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## **Cleaning Up, Greening Up** ***Spring Renewal Sweeps Through Claremont***

**Text and Photos by Eric Zengota**

CLAREMONT, NH—Last week, hundreds of Claremont residents and volunteers displayed their pride in the City by taking Spring's awakening to heart. They cleared out garages and medicine cabinets. They picked up litter from sidewalks and streets. Some took home old bikes and new helmets. Others launched "a tree every year" project.

All in all, removing the worst of the past and planting for the future brought the week to a successful, environmentally-conscious conclusion.

### **Democrats Plant a Tree on 51st Earth Day**

What better way to observe Earth Day than by planting a tree? That was the consensus of the Claremont Democrats, said Jim Contois in his remarks at the tree's dedication ceremony on Thursday. Contois, who is also a city councilor, thanked the City council for their acceptance of the donation; Lee Stevens at Log Cabin Nursery for "this beautiful sunset maple"; and parks & recreation director Mark Brislin and his staff for helping choose the McKenzie Circle site and planting the tree.

Contois said that the first Earth Day, in 1970, kicked off the modern environmental movement. According to earthday.org, it led to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and many laws such as the Clean Air and Clean Water acts.

Some of those at the ceremony were New Hampshire state representatives John Cloutier and Gary Merchant; Matt

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# Names of Troopers Released in Claremont Shooting Case

CONCORD, NH – On Monday, April 19, Deputy Attorney General Jane E. Young released the names of the New Hampshire State Police Troopers involved in the incident that took place on Wednesday, March 31, 2021, in Claremont in which Jeffrey Ely (age 40) was shot and killed following an exchange of gunfire. Interviews with each of the involved Troopers were completed during the week of April 12. Ely was holed up in a building at 247 Sullivan St., once home to Dartmouth Woolen and later Homestead Industries. He died of multiple gunshot wounds, reported the AG’s Office.

The New Hampshire State Police Troopers who discharged their firearms during this incident were:

- Trooper First Class Nicholas Cyr, who has been a New Hampshire State Police

Trooper since 2005.

- Trooper First Class Stefan Czynowski, who has been a New Hampshire State Police Trooper since 2006.
- Sergeant Gary Ingham, who has been a New Hampshire State Police Trooper since 2003.
- Trooper First Class Shane Larkin, who has been a New Hampshire State Police Trooper since 2002.
- Trooper William Neilsen, who has been a New Hampshire State Police Trooper since 2012. Prior to that, he worked as a Claremont Police Officer from 2010 to 2012.
- Trooper Noah Sanctuary, who has been a New Hampshire State Police trooper since 2016. Prior to that, he worked for the Walpole Police Department from 2013 to 2016, and the Chesterfield Police Department from 2008 to 2013.

The exact circumstances surrounding this incident remain under investigation. No further updates are expected until the investigation is completed, said the Attorney General’s Office.



remained on scene until police arrived. The damage to the bridge appears to be cosmetic. The truck sustained damage to the front top portion of the box. Wolfe was cited for Failure to Obey Traffic Control Devices (Thetford Police photo).

## Truck Hits Sayre Bridge in Thetford Center, Causes Minor Damage

THETFORD, VT– On April 23, a 2017 Freightliner Box truck being operated by Benjamin Wolfe, 31, of Claremont, NH, struck the Sayre Covered Bridge in Thetford Center. The bridge is posted for a legal height of 11’9”. The Ryder truck, leased by Ro-ick Transport Inc of Claremont, had a height of 13 feet, said Thetford Police.

The driver stopped upon making impact with the bridge and

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## Sullivan County Grand Jury Indictments Released

NEWPORT, NH—The Sullivan County Grand Jury released the following indictments on Friday:

Kristopher Kristl, 33, Perkinsville, VT, indicted for Habitual Offender, Jan. 23, 2021; Possession/Heroin, Jan. 23, 2021; Possession/Methamphetamine, Jan. 23, 2021; Possession/Fentanyl, Jan. 23, 2021.

Stacey Quimby, 34, Claremont, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited, Possession, Heroin (Subsequent Offense), (Offense Committed While on Release), Dec. 21, 2020.

Sage Sundell, 26, Claremont, NH, indicted for Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, between Nov. 1 and Dec. 1, 2019; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, between Nov. 1 and Dec. 1, 2019; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, between March 1, 2020, and March 31, 2020; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, between March 1, 2020, and March 31, 2020; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, between July 1, 2020, and July 25, 2020; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, between July 1, 2020, and July 25, 2020; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, between July 1, 2020, and July 25, 2020; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, July 26, 2020.

Kevin P. Dooley, 31, Claremont, NH, indicted for Criminal Threatening with a deadly weapon (loaded pistol), April 13, 2021; Reckless Conduct with a deadly weapon (discharging a longarm in the direction of a trailer, striking the side of it), April 13, 2021.

John Kainu, 33, Newport, NH, indicted for Burglary-On Release, April 4, 2021; Attempted Burglary-On Release, April 4, 2021.

Sabrina Pratt, 41, Claremont, NH, indicted for Possession/Methamphetamine/Subsequent Offense, Dec. 7, 2020.

Jonathan Bulliner, 32, Newbury, NH, indicted for

Theft by Unauthorized Taking, on or between February 28, 2017, and April 1, 2017; Theft by Unauthorized Taking, on or between Feb. 28, 2017, and April 1, 2017.

Zachary Guerin, 21, NH, indicted for Second Degree Assault-DV, between March 1, 2021, and March 10, 2021; Second Degree Assault-DV, between March 1, 2021, and March 10, 2021; Second Degree Assault-DV, between March 1, 2021, and March 10, 2021; Second Degree Assault-DV, between April 1, 2021, and April 14, 2021; Second Degree Assault-DV, between April 1, 2021, and April 14, 2021.

Andre M. Town, 19, Newport, NH, indicted for Second Degree Assault-DV, March 21, 2021.

Dennis Hoisington, 39, Grantham, NH, indicated for Domestic Violence, Nov. 27, 2020.

Nichole Ferland, 39, Charlestown, NH, indicted for Witness Tampering, Jan. 26, 2021.

John Anders, 74, Charlestown, NH, indicted Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, between Sept. 1, 2018, and Dec. 8, 2020; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, Jan. 1, 2017, and Dec. 8, 2020.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

#### An Earth Day Book Discussion, at 7 pm, Virtual, a Plainfield Libraries event

Join us to Discuss We Are the Weather: Saving the Planet Begins At Breakfast by Jonathan Safran Foer.

Books are available for check out at the Meriden Library and the Philip Read Memorial Library, and with a Plainfield Libraries library card, the audiobook is available as a free download on Hoopla.

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# Commentary

## NH House Happenings

By Rep. Gary Merchant

### Gerrymandering - Legally Stacking the Deck



***This year, 2021, is a “re-districting” year, meaning political boundaries here in the Granite State will change. This article explains the process, and what it means for voters.***

District lines, like the boundaries of Claremont’s three wards, are key to determining state and local election outcomes?

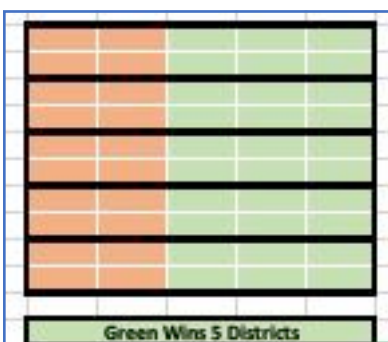
Political re-districting occurs every 10 years, based on data from the Census, a constitutionally mandated count of all people—both citizens and non-citizens—living in the United States. An accurate count of the population serves as the basis for fair political representation. As population shifts, districts within states across the country must be re-examined, and, when necessary, redrawn to ensure political representation is proportional.

Sadly, it’s not that simple.

#### What is Gerrymandering?

The practice is named after Elbridge Gerry, the Democrat-Republican Governor of Massachusetts. Governor Gerry signed into law a map re-drawing the Senatorial districts for Essex, MA, 1812. The majority Federalist Party had long held Essex County’s five District Senate seats. Once Gerry’s new law went into effect, their stronghold collapsed; the Governor’s minority party was able to win three of them! We now use “gerrymandering” to refer to the process of using map-making to achieve a desired political result.

#### How It Works – A Visual Explanation of Gerrymandering

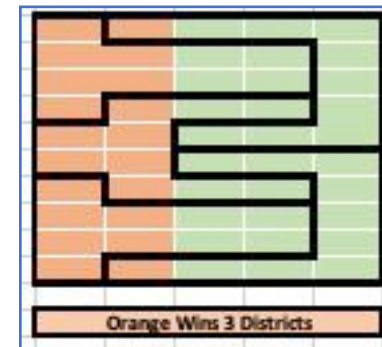


The diagrams shown here were created and posted to Facebook by Stephen Ness to illustrate how gerrymandering works. Picture an imaginary region composed of five districts where each district has 10 voters, for 50 in all. The Green Party has 30 registered voters or 60% of the total; the Orange Party has 20 registered voters or 40%. Based on these overall percentages, the Green Party would be expected to have three elected representatives and

the Orange Party just two. But wait!

Let’s say that the Green Party has control of drawing district lines. The left diagram shows a proportional map, where there are more Green Party voters within each district. Since Green Party voters usually vote for Green Party candidates and the Greens are in the majority, Green candidates are likely to win in all five districts.

The diagram on the right shows how the Orange Party could change the map during re-districting to benefit themselves. To make the climate more favorable, at least three districts have been (re-)drawn to include many more Orange voters than Green. Now only two districts actually have a majority of Green voters. Again as most voters support their own party, Orange Party candidates are likely to win wherever Orange voters outnumber Greens.



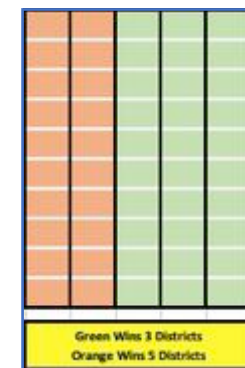
As a result the Orange Party can claim victory in three out of five district. Voila! Through the magic of re-districting, a minority party (remember only 40% of all our imaginary voters are registered Oranges) is able to end up with the majority of the area’s representation.



This process plays out in democracies everywhere. NH’s very oddly shaped Governor Councilor districts show the gerrymandering that has taken place here in the Granite State. The insert on the left focuses on District 2, the “Dragon District” which goes coast-to coast, clumping together towns where more residents tend to register as Democrats. This creative map-making provides a golden opportunity for more election outcomes that favor Republicans.

On the right is an example of how an independent, non-partisan redistricting commission may draw district lines with the Orange Party winning two districts and the Green Party winning 3 districts, representing their respective percentages — 40% to 60%.

During the 2018-2020 legislative term, HB 706 was introduced in the House to create an independent redistricting commission composed of 15 individuals, five to be selected by the majority party, five selected by the minority party, and the remaining five selected by the commission itself. Despite this bill having passed both chambers with solid bi-partisan support, the Governor vetoed it — and there weren’t enough votes in the House to override the veto.



Bills aimed at fair and proportional redistricting have been introduced again this year, two in the House and two in the Senate. The majority party killed them in committee so redistricting across the state based on 2020 census data is likely to proceed once again in a gerrymandered fashion.

While gerrymandering may be legal, it isn’t right. I believe political boundaries need to be set fairly, proportionally, and free from party manipulation. The fundamental strength of democracy lies in the ballot box. Elections should not be skewed toward one party or the other, but accurately reflect the will of the people. I strongly support creating an independent redistricting commission that removes party politics in drawing district lines, regardless of the party. I welcome your thoughts; please email them to [merchant4nhhouse@gmail.com](mailto:merchant4nhhouse@gmail.com).

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wml.aspx](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/wml.aspx)

## Letter to the Editor

### TPN Adjusts Steppin’ Up Plans Due to Covid Spring ... Again

#### To The Editor:

In our second Covid Spring, Turning Points Network has once again made extraordinary alternative plans for Steppin’ Up to End Violence.

This year’s Steppin’ Up is virtual and will be celebrated on May 15 with a video showcasing our many sponsors and our teams and individuals that raised money – anywhere, anytime and way they wanted!

While it’s not the same as gathering in person, this year’s Steppin’ Up has partnered creativity with loyalty and the passion of our supporters to raise funding for Sullivan County’s only crisis center for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. And we do know that incidence of domestic violence has been exacerbated by the challenges brought by Covid.

In addition to the May 15 Virtual Event, TPN will also present a Virtual Celebration Party on May 26 to recognize sponsors, donors, contest winners and top fundraisers.

We encourage all who would celebrate a safer, more inclusive community to think about contributing to Steppin’ Up. There is no vaccine for domestic and sexual violence. It takes all of us, every day of every year, as teams of one to 100 or more, to end violence.

To watch TPN’s Steppin’ Up virtual presentations on May 15 and May 26 and for information about teams, sponsorships, contests and support, go to <https://www.turningpointsnetwork.org/steppin-up>.

Thank you.  
**Pat Whitney**  
Sunapee, NH  
TPN Board Member and Volunteer

### Historic Bipartisan Legislation to Counter China’s Growing Influence Clears Senate Foreign Relations Committee with Shaheen Amendments

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, issued the following statement after successfully adding three amendments to the Strategic Competition Act of 2021, which cleared the Committee on a bipartisan vote. The historic legislation would develop U.S. policy to address strategic, economic and diplomatic tools for a global strategy that will allow the United States to confront the challenges that China poses to the United States. Shaheen’s amendments would increase U.S. exports to support developing nations, add defense attachés in the Indo-Pacific region to enhance U.S. diplomatic capabilities and reaffirm the urgency for the U.S. to confirm qualified ambassadors to key parts of the world to counter Chinese influence.

“Maintaining U.S. global leadership and an economic competitive edge over China is critical to our domestic and foreign policy priorities. The comprehensive, bipartisan legislation cleared by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today is an indicator of Congress’ commitment to develop a meaningful strategy in the Indo-Pacific region to counter China’s growing influence,” said Shaheen. “I’m particularly pleased that my bipartisan amendment with Senators Durbin and Boozman was included, which would invest in U.S. trade policies to support developing nations, disrupt China’s manipulative trade influence and enhance American job creation. This amendment, as well as my other amendments that boost U.S. diplomatic capabilities around the world, are important to both U.S. national and economic security and I’m very pleased to see the full bill clear the committee on a bipartisan basis. I look forward to seeing this legislation continue to garner bipartisan support as it makes its way through Congress.”

The Strategic Competition Act of 2021 will next be considered by the full Senate.

## Questions Raised Regarding Parking Lot Encroachment on Rail Trail Property

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Questions have been raised regarding the Hobby Lobby parking lot encroaching on Rail Trail property. Claremont resident Jim Feleen broached the topic in an email to City councilors earlier this month. Feleen is an attorney in private practice and is also a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. P & R oversees the Rail Trail. In his email to councilors, Feleen wrote, “I was provided with an email Mr. Morris sent to the council about the area between the Hobby Lobby parking lot and the rail trail. I have additional information for you on that and was advised to correspond with all of you. I have pasted below an email chain I had with Mike McCrory a couple years ago. The railroad valuation maps are the baseline documents used by surveyors to establish the location of railroad boundaries. I have those maps. I believe the planning office has them as well. The south half of the abandoned railroad bed measures 33 feet from the centerline of the tracks toward the river for this whole stretch. Attached is a survey of what became of the Hobby Lobby plaza. The rails are still in place at Market Basket. The edge of the Market Basket parking lot is the line. That line can then be extended toward Newport to locate the boundary in front of Hobby Lobby without any other research. It is quite obvious. Washington St. and the tracks start to curve a short distance further as GIS shows. The boundary line in front of Hobby Lobby, Market Basket and Mike Hurd is a straight line. There is no question that a good amount of the Hobby Lobby asphalt is on city land. Mike McCrory acknowledged this. The legal description in the Hobby Lobby deed recites that the northern boundary is the railroad property. The Hobby Lobby predecessor is given an access easement over the railroad property to get to Washington St.”

McCrory formerly worked for the community as its city planner. In email exchanges between McCrory and Feleen in 2018, McCrory wrote, “Nancy did some digging, I did some checking, and the attached scans are for your information. There is a substantial file and, apparently, very complicated history to the original KMart project. We have discovered a number of legal documents regarding encroachments into the RR/Rail trail ROW that predate ownership by the City....After considering this information I would respond that any repaving of an approved parking area from an approved Site Plan is allowable and I see no reason to prevent this activity at the soon-to-be Hobby Lobby Plaza. If the City wants to pursue legal proceedings to reclaim those paved areas and make improvements to the Railtrail ROW, then I will be happy to assist in whatever way I can.”

In his email to councilors, Feleen continued, “This is the first I’ve heard of any permitted parking for the Hobby Lobby site on

the rail corridor. Such a permit would violate the same federal law you are dealing with at Hurds. The city cannot allow motorized vehicles on the rail trail corridor by permit at Hobby Lobby for the same reason it cannot allow Mike Hurds’ use at his property. Permission from the federal Hwy Dept is required for both. There has been some sort of delegation by the FHWA to the NH DOT on this, but permission is still required.

“Just because site plan review can be waived doesn’t mean it should be,” Feleen continued. “The rail trail corridor is a city park. That use is more important to the community than parking spaces for a retail abutter. The Hobby Lobby rail trail section ought to end up looking just like the section in front of Market Basket. It may make sense to put this through site plan review before proceeding any further.”

Feleen told the *e-Ticker News* that “I’m not a surveyor, but looking at the deeds and maps, it appears that the boundary between the city owned rail trail and the Hobby Lobby property runs roughly down the middle of the parking area. Significant renovations are occurring for the move of the liquor store and it is not clear whether the boundary will be respected or the city will continue to allow the encroachment. Basically, the rail trail as it exists in front of Market Basket should continue east past Home Depot instead of dwindling down to a narrow footpath next to the Washington St. curb.”

Feleen said he had not yet heard back from the council regarding this matter.

The City is currently working to resolve issues with Reed’s Truck Services and Maurice Auto & Truck, both of which are located on Washington St. and have been parking equipment on a part of the Bobby Woodman Rail Trail, which is City-owned property. City manager Ed Morris has proposed a license agreement with both properties in exchange for the taxable amount of those properties. Morris had been in contact with the Federal Highway Administration regarding the matter, which in turned told him that the responsibility for the matter was with the NHDOT. In March, the NHDOT told Morris that the department supported the City’s position for the agreements. Motions to enter into the two license agreements were presented to the council at the April 14 council meeting, but councilors voted to table them until they had additional information, including legal opinion and copies of the agreements.



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**New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report  
(updated April 25, 2021, 9:00 AM)**

NH Persons with COVID-19	93,821
Recovered	89,577 (95%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	1,284 (1%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	2,960
Current Hospitalizations	91
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) <sup>2</sup>	691,635
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests <sup>2</sup>	39,317
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	N/A
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL <sup>3</sup>	283



**NH DHHS COVID-19 Update  
– April 25, 2021**

CONCORD, NH – On Sunday, April 25, 2021, DHHS announced 284 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 2.7%. Today’s results include 168 people who tested positive by PCR test and 116 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 2,960 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- 4/24: 284 new cases  
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 fifty-five individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 48% being female and 52% being male.

The new cases reside in Rockingham (50), Strafford (38), Merrimack (35), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (34), Coos (17), Grafton (12), Carroll (10), Cheshire (9), Sullivan (9), and Belknap (4) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (28) and Nashua (14). The county of residence is being determined for twenty-four new cases.

Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Of those with complete risk information, most of the cases are either associated

with an outbreak setting or have had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.

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

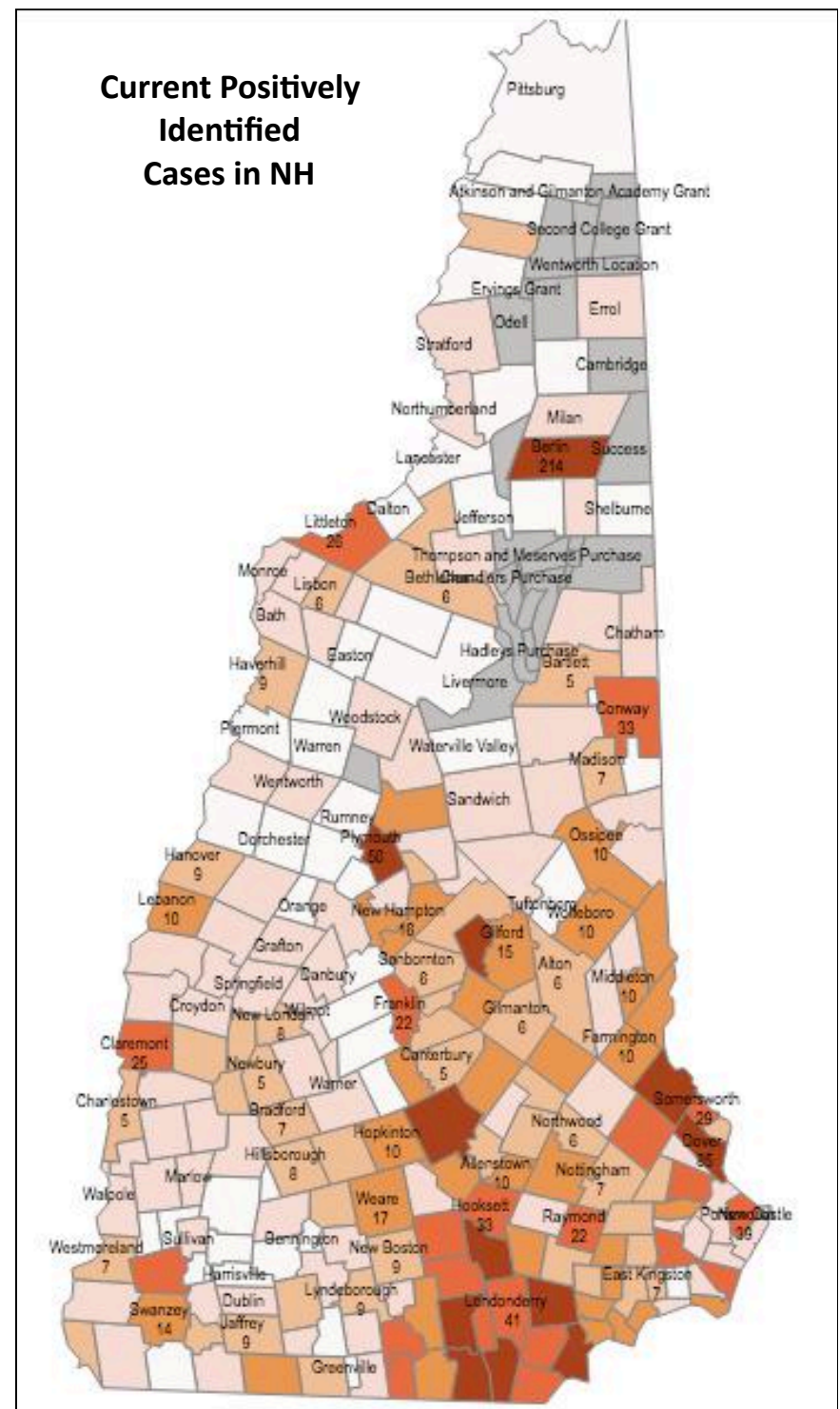
- 1 female resident of Grafton County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older

There are currently 91 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 93,821 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

**As of Sunday, there were 25 current positively identified cases in Claremont; 62 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.



**Cleaning Up, from page 1**

**Police Department ‘Re-Cycles’ ... Literally**



Master auctioneer — and chief of police — Mark Chase faced the challenge of getting 65 bikes (and a few scooters) out of the department’s property room and back out into the community. “We haven’t had a bike auction since 2017,” said Chase. “All of these bikes were found over the years, and all of them had to go today.”

Chase handled the bidding in Broad Street Park on Saturday morning. His enthusiasm was catching, as calls of “\$5 — do I hear \$25 — do I hear \$60” sounded over traffic noise for the better part of an hour. Folks who had their eye on certain models drove the bidding up — the highest for a single bike was \$225.

The final tally of \$1,828 was, in Chase’s words, “a record for my time here — and it was all a lot of fun.” By law, the



**Kaleb White, two-and-a-half, made it known that he was not going home without this particular bike. His grandfather granted his wish, Kaleb put on a new green helmet, and off he went for months of adventure.**

proceeds go to the City and then to the department’s Bike Safety Fund. “We’ll be able to give away more helmets. And as soon as we’re allowed to gather in larger groups, the police will sponsor a bike rodeo as we did in the past.”

The auction also included a giveaway of more than 100 free bike helmets, which the Parks & Recreation Department had secured via a grant.

**‘No Questions Asked’ Drug Drop-Off Ensures Safe Disposal**

Saturday was the annual CPD/DEA Drug Take-Back Day. The police department asked the community to help keep unused and expired medication out of the water supply and out of the hands that should not have them.

Police officer Crystal Simonds was detailed to accept drugs and syringes (aka “sharps”) from drivers in the CVS parking lot. Everything collected in four hours was brought back to the department. DEA agents will pick up the items, weigh

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Seven scouts from Claremont, Charlestown and Unity as well as five adult leaders from Troop 30261 of the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains got their clean-up assignments from Heather Leonbruno, the Parks & Rec point person. “Can you believe what we’ve found?” Steve Wood (left) and Gary Dickerman of the Claremont Conservation Commission compare roadside leavings on Main Street across from Tractor Supply.

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them, and add the figure to the nationwide total, which they will make public in a few weeks. Simonds, who is also the district’s school resource officer, passed out bags containing information and statistics on misuse of drugs, alcohol and tobacco by children and teens in Sullivan County. Each bag also held a Deterra kit for drug deactivation, and flyers from local organizations including Youth CAN, a network of Claremont and Newport partnerships aimed at reducing misuse and risky behavior.

**Talkin’ Trash**

The Claremont Kiwanis Club, the Parks & Recreation Department, the Claremont Conservation Commission and volunteers teamed up to scour the City’s streets and roads on Saturday. Their mission: to fill a Department of Public Works truck as many times as needed with bags of trash collected from Broad, Pleasant, Sullivan and Main streets, the Rail Trail from Pleasant Street to the bridge off Washington Street, and the boat ramp.

And fill they did — not only bags but also tires from the Sugar River and its banks. In only four hours, everyone helped to make the City a lot cleaner, a lot lighter, and a showcase of environmental stewardship.



Kiwanians Tom Callum (left) and Michael Fischetto toss bags of trash into the DPW truck in the Claremont Savings Bank parking lot.

**Tire-d Rubber Stacks Up at Transfer Station**

Saturday was Derek Hussey’s first experience with the free tire drop-off at the transfer station on Washington Street. The new DPW employee reported that the whole day was “pretty wild” with Claremont residents leaving car and light-truck tires. “But better they’re here, instead of along the road,” he added. Hussey was tasked with counting every tire that came in. At the end of the day, 2,398 lined the ridge behind the recycling area.

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**Derek Hussey is the one bright spot among thousands of drab, dead-black tires.**



# Classified Ads

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## Thetford Arrests for Heroin and Possession of Stolen Property

THETFORD, VT— On April 19, Thetford Police Officer Stuart Rogers received information that Nathan Bragg, 30, of Bradford, VT, was at the Thetford Park & Ride off VT Route 113 and I-91 Exit 14. Bragg had several active arrest warrants out of Orange County Superior Court – Criminal Division, said the Thetford Police Department.

With assistance from Troopers from Vermont State Police St. Johnsbury barracks, Bragg was located in a vehicle along with Shauna Herbert, 35, of St. Johnsbury, VT. A consent search was conducted on the vehicle after officers allegedly “observed suspected heroin in plain view”. Approximately 200 suspected heroin bags were allegedly located, along with several stolen items.

Bragg was taken into custody without incident and is charged with Possession of Heroin, Possession of Stolen Property, Driving with Criminally Suspended License, Violation of Conditions of Release, Larceny and False Pretense. He was lodged at the Northern State Correctional Facility, Newport, VT, on the Orange County warrant and an extraditable warrant from New Hampshire.

Herbert was cited for Possession of Heroin and released.

With assistance from Vermont State Police, Orford, NH Police Department and Bradford, VT Police Department, Thetford Police were able to link property to numerous recent burglaries and thefts in the region. Further charges are pending for both individuals as additional stolen property is identified.

## TUESDAY, MAY 4, How To Make A Thing: 3D Digital Design to Reality FREE ZOOM CLASS BY CLAREMONT MAKERSPACE, 6PM

Join the CMS Artists in Residence James St. Martin and Bryan Phaneuf of Doghouse Arcades for this overview class on digital design. We will begin with an idea and take it digital through the software Sketch Up. Then we will cover exporting the item to be printed, cut, or otherwise produced, based on file types, equipment used, and which software is used. This event will be presented free via Zoom. Register to receive the connection link: <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event/2021/5/4/how-to-make-a-thing-3d-digital-design-to-reality>

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## Boards, Committees and Commissions Vacancies

*The City of Claremont is inviting citizens to apply for vacancies which exist on the following volunteer Boards, Committees and Commissions:*

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Board of Appeals	5 Vacant Seats 3 Vacant Alternate Seats
Board of Assessors	1 Vacant Alternate Seat
Claremont Community Television Board of Directors	Full Board
Claremont Housing Authority Commission	1 Vacant Seat
Claremont Planning Board	2 Vacant Seats 3 Vacant Alternate Seats
Conservation Commission	4 Vacant Alternate Seats
Elks Education Fund Trustee	1 Vacant Alternate Seat
Energy Advisory Committee	1 Vacant Alternate Seat
Finance Committee	2 Vacant Seats
Fiske Free Library Board of Trustees	1 Vacant Alternate Seat
Historic District Commission	1 Vacant Seat 2 Vacant Alternate Seats
Licensing Board	1 Vacant Alternate Seat
MT Ascutney Region River Subcommittee of the CT River Joint Commission	1 Vacant Seat 2 Vacant Alternate Seats
Parks & Recreation Commission	1 Vacant Seat 4 Vacant Alternate Seats
Personnel Advisory Board	1 Vacant Seat
Policy Committee	1 Vacant Seat
TIF Downtown Advisory Board	2 Vacant Seats
Zoning Board of Adjustment	1 Vacant Seat 1 Vacant Alternate Seat

*Seats for Future Availability:*

Airport Advisory Board	1 seat expires 6/30/2021
Claremont Housing Authority Commission	1 seat expires 5/29/2021
CCTV Board of Directors	2 seats expire 5/31/2021
Frances Tolles Home Board of Directors	2 seats expire 7/31/2021
Parks and Recreation Commission	5 seats expire 5/31/2021
Personnel Advisory Board	1 seat expires 6/30/2021
TIF District Advisory Board	3 seats expire 6/30/2021

Call the Resource Coordinator at 504-0341 or stop by the Visitor Center at 14 North Street to find out how you can volunteer, or go online to <https://www.claremontnh.com/boards-and-commissions> to print out an application.

4/19/2021



## Stopping Childhood Lead Poisoning, One Family at a Time

### Part two of a two-part series

In New Hampshire, the primary source of lead poisoning is lead-based paint in homes. This is because over 60% of our housing stock was built before 1978, the year lead-based paint was banned in the U.S. However, that percentage fluctuates from community to community and can be as high as in the 80th percentile. Over time, the integrity of lead-based paint has deteriorated releasing dust particles into the air if disturbed. Frictions surfaces (e.g. lead-painted doors, windows, floors and stairs) and home renovations are primary sources of childhood lead poisoning within homes. Given it only takes a small amount of lead-based paint dust, equal to the size of a few grains of sugar, to poison a child if ingested or inhaled, knowing what resources are available and how to safely remove lead hazards from homes is critical to protecting children.

In October of last year, Sullivan County was awarded a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant of \$1.7M to address lead and other health hazards in homes. Soon after, the county established the Sullivan County Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Program to disburse those funds. Already, property owners in the county are taking advantage of this program. In my last article, I wrote about a Claremont family whose young sons were both poisoned by lead from dust particles in their home which was built in 1914. By applying for and receiving these funds and a zero percent interest loan from the NH Lead Paint Hazard Remediation Fund Program, this family

now has the resources to remove the lead hazards. Contractors, certified to work safely with lead-based paint, are replacing lead-based painted windows with vinyl windows, lead-based painted plaster with sheet rock and enclosing lead-based painted clapboards with vinyl siding.

If you own a property in Sullivan County, you may be eligible to receive the HUD grant funds too. The county's Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Program is income based and open to both owner occupied, single family homeowners, as well as landlords. Homeowners can earn up to 80% of the Area Median Family Income (AMFI) as defined by HUD. That amount increases with the number of family members. For example, if you are a family of two, you can earn up to \$54,600 to be eligible. If you are a family of four, that amount increases to \$68,250. For landlords, there is no income limit; however, eligibility is based on the tenants' income utilizing the same AMFI criteria. Whether a homeowner or landlord, children under six must either live on the

premises or visit as the primary purpose of this grant is to prevent childhood lead poisoning.

As part of the application process a certified lead inspector/risk assessor visits the property and identifies lead and other healthy home hazards. Eliminating lead hazards may require window replacement, vinyl siding, new baseboards, new interior/exterior paint, sheetrock, drop ceilings or new floors and stairs. Addressing healthy home issues may require improving lighting, heating, water, sewer and electrical systems. Homeowners who are approved for the grant program receive up to \$12,000 for lead abatement work and up to \$5,000 for healthy home improvements. Landlords also receive up to the same amounts for each qualifying unit.

If these amounts are not sufficient to address the lead and healthy home hazards, homeowners and landlords can also apply for zero percent loans from the NH Lead Paint Hazard Remediation Fund. Such loans are paid back upon the sale of the property. In this program,

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the income eligibility is based on 90% of AMFI. So, those who earn too much money to be eligible for the grant program may qualify for the loan. Homeowners are eligible to borrow up to \$100,000 if they occupy the property, and landlords can borrow up to \$11,000 per unit.

Protecting children from the lasting effects of lead poisoning is something that we can all do. Here in Sullivan County, we are working diligently to connect resources to property owners. If you are interested in finding out more about the grant and loan programs, please contact the program manager, Kate Kirkwood, at 603-781-4304 or email her at [kate@kkirkwood.com](mailto:kate@kkirkwood.com).

*Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and welcomes your feedback. Please email questions, comments or concerns to her at [clovett.ccc@gmail.com](mailto:clovett.ccc@gmail.com).*

**Sunapee Town Manager Retiring**

SUNAPEE, NH—The Sunapee Board of Selectmen has announced the upcoming retirement of Town Manager Donna Nashawaty.

“Donna has decided to step down after 17 successful years of being Sunapee’s Town Manager in order to enjoy more time with family and friends,” said Josh Trow, chairman, on behalf of the Sunapee Board of Selectman. “With a planned last day of November 5th, she has given the selectmen more than six months notice in order to allow time to find a suitable replacement. Donna has expressed this was a hard decision to make because she has really enjoyed working with the employees and residents of Sunapee and will miss them. She looks forward to working with the town departments to form next year’s budget, and has made herself available to assist the Selectmen in the search for her replacement. She has additionally agreed to sign on with a retainer for some transitional hours in 2021 and 2022 to assist the town, at the direction of the new Town Manager.

Trow added, “Stay tuned for information as the board will be working to set up a plan for hiring her successor. I hope you will join me in wishing Donna well in her future endeavors and retired life.”

**SATURDAY, MAY 8  
Horse Huggers 4H Club - Spring Tack Sale Fundraiser**

The Horse Huggers 4H Club based in Cornish, NH, is having a Spring Tack Sale Fundraiser on Saturday May 8th, 2021 from 10am-5pm at the Cornish Fairgrounds. We are looking for gently used or new items that you

would be willing to donate to the 4H club for the purpose of being sold at the tack sale as a fundraiser.

If you have items to donate or questions, please email Melissa Drye at [msdrye@com-cast.net](mailto:msdrye@com-cast.net).

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# Business News

## NHEC Welcomes Vice President Kamala Harris

PLYMOUTH, NH – On Friday, United States Vice President Kamala Harris visited the Plymouth headquarters of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) to discuss the Co-op's efforts to expand high-speed internet access to rural New Hampshire and highlight federal funding opportunities in the American Jobs Plan to support future investments. Harris was joined by United States Senator Maggie Hassan, and met with NHEC representatives and Lempster Select Board Chair Phil Tirrell. Last year, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and appeals from its members, NHEC secured two grants from the Connecting New Hampshire Emergency Broadband Expansion Program. Those grants supported the construction of fiber-optic networks in Lempster, Colebrook, Stewartstown and Clarksville. Through its subsidiary NH Broadband, NHEC is now providing nearly 1,000 previously unserved members with access to high-speed internet.

Recalling NHEC's mission to provide electricity to rural New Hampshire some 80 years ago, Vice President Harris encouraged the same spirit in extending rural access to broadband internet.

"In 1939 that pole was built and it's still there," she said, referring to the Co-op's first electric pole set in Lempster, NH 82 years ago, "and why we're here today is because of what you have been doing in this co-op."

Part of the American Jobs Plan includes a proposed \$100 billion in spending to increase access to broadband internet, Harris said.

"It's the same thing that our country decided to do in 1936, saying let's get electricity to everybody, and rural America should not be left out of that

U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris, left, held a listening session April 23 at New Hampshire Electric Cooperative headquarters in Plymouth, where NHEC President/CEO Steve Camerino, right, detailed the company's efforts to expand access to high-speed internet (Courtesy photo).



priority...This really is an incredible moment in our history. Not unlike what our country did with electricity, we can do with broadband, so let's get it done."

NHEC's Board of Directors has adopted a goal of ensuring that all Co-op members have access to affordable, reliable, high-speed internet. NHEC is working to expand its current fiber optic networks, and identify additional funding opportunities and strategic partners.

"Thank you, Vice President Harris, for coming to Plymouth and putting a spotlight on the need for rural internet access," said Tom Mongeon, Chair of NHEC's Board of Directors. "It is encouraging to see attention being giving to

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# Business News

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the needs of our members at the highest levels of government. NHEC exists to serve our members and we are working hard to ensure that they have access to the high-speed internet they need.”

Steve Camerino, NHEC’s President and CEO, highlighted the Co-op’s work to provide broadband access to its members and stressed that electric cooperatives are ideally suited to help bridge the rural digital divide.

“We were honored to host Vice President Harris and appreciate her taking the time to learn more about NHEC and our work to expand broadband,” said Camerino. “Access to affordable, reliable, high-speed internet service is critical to our members and the communities we serve. Federal funding is vital to support our efforts, and it is exciting to hear about the opportunities to expand rural broadband in the American Jobs Plan.”

Harris also visited Concord, where stops included Gibson’s Book Store and a local job training center.

## Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health Launches 24/7 Virtual Urgent Care Service

**With D-HH Virtual Urgent Care, People Can Now Access Urgent Care Anytime, From Anywhere, Via a Laptop or Mobile Device**

LEBANON, NH – Now more than ever consumers are seeking convenient access to health care for urgent care concerns. To meet this growing demand, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health’s (D-HH) Connected Care and Center for Telehealth has partnered with MDLIVE to launch D-HH Virtual Urgent Care. Rather than traveling to an emergency room or urgent care clinic, people needing non-emergency care can now connect with a provider by phone or by video on their laptops or mobile devices from the comfort of home – or any place they may be.

The service provides patients 24/7 access to urgent care by fully licensed providers from Dartmouth-Hitchcock, with back-up coverage by MDLIVE-affiliated physicians who are board-certified, licensed, telehealth-trained, and have an average of 15 years of experience. Patients can choose to see the next available provider or schedule a visit later the same day for more than 30 common conditions including cold, flu, and other upper respiratory illnesses, allergies, bug bites, rashes, gastrointestinal issues, urinary tract infection, and many more.

“The pandemic made virtual care necessary for safety reasons, but patients soon learned to appreciate the convenience of seeing their providers virtually. With D-HH Virtual Urgent Care, patients experiencing minor illnesses such as colds, sinus infections, nausea and others, can be seen in the comfort and privacy of their homes, offices or any location,” said Mary Lowry, Administrative Director, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Connected Care. “When the patient is seen, our providers can diagnose, prescribe medication and send prescriptions to the patient’s pharmacy of choice – it is a simple, private, low-stress experience.”

Just like office or emergency room visits, D-HH Virtual Urgent Care visits comply with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) guidelines and ensure patient privacy. Patient and visit details are shared only with the patient’s primary care physician. Physicians will prescribe medication when appropriate and send prescriptions to the patient’s pharmacy of choice. That allows D-HH patients to connect to a provider through a trusted service and receive the medication they require, no matter where they are when they need care; at home, at work or out of town.

The average wait time to have a virtual doctor visit is less than 15 minutes. The cost for D-HH Virtual Urgent Care is \$59 per visit, payable by credit, debit, or Health Savings Account (HSA) cards. At this time, D-HH Virtual Urgent Care is available to individuals who hold private health insurance and those who self-pay.

D-H Connected Care was founded in 2012 with a primary objective of helping to deliver health care to the region independent of a patient’s physical location. D-H telehealth services are designed to drive accessible, efficient and effective care by complementing and enhancing existing programs and services provided in local communities. For information on D-HH Virtual Urgent care, including frequently asked questions, visit [go.d-h.org/virtualurgentcare](http://go.d-h.org/virtualurgentcare).



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Here, a patient shows off a finished quilt. The patient had made all the squares but did not know how to sew them together. With money from the Wish Fund, we were able to find a local company that could finish the quilt for her.



*We are so happy to be able to make such a positive impact in the lives of our patients who need it most.*



**To learn more about VNH hospice  
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## Look at Your Financial Situation Holistically

What's the biggest financial mistake you can make? Choosing the wrong investments? Waiting too long to save for retirement? Underestimating the costs of retirement? All these are reasonable answers, but the biggest mistake you might make is not looking at your financial picture holistically – that is, not bringing into the picture all the elements of yourself.

Let's consider some of them:

- Your views on helping your family – Your decisions about helping your family are clearly going to be a major part of your financial strategy – and this is true at virtually all stages of your life. When your children are young, you'll need to decide if you're going to put away money for their college education, and, if so, how much, and in what investment vehicles. When they're young adults, you may also need to decide how much financial support you're willing to provide for things such as the down payment on a new home. And when you're drawing up your estate plans, you'll need to consider how to distribute assets to your children, grandchildren or other family members.
- Your personal beliefs – As someone with civic, ethical and moral concerns, you want to positively affect the world around you. And that's why you may feel compelled to make charitable gifts throughout your life and then make philanthropy part of your legacy. To accomplish these objectives, you'll want to include gifting techniques in your financial strategy today and your estate plans for tomorrow. Of course, for the estate planning component, you'll need to work with your tax and legal advisors.
- Your purpose in life when you retire – When you retire, you may be stepping off a career path, but you're also entering a world of possibilities. How will you define, and live out, your new sense of purpose at this stage of your life? Do you seek to broaden your horizons by traveling around the world? Do you want to give back more to the community by volunteering? Can you spend more time pursuing the hobbies you enjoy? Each of these choices will carry different financial implications for how much you'll need to accumulate for retirement and how much you will need to take out each year from your retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k).
- Your health – Your physical and mental health can play big roles in your financial plans and outlook. On the most basic level, the healthier you are, and the better you take care of yourself, the lower your health care bills will likely be during retirement, which will affect the amount you need to put away for health care. And you also may need to prepare for the costs of long-term care, which can be enormous – in fact, a private room in a nursing home can easily cost \$100,000 per year, according to the insurance company Genworth.

It can be challenging to weave all these elements into a single, unified vision, so you may want to get some help from a financial professional. But, in any case, be prepared to look at your situation holistically – because, when putting together a lifetime's financial strategy, every part of your life matters.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones financial advisor.*

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# 'Along the River'

## CCTV Premieres New Interview Show

By Eric Zengota  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—"I wanted to showcase the people in Sullivan County who are not only our neighbors, but also may be unsung heroes," said Alex Herzog. "There are so many people who are working in all kinds of ways to make this a special region to live in. I wanted to highlight them."

Herzog, the director of career and technical education at Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center in Claremont, decided that hosting a talk show would be a way to feature the people — heroes and "ordinary" residents alike — who are creative, community-oriented and forward-looking.

"Along the River" took shape as a one-to-one, casual interview show. "I didn't want anything too formal or stilted," said Herzog, "but more like a conversation." Episodes are recorded on a set at the CCTV studio in the tech center. Josh Nelson, CCTV's executive director, and production coordinator Loren Howard are behind the cameras. Nelson also directed and edited the opening and closing video sequences.

Guests have included Claremont fire chief Bryan Burr, SAU6 assistant superintendent Donna Magoon, and Sullivan County sheriff John Simonds.

"Along the River" premiered on CCTV channel 8 on April 22. The four guests in the first hour were Derek Ferland, Sullivan County manager; Kipp Ryan, administrator of What's Up Claremont; SAU6 school social worker Courtney Porter; and Claremont fire lieutenant Scott Kenniston.

"Along the River" can be seen every Thursday at 7pm on CCTV channel 8.

View prior episodes at <https://reflect-claremont.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/gallery/28?channel=1>.

Anyone interested in coming on the show or



Left: Alex Herzog, host of "Along the River" (right) and show director Josh Nelson attended the premiere night watch party. Right: Sullivan County manager Derek Ferland was one of the guests in the first show (Eric Zengota photos).



suggesting someone as a guest can contact Alex Herzog at [alongtheriver.cctv@gmail.com](mailto:alongtheriver.cctv@gmail.com).

## Sawyer Loiselle Bluff Spelling Bee Champion

CLAREMONT, NH—On April 22, Sawyer Loiselle won the Bluff School-wide Spelling Bee, defeating five other contestants from the school's 4th and 5th Grades. The championship word was "freeze" which seemed appropriate to describe the weather over the last several days. Other participants were Jannalee Bascom, Kyleigh Parker, Adrianna Cox, Brayden Kaiser, and Skylah Hughes.

This year's Spelling Bee was months late due to COVID related challenges and too late for the state-wide competition but it was important to conduct the competition even at this late date. In addition to the school-wide competition, Grades 1, 2, 3 as well as 4 and 5 also conducted grade level competi-

tions.

The winners follow:  
1st Grade: Cashis Kitchen  
2nd Grade: Owen DeLucca  
3rd Grade: Natalie Ryan  
4th Grade: Adrianna Cox  
5th Grade: Jannalee Bascom, Sawyer Loiselle

Because of COVID spacing restrictions, only 4th and 5th Grade students were able to directly observe the competition. However, one class was able to "live-stream" through Google Classroom which was another "first" realized in this topsy-turvy school year.

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# Sports

## SHS Tennis Roundup

Despite a valiant effort, the short-handed Cardinals fell last week to Lebanon at Monadnock Park in Claremont, losing 0-8. The singles scores are as follows:

Riley Murphy 0 - Keira Hines 8  
 Autumn Bragg 0 - Kaeley Skakalski 8  
 Amaya Eitapence 1 - Adaa Karnawal 8  
 Olivia Diley 0 - Crisi Patel 8

Here are the doubles results:

Murphy and Eitapence 1 - Hines and Skakalski 8

Bragg and Diley 1 - Patel and Ella Gessner 8

On April 23, The Cardinals fielded a full roster and played better in their rematch but couldn't overcome a stronger Lebanon team.

Final scores are as follows:

Singles -

Riley Murphy 0 - Keira Hines 8  
 Annika Ratcliffe 2 - Kaeley Skakalski 8  
 Autumn Bragg 0 - Adaa Karnawal 8  
 Amaya Eitapence 1 - Crisi Patel 8  
 Libby Abbott 0 - Aesha Soni 8  
 Olivia Diley 1 - Sally Rainey 8

Doubles -

Murphy / Ratcliffe 2 - Hines / Skakalski 8  
 Bragg / Eitapence 0 - Karnawal / Patel 8  
 Abbott / Diley 0 - Soni / Ella Gessner 8

Next up for the Cardinals is a home match against Conant on Tuesday, May 4th, at 4 p.m.

## SHS Baseball Back in Action;

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**Top:** The SHS Cardinals hosted the Bishop Brady varsity lacrosse team Tuesday; the visitors won by a score of 15-1.

**Bottom:** The Cardinals softball team put on an impressive display running on all cylinders on Friday, topping the Lebanon Raiders, 28-3 (Courtesy photos).



## SHS Baseball Scores First Win of the Season

The Stevens baseball team returned to action this past week after having missed the 2020 spring season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The teams are required to play with masks on but Spring High School sports have returned for 2021.

The baseball team opened their season at Lebanon, playing their first game since 2019, due to COVID-19. The Cardinals started 8 players that have not had any varsity experience! First time varsity player Zack Bundy started on the mound, and through 2 innings the game was scoreless. In the 3rd inning, the inexperience showed as Lebanon took advantage of some miscues to push 5 runs across and take a 5-0 lead. Stevens got on the board in the 5th inning. Caden Ferland led off the inning with a walk, Dylan Chambers, and Ty Theriault reached on errors to load the bases. Owen Taylor lined a rocket to right field scoring Ferland, with Chambers also scoring on an error on the throw to make it 5-2. Lebanon scored two runs in their half of the 5th to make it 7-2. Stevens cut the deficit to 7-4 scoring two runs in the 6th inning on a Colby Shepard double, and a pair of Raiders errors, as Shepard scored and Dylan Chambers came across for his second run of the game. Lebanon would score another run to account for the final of 8-4.

Bundy pitched the first 4 innings with Chambers tossing the final 2 innings. Chambers had 2 hits and scored twice. Freshman Cody Pellerin had two hits in his first varsity game. Bundy, Theriault, Taylor, Eric Peaslee, and Shepard had hits for the Cardinals, who outit the Raiders in the game.

As was done in basketball, the schedule, under the COVID protocols, calls for two games per week, against the same team, home and away, to help with any contract tracing. So the two teams were back in action Friday at Barnes Park, after weather postponed the game scheduled for Wednesday. Owen Taylor took the mound for Stevens. Lebanon took an early lead scoring an unearned run for a quick 1-0 lead. That was, however, all the scoring the Raiders would get on the afternoon. Taylor tossed a 5 inning complete game in a game shortened by the 10 run rule, as the Cardinals grabbed their first win of the season, 13-1.

After falling behind in the top of the 1st inning, Stevens scored 5 runs in their half of the inning. Zack Bundy, Dylan Chambers, Owen Taylor, Eric Peaslee, and Cody Pellerin all scored. Taylor had a RBI fielder's choice, Peaslee had a 2 run single, Pellerin had an RBI when he walked with the bases loaded, and Bryce Weymouth knocked in a run on a ground out. The Cardinals added 3 more runs in the 2nd inning, 2 more runs in the 3rd, and scored 3 more in the 4th inning to account for the 13-1 final.

Taylor allowed 4 hits, and struck out 6 batters to earn his first varsity win. Ty Theriault had 3 hits, including a triple, 2 runs batted in, and scored 3 runs to lead the Cardinals offense. Dylan Chambers had 2 hits and scored a pair of runs. Dominic Puksta had 2 hits and an RBI, Peaslee had the big 2 run single and scored twice. Owen Taylor had a hit, an RBI, and scored 3 runs. Zack Bundy, Cody Pellerin, Bryce Weymouth, and Caden Ferland had RBI's for Stevens.

The Cardinals will travel to Mascoma for a 5PM game on Monday, and will host the Royals at Barnes Park on Wednesday in a 7PM start.

### Registration Now Open for 'Becoming an Outdoors Woman' Introductory Fly Fishing Course

CONCORD, NH – Registration is now open for an exciting day of fly fishing with the Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) program. The day-long course takes place on Saturday, May 15, in Hillsborough, NH. The cost for the workshop is \$70, which includes instruction, most equipment, and the opportunity to bring



**The SHS Cardinals were back in action on Friday at Barnes Park, hosting Lebanon. The Red Birds took the win, 13-1 (Courtesy photo).**

home two fish. Participants should pack their own food and drinks. We'll let you know what else to bring once you've registered.

Participants can register online now at [www.nhbow.com](http://www.nhbow.com). Registration is first-come, first-served and space is limited. All participants must be 18 years of age or older.

The objective of this hands-on course is to help attendees move towards independence as fly anglers. Some of the topics that will be covered include: the finer points of casting including accuracy, timing, and shooting the line; reading the water; picking the proper fly and knowing how to cast it; what to do when you catch a fish; and ethics. Participants will have the opportunity to fish still water on this outing on a stocked pond, and will be allowed to keep two fish of the proper size. Attendees do not need to supply their own rod and reel. A fishing license is not required during scheduled class time.

This day of introductory fly fishing will be hosted by New England Upland in Hillsborough, NH. To learn more about this facility, visit <http://newenglandupland.com/>.

# Inspiration

## The Sheep and the Shepherd

By Priscilla Hull

Sheep are fascinating creatures. As a pure utility, they render copious wool from which we make clothing that can be water repellent and exceedingly warm! It depends on how refunded the wool is and how it is used. Wool socks are warm and dry, so very handy during cold winter months. I think particularly of places like Scotland which are cold and damp and how they use sheep's wool to make warm clothing and blankets.

I've come to talk about the sheep themselves, though. They are remarkable gentle creatures, but they are rather skittish. Rightfully so, I might say. They are quite defenseless. At the end of the season, they do have a remarkably heavy coat protecting them from others, but the weight of that coat makes them quite slow moving. Have you seen sheep once sheared? They run and jump with the new freedom of losing all that weight!

Sheep are slow of thought also. They apparently prefer to eat the green grass down to the root rather than to explore and search for more. Therefore sheep are cared for by people who take them from one place to another in search of food and water. They are simple creatures who docilely follow the shepherd from place to place. Of course, we employ smart dogs to help keep the sheep together.

Sometimes, I've found that people are a bit like sheep. We find it easier to be led than to lead. Rather than make our own decisions we just might go along with the crowd. Look back through history! Did Socrates follow the crowd or did he go on his own as a great thinker and philosopher? We still honor his works. Did Galileo follow the crowd or did he move on his own and learn principles of astronomy? What about Martin Luther? He refused to follow the common church and became leader of a great reformation. Benjamin Franklin? We don't see him following the popular path of his day! Amelia Earhart didn't stick to the typical female role. She literally took to the air! These are people we need to study. Why follow a path so different from tradition?

Tradition is good. We learn from it, but if we become sheep and follow without thinking where others have gone, there will be no change. If we don't think for ourselves, we'll never go beyond tradition. We'll be sheep, blindly following someone else's dream rather than our own. Don't be afraid to branch out into a new path if you're uncomfortable with that laid out before you, but always know that the shepherd is your friend and protector, there to welcome you home.

*The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing more that I need.*  
Psalm 23

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



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## Calendar Of Events

### Claremont is 'Grilling for Good' on May 8th

CLAREMONT, NH—On May 8th, the Claremont Opera House, Claremont Soup Kitchen and Claremont Savings Bank are coming together to hold a "Grilling for Good" benefit concert, including a "Chopped" style food competition. The concert will be held on the hillside of Arrowhead Recreation Area. Funds raised through the event will support the Soup Kitchen's Summer Lunch Feeding Program for area K-12 students, and fund new programming for the Opera House.

The Chopped Competition - Grilling Edition - starts at 4pm with three contestants, who are city residents not working in the food industry. There will be two rounds of competition: appetizer and entree, with judging after each round. The Soup Kitchen will be selling concessions of grilled favorites and beverages. Sweet Fire BBQ will provide beer/wine service in a restricted adult only area.

At 5pm, the COH Orchestra led by Director Gerry Grimo, will play classic hits from the mid-late 20th century. The playlist will include early rock, R&B, blues, fusion and easy listening tunes featuring the Beatles, Van Morrison, Chuck Berry, Wilson Pickett, Bette Midler, Tina Turner, Mama Cass, Stevie Wonder, George Benson, Chubby Checker and many others.

Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$10.00 for K-12 students, with \$10 of every adult ticket and \$5 of every student ticket going directly to the Soup Kitchen's summer program to feed area youth.

Tickets can be purchased online starting April 5th at [www.claremontoperahouse.org](http://www.claremontoperahouse.org). Social distanced assigned seating will be in place and masks are required when not in your assigned seating area. Doors open at 3:30pm.

### 15th TPN Steppin' Up Fundraiser

CLAREMONT, NH—National Field Representatives will partner with Turning Points

Network as Honorary Chair and Lead Sponsor of the Sullivan County crisis and support center's 15th Steppin' Up to End Violence that culminates on Saturday, May 15, at 9:30 AM.

Known for its annual signature event, Turning Points Network has hosted hundreds of supporters walking and running through historic downtown Claremont in years past. Steppin' Up 2021 will be a virtual event, encouraging individuals, organizations and companies to raise money anywhere, anytime, any way they want – from now through May 15.

On Saturday, May 15, a video of the combined efforts – teams, individuals, sponsors and volunteers – will be shared on-line, followed by a virtual celebration and awards party on May 26.

This year's Steppin' Up virtual event will include contests for best mask, best costume, best team theme, best pet participant as well as recognition of top fundraisers and sponsors.

Steppin' Up participants can submit photos and videos of their fundraising efforts to TPN before May 5 to be included in the event. Go to <https://www.turningpointsnetwork.org/steppin-up> or to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/1393623240984049> or call 603-542-8338 for details about teams, sponsorships, contests and to register for the free link to watch these events on-line on May 15 and May 26.

For information about survivor services, contact 1.800.639.3130 or [www.turningpointsnetwork.org](http://www.turningpointsnetwork.org) or find us on Facebook.

### Need Some Extra Space for Your Next Project/ Business/ Creative Experiment?

CLAREMONT, NH—Need some extra space for your next project/business/creative experiment?

The Claremont MakerSpace has Personal Studio Spaces that provide personal work areas for dedicated users to call their own. Personal studio spaces are

made up of 48" dividers and come in sizes of 60 sq/ft and 100 sq/ft, with each studio including 2 power outlets and an Ethernet jack.

Learn more about CMS Personal Studio Spaces at <https://claremontmakerspace.org/studio-space/>.

As well, they are currently offering tours of CMS. Tours are scheduled in advance and participants must follow our COVID-19 policies. To schedule a tour, please email [info@twinstatemakerspaces.org](mailto:info@twinstatemakerspaces.org).

### Rural Outright Announces Rural PRIDE 2021

CLAREMONT, NH—Rural Outright, a community program of TLC Family Resource Center, is teaming up with Windsor, VT, based advocacy group, LGBTQ+ & Allies of Windsor VT, for the second year to present Rural PRIDE 2021. This year the celebrations will be from Wednesday, June 16 to Saturday, June 19 and will include small, socially distanced, in-person events as well as virtual events.

"Last year we made the difficult decision to not hold any in-person events, and to go completely virtual. After a year of unprecedented challenges but with newfound hope, we are working hard to create opportunities for the LGBTQ+ community and their allies to come together. Our PRIDE celebrations this year will still look different, but I'm confident they will be safe and full of PRIDE." said Matt Mooshian, Program Coordinator for Rural Outright.

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Rural PRIDE started in 2018 at the Visitors Center in Claremont, NH and has become Rural Outright's largest and most successful event, drawing a crowd from all parts of New England. In 2020 Rural Outright partnered with Windsor, VT based advocacy group LGBTQ+ & Allies of Windsor VT to organize a bi-state PRIDE celebration. Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, plans for Rural PRIDE 2020 were moved to a virtual format.

"As we come together to affirm each other and to lift each other up, we also come together to recognize our collective power and responsibility. We must continue to advocate against prejudice, racism, and injustice. PRIDE 2021 is about both celebrating our joy and working toward a community, nation, and world where people are treated equitably and are free to live as their most authentic selves without fear or risk of harm from other individuals, organizations, or systems. I want all people to feel a deep sense of belonging, safety, and love regardless of our differences, and just as the first PRIDE was a riot, we are ready to enact peaceful, direct action to ensure it," said Amanda Smith, Founder and Director of LGBTQ+ & Allies of Windsor, VT, and a founding member of Black Lives Matter, Windsor, VT.

Further details and announcements for Rural PRIDE 2021 will be made public in the coming weeks. Contact RO@tlcfamilyrc.org or visit tlcfamilyrc.org/ruralPRIDE for more information and to get involved.

## CCC Presents Program on Climate Change and the Avian Population

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Conservation Commission will present a Zoom program on May 8 from 11am-12 noon; the program is titled *The Effects of Climate Change on New Hampshire's Birds* by Pamela D. Hunt, Ph.D., Avian Conservation Biologist, NH Audubon. This program is a must for people concerned with climate change and our avian population. This program is partially funded by the New England Grassroots Environment Fund.

The Zoom link for the program is on the City of Claremont webpage, under government, boards and commissions, conservation commission and then public programs.

A follow-up program for citizen action will be

presented by Steven Lamonde, Antioch University, an Introduction to eBird and Merlin on May 15 at 11 am – 12 noon. This program allows anyone with a phone or computer to gather information in the form of checklists of birds, identification tools, and freely share it with Cornell Ornithology. Merlin is an easy bird identifier app. People often ask, "What is that bird?", Merlin gives answers; eBird and Merlin are operated by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. This program is partially funded by the New England Grassroots Environment Fund.

## Virtual Grief Support Available Through Lake Sunapee VNA

NEW LONDON, NH—Lake Sunapee VNA offers two virtual grief support groups for the community, which can be attended once, multiple times or as needed. To help anyone grieving during this pandemic and time of social distancing, a "Bereavement Check-in" group is available on the third Wednesday of every month from 4:00-5:00pm. A "Widow to Widow" group is held on the first Monday of every month from 3:30-5:00pm.

Anyone interested in participating in these free groups should email their contact information to Lori O'Connor at loconnor@lake-sunapeevna.org and a member of the bereavement team will call with further details.

## Charlestown VFW Bingo Schedule

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown VFW Bingo schedule for the new year: Charlestown VFW Bingo is offering a weekly opportunity for some semblance of normalcy. Wednesday nights 5:00 for early birds and 6:30 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. In Gov. Sununu's most recent mandate request is that when moving about the hall, please wear a face covering whenever 6' social distancing can't be maintained. While seated at the tables, masks may be removed. Be mindful that in the Gov.'s mandate there are many reasons why someone may choose to not wear a mask – and they cannot be questioned or made to prove why they choose not to; nor will they be penalized for not wearing a mask. Please be respectful of others.

Attendance will be limited to 94. We do have some masks on hand as well as plenty of hand sanitizer for your use. To all our patrons that choose to attend, thank you for your patronage during these turbulent times. For those who don't feel comfortable attending at this time, we understand and wish you well until we can meet again.

Tom St.Pierre, Commander, Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497

## A Message from ServiceLink

NH ServiceLink offices across the state are open via phone and email during the COVID-19 pandemic. In this time of social distancing it's easy to feel alone and isolated. ServiceLink is a phone call away! Trained, nationally and state certified staff is available via phone during normal working hours.

ServiceLink staff is here to listen, answer questions, problem solve, and link you to resources and services.

In addition, ServiceLink helps individuals connect to long term services and supports, access family caregiver information and supports, explore options and understand and access Medicare and Medicaid. We are, as always, confidential, unbiased, and free to the public.

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Direct phone numbers and email addresses for each local office are listed on our website. Offices are located in Atkinson, Berlin, Claremont, Concord, Keene, Laconia, Lebanon, Littleton, Manchester, Nashua, Stratham, Rochester, and Tamworth.

## Call for Entries: Library Arts Center JURIED REGIONAL COMPETITION Library Arts Center Gallery

2021 Jurors: Shawna Gibbs & Karena Ness  
Entry Deadline: May 1, 2021

All artists residing in New Hampshire and Vermont are invited to submit up to two pieces to the jury for this annual favorite exhibit. This exhibit highlights the diverse and creative talent of the NH/VT region, and will take place in-person this year. Painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, photography and mixed media are welcome. Entry fee: \$10, or free for Library Arts Center Members.

For more information, and to enter, visit [libraryartscenter.org](http://libraryartscenter.org).

## Area Grocery Store Hours Reserved for High Risk Population

HANNAFORD - Most stores reserve 7 AM – 8 AM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. In Massachusetts, those special hours are 7 AM – 8 AM daily  
 MARKET BASKET 6 AM - 7 AM EVERY DAY  
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## Claremont Senior Center News

At the time this letter was written, it was snowing!! Can you believe this??

Hi everyone! Well, you can tell we live in New England. Wait a minute!! Is that the weather changing again? Our flowers don't know whether to come up or hide. Hang in there flowers!

We are sure it will settle down soon.

Come one, come all!! We are open again two days a week. Please join us on Tuesday, April 27, for the partial opening. Hours will be 9am-3pm. Game Night-6pm-9pm. Yes!! Game night! Play pool any time during hours. We teach Hand and Foot and other games. Our second day will be on Thursday, April 29-9am-3pm. We have already heard from the Mahjong group and the knitters. Every Tuesday and Thursday will be open for games, including cards, cribbage, corn hole, ping pong, knitting and crocheting, chess, reading and of course, pool. Come in to say hello, sit in the lobby and talk, laugh and converse. It will be good to have you back.

We had a great turnout for our Roast Turkey Dinner. It was so nice to see friends waving or getting out of the cars to talk as they waited. We will let you know when the next one is. Get your appetites ready. Thanks to our volunteers who always work so hard to make everything perfect. Bravo!!

Leave it to the wonderful kitchen volunteers

to produce good home cooked meals to warm our tummies. Here is the menu for Tuesday and Thursday:

Tuesday, April 27-Soup, Ham and Cheese Sub, Tomato, Onion, Peppers, Chips and Dessert.

Thursday, April 29-Soup. Baked Fish, Rice Pilaf, Vegetable and Dessert.

So, come in early, play pool or a game or read and then pick up your meals. Call 543-5998 to reserve your meals. Members-\$4, nonmembers-\$5. Take out only. Pick-up: 11:45am- 12:15pm. What a deal—fun & food.

Party? Shower? Celebration? We have the venue for you. Let us start with the rooms, We have a banquet hall, a large room, a small room and a kitchen with a caterer you can hire or serve your own menu. We have a gazebo, tables, a large yard, plenty of parking, and a new generator to keep our event lit. Pick your date and we will discuss arrangements to help make your event fabulous and memorable. Call 543-5998 today.

The footsies are stampeding to the Center for their pampering. So much so, the fabulous, accommodating Foot Clinic clinician has added another day to the schedule. She will be here on Thursday, May 6, and Wednesday, May 12, May 19 and May 26. Call 603-748-1731 for an appointment.

Thank you to those who donated blood on Monday. It is always so heartwarming to see the people come to the Center and give blood. Makes you feel all soft and fuzzy inside. These people care. Our next Blood Drive will be on May 10-noon -5pm. Call-1-800-REDCROSS for an appointment. Hope to see you here.

Our Gigantic Penny Sale date has been set for Sunday, July 18. Doors will open at 11am. Drawings start at 1pm. We have a lot of special tables this time with a lot of surprising goodies. We will give more details as they firm up. Mark your calendars. We are bigger and better than ever.

It is so hard to hold back the excitement of the Tuesday, April 27 opening. Our halls have been so long without laughter, conversations and friendship. It will be nice to see everyone again. Come in and say hello. Don't forget Game Night.

Have a good week everyone. Enjoy the weather no matter what it is. After all, we chose to live here. Laughter, good conversation and jokes always welcome here.

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Rd., Claremont NH. Tel:543-5998. Masks required.

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Claremont, Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet on  
**Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting is being conducted via Zoom.

The public is invited to join the Zoom meeting online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81511510430?pwd=dHRBYUF0L1hFYjE5eDB-BOG03U1VZUT09>

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If there is a problem getting through to that number, please call 603-504-0341.

Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held concerning the following applications:

A. **(ZO 2021-00003) Ray Parker, Unity NH** – Application for a variance from Sec.22-316 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit a duplex on the property at 408 Sullivan Street. Tax Map 117, Lot 13. Zoning District I-1 (Continued from 4/5/2021)

B. **(ZO 2021-00004) Elaina Schultz, Charlestown NH** – Application for a variance from Sec. 22-206(2) of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit conversion of two single family homes to duplexes without municipal sewer connection on the property at 264 Maple Ave. Tax Map 129, Lot 168. Zoning District R-1. (Continued from 4/5/2021)

C. **(ZO 2021-00005) Peraza Dermatology Group, Claremont NH** – Application for a variance from Sec 22-387 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit construction of a medical office building at 25 Chestnut Street. Tax Map132, Lot 62. Zoning District: CR-2.

D. **(ZO 2021-00006) David & Melonnie Marchak, 4 Breck Avenue** – Application for a variance from Sec 22-389 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit completion of a deck at 4 Breck Avenue. Tax Map 132, Lot 46. Zoning District: CR-2

Interested parties may review these applications at the City of Claremont's Planning and Development Department, 14 North Street during normal business hours.

Comments about these applications may be submitted by any of the following methods: In person at the hearing, or in writing at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or By email at [cityplanner@claremontnh.com](mailto:cityplanner@claremontnh.com).  
 Michael Hurd, Chair



**Benefit Concert Supporting  
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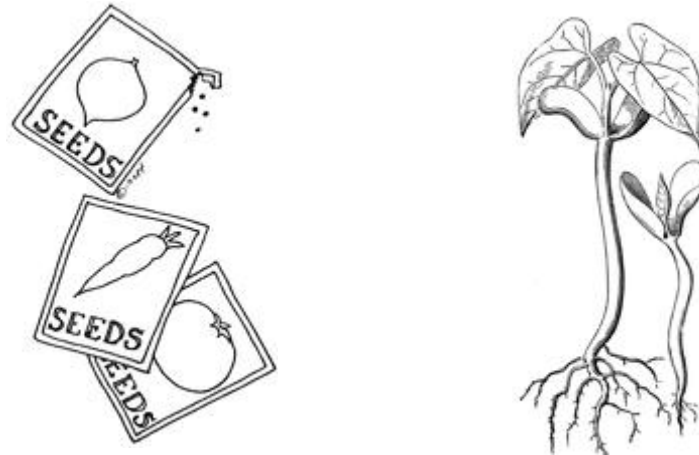


**Arrowhead Recreation Area  
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Remembering Loved Ones...

## 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.**

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#### Sandra Richards 67

Sandra Richards, 67, died peacefully at home on April 21, 2021, surrounded by family.

She is survived by her husband, James Richards of Claremont; son, Robie Richards and his wife Chastity Greene Richards and James Richards II and his fiancée, Emily Benjamin all of Claremont; five grandsons, Kyle Greene, Jaykob Greene Richards, Ayden Richards, Carson Benjamin and Jax Benjamin. She leaves behind many extended family and friends that she deeply cared about and loved.

She was preceded in death by parents, her sister, and her brother.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, April 28th, at 1PM at St. Mary Cemetery in Claremont.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Stringer Funeral Home and Richards family ask all attending the graveside to abide with all regulations and please wear a mask and use social distancing.

#### Judge Albert D. Leahy, Jr., 87

Judge Albert Dennis Leahy, Jr. passed away on April 19th, 2021, at the age of 87. He was predeceased by his parents, Judge Albert Leahy, Sr., and his wife, Helen Leahy, his brother Charles Leahy and his two infant children, Robert and Caroline Leahy.

Judge Leahy, known to most as Al or Albie,

was a life-long resident of Claremont before moving in 2019 with his wife, Patricia Henry Leahy, to Exeter, NH. A graduate of Stevens High School (1951), Al then graduated from Yale University (1955). Following his graduation from Yale, Al joined the United States Marine Corps where he served as a lieutenant. During his time in the Marine Corps, he was a General's Aide at Twentynine Palms in California and later oversaw drill instructors at the San Diego Marine Recruit Depot. Upon completing his tour of duty, Al decided to follow in the family footsteps and attend Harvard Law School (1961) to become an attorney. His father, Albert D. Leahy, Sr., was both an attorney and district court judge and his uncle, John Leahy, was Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Superior Court. Both Al and his brother Charles returned to NH to establish life-long careers as practicing attorneys. While in law school, Al met his soon-to-be wife, Patty. Three months after their first date, he proposed and the two of them were married for almost 61 years. After graduating from law school, Al and Patty returned to Claremont where Al joined his father's law firm, Leahy & Denault. In 1972, Governor Walter Peterson

appointed Al to succeed his father as the Presiding Justice of the Claremont District Court. During his time on the bench, his particular joy came with his work in the juvenile court system where he felt he could potentially play a part in changing a young person's life for the better.

Always wanting to support the local community, Al volunteered to serve on many boards, including Claremont National Bank, Claremont Savings Bank and he also served as a trustee of Valley Regional Hospital. Al later stated that one of his proudest moments was being one of the founders of what has since become known as West Central Behavioral Health which ensures access to support services for those in need. Al loved his hometown of Claremont. In 2001, after 40 years, he retired to spend more time with his family and friends. Throughout his life, he was an avid golf and tennis player and enjoyed spending countless hours playing both sports with his wife, children, grandchildren and his wonderful Claremont friends.

It was time with family that brought Al the greatest joy. He was a wonderful father and beloved grandfather to his five grandchildren, Kyle, Tyler, Morgan, Helen and Jackson. No matter where family gathered, whether in

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Claremont, the family camp on Crescent Lake, vacation trips to Maine or time in St. Simon's Georgia, Grampa could always be counted on for his witty comments and sense of humor. Whether doing a "boomba" cannonball off the dock and into the lake, adding his unexpected but hilarious descriptors when playing Mad Libs, Sunday morning doughnut runs, or endless rounds of mini-golf, Grampa was always a favorite with his grandchildren.

Al is survived by his wife of 60 years, Patricia Henry Leahy, his daughter Alison Angle, his son-in-law Jeffrey Angle, his son William Leahy and his daughter-in-law Bethany Leahy, his five grandchildren, family members Mary Susan Leahy, Barbara Leahy and his nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers and to pay tribute to Al's love of Claremont, donations may be made in his memory to the NH Charitable Foundation's "Fund for Greater Claremont." To donate, please visit [www.nhcf.org](http://www.nhcf.org) or mail a check directly to the Foundation.

A virtual zoom memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 1, at 10:00 am. A committal service will be held on Saturday, May 22, at 2:00 pm at the West Claremont Burial Ground. Further details about both events may be found on the Stringer Funeral Home website soon.

### Jeannette T. Benware, 92

Jeannette Theresa Benware, 92, of Roberts Hill in Claremont, NH, died April 20, 2021, at the Sullivan County Health Care.

She was born in Chicopee Falls, MA, on April 10, 1929, the daughter of Donat P. and Roseanna (St. Germain) LaRoche and lived in Claremont since 1940.

She attended St. Mary School.

Mrs. Benware babysat for over 40 children over her lifetime.

She was the widow of Arthur L. Benware whom she married on August 30, 1947, in St. Mary Church in Claremont.

Jeanette was preceded in death by her husband on April 21, 1987; her son, Roger, on May 22, 2008; and by her sister, Lucille Merchant on July 30, 1978.

The family include two daughters, Lucille R. Tewksbury and her husband, Tharon, of Unity; and Linda J. Mosher and her husband, John, of Claremont; also eight grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and 11 great great grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Saturday morning, April 24th at St Mary Church in Claremont. Burial followed in St Mary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the Sullivan County Health Care McConnell Unit or the American Heart Association.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Claremont Fire Dept. Log

### Sunday, April 18th 2021

1053 E3 responded to Brandon Pl for a medical call.

1537 E3 responded to Drapers Corner for medical call.

### Monday, April 19th 2021

0355 E3 responded to Old Church Rd for a medical call.

0644 E3 responded to Whitcomb Ln for a medical call.

0751 E3 responded to Union St for a well-being check.

1701 E3 responded to Kenyon St for a medical call.

1759 E3 responded to Myrtle St for a medical call.

1819 E3 responded to Bonmark Dr for a medical call.

0345 E3 responded to Pleasant St for a well-being check.

### Tuesday, April 20th 2021

2018 E3 responded to Connecticut River Bend for a medical call.

### Wednesday, April 21st 2021

1102 E3 responded to Hanover St for a MVA.

1208 E3 responded to Mulberry St to assist GCA.

1218 L2 responded to Pleasant St for a box alarm

### Thursday, April 22nd 2021

0046 E3 responded to Sullivan St for a medical call.

0719 E3 responded to Lincoln Heights for a lift assist.

1027 E3 responded to Main St for a box alarm.

1804 E3 responded to McKenzie Dr for a medical call.

1828 E1 responded to First St for a medical call.

1824 E3 responded to Myrtle St for a medical call.

1844 E1 responded to Pearl St for a medical call.

1855 E3, E1 responded to Broad St for a medical call.

### Friday, April 23rd 2021

1156 E3 responded to Sullivan St for an alarm sounding.

1938 E3 responded to Washington St for a medical call.

1942 E1 responded to Bible Hill Rd for a medical call.

2210 E3 responded to Prospect St for a medical call.

2336 E3 responded to Central St for MVA.

### Saturday, April 24th 2021

1745 E3 responded to Washington St for a propane leak.

1802 E3 responded to Lonsdale Ave for a medical call.

2100 E3 responded to Pleasant St for an alarm sounding.

2228 E3 responded to Winter St for a medical call.

## News From Charlestown VFW Post 8497

By Tom St.Pierre

On Saturday, April 10, Post Members had the privilege of attending the Testimonial dinner for the NH VFW Department Commander, Darwin Beeman, at the Courtyard by Marriot Hotel in Keene, NH. Darwin is the first and only Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497 member to be elected to the high office of Department Commander. The testimonial dinner was an opportunity to celebrate all that was accomplished during his very challenging year in office and also a time to show him our appreciation. Foremost was a certificate from the National Commander in Chief of the VFW, hand delivered by his appointed representative, Past National Commander John Smart, who has the distinction of having been the only National Commander of the VFW from the state of New Hampshire. Many of the older

members in attendance remembered Past Commander Smart from his days as Department of NH Commander including our own Dennis Stone who recalled stories of his visits to our Post back when we were still in the cellar. National VFW Auxiliary President Sandi Onstwedder, was also in town to congratulate Darwin for all the successes over the past year.

Darwin was elected as State Commander in June of 2020 at the Franklin Post during the Covid-19 shortened Convention. Darwin was raised in Barrington, NH, graduating in 1976 from Spaulding High School. He attended and graduated from New Hampshire Vocational Technical College in 1978 with an associate degree in Industrial Electricity.

He joined the US Navy Reserve Seabee's in April 1991, retiring in 2013 after serving honorable for twenty-one years, nine months and twelve days. During his service he deployed to Ramadi Iraq from February – November 2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He deployed to Rawah Iraq from July 2008-March 2009 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

He joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 2005 while deployed to Iraq and then transferred to Post #8497 in Charlestown, NH, in 2006. Soon after that he became the District 2 Commander for a total of ten years and then was elected to Department Jr. Vice Commander for 2018-2019, Department Sr Vice Commander for 2019-2020 and elected to be the State Commander in June of 2020.

Darwin married Terry in August of 1979; they make their home in Claremont, NH. They have one son, two daughters and six grandsons: Jason and Jocelyn Dole, their two boys Oliver and Carson Beeman, Amy, and Matthew McManus their two sons Braedon and Brooks McManus and Julia and Ryan Kelly and their two sons Graham and Hayes Kelly.

On Sunday, the Charlestown VFW Auxiliary had the distinct honor of hosting an impromptu birthday dinner for their National President Sandi Ostwedder at the Post Hall. In attendance were the top officers of the State VFW Auxiliary including the only Past National Auxiliary President from the state of New Hampshire Linda Meader. Congrats go out to Charlestown Auxiliary President Terry Beeman and her members for pulling off this short notice event on a very busy weekend.

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**The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall and via Zoom.**

To join the webinar:

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***AGENDA (Second Revision)***

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| 6:30 PM | 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE   |
| 6:32 PM | 2. ROLL CALL  |
| 6:34 PM | 3. AGENDA CHANGES   |
| 6:35 PM | 4. MAYOR'S NOTES  |
| 6:40 PM | 5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT  |
| 6:45 PM | 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))  |
|         | 7. OLD BUSINESS   |
| 6:55 PM | A. Water Rates Discussion   |
| 7:15 PM | B. Ordinance 582 Rescinding Article V- Merit System – First Reading (City Manager)  |
| 7:30 PM | C. <i>Resolution 2021-27 Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund Grant – Public Hearing</i>   |
| 7:45 PM | D. <i>Discussion of Resolution 2020-31 Encourage Wearing Masks in Public Places</i>   |
| BREAK   |   |
|         | 8. NEW BUSINESS   |
| 8:10 PM | A. County Rebranding (City Manager)   |
| 8:30 PM | B. <i>Crossing Agreement – Sugar River Rail Trail for Map 133, Lot 60/313 Washington Street (City Manager)</i>  |
| 8:45 PM | C. Northern Borders Grant for Arts Center – Public Hearing (City Manager)   |
| 8:55 PM | D. Apply for LCHIP Grant for City Hall Windows – Public Hearing (City Manager)  |
| 9:05 PM | E. <i>Claremont Senior Center PILOT Request (City Manager)</i>  |
| 9:15 PM | F. Resolution 2021-28 Apply for a Northern Border Regional Commission Grant in the Amount of \$325,000 to Install a Solar Array System at the Water Treatment Plant – Public Hearing (City Manager) |
| 9:25 PM | G. Establish Claremont Cultural Resources Ad Hoc Committee (City Council)   |
| 9:35 PM | 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES   |
| 9:40 PM | 10. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL   |
| 9:45 PM | 11. ADJOURNMENT   |

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall and via Zoom.

# Stay Put, Stay Dry

## On Flat Rock Hill, Lessons on Staying Alive

Text and Photos by Eric Zengota

CLAREMONT, NH—"This isn't camping. This is survival." Jim Esdon gave our group this working principle, one he'd remind us of more than once during a 4-hour session on building emergency wilderness survival shelters.

On a Sunday morning in mid-April, we'd gathered on the terrace at Arrowhead Lodge in Claremont. Esdon explained how easy it is to get lost in the woods. Unfamiliarity with the area, challenging weather conditions and imminent nightfall only increase a lost hiker's disorientation.

He discussed the need for proper clothing, and showed us how to turn large garbage bags into makeshift warm outerwear. We learned the basics of compass readings, including the difference between true north and magnetic north, and studied a USGS topographic map centered on Arrowhead. We practiced slipknots. We stuffed ropes and tarps and stakes into our backpacks.

The climb up the face of Flat Rock Hill was challenging due to slippery rocks, dips in the trail surface and pockets of unmelted snow. Esdon coached us on finding the best way around such obstacles.

At the top, Esdon described three shelters that would give a lost hiker a good chance of surviving. We built, in order of increasing complexity, expedient, tarp and debris shelters. Afterward, we hiked a path connecting to the trail that brought us back down to the lodge. A little wiser in the way of the woods, we looked forward to future hikes, with respect for Flat Rock's particular challenges.

**Clockwise: At a rest break halfway up, Jim Esdon pointed out branches of different trees, and which are most efficient in building shelters. (Tip: hemlock is preferable to pine ... less pitchy.) An expedient shelter is made up of a tarp tied to a tree, staked down and pitched at an angle that lets rain run off. Ground cover may be no more than leaves and brush. Building a tarp shelter is based ideally on a green tarp for ground cover and a blue one for the shelter. Site choice is crucial: check that the tree's limbs and branches are not rotted and ready to fall, and build on a slight slope so runoff doesn't pool around you. A debris shelter can take hours for one person to build. The lost hiker, determined to survive, collects anything of use: a large log as a "tent pole," smaller ones to frame the shelter and construct an entrance, layers of leaves, branches, needles and bark as final covering.**

