior Center remains closed until further notice. This is due to the high number of Covid in our area. Drive-thru will continue for now. This action was made for the safety and protection of our seniors.

We hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Even with Covid, we hope that you were lucky enough to be with family, friends or loved ones.

Miracle Ear, Blood Drive and VNA Foot Clinic will continue as scheduled.

We are still holding our drive-thru meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tuesday Jan 4 – Soup, fresh made stuffed peppers, rice, vegetable, dessert. Thursday, Jan 6 – Soup, BBQ chicken legs, potato salad, vegetable,

dessert. Must call 603-543-5998 by 10:30 to reserve your meal. Price per meal is \$4 for members and \$5 non-members. Drive-thru pickup is from 11:45 am to 12:15 pm. Meals are always subject to change.

Yes, we still have some Claremont Senior Center Car Show 2022 Calendars available. It features winners of this year's 2021 car show with each month featuring a picture of a different class winning vehicle. Only \$12 when picked up at the center, add \$6 shipping and handling for each calendar if we mail to you. Call at 603-543-5998 and we will set up an appointment for pick up.

January Foot Clinics are scheduled for Jan 6, 12, 19 and 26th. You MUST call 603-748-1731 to make an appointment with them. The fee is \$25.

Blood Drive – There will be a blood drive at the Center on January 10th. Please call 1-800-REDCROSS to schedule your appointment. We thank all of those who donate.

"To be persuasive, we must be believable. To be believable, we must be credible. To be credible, we must be truthful." Edward R Murrow

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Road, Claremont, NH, phone, 603-543-5998.

### Public Notice

#### Claremont School Board Regular Meeting January 5, 2022 at 6:30pm

Location Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center

The Claremont School Board will be holding an in person regular and non public meeting following Covid 19 guidelines. Those in attendance may need to adhere to safety rules which include: temperature check, hand sanitizer, wearing a face mask, social distancing, and others deemed necessary.

The meeting will also be available on CCTV Channel 8 and online using one of these links.

You can watch channel 8 at anytime LIVE here:

<https://reflect-claremont.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/watch/1?channel=1>

Or channel 10 here:

<https://reflect-claremont.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/watch/2?channel=2>

Please visit our website: [www.sau6.org](http://www.sau6.org) under School Boards to review agenda.



## Road Work on Route 12 in Charlestown Begins January 3

CHARLESTOWN, NH—The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) was expected to begin work to repair the roadway embankment along NH Route 12, located approximately 0.7 miles north of the intersection of NH 12/Bowen Crossing Road in Charlestown on January 3. This segment of roadway is constrained by the 100 year floodplain of the Connecticut River on the west, and the New England Central Railroad (NECR) on the east.

There will be an increase of construction vehicles accessing the site as work progresses, and only authorized construction vehicles will have access to the project site.

Casella Construction of Mendon, VT, is the contractor for the \$2.6 million project, which has a final completion date of April 29, 2022.

Route 12 will remain closed between Bowen Crossing Road and Almar Street until the project is completed.

The road was closed after flash flooding in late July washed down the slope of the railroad embankment, overflowed a drainage area and flooded onto Route 12. The slope west of the road was compromised by the runoff, causing damage to the southbound lane.

According to Legislative Liaison Kathleen Mulcahey-Hampson, in a statement shared by NH Rep Steve Smith in a Facebook post, “The total project length is 700 feet and begins with construction of the 400 foot soil nail wall. Once selected and approved, the contractor will seek input from the soil nail expert. The soil nail wall is required to stabilize the soil slope and avoid soil movement (i.e. landslide), which could impact the active rail line. The soil nail wall will be constructed from top to bottom in three separate phases or rows, with each row being approximately 3 feet deep. The total vertical excavation will be approximately 10 feet deep. Construction of the top row of the soil nail wall involves excavating the top 3 feet of soil along the entire length of the proposed wall. Then holes are drilled horizontally 3 feet apart into the exposed vertical soil surface. Steel bars (‘nails’) are inserted into the drilled holes and grouted. Tension is applied to the steel bars, ensuring that the grout adheres to the steel bars. Then shotcrete (wet concrete applied with a hose) is applied to the vertical soil surface. Finally, the steel bars are an-

chored in place with large bolts. This process is performed twice more in the same sequence, going down another 3 feet for the installation of each row.

“Curing the grout and the shotcrete is the major factor impacting construction time. Samples of the grout and shotcrete will be tested. When the test results show a certain strength (2000 psi) for the first constructed row, excavation can begin on the second row; the same testing process is used before constructing the third and final row. Temperature is also the major variable in curing times, requiring blankets or tents for cold weather.

“It takes an estimated 3 weeks to complete the construction of each row. Based upon this estimation, construction of the entire wall will take approximately 9 weeks to complete. Once the wall is constructed, the roadway can be rebuilt.

“This situation on Rt 12 occurred due to heavy rains that undermined the road. In order to avoid a reoccurrence of this situation, the plans require the contractor to create a drainage system to limit the groundwater and collect stormwater. A ‘drainage blanket’ will be constructed with stone to create a path for groundwater to flow. The roadway will be strengthened with 7 feet of structural fill. Then a foot of crushed stone will be laid as base material before 5 inches of pavement is applied.”

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll

## Claremont Fire Dept. Log

### **Sunday 12/26:**

7:05 AM: Engine 4 responded to Winter St. for a low hanging wire.

8:33 AM: Engine 4 responded to Woonsocket Ave. for a medical call.

9:00 AM: Ladder 2 and Engine 4 responded to Elm St. for Box Alarm 0314.

4:16 PM: Engine 4 and Ladder 2 responded to Prospect St. for a smoke investigation.

4:29 PM: Ladder 2 responded to Tutherly Ave. for a carbon monoxide alarm sounding.

8:49 PM: Engine 4 responded to Pleasant St. for a medical call.

11:02 PM: Engine 4 responded to Water St. for a report of a wire down.

11:41 PM: Engine 4 responded to Lincoln Heights for a medical call.

### **Monday 12/27:**

8:52 AM: Engine 4 responded to Charlestown Rd. for an odor investigation.

1:00 PM: Engine 4 responded to Bellic St. for a medical call.

2:06 PM: Engine 4 responded to Washington St. for a motor vehicle accident.

4:00 PM: Engine 4 responded to Central St. for an overdose.

### **Tuesday 12/28:**

8:50 PM: Engine 4 responded to Veteran’s Park Rd. for a tree and wires down in the road.

### **Wednesday 12/29:**

8:06 AM: Engine 3 responded to Main St. for a motor vehicle accident.

12:30 PM: Engine 4 responded to Chellis St. for a carbon monoxide detector sounding.

6:33 PM: Engine 4 responded to Pleasant St. for a well-being check.

11:30 PM: Engine 4 responded to Sullivan St. for Box Alarm 0182.

### **Thursday 12/30:**

9:36 AM: Engine 4 responded to Fenway Lane for a well-being check.

5:20 PM: Engine 4 responded to Fenway Lane for a lift assist.

9:47 PM: Engine 4 responded to Second St. for a medical call.

10:47 PM: Engine 4 responded to Plains Rd. for Box Alarm 0147.

### **Friday 12/31:**

10:33 AM: Engine 4 responded to Washington St. for an odor investigation.

6:11 PM: Engine 4 responded to Heritage Drive for a medical call.

7:14 PM: Ladder 2 and Engine 4 responded to Heritage Drive for Box Alarm 0131.

10:43 PM: Engine 4 responded to Main St. for a medical call.

10:58 PM: Ladder 1 and Rescue 1 responded to Broad St. for a possible suicidal subject.

### **Saturday 1/1:**

12:15 AM: Engine 4 responded to East St. for a medical call.

10:15 AM: Engine 4 responded to Langseth Ave. for a chimney problem.

11:14 AM: Engine 4 responded to Summer St. for an alarm sounding.

9:33 PM: Engine 4 responded to Fern St. for a medical call.



Remembering Loved Ones...

## Life Tributes

### Obituaries May Be Found On Our Website

**We post obituaries on our website to make them available in “real time,” as they are released by funeral homes.**

**We will continue to publish them here weekly, as well, for your convenience if you wish to print out any of them.**

[www.etickernewsoclaremont.com](http://www.etickernewsoclaremont.com)

#### Tharon P. Tewksbury, Sr., 80

Tharon P. Tewksbury, Sr., 80, of Unity, NH, died Friday (December 17, 2021) at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Windsor, VT, on August 18, 1941 the son of Paul R. and Isabella (Clow) Tewksbury and had been a lifetime area resident. Tharon had been employed by Merits Clothing Store, Goodyear, Wonder Bread and retired from Frito-Lay after 25 years. He enjoyed cutting wood, building stone walls and going to auctions and yard sales but more than anything Lucy was the love of his life.

Members of his family include his wife, Lucille “Lucy” (Benware) Tewksbury, Unity, NH; four children, Tammy Crease and her husband, Edward Crease Jr., Charlestown, NH; Todd Tewksbury, Unity, NH; Tharon P. Tewksbury, Jr., Wilder, VT; Lori Giguere, Unity, NH; eleven grandchildren including a special granddaughter, Breanna Craigue and her husband, Arnold Craigue, II, eleven great grandchildren, a sister, Josephine Jewell, Cornish, NH, and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Pamela Tewksbury, four brothers, Rowland Tewksbury, Eugene Tewksbury, Louis Tewksbury, Raymond Tewksbury and a sister, Elsie Johnson.

There will be no visiting hours or services at this time per Tharon’s wishes.

You are invited to share a memory of Tharon with the family or leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at [www.royfuneralhome.com](http://www.royfuneralhome.com).

#### Jerry V. Duford, Jr.

Jerry Vaughn Duford, Jr. from Charlestown, NH, died on December 20, 2021, at his home. It is with profound sadness that Jerry’s (J.V.) family needs to acknowledge his passing. Jerry was born March 7, 1970, to Marion (Adolph) (Dezan) Duford and Jerry V. Duford, Sr.

In his early years, Jerry raced BMX bicycles, winning several awards and trophies. Jerry attended school in Claremont, NH, where he made lifelong friends. He developed a passion for motorcycles and with love and support from Neil Lord Sr., he was encouraged to develop that passion. His racing career went from the dirt track, Laconia’s motorcycle road racing to the thrill of hill climbs. He earned “King of the Hill” at Gunstock Hill Climbs. Racing and riding motorcycles, snowmobiles and four wheelers

always provided good times with friends and wild antics.

As a mechanic at Dan O’Brian’s Subaru, Jerry was always willing to help anyone with motor problems and he was often called on for his talent and skills. At one point he was recognized as the mechanic of choice for Bob Kee-shan (Captain Kangaroo).

Jerry met the love of his life, Stacie Fletcher, and they married October of 2018. Jerry is survived by his wife Stacie Fletcher-Duford, Charlestown NH; his son, Ryan Duford, Springfield, VT (Katelyn); and the light of his eyes, his grandson, Leighton James Duford. Stacie’s three children Jasmyn LaCasse (Eric) and their daughter Lylah. Christopher LaCasse and his children Liam and Kinsley. Tristan Lockhart. Leighton’s sisters: Ameira and Sawyer. A daughter Jennifer Marie of Claremont and her children Vander and Barrett. His mother Marion Duford of Claremont, his brother Robert Dezan (Diane), Hayden and his daughter Brady Dezan (John). Steve Lord and his children Ashton, Shaelyn and Lexie of Charlestown. Keith Duford (Karen) and their sons Josh and Nate. Kevin Duford (Michelle)

“The true primary-care provider is Mom.”

-Dr. Sam Giveen

Most of the time, a doctor can't help anything until Mom decides something isn't right. She makes the first move and calls the doctor. Dr. Sam attributes any success he and his staff have with kids to that vital first step. Yay, Mom.

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and their daughters Abbey and Amber. His sisters, Lori Menard, her daughter Kaitlin Mekus (Tony) and her son Benjamin Menard (Hayleigh) all from Claremont. Lisa Robbins (Steve) their children Nikki, Shawna and Steve Robbins from Unity. Several aunts, uncles, cousins, and special friends. He was loved by many.

Jerry was predeceased by his father Jerry V. Duford, Sr. His grandparents Clara Zigman, Leo and Estelle Duford and Charles and Rachel Adolph.

A celebration of his life will be held June 15, 2022, at Gunstock Mt in Gilford, NH. More details to follow at a later date.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

### **Raymond O. Tewksbury, 84**

Raymond Oscar Tewksbury, 84, of Claremont, NH, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, Dec. 17, 2021. He was born in Cornish, NH, on August 7, 1937, a son of Paul and Isabella (Clow) Tewksbury. Following graduation from Windsor (VT) High School, he married his high school sweetheart, Shirley Clay. They were married 52 years prior to Shirley's passing in 2008.

Ray spent the majority of his working life as a route sales vendor, bringing product and his smile to stores around NH and VT. Whether it was with Wonder Bread, Stateline Potato Chips, or Koffee Kup Bakery, he delivered more than food as his positivity brought sunshine on the cloudiest day into these stores. He was beloved by all those who met him. Ray saw the glass half full in life finding goodness in every person he met. He was a man of principles who lived his life believing that people needed to be respected and cared for and that family was the center of everything.

Ray was immensely proud of his homestead on Twistback Road in Claremont, where he lived most of his adult life (63 years) and where he and Shirley raised their family. It was not the house or land but the memories that were created over time there. He welcomed every person into his home and many, many more people, in addition to his children, called him "Dad" and loved to come to his home. For decades he hosted an annual horseshoe tournament where dozens of friends and family members gathered. And he loved going to fishing camp in Pittsburg (NH) each fall.

When not at home Ray enjoyed traveling over the years, especially to the Caribbean is-

lands with Shirley. They also loved spending their winters in Florida where they enjoyed the warmth of sun and their friends. It was here where he met Rachel Lewis, who he befriended following the loss of Shirley, and was a dear companion to him for ten years prior to her passing in 2019.

The surviving family includes his son, Steven and his wife, Karen, of Nelson; Donna McNeil and her husband, Michael, of Claremont; Michael and his wife, Rhonda, of Charlestown; Gregg and his wife, Julie, of Keene, and Daniel and his wife, Lauren, of Chester (NH); 15 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter; his sister, Josephine Jewell of Cornish; and his sister-in-law Carol Norton and her husband Dennis of Claremont. In addition to his wife and parents, Ray was predeceased by his sister Elsie Johnson and his brothers, Rowland, Eugene, Louis (Pit), and Tharon; and his grandchildren, Drew Tewksbury, and William (Billy) Dufour.

Stringer Funeral Home of Claremont has been entrusted with the arrangements. Calling hours will be Sunday, January 9, between 1pm and 4pm and all friends and family are welcome. Masks are required. A Celebration of Life will be arranged in the spring of 2022. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Cheshire Medical Center, 580 Court Street, Keene, NH 03431.

### **Carolyn Lorandean, 87**

Carolyn Redden Lorandean, of Claremont who died on December 25, 2021, lived with the joys of an open heart for 87 years. As one of nine children born to Blanche and Leo Redden in Dover, NH, she was raised in Rollinsford, NH, graduated from St. Mary's High School, and while at the 3-year Mary Hitchcock School of Nursing, met Syd who became her husband of 65 years. More than 40 years of work as a registered nurse included a favorite job at the Keene Pediatrics Clinic, the award of an additional degree from Keene State College, faculty member at NH Technical College in Claremont, director of the LPN and Medical Assistant programs, and coordinator of cancer screening programs.

Her quiet excellence in everything she did exuded a "show, not tell" type of love and commitment to others without expectation of recognition or return. When spending hours on setting a beautiful table, shopping for the perfect rug, or agonizing over placement of plant colors in the window box, she showed

devotion to having a most welcoming home. Sewing the perfect seam on a prom dress, practicing a killer serve on the tennis court, creating insightful questions for book club, or decorating the church for a sacred holiday, she always did her best when engaged with others. Preparing favorite foods for a birthday celebration with passion, anxiously awaiting the special stocking stuffer to be opened, giving a "round of applause" for a grandchild's accomplishment, or placing the hand-turned bowl in just the right spot, she showed how special, loved, and important family and friends are. Arranging a visit from Mrs. McGillicuddy, happily welcoming the Martins when they appeared with two giant olives, yelling a "woo-hoo" to Syd in the garage, or gorging on Goldenrod kisses at the beach, she showed the joy in a life of fun. And whenever life presented complications, her stoic fortitude, along with a strong Catholic faith, provided acceptance and perseverance not only for herself, but also resulted in her becoming the quiet matriarch for a large extended family. Always "being there" for others meant not only donating a kidney to her brother, but also engaging in volunteer work for an organ donation special interest group in order to extend impact further. Her work and personal belief in health and human service efforts went beyond a professional career to impacting individuals in very personal ways.

Carolyn leaves an ongoing spirit in a loving family that includes her husband, Sydney Lorandean; a son and daughter and their spouses: Sydney and Terri Lorandean, Rebecca and AJ Horvath; four grand-children: Meghan and husband John Paulette, Tory Gentes, Sydney Lorandean, Ally Horvath; one great-grandchild, Marlee Paulette; sister-in-law Patricia Woolson and a very special clan of nieces and nephews of multiple generations. She also amassed an exceptional cadre of friends with like-minded spirit. She now joins her parents, eight siblings, and many friends who predeceased her in a happy gathering of fun and will certainly have the best meal and hugs awaiting the rest of us when we join her.

A private Mass will be celebrated.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

### **Joan B. Allen, 72**

Joan B. (Milan) Allen, age 72, died peacefully in her home, surrounded by loved ones on December 23, 2021, due to complications from



a multiyear battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

She was born to Steven J. and Lucille (Dodi-er) Milan at Claremont General Hospital on March 7, 1949. She was greeted at home by her older brother Ernest Dubreuil, whose dad was killed in WWII. Little brother Stevie would show up 5 years later.

Joan was a lifelong resident of Claremont, NH. She attended St. Mary Grammar School, graduated from St. Mary High School in 1967 and was a lifelong communicant of St. Joseph Church in Claremont.

She soon met her "Guy from Guild", Chuck Allen, fell in love and spent most of their courtship writing to Chuck all through Army basic training, and months of schooling. They cherished the real time together during the break before he was off to Vietnam for a year, he came home safe and sound. Like many women at that time, she arranged the wedding on her own and in a few weeks, Chuck was home buying an engagement ring and all. They were married July 19, 1969.

After a honeymoon trip to the White mountains and the Maine coast, Chuck headed to Germany to finish off his tour of duty, Joan joined him a few months later. Upon returning home Joan found an apartment, bought a little furniture and a few months later Chuck was soon home for good. A year later they bought a house on Red Water Brook Road in Claremont, where they still resided 50 years later.

After working at what Joan called 'odd Jobs'; banks, real estate office, a laundry, Joy Manufacturing (where she met Chuck), woolen mill and back to the laundry. Then she got busy doing what she really felt was worthy of her time and energy. She got a small flock of chickens, got a garden going and a few months later her son Spencer was born. 5 years later after more gardens were growing and adding some small livestock, her daughter Loni was born. She did sewing, canning, milking, butchering hens, selling eggs and home-stead maintenance. Chuck was all for it and she was glad for that!

Once the kids were older, they followed their honeymoon trip route from the Mountains to the shores of Maine. They took 35 consecutive yearly summer trips to York Beach's Long Sands, spent at the Sunrise Motel each trip. It never grew old, the sunrises and sunsets, searching the rocks and beach to glean treasures. With the hotel across the road, it was easy to smell the ocean day and night, feel the breezes, watch the never-ending waves and

view the light house in the distance. Though it was fun and restful she was always glad to turn around and head west back towards home.

After the kids were grown and out on their own, the goat habit left but the gardens and hens carried on, hens were her favorite. At the time of her passing, her last surviving chicken had passed away only a month or so before, after 50 consecutive years of flocks. Her favorite breed was Barred Plymouth rocks, she was survived by her last of many dogs, Jenny, and cats, Mikey.

Joan was a creature of habit. One was over the many years was having her early morning coffee outside, from summer through the dead of winter, sitting in or near 'her' screen house. A large poncho got her through all sorts of precipitation, meaning she got to see a lot of great sun rises, listen to morning birds and observe the variety of people and vehicles traveling the road.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Charles (Chuck) Allen; two children, Spencer Allen of Claremont, NH, and Loni Allen of Hillsborough, NH; sister-in-law Ronnie Dubreuil of Claremont; sister in-law Pam Lefrancois of Sarasota FL; an aunt Rena Hendee, nephews Jim Milan, Andrew Milan, Alan Dubreuil, Adam Spaulding, Bryan Spaulding, plus many cousins and friends.

She was predeceased by her parents, both-ers Ernie Dubreuil and Stephen Milan, nephew Randy Dubreuil, mother in-law Nat Allen and father in-law Henry Allen of Guild, NH.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to a non-profit or charity of your choice like the "Lost My Way Animal Shelter", 21 Hartford St Claremont NH 03743, since her dog was a rescue and Joan was always looking out for lost animals.

The funeral will be Wednesday, January 5th, at the Stringer Funeral home on Broad Street in Claremont, visiting hour from 10AM to 11 and Service at 11. There will be a gathering for a celebration of life and remembrance afterwards at the Arrowhead Lodge on Robert Easter Way in Claremont.

### **Shelley E. Decoteau**

Shelley E. Decoteau (Olivia Somers), passed suddenly on Wednesday, December 22, 2021, at Valley Regional Hospital.

She was predeceased by her mother, Veronica Joslyn, father, Charles R. Safford and a brother, Thomas King.

She leaves behind two daughters, Hannah Decoteau and Melissa Decoteau; a son, Jeremy Verrill; sisters, Charlene Miller, Karen Safford-Utenis, Allison Votaw, and Sariah Herriott; brothers, Owen Safford, Nephi Safford and Kenneth King; and six grandchildren.

She was a beacon that shined brightly during joyous times of her life. Her love for this world was at times quiet and hidden, but for those who understood her best, understood her light. She adored music and danced in her heart and mind. It was her beautiful escape. A survivor of adversity, she conquered with her beautiful smile. Memories of joyous times and love for her soul will always continue, a fighter to the end, she showed love so eloquently and brilliant.

Funeral Services were held Thursday, December 30th, at 11 AM at the Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad Street, Claremont. Burial followed in Mountain View Cemetery.

### **Lee R. Chamberlain**

Lee R. Chamberlain passed away on December 17th, 2021, in Claremont, NH, after a brief illness.

Lee was born on March 27, 1960, in Claremont. He was the son of the late Paul and Jenny Chamberlain and was one of six siblings. Described as good-natured and hard-working by those who knew him, he was happiest when surrounded by family or working on projects around his property. He was selfless and reliable, always lending a hand to anyone in need.

He was most recently employed at Quail Hollow in West Lebanon, NH, as a valued member of the community who will be missed by the residents and colleagues alike for his positive demeanor and willingness to help. Prior to this, he was employed at Sturm Ruger for over 25 years. Lee also served with the United States Coast Guard.

Apart from work and family life, Lee loved music, coffee, and waking up before sunrise. His sense of humor and kind disposition will be dearly missed, particularly by his grandson Travis Cecil, with whom he shared a very special bond.

He is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Janet; his son Travis and wife Cally of Unity, NH; his son Cory and fiancée Marie of Claremont, NH; his 2 sisters, Gloria (Skip) Lee of Fairview, NC; Frieda Adair of Asheville, NC; and 2 brothers, Fred Chamberlain and partner John Allard of Claremont, NH; Dale (Debbie)

Chamberlain of Claremont, NH. He was preceded in death by his brother Gene (Suzette) Chamberlain, as well as his mother and father-in-law, Cecil and Lucienne Adams. He will also be sorely missed by sisters-in-law Linda (Richard) Beaudry and Mary (Michael) Sawchik, as well as a multitude of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Due to COVID-19, a private Mass will be celebrated. A celebration of his life will be held in the spring of 2022 for all to attend.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

### Gage A. Harris, 24

Gage A. Harris, 24, of Newport, NH, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Friday, December 17, 2021.

Born on June 25, 1997, to Joel Harris and Trista Turgeon, Gage lived in Newport, NH, his entire life. After graduating from Newport Middle High School, Gage worked at LaValley's Building Supply, Yankee Barn Homes, and Spiffy Clean. When Gage wasn't working, he enjoyed fishing, watching UFC events, listening to music, and spending time with his friends and family.

To know Gage was to love him and he was loved by many. There were so many beautiful things about Gage that only those closest to him were fortunate enough to experience. As a son Gage's benevolence knew no bounds. He was a loving older brother who cared more than he was able to express. He loved his friends and extended family and never hesitated to be there when they needed him. Gage will be remembered for his generosity, his infectious smile, his sarcastic sense of humor, his quick wit, and his quiet and kindhearted nature.

Gage was predeceased by his great grandfather, William Harold Sr.; great grandmother, Grace Lorden; grandmother, Sandra Grantham; his grandfather, E. Allan Harris; his uncles, Brad Turgeon and William Harold Jr.; and his aunts, Jennifer LaQuire and Susan O'Connor.

Gage is survived by his parents; his sister, Jaiden Harris; grandparents, William and Deborah Turgeon; his uncles, Shiloh Turgeon, Robert Turgeon, and Jayson Harris; his aunts, Tera Turgeon, Tina Starkey, Nancy Harold, Tina Turgeon, Peggy Lorden (of Utah), and Mary Branch (of Croydon, NH); his cousins, Riley West, Alexis Turgeon, Brydget Harris, Taylene Orcutt, Quenton Orcutt, Cody Tur-

geon, Caleb Turgeon, Catrina Young (of Heniker, NH), Liam Tuttle (of Utah), Mallory Carter (of Texas), Robert O'Connor III, and Colleen O'Connor, all of Newport, NH. His cousins, Dylan LaQuire, Bryan LaQuire, and Nicholas LaQuire, of Claremont, NH. His cousins, Tyson Turgeon, of Hillsboro, NH and Chris Turgeon, of Enfield, NH. His aunt and uncle, Robert and Ruth Riccitelli; his cousins, Justin and John Riccitelli, of Providence, Rhode Island. His aunt and uncle, David and Susan Harris; his cousins, Christian Harris, Allison Harris, and Bryan Harris, all of Massachusetts.

Graveside services will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be addressed to the Turgeon/Harris family at 16 William St, Newport, NH 03773.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

### Stuart L. Stone, 71

Stuart L. Stone, 71, of Claremont, NH, passed away at home on December 17th, 2021, surrounded by his family. Stuart was born on August 15, 1950, in Claremont.

Stuart graduated from Stevens High School in 1968. He graduated with an Associate's degree from NH Vocational College, class of 1970. He enlisted in the US Army for four years, he graduated from Aberdeen, Proving Grounds, the top of his class. Then was stationed at Fort Hood where he was in Leadership school. He served two tours in Vietnam, with pride. After his tour, he was stationed at Fort Benning, with the rank of E-5.

He was then employed at Joy Manufacturing for 10 years, NJM for 22 years, CRREL for 10 years, and then most recently at Black Op Arms LLC. He was also the owner/chef of FMS Catering for 25 years.

He is survived by his loving wife Mary (Riviezzo) Stone, his son Jonathan Stone and his partner Melissa Dana, and his daughter Lianne Heiser and her fiance Shawn Travis. He was a loving grandfather to his grandsons Christian Stone and Nicholas Stone, of whom he was very proud, never missing any of their sporting events. He is also survived by his furry grandson Apollo, his sister-in-law Rita Quintey and his sister Judy Farrington and his nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Wendell and Irene Stone, brother William Stone and his sister Wendy Stone.

He was a member of the VFW in Charlestown and a life member of the DAV. He enjoyed cooking, fishing, going to casinos, traveling, and spending time with family.

A mass was held in his honor at Saint Joseph's Church in Claremont on Thursday, December 23, with Rev. Arockia Antony officiating. Burial with military honors was held at Saint Mary's Cemetery immediately following the mass.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the following: Saint Joseph's Church, 58 Elm Street, Claremont NH 03743, Wounded Warriors Project Donor Care Center PO Box 758533, Topeka, Kansas 66675 or Saint Jude Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE For a meeting of the ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

To be held on  
Monday, January 3, 2022 7:00 PM  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
Claremont NH

The public is hereby notified that the Zoning Board will be holding a public hearing at this meeting to consider the following applications:

- A. **(ZO-2021-00011) Ray Parker, 408 Sullivan St.**- Application for a special exception to permit night watchmen dwelling unit at 408 Sullivan St. Tax map 117 Lot #13. Zoning district II. (Cont. from 12/6/2021)
- B. **(ZO 2021-00016) DPX Properties, Charlestown NH** – Application for a variance from Sec 22-389 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to reduce the density requirement to permit adding a 2nd dwelling unit at 174 Main Street. Tax Map 107, Lot 49. Zoning District: MU
- C. **(ZO 2021-00017) DPX Properties, Charlestown NH** – Application for a variance from Sec 22-537(d) to permit parking in the front yard at 174 Main Street. Tax Map 107, Lot 49. Zoning District: MU

Interested persons may review the applications at the Planning and Development Department at 14 North Street during normal business hours. Comments may be made at the public hearing; submitted in writing to the Zoning Board of Adjustment at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or by email to [cityplanner@claremontnh.com](mailto:cityplanner@claremontnh.com).

Michael Hurd, Chair





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