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Oh at Least ... 2 Million Pieces

SAU6 Receives Hundreds of Puzzles for Back to School Festival

By Eric Zengota
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CLAREMONT, NH—"It's never too early to plan for the Back to School Festival," said Courtney Porter, "even though we don't know yet what it will look like this year."

Porter, the chair of the SAU6 social work department, teamed up with Bill Schroeter to unload and store hundreds of puzzles — the first giveaways donated by the United States Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program. Candy Land and 3-D Despicable Me 3 puzzles will be among the many items that children will be given at the festival.

Schroeter, a member of the Claremont Kiwanis Club for many decades and a current Unity selectman, had heard that Toys for Tots received COVID-19 funding for projects benefiting children well in advance of the traditional Christmastime collection.

"I registered SAU6 for this special project,"



Courtney Porter and Bill Schroeter stacked and stored puzzles for this year's Back to School Festival — "date and format to be determined," said Porter (Eric Zenota photo).



he said, which ensured that a lot more items will be coming to Claremont in waves. "We'll also be getting a shipment of books for all ages. Our aim is to have every student in the district take home at least one book."

The 54 pieces of this 3-D puzzle can be assembled to create 5.1" tall Minion Dave (Eric Zengota photo).

Arrest Made Following Lengthy Investigation of Fentanyl-Related Death

CLAREMONT, NH—After a three-month criminal investigation, Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase and Sullivan County Attorney Marc Hathaway announced the arrest of Christopher Santolucito, 36, of Claremont, NH; the arrest and charges were made public Wednesday afternoon.

According to Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase, “This arrest comes after a joint investigation was conducted involving the Claremont Police Department, Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office and the NH Attorney General’s Drug Task Force. This investigation was to focus on a death that occurred in Claremont in February 2020.”

Chase said that “On February 21, 2020, Claremont Emergency Services responded to Birney’s Mini Mart for a possible overdose of a customer in the bathroom of the store. Upon arrival of emergency responders, there was an attempt to revive the female that was located in the store. Those attempts failed.” Chase identified the woman as: Kacey Grizzaffi, 22, of Lebanon, NH.

“The investigation of the death of Ms. Grizzaffi revealed that she died as a result of fentanyl toxicity,” said Chase. “At the time of her death, Ms. Grizzaffi was pregnant with twins. The Claremont Police Criminal Division then conducted an investigation into where Ms. Grizzaffi obtained the drugs that caused her death. This investigation included seizure of cell phones, electronic monitoring equipment and various video surveillance systems from locations in Claremont.”

Based on that investigation, the Claremont Police applied for an arrest warrant for Santolucito for:

Conspiracy to commit sales of controlled drug, Fentanyl.

Chase said that as a result of this arrest, additional evidence was obtained by members of the Criminal Division and additional charges have been filed on Santolucito. Those charges are:

- ACTS PROHIBITED – SALE OF SUBSTANCE REPRESENTED TO BE HEROIN – 2 COUNTS
- ACTS PROHIBITED – SALE OF SUBSTANCE REPRESENTED TO BE FENTANYL – 2 COUNTS
- ACTS PROHIBITED – SALE OF SUBSTANCE REPRESENTED TO BE HEROIN, DEATH RESULTING
- ACTS PROHIBITED – SALE OF SUBSTANCE REPRESENTED TO BE FENTANYL, DEATH RESULTING
- SECOND DEGREE ASSAULT x 2 (stillbirth of fetuses)

Santolucito was arraigned on these charges

Wednesday in Sullivan County Superior Court. He was held without bail on Sale of Heroin, Death Resulting and Sale of Fentanyl, Death Resulting. All For the other charges, bail has been set



Christopher Santolucito

at \$10,000.00 cash only along with certain conditions of bail.

The criminal investigation remains ongoing at this time, and further charges are anticipated, said Chase. Anyone with information about this investigation is encouraged to contact Claremont Police Detective Sergeant Justin Laffin at (603)542-7010 or jlaffin@claremontnh.com.

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

Taxing e-Cigarettes by a New Method



For the first time in nearly three months, New Hampshire's House of Representatives will meet next month so as to resume its 2020 Session, a meeting to be held at an unusual location.

House Speaker Shurtleff announced in the May 15 House Calendar that the House will meet on Thursday, June 11, at the University of New Hampshire's Whittemore Center Arena, which is in Durham. The meeting will be held at the Whittemore Arena, rather than the State House in Concord so as to allow all representatives as well as House staff to practice social distancing in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic while also not creating "logistical problems", according to Speaker Shurtleff. The Speaker stated in his May 15 announcement that the June 11 meeting will only be the second time in the New Hampshire's House history that it will be meeting outside of its usual location in Concord. He added that to help protect the health of all representatives, who may be concerned about catching the coronavirus, all representatives will have their temperatures checked prior to entering the arena, and be issued surgical masks which they will have to wear inside the facility. Readers can be assured that I will write more about this historic and unprecedented meeting of us representatives in future columns, the first meeting since the March 12-13 meeting, which lasted approximately 17 hours into the early morning hours before the State House was closed to all legislators, legislative staff, and visitors on March 15 by Speaker Shurtleff & New Hampshire Senate President Donna Soucy in response to the pandemic.

Now I will continue reviewing some pieces of legislation that the House has considered in 2020 that includes revenue-raising measures, including bills to impose new taxes or fees in the Granite State, or raise existing ones. Such measures are always controversial, and this year is no exception.

On March 5 representatives debated three such tax measure, ultimately approving one, but rejecting the other two. The one approved measure, which has been sent to the Senate, was House Bill 1699, which would tax electronic or "e-cigarettes" by a new method that replaces the e-cigarette tax enacted as part of last year's operating budget. The bill was adopted on a 172-142 roll call vote after floor debate as well as a positive "Ought To Pass" recommendation of a 12-8 majority of the House Ways & Means Committee.

More specifically, House Bill 1699, sponsored by two Democratic representatives led by Jaffrey's Richard Ames, who is also a Ways & Means Committee member, would impose a new 40 percent tax on the wholesale sales price of e-cigarettes. It would replace the previously-

bifurcated tax rates on such cigarettes, including an eight percent fee on the e-liquid wholesale price for open systems as well as 30 cents per milliliter on e-liquid for closed systems. Rep. Ames stated in the committee's report recommending passage that the bill as written would not tax "devices used for vaping e-liquids" unless they are "sold as part of a purchase containing both a device and e-liquid." He also declared in the report that "any e-liquid that is approved by the United States FDA (Food & Drug Administration) for smoking cessation purposes is exempt from the current tax," and will be "exempt" from the new 40 proposed tax in his bill, if the FDA gives such approval.

Rep. Ames further explained in the Ways & Means report that the replacement tax for e-cigarettes contained in House Bill 1699 is in response to four vaping developments that have happened since the current tax was implemented last year. First, in Nov. 2019, Massachusetts enacted a much higher 75 percent tax on the wholesale price of e-cigarettes. Second, in July 2019, Maine passed a 43 percent wholesale price tax on such cigarettes. Third, in Jan. 2020 the United Centers for Disease Control reported 2600 vaping-related hospitalizations and 57 related deaths nationwide in 2019's second half. Fourth and finally, there have been multiple reports in recent months of student vaping levels in our state higher than anywhere in the nation. In summary, he declared the bill's 40 percent tax rate as "a reasonable compromise" in deference to the long-standing New Hampshire tradition of staying slightly below the lowest tax rate in its neighboring states, and in recognition of the belief held by many that vaping can have a significant smoking cessation effect."

Nevertheless, House Bill 1699 opponents like Stratham Rep. Patrick Abrami, a Republican, stated in the Ways & Means Minority Recommendation Report of Inexpedient to Legislate that he had three objections to the measure. First, the vaping taxes passed last year and that went into effect Jan. 1, 2020, need "at least a year to settle in before we consider increasing them." Second, Rep. Abrami said that because there is other vaping legislation being considered by the New Hampshire Legislature this year that any change in our state's tax policy should "support the revised position" of the Legislature on vaping. Third, that bill would increase the vape tax on both open and closed systems of e-cigarettes, especially hurting vape shops which mostly sell open systems. Consequently, such shops would either have to take the tax's financial hit, or increase prices leading many customers to switch to buying e-cigarettes over the internet.

For readers' information, I voted for House Bill 1699. While sympathetic to some of Rep. Abrami's objections to the bill, I was more impressed with the arguments of supporters like Rep. Ames that it would tax what I believe is an addictive and harmful product like e-cigarettes, but at lower wholesale rates than any of our neighboring states. Wholesale rates of only 40 percent, which may seem high, but are actually lower than the average wholesale rate of 65.03 percent of other tobacco products. Finally, while I do understand that e-cigarettes may be an effective way for some individuals to give up other tobacco products, I am learning that such cigarettes are of themselves very addictive, especially if kids are introduced to them as their first tobacco

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As mentioned earlier, the House also rejected two revenue-raising bills by overwhelming roll call votes. The first, House Bill 1492, would have a new retail sales tax on the sale of certain electronic devices so to fund Grade K-12 public education. It was defeated on a 320-11 roll call, after brief floor debate, and a unanimous 20-0 recommendation of Ways & Means to nix the bill. The bill was sponsored by two Democratic representatives led by Nashua’s Skip Cleaver. Rep. Cleaver spoke in strong support of the bill in a floor speech, citing the need to find a different method of funding public education, rather than presently relying on local property taxes.

However, House Bill 1492 opponents like Exeter Rep. Lisa Bunker, another Democrat, declared in the Ways & Means’ rejection report that her committee “had concerns about the troubles that arise when attempts are made to arbitrarily tax one narrowly-defined sector of the retail economy”, like certain electronic devices. Rep. Bunker added that opponents were also “concerned about the bill’s inexact definition of such devices. Finally, she said there were concerns about the “negative impact the bill would have on retail outlets near the borders of other states, and on cross-border traffic in search of tax savings generally.”

The second rejected measure, House Bill 1652, would have expanded New Hampshire’s Rooms & Meals Tax so as to include ski tickets and dedicated the revenue raised to the Governor’s Scholarship Program for New Hampshire resident students. The bill was rejected by a 323-7 roll call vote, after a unanimous majority of Ways & Means again recommended rejection. It was sponsored by five Democratic representatives led by Harrisville’s Craig Thompson, and including Plainfield’s Lee Oxenham.

House Bill 1652 opponents like Lincoln Rep. Jerry Stringham, another Democrat, wrote Ways & Means’ rejection recommendation report. In the report, Rep. Stringham, wrote that while the bill’s goal was “laudable”, that it would be viewed as a sales tax on skiing. Also it would “suppress” visitors traveling to the state to ski, which would not be “good for Northern New Hampshire or the Granite State as whole.” Finally, it might hurt tourism in general, and result in less revenue for the Rooms & Meals Tax in general.

For the record, I voted to reject both House Bills 1492 and 1652. While I believed the goals of both bills, especially the increased funding for public education in House Bill 1492 was worthwhile, the bills were too narrow in scope and would have unfairly hurt two narrow sectors of New Hampshire’s economy. Frankly, I think if we ever wish to impose a sales tax to raise money for education or any other worthy program, it ought to be a broadly-based sales tax.

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Shaheen Calls on Barr to Explain Delay in Delivering Police Suicide Report

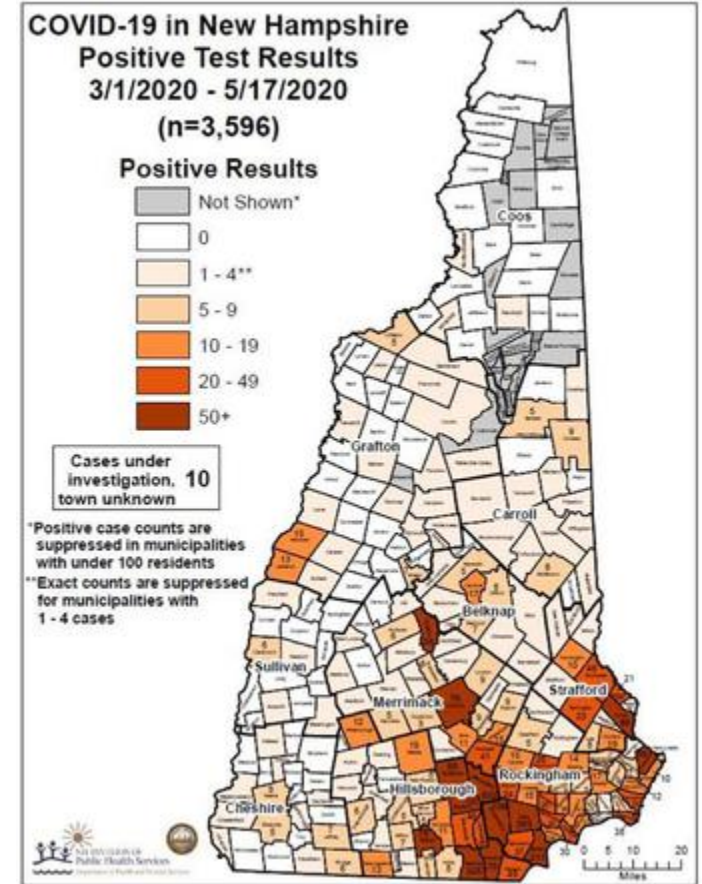
WASHINGTON, DC— Friday, U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), the lead Democrat on the Senate subcommittee that funds the Department of Justice (DOJ), called on Attorney General William Barr to explain the Department’s delay in submitting a report to Congress which is mandated by legislation that Senator Shaheen authored to collect and report data on police suicides. The report on the DOJ’s plan to accomplish this data collection was required by law to be submitted by March 19, 2020.

“As there is no comprehensive national data collection regarding police suicides, the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) was directed to maintain a data set and report on police suicides for Federal, State, and local law enforcement in order to better understand the full scope of this issue and determine death rates and other trends in order to inform law enforcement agencies, lawmakers and the public on how to prevent, intervene and improve responses to suicide,” wrote Senator Shaheen. “The coronavirus pandemic has only increased stress and uncertainty for law enforcement officers who have experienced increased calls for assistance, possible job loss and the deaths of loved ones and colleagues to COVID-19. The time is past due for a data collection by [Bureau of Justice Statistics] BJS on law enforcement suicide.”

A record number of U.S. law enforcement officers died by suicide last year according to Blue H.E.L.P., a Massachusetts-based nonprofit that works to reduce mental health stigmas for police.

**New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report
(data updated May 17, 2020, 9:00 AM)**

NH Persons with COVID-19	3,596
Recovered	1,268 (35%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	172 (5%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	2,156
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	359 (10%)
Current Hospitalizations	114
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ²	44,878
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ²	5,839
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	16,862
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ³	1,481
Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time)	3,625



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.

Public Urged to Wear Masks

The CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.

Update on City Parks

CLAREMONT, NH –All City Parks will remain open at this time and we are asking all park users to adhere to social distancing protocols. All playground equipment and structures are closed until further notice.

Skate Park

In order to adhere to social distancing guidelines related to COVID-19, please maintain a 6-foot distance between people (1 person per ramp) while using the park. Refusal to adhere to these guidelines could result in the closure of the Skate Park.

Basketball Courts

In order to adhere to social distancing guidelines related to COVID-19, please maintain a 6-foot distance between people (1 person per basket) while using the courts. Refusal to adhere to these guidelines could result in the removal of baskets.

**NH DHHS COVID-19 Update
– May 17, 2020**

CONCORD, NH – On Sunday, May 17, 2020, DHHS announced 41 new positive test results for COVID-19. There have now been 3,596 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed in New Hampshire. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there is one individual under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 37% being female and 63% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (9), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (6), Carroll (3), Belknap (2), Strafford (2), and Merrimack (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (13) and Nashua (4). The county of residence is being determined for one new case.

Twelve new hospitalized cases were identified for a total of 359 (10%) of 3,596 cases.

Seven of the new cases have no identified risk factors. Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Most of the remaining cases have either had travel to domestic or international locations or have had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.

Six cases in Claremont have been positively identified, with 1-4 labelled active.

DHHS has also announced one additional death: an adult female from Hillsborough County who was 60 years of age or older.

County	Cases
Belknap	53
Carroll	44
Cheshire	47
Coos	4
Grafton	61
Hillsborough - Other	587
Hillsborough - Manchester	832
Hillsborough - Nashua	328
Merrimack	278
Rockingham	1104
Strafford	232
Sullivan	16
County TBD	10
Grand Total	3596

CLAREMONT STRONG

The **Board of Assessing** has decided to authorize the City to create a simplified application process in order to address abatements of interest on taxes for COVID related hardships. This decision is based on Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #25. The Assessing department will be working on creating a simplified application that will be released once completed.

Businesses that **need masks** can order them at https://prd.blogs.nh.gov/dos/hsem/?page_id=8451. There is a 4-5 day turn-around time to receive them at the DMV in Newport.

The **Community Center** is closed, but city parks are open and being maintained. Playgrounds are closed. The Parks & Rec Facebook page is offering up some fun family activities.

Department of Public Works is open. Please note that the transfer and recycling station is open regular hours (Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.), with limitations of four vehicles at one time. Please maintain a minimum of 6' distance.

The **Claremont Police and Fire Departments** are open and available for information or questions. Please maintain safe distancing if possible during this time.

Changes to COVID-19 testing Facility- With the low number of tests being conducted at the State testing Centers, the State has made changes to the testing procedure. People can now register for a test a test online at https://prd.blogs.nh.gov/dos/hsem/?page_id=8479, or call 603-271-5980.

From our Friends at the Greater Sullivan County COVID-19 Community Response Coalition. We are reaching out today to share a continued opportunity for non-profits in your communities. Due to some very generous donors including but not limited to: the NH Endowment for Health, NH Charitable Foundation, Dartmouth-Hitchcock and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Philanthropy, we have opened up a GSC COVID-19 relief fund, overseen by a funding steering committee with the hope of helping organizations in the region adapt to challenges due to COVID-19.

The intent of these funds is to help **non-profit organizations** in need of assistance due to COVID-19. Some examples of places whom have received funds, and some examples of what they have asked for support for include:

- West Central Behavioral Health (equipment to help with telework, etc.)
- COA Chapin Senior Center- Kearsarge Council on Aging (staff help to drive clients, cleaning supplies, etc.)
- Claremont Soup Kitchen (increased food demand, need for bags/to go containers)
- Got Lunch! Newport (increased food demand, assisting families)
- Southwestern Community Services (increased costs due to increased cleaning, sanitizing, etc.)
- Service Link (equipment to help with telework)
- TLC Family Resource Center (equipment to help with telework)
- Full list (updated weekly on Fridays) <https://www.sullivancountynh.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=25>

Anyone who would like to apply needs to complete the request form found at the link below. If you need any help with this form, please reach out. We/I am happy to help in any way I can and we do not want the form to be the barrier to accessing funds and support. Please reach out to GSCPHN@hitchcock.org or Kirsten.D.Vigneault@hitchcock.org with questions or for a form to complete.

The **Visitors Center** is open. Business that can take place by phone, email or on-line meetings is preferred at this time. Applications for building permits and restaurant inspections can be made at claremonthn.viewpointcloud.com. Staff are available for inquiries by businesses, projects, board applications, or zoning questions, as well as building inspections.

While the nice weather and long period of isolation call out for some time with friends and family, please continue to follow the basic rules on 6' distancing and hand-washing. The CDC continues to recommend people wear masks when they are interacting with others, particularly where crowds may gather such as gro-

cery or hardware stores. There are additional requirements for masks in the Governor's new Stay at Home 2.0 order as part of the gradual business opening requirements. The full press release with details is available at <https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/press-2020/20200501-stay-at-home.htm>.

City Hall is open via the main Opera House Square entrance. We ask that you call or email in advance if you want to speak with someone. A document drop-off box is available inside the main entrance. Many payments can be made on-line at <https://www.eb2gov.com/eb2gov.dll/TownLaunch?town-code=006>.

Fiske Free Library is closed, but staff are available by phone or email to answer questions. On-line book and other virtual activity information is available at <http://www.claremonthn.com/residents/departments/library/default.aspx>. Limited check-out of items; call 542-7017 M-F for more information.

The **Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission** cancelled the **Household Hazardous Waste** collection in Lebanon on Saturday, May 2nd, but the next HHW collection date is Saturday, June 6th, at the Claremont Highway Garage, 8 Grandview Avenue: <http://hhw.uvlsrpc.org>.

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Memorial Day Parade Cancelled

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Cornish Memorial Day Event Cancelled

Due to the Governor's extension of safety precautions concerning public gatherings through May 31st, the annual Cornish Memorial Day Celebration will be cancelled.

PLANT SALE IN PLAINFIELD

Saturday, June 6; 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Perennials, annuals, vegetable seedlings, house plants.

this event is sponsored by Plainfield Community Church 1094 Rte 12-A, Plainfield (under the tent).

Please wear a mask and social distancing is encouraged.

Plant donations will be accepted at the tent June 5. If they are already potted, please label plants with name/color.

For more info: (rstalker804@gmail.com) or (helen.t.davidson@gmail.com)

Students Invited to Enter Logo Contest for Veteran-Friendly Business Recognition Program

The NH Department of Military Affairs, in partnership with the NH Employment Security and NH businesses, is launching a Veteran-Friendly Business Recognition Program and are looking for a logo. They have created a contest that will run from now until 10/2/2020 and are inviting students in grades 6-12 to participate in this contest. All Veteran-friendly businesses in New Hampshire will display the logo on promotional materials, websites and in their stores.

The contest winner will receive \$150 Visa Gift Card.

Request more information/flyer by emailing VeteranFriendlyBusiness@mavs.nh.gov or calling 603-271-9215.

PLUMBERS' LICENSE RENEWAL SEMINAR

River Valley Community College

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In this difficult time you can put your skills, time and energy to use helping the community get through this.

Sew Face Masks: Supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for healthcare workers are being seriously strained. As the COVID-19 case count increases, this will become an ever increasing problem. Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center is asking for donations of home made fabric face masks. You can help right now by donating your time and skills. More information is available here on the Dartmouth-Hitchcock website: <https://www.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/patient-education/sewing-masks.html>.

Help crowdsource Repair Information for Hospital Equipment: https://www.ifixit.com/News/36354/help-us-crowdsource-repair-information-for-hospital-equipment?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=031620_US%20Newsletter_Fix%20From%20Home%20copy%203&utm_content=031620_US%20Newsletter_Fix%20From%20Home%20copy%203+CID_4b750dc-ce550cd3e95fee24a1e0e3655&utm_source=CampaignMonitor.

iFixit is building a central resource for maintenance and repair of hospital equipment. This is an attempt to centralize all the documentation and resources necessary to keep these life saving machines operating and to help the biomedical technicians who service them working as efficiently as possible when machines need repair.

Digital Fabricators (3D printers, CNC plasma torch operators, CNC router operators): There's a need for 3D printed parts including ventilator valves and reusable face masks as well as other fabricated parts. We are still investigating what specifically hospitals in the region are asking for or will be asking for in the near future and what the best design solutions are. In the meantime, if you are interested in helping, please contact ryan@claremontmakerspace.org who has offered to help coordinate this effort.

If your business is impacted by this crisis, the Upper Valley Business Alliance has information about current resources available for regional businesses: <http://www.uppervalleybusinessalliance.com/covid19-information-for-businesses>.

Mayoral Notes by Charlene Lovett



Remembering PFC Ronald W. McKenzie

Recent reconstruction work of roads and the traffic circle in the McKenzie Drive neighborhood brought to light the existence of a memorial to PFC Ronald W. McKenzie, the first Claremont soldier killed in action during the Korean War. Consisting of a flagpole and stone marker in the traffic circle, the memorial was familiar to the neighborhood, but not to the community at large. The “discovery” of this memorial became the catalyst for an effort not only to learn about PFC McKenzie, but also how to best preserve this memorial.

As an Army retiree and citizen who has worked on many of Claremont’s war memorials, the City Administration asked me to research PFC McKenzie and solicit feedback on enhancements to the memorial. To do this, I distributed questionnaires and spoke to people in the McKenzie Drive neighborhood. I reached out to the local posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. I contacted Wayne McElreavy of the Claremont Historical Society and had the privilege of speaking with some of Ronald’s living relatives. It was a collaborative journey of discovery, reaffirming the richness of Claremont’s military history.

With nothing more than the phrases Ronald W. McKenzie and August 12, 1950 etched on the stone marker, I was unprepared for the story that would unfold. Born to Albert A. Marcotte and Grace Helena (Bushway) Marcotte in Claremont in 1929, I was surprised to learn that we shared the same last name. I too was born a Marcotte. Whether we are distantly related remains unknown, but it is a possibility. Ronald was the second of two sons by Albert and Grace who would divorce in 1931. Grace later remarried William H. McKenzie, and together they had four more children: William, Grace, Gloria and Jack. In 1939, William McKenzie formally adopted Ronald and his older brother Victor.

Ronald, like his siblings, went to Stevens High School. In 1948, he decided to quit school and joined the Army on April 6. Given less than three years had passed since the end of WWII, it is hard to imagine that he expected to be in combat. Just shy of his 19th birthday, Ronald was no longer a high school student, but a soldier assigned to an engineer corps.

On his 21st birthday, July 12, 1950, he married Anne Check of Trenton N.J. They traveled to Claremont on their wedding trip, stayed a couple of days to visit with family, and returned to Trenton.

Soon after, Ronald received orders for Korea, assigning him to B Company, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. One month to the day of both his birthday and wedding, he was killed in action while defending positions near Yongsan, South Korea, so that his fellow soldiers could withdraw. His parents did not receive notification of his death until August 30th.

Recently, I had the privilege of speaking with both Jack and Jake McKenzie, Ronald’s youngest brother and nephew. Jake let me borrow his book by James Costa, titled “Diamond in the Rough,” in which Ronald was mentioned. Costa also grew up in Claremont, quit school, joined the Army and served in the Korean War. In the book Costa wrote, “He was killed in action August 12th, 1950 while defending positions near Yongsan, S. Korea and for his leadership and



PFC Ronald W. McKenzie

valor he was awarded the Bronze Star with “V” Device and the Purple Heart.” Of the men in the 24th Infantry Division who were awarded the Bronze Star during that campaign, Ronald was one of the few to be awarded the Bronze Star for Valor.

In 1954, Ronald’s parents asked Costa to “drive them to the graveyard services to honor him with a military funeral”. Costa described this as an honor he could never forget. As young men not yet out of high school, Ronald and James had joined the service together. They had both fought in Korea, but only one of them would return home alive.

Learning some of the details of Ronald’s life and his sacrifice has been a true privilege. This Memorial Day, when I look at the flag and think about the sacrifice that generations have made in service to our nation, I will remember Ronald. Preserving his memorial honors that sacrifice.

Our effort to do this continues with the assistance of many. Our local American Legion post is donating a flagpole to replace the one that has rusted. DPW will install the flagpole and seed the area. People in the McKenzie Drive neighborhood continue to share their thoughts on the redesign of the expanded traffic circle and enhancements to the memorial. It is a collaborative effort and one that will ensure that Ronald W. McKenzie’s life and sacrifice to his country will not be forgotten.

Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and welcomes your feedback. Please email questions, comments or concerns to her at clovett.ccc@gmail.com



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Council Discusses Issue of Wearing Masks in Public

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—At Wednesday night's council meeting, the issue of having the public wear face masks while the pandemic continues to pose health risks was raised. Councilor Abigail Kier, who works in healthcare, said that the rate of COVID-19 falls from 70% down to single digits between two people interacting when both are wearing face masks. "I would be in favor with some kind of ordinance regarding wearing masks," she said. "Obviously for this time frame, not forever. I think people are not realizing how big of an impact it has... the safer we can be, the better."

Councilor Jonathan Stone called for balancing things out, saying "what affects New York City would be different than what affects this community." He added that this area was still "seeing relatively low numbers" and called for

maintaining voluntary mask use over any kind of ordinance. The NH DHHS reported Sunday night that there have been six positively identified cases in Claremont; 16 in the county.

Councilor Debora Matteau said that she tended to agree with Kier, saying we were "fortunate in Sullivan County" that the numbers were "low, so far." She called for the council to "make a statement, maybe a resolution, encouraging the public to wear masks; to me it's a common consideration."

Mayor Charlene Lovett said that the city would be following through with a phone call with the governor on Thursday and would explore ways to perhaps motivate people to follow some kind of measure and would email the rest of the councilors with any results that came from the discussion with the governor.

Councilor Nick Koloski said he favored "an order less while supporting more of an education component for the community." He said that he supported using masks while going out in public but added that he was aware that some people have an issue with wearing masks due to medical problems.

Hanover Garden Club Plant Sale

HANOVER, NH—This year the Hanover Garden Club is holding its annual sale "remotely".

To order plants, hanging baskets, geraniums, annuals, vegetable, herbs and gloves, go to HanoverGardenClub.org. You will order online and pick up your order over the May 22-24 weekend. Payment by check or exact cash at pickup.

All plants will be picked up at the new greenhouse, 41 Grasse Rd, Hanover, NH.

Social distancing will need to be strictly observed.

Some perennials are available but we hope to plan a sale later in the year for the bulk of our perennials when social distancing rules ease up.

We have many beautiful plants for sale, so please take a moment to check out the offerings as this sale is a major fundraiser, helping to support the Town Garden plantings in Hanover.

The delicate petals of flox are set off by a stone wall.

(Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo)



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VRH Phasing in Services Paused due to COVID-19

CLAREMONT, NH—With guidance from NH Department of Health and Human Services, The New Hampshire Hospital Association and its own Valley Regional Reopening Planning Task Force, Valley Regional Hospital announced that it was beginning to phase in some services that were paused during the height of the COVID-19 crisis. This first stage started on May 11.

During the first phase of reopening, “We will be focusing on lower risk procedures, including some elective surgeries, imaging services, infusion, cardio/pulmonary rehabilitation and rehabilitation therapy services,” said a spokesman for the facility. “As we begin the process of responsibly resuming health care services and work our way into a new normal in our health care environment, we have been vigilant in our planning to make sure that our patients coming back to receive the medical care they need will be doing so in a safe and secure environment.”

Patients returning to Valley will notice new signage, screening procedures and safety protocols now in place, as well as vigilant cleaning and sanitizing. Patients are strongly encouraged to wear a cloth mask of their own when they enter a VRH facility. Any patients exhibiting symptoms who are seeking care will be provided a medical face mask for their clinical visit. In addition, all permitted visitors and patients will be screened at the entrance to VRH for symptoms of COVID-19.

“We will be co-existing with COVID-19 in our community into the foreseeable future. We need to remain vigilant in our COVID screening and care for COVID patients, and be able to safely treat the patients who have had their non-COVID related care delayed or gone untreated. Safety for our patients and staff will be our fundamental guiding principle”, said Interim CEO Deanna Howard.

“We remind the public that Valley Regional Hospital’s Emergency Department is always open, and we encourage patients not to ignore the signs of a medical emergency – if you need medical care now, seek care now to

avoid more serious repercussions to your long-term health. We are safe, and we are here for you.”

NHEC Holding Power Rate Steady for Summer Period

PLYMOUTH, NH – New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) has announced that it will hold its Co-op Power rate steady at the current level for the summer period (May 2020 – November 2020).

The Co-op Power rate reflects the cost NHEC pays to purchase electricity from the regional market on behalf of its members. The price NHEC pays for this power is directly passed along to its members who do not buy their electricity from a competitive supplier. Market prices have been low, so NHEC members will continue to benefit from lower regional electricity costs. The current Co-op Power rate is 18% lower than last year’s summer period.

“With all the uncertainty and economic upheaval caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we

are pleased to be able to continue to provide low rates for our members,” said NHEC President/CEO Steve Camerino.

For members who purchase their power from NHEC, the Co-op Power rate will remain at 6.6¢ per kilowatt-hour (kWh). The total billing rate for the summer period is 14¢ per kWh. For the typical residential member using 500 kWh per month, the total monthly bill is \$99.47. By comparison, last summer’s total monthly bill

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NHEC's complete schedule of rates and fees is available on its website at www.nhec.com. NHEC is a member-led electric distribution cooperative serving 85,000 homes and businesses in 115 New Hampshire communities.

Mt. Ascutney Hospital Announces Expanded Access to Medical Appointments, Time Sensitive Procedures, Therapies

WINDSOR, VT—Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) and Ottauquechee Health Center (OHC) are beginning to expand access to a number of medical services as the region cautiously starts to reopen following the initial peak of the COVID-19 crisis. Services with increased access include primary care visits and ophthalmology appointments, as well as a number of time-sensitive surgeries and outpatient therapies.

"We remain committed to providing the highest quality care in the safest possible environment for our patients and our staff, said Dr. Joseph Perras, CEO and Chief Medical Officer at MAHHC. "While MAHHC providers continued to perform urgent and emergent surgical and procedural cases as well as provide care in our Emergency Department and outpatient clinics during the pandemic, we did stop elective procedures and encouraged telehealth visits for our patients. Now, with an abundance of caution, we're ready to return to the services people count on us for every day."

"Across Vermont and New Hampshire, people working together, maintaining social distance, and following other precautions have kept cases low and saved lives," said Dr. Perras. "This has given hospi-

tals like ours the time we need to prepare because we know that access to regular doctor's appointments is crucial in keeping individuals and communities healthy. People can only wait for so long before minor health issues become urgent, and some surgeries and other procedures are only elective for so long before they become necessary."

"As we provide care, we are focused on keeping people safe, both our patients and our staff," added Dr. Perras, who said that the Hospital currently has an adequate supply of anesthetics, pharmaceuticals and Personal Protective Equipment, including masks, gloves, and gowns to address routine needs and any possible COVID-19 surge. "Meanwhile," he continued, "we have reviewed time-sensitive surgeries and therapies that have been delayed, and we have started to schedule them for the near future."

Dr. Perras stressed infection control protocols at MAHHC and OHC that are designed to protect people from COVID-19. "Our diligence in cleaning and spacing people apart so far has helped us keep this illness at bay. We want people to feel comfortable returning to see us, so please know that we are intensely focused on safety, and we would not proceed unless we were confident we can protect people." Dr. Perras noted that MAHHC and OHC are going to increase the number of cases gradually over the coming weeks, and he added that in the event COVID-19 does

resurge across the region, MAHHC and OHC are prepared to curtail access once again.

Those who are seeking primary care appointments are asked to call their providers for more information. The Hospital is reaching out to contact and reschedule appointments for those whose procedures were delayed during the past two months.

When appropriate, patients are reminded that they can also visit a medical professional from home with a video call, accessible through the use of the myMAHHC Patient Portal, a safe and convenient way to receive ongoing medical care. Patients may sign-up for myMAHHC Patient Portal by visiting mtascutneyhospital.org/mymahhc or by calling (802) 674-7300 and choosing option #3 for the Primary Care Clinic. For the Ottauquechee Health Center patients should call (802) 457-3030.

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Lebanon Police Dept. Announces Drug Arrests

LEBANON, NH—After over a month-long investigation into drug sales in the City of Lebanon, Lebanon Police Department Detectives announced several arrests in conjunction with the case.

Lebanon Police Chief Richard Mello reported that on May 6, 2020, Steven Sarlo, age 53, of White River Jct, VT, was arrested in Lebanon on an outstanding warrant for three counts of Heroin Sales within the City of Lebanon. Each of the sales charges are classified as a Class A Felony. Sarlo was released on personal recognizance bail with a Grafton County Superior Court date of June 10, 2020.

On May 12, 2020, David Ferraro, age 38, of Lebanon, NH, was arrested in Lebanon on an outstanding warrant for two counts of Heroin sales and one count of Cocaine sales within the City of Lebanon, each charge being a Class A Felony. Ferraro was released on personal recognizance bail with a Grafton County Superior Court date of June 16, 2020.

On May 12, 2020, Patricia Ferraro, age 61, of Lebanon, NH, was arrested in Lebanon on an outstanding warrant for two counts of Controlled Drug Acts for providing transportation to David Ferraro on two occasions while he allegedly sold drugs. Each charge classified as a Class A Misdemeanor. She was released on personal recognizance bail with a Lebanon District Court date of August 24, 2020.

Fire Heavily Damages Mobile Home in Hartland

The Department of Public Safety Fire and Explosion Investigation Unit investigated a fire at 107 Martinsville Road in Hartland on Wednesday. The fire was in a double wide mobile home. The homeowner left the home around 06:20 that morning. A neighbor noticed smoke coming from the roof around 08:00 and went to investigate. She found the home full of smoke when she entered and could see fire in the kitchen. She exited the home, closed the door, and called 911.

When the Hartland fire department arrived, they found fire in the kitchen extending to the remainder of the home. They were able to contain the fire to the kitchen. The kitchen was heavily damaged by fire. The remainder of the

home had smoke, heat and water damage. There were no injuries.

Hartland Fire Chief Saunders requested assistance from the Department of Public Safety Fire and Explosion Investigation Unit to determine the area of origin and the fire cause. Investigators from the unit arrived on scene this morning and determined that the fire started on the kitchen counter in the area of a toaster and coffee maker. The area of origin is the kitchen counter. The cause will be listed as undetermined. The fire is not suspicious.

The home had working smoke and CO alarms and the alarms were sounding when the neighbor entered the home.

Upcoming Free Online Class from Claremont Makerspace

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CLAREMONT, NH—As a maker, a website is crucial to show your skills or sell your wares. People will find you, get to know you, and buy your stuff. In this class, you'll learn how websites work, the steps to set up your own website using WordPress, how best to show off your craft online, and

even how to sell them.

This class is presented free of charge, but registration is required. This class will be presented online, you will receive the access link after registration.

Venue: Claremont MakerSpace

Starts Saturday, June 6, 10:00 a.m.


On Instructor Corey Maas:

Corey Maass is a full-stack web developer with a love for creativity, entrepreneurship and “building stuff” both on and off the web. He currently lives in Plainfield, New Hampshire.

To register, visit <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!/event/2020/6/6/setting-up-your-first-website>.

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The City of Claremont is seeking bid proposals, plainly marked with the “Annual Fuel Bid – 2020-2021” on the outside of the mailing envelope, addressed to the City Manager’s Office, City Hall, 58 Opera House Square, Claremont, NH 03743, will be accepted **until 11:00 a.m., May 22, 2020** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the following:

Summary	
2020-2021 Heating Season	Total Estimated Gallons
propane	164,150
fuel oil	114,080
LS diesel	2,070
Off Road Diesel	950

VRH's Dr. Juliann Barrett, DO, is on the Front Line in the Fight Against COVID-19

By Kris Richardson, Marketing Coordinator, Valley Regional Hospital

CLAREMONT, NH—When Dr. Juliann Barrett, DO, joined the staff of Valley Regional Hospital in the fall of 2017, she was looking forward to being a part of a family practice in a small, tight-knit community where she could use her many acquired medical skills to take care of patients of all ages. Although her military career as a Major in the Army prepared her for almost any type of situation that might arise, perhaps a global pandemic three years later wasn't very high on that list.

Dr. Barrett came to Valley from the Army, where she served as the Sexual Assault Medical Director at Fort Drum in Watertown, NY, and prior to that, as the Assistant Medical Director at the Grafenwoehr Health Clinic in Germany. Dr.

Barrett has ten years of post-graduate experience with emphasis on both inpatient and outpatient practice. She has a high degree of experience with outpatient procedures, women's health, pediatrics and medical acupuncture.

In addition, Dr. Barrett has advanced training in acute trauma management, teaching, leadership, and health care administration, and is consistently a leader in patient satisfaction and productivity. For these reasons and more, in early 2018 she was named Medical Director of the Primary Care Practices at Valley Regional Healthcare.

Fast forward to January of this year. The United States government was preparing for an onslaught of illness, and despite taking measures such as social distancing, closing of non-essential businesses, and outright quarantining, the threat was barely curbed. "Late March I was called to report to my unit in Somersworth, NH within 48 hours, and it has been a whirlwind ever since, traveling to the New Hampshire seacoast, Massachusetts, and now to Pennsylvania", stated Barrett on her deployment. "The team and people have been great! There was a steep learning curve we have never done this in the Army before—but we are working through the kinks. We share a common goal, to help people, and

when you have the same goals things usually work out for the best. We are from 18 different states from coast to coast. Army medicine has never been asked to be the "war fighter" before. We have never been asked to be the front line of defense, and this has been a historic effort that I am just proud to be a part of."

Asked about how well prepared she thought she was for such an enormous undertaking, Barrett says, "I trained to be a physician in the army, prepared for the worst of the worst, and I did this for a number of years. Since joining the reserves my current unit has been training for two years to be an active participant during a medical disaster in the USA, however we didn't expect it to be a pandemic. We were excited two years ago when we were given this honor to be the Defense Support of Civil Authorities medical asset and it is an honor now to help in any capacity that is asked of me."

Although full of experience and training, Dr. Barrett feels that she continues to learn every day from her experiences. "Every time I am asked to participate in a military mission/exercise, I always learn something new— a new motivational approach, a new way to instill teamwork. During this mission I think what I have learned most is communication skills in the height of emergency. I think all organizations are constantly needing to communicate better and I think the same can be said about Valley Regional at times. I will definitely bring back improved communication skills."

As scary and unpredictable a time as this is, Dr. Barrett and everyone at Valley feel hopeful about flattening the statistical curve, and confident that we will come out of this stronger and wiser. "COVID-19 has been a unique time in history, one that I hope none of us ever see again. It

has tested our medical community, our patience, our resilience, but it has also shown that we continue to be a nation that, when times get tough, we often come together and do the right thing."

Barrett adds, "We are not out of the woods yet, and I will remain where the Army asks of me until they feel the threat is over or has been abated. But if we can come together as a society and remember that here in the Upper Valley we are fortunate to have endless miles of walking space, fresh air, and the benefit of a community who has done the right thing by maintaining social distancing, I think we can all be thankful for what we DO have right now. We will get through this and live to tell the stories to our grand kids."

"Valley is prepared to keep our community healthy, strong and cared for. I know that commitment continues even in my absence. That is why I am not worried about what is going on there and I can focus on my mission here."

All of us at Valley are deeply grateful for the work and sacrifice that Dr. Barrett, and all healthcare workers worldwide, are making to keep all of us safe, healthy and calm. "Of course we are all concerned about the possibility of a second wave, but we as a unit, we as a military, we as a health care community, will



Dr. Juliann Barrett



come together any way we need to help the people who need us."

And indeed we will.

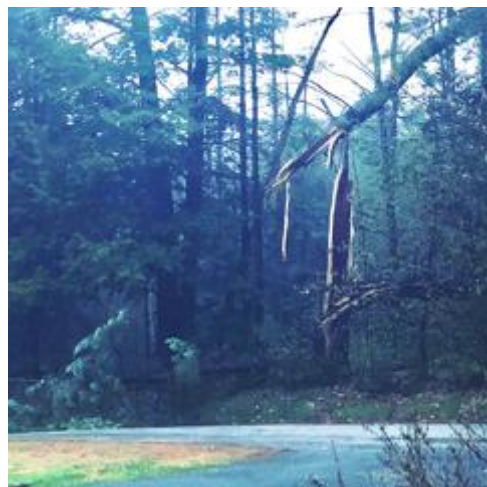
Region Endures Strong Storms, Tornado Watch Friday

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

An unusual tornado watch was issued for six counties in New Hampshire, including Sullivan, on Friday, from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. as strong storms were anticipated to pummel their way through the area. While some parts of the Twin States were hit quite hard, residents in other communities reported only periods of heavy rain and brief strong winds.

“I work at Cedar Hill in Windsor,” said Tammy Lee Dashnaw. “From the exit of their driveway to the lights in Ascutney, I counted 21 trees down, [that] explains why traffic was one lane for a good chunk of this road. During rounds was told power was out for quite some time.”

Brandy Davis, who lives on the appropriately named Windy Hill Rd. in Claremont,



Drewgy Gallagher shared this photo of a church steeple getting a close lightning strike.

reported damage in her yard. “Windy Hill Rd. got damage. It was pretty scary for about five minutes. I personally had four large trees snapped in half just on my property.”

Sue Brown reported Country Estates Mobile Home Park in So Windsor, VT, had multiple trees on homes and sheds (lower left photo).

Hundreds of power outages were reported throughout Vermont and New Hampshire communities. Claremont had nearly 500 outages, between Eversource and the NHEC; as of Saturday morning, there were still a handful of outages in at least the Claremont area.

E-Ticker News readers/followers reported a wide variety of conditions, from just a little wind and rain to a range of property damage. Perhaps expressing it best was Maureen



“Down by Vernon, VT, this was a mile from my Mother,” said Janet Queen. “It didn’t touch down.”

Nolin who said, “Some great lightening, some good thunder rumbles, a few things blown down on the porch, like flash flooding, then all better. Many power outages due to the downed trees, though. We were all pretty fortunate!” (Courtesy photos).

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Why Should You See a Financial Advisor?

The social distancing and stay-at-home orders necessitated by the coronavirus have led many of us to feel isolated. Still, we've fought back through social media, "virtual" gatherings and walks in the neighborhood, where we could greet friends and neighbors (from 6 feet away). But when you're dealing with the financial effects of the virus and you're investing alone, you could encounter some problems that may prove costly.

Of course, with so much investment-related information available online, on television and in any number of periodicals, it's not surprising that some people feel they can invest without any assistance. But the volatility of the financial markets over the past few months has also pointed to the dangers of going solo in the investment world. And you might find that a professional financial advisor can help you in several ways, including the following:

Taking emotions out of investing. During this period of market turbulence, many self-guided investors are letting their emotions drive their investment decisions. As a result, they sell investments when their price is down, "locking in" their losses. Furthermore, if they then stay out of the financial markets, they will miss out on the eventual recovery – and some of the biggest gains in market rallies usually occur right at the beginning. But if you work with a financial advisor who has helped you develop a personalized investment strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, you will be far less likely to react to extreme market conditions by making ill-advised decisions.

Maintaining perspective. When you're putting away money for the future and you suddenly have a lot less of it, you might start to wonder if that future is somehow in jeopardy. But if you've been working with a financial advisor and following your investment strategy, you'll know that you don't have to immediately cash out those investments that have lost value, and you may not need to liquidate them for decades if they were designed for a long-term goal, such as retirement. By the time you do need to sell them, their value may well have appreciated significantly. And if you've got a well-constructed portfolio, you'll also own shorter-term, less volatile investments to help meet your current cash flow needs.

Understanding the history of investing. The recent market instability is unique in the sense that its cause – a worldwide pandemic – is so highly unusual, and it hopefully will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Typically, prolonged market downturns are triggered by explainable financial or economic factors, such as the bursting of the "dot-com" bubble in 2000. However, market drops of 20 percent or more – generally referred to as bear markets – are not at all unusual and have happened every few years over the past several decades. Financial advisors are well aware of this history and share it with their clients. And for many people, the knowledge that "we've been here before" is reassuring and makes it easier for them to continue following their investment strategies.

The road to your financial goals is a long one, with many twists and turns. So you might like to have some experienced company along the way.

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Inspiration

Spring

By Priscilla Hull

When we think of the word "spring", there are several meanings that might come to mind. "She has a spring in her step" conjures up a picture of a young girl bouncing along a path, smile on her face, going to meet someone special. "A spring of fresh water" makes us think of that special place where water bubbles out of the earth, clear, cold and delicious to cool us on a warm day. "He's wound tight as a spring" reminds us of a young boy on his birthday, full of excitement of what the day might bring! All of these are happy occasions which make us feel light, warm, happy!

Don't forget "the spring of the year". This is that time when nature reawakens, flowers bloom, leaves pop out on trees. It's the time when the days grow longer and warmer. At least that's what we have thought for years and years. Easter comes in spring and we enjoy celebration of new life and with it flowers to beautify our world.

Spring this year has been even less regular than last year. In fact, we seem to go from the chill of winter to the heat of summer with very few of those warm days and cool nights that produce New England's fifth season - known as mud season! I'm sure housewives don't miss it. With all the traffic in my house years ago, I was happy to keep the floor clean for an hour on a Saturday! Between kids, dogs and husband, sometimes mud season was trying! That being said, I miss those warm days, when we could sit on the porch with a warm jacket and a steaming cup of coffee to open the day. By noon we'd lose the jacket and again in the evening sit on the porch with the final cup of the day! These were beautiful times, getting ready and winding down from the business of the day.

Where are those days? We don't have them very often. Is this what Rachel Carlson was referring to in her 1962 publication, *The Silent Spring*? She foretold the changing of the climate and the world based on her research as a marine biologist. Yet today, when storms are more erratic, little visions of climate change are so clear, even now, we can't believe that our careless ways have any effect on what is happening to our world. We think that the world has always been and will always be. Sadly the evidence around us clearly says that Rachel Carlson was right. She knew that as we continue to ignore warning signs, our world will change; the plants and animals, and we will adapt to the change for a while, but not forever. A difficult concept to imagine.

We are merely travelers, tenants in a world that we have borrowed from The Creator, The Great Spirit, God, whatever we care to call that incredible force from whence we all have come.

Let's wake up. Read or re-read Rachel Carlson's words and learn to live in compatible ways with the environment so that our world will be here for generations to come.

(Rachel Carlson 1907-1964. Marine biologist. *The silent spring* published in 1962. *The Sea Around Us*, 1951)

*The earth is the Lord's and all that dwells within and upon it.
For he established it upon the floods and formed it by the rivers.*
Psalm 24:1-2

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



Calendar Of Events

Limited Check-out of Materials at Fiske Free Library Now Available

CLAREMONT, NH—The Fiske Free Library is now providing limited check out of materials. Patrons requesting materials will need to call the library to reserve items and to schedule a time for pickup. Pickup of items will be limited to Monday through Friday with no evening or Saturday pickups. Depending on request volume and staff availability, requests may take up to 24 hours to be filled. Patrons may request specific titles or allow the library staff to pick items within a subject or genre. Check-outs will be limited to 5 adult items or 10 children's items.

Items will initially be given a four week loan period that will be extended if necessary. No late fees will be charged while the COVID-19 emergency continues. Pickups will be through the front entrance of the library only.

The library staff will make other accommodations for patrons who cannot use the front steps. Patrons may call the library at 542-7017 M-F between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM to request items.

Reed Optical Hosts Book Drive & Raffle

CLAREMONT & SUNAPEE, NH—Reed Optical is hosting a Book Drive and Raffle to support local libraries. During the month of May, they will be collecting book donations at both their Claremont (Pleasant Street) and Sunapee (Post Office Road) locations. In exchange for a book donation, an entry will be given toward a drawing of "fabulous prizes". Take a look at the prizes in either office, our website (www.reedoptical.com/bookdrive2020) or on the Reed Optical Facebook pages.

Books collected in Claremont will be donated to the Fiske Free Library, while books collected in Sunapee will be donated to the Abbott Library.

For more information about Reed Optical, or their book drive, please visit <http://www.reedoptical.com>. Contact the Claremont location at 603-543-3125, sales@reedoptical.com, or <http://facebook.com/ReedOptical>. Contact the Sunapee location at 603-763-7302, sunapee@reedoptical.com or <http://facebook.com/ReedOpticalSunapee>.

Eileen Austin Neal Nursing Scholarship Applications Due May 22

SPRINGFIELD, VT— Applications are now being accepted for the 15th Annual Eileen Austin Neal Nursing Scholarship of \$1,000.

This scholarship is open to any student who has been accepted into a nursing program of study. Applicants will be judged on interest in and commitment to the field of nursing. Determination will be based on merit and need.

Neal was a registered nurse at Springfield Hospital for 64 years, retiring in 2005. She was the first recipient of Springfield Hospital's Community Health Award in 2003. In 2004, the Hospital established the Spirit of Nursing Award in recognition of her many years of dedicated service.

Upon her death in February 2006, at the request of Eileen's family, Springfield Hospital established a nursing scholarship fund in her name with the gifts received in her memory. "This scholarship continues the positive influence Eileen had on both nursing and the

community," said Lyndsy McIntyre, Chief of Patient Care Services at Springfield Hospital.

The application deadline is May 22, 2020. Application forms are available by visiting www.springfieldmed.org.

If you would like more information, please contact Sandy Peplau in the Marketing & Development office by email at speplau@springfieldmed.org or call 802-885-7686.

39th Annual Prouty Goes Virtual in the Time of COVID-19

LEBANON, NH—During this unprecedented time of COVID-19, The Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center is excited to announce the continuation of The Prouty's 39-year tradition of raising funds for important cancer research and crucial patient services at Dartmouth and Dartmouth-Hitchcock's Norris Cotton Cancer Center in a structure that will keep all participants safe and healthy.

The Prouty – named in memory of patient Audrey Prouty – is the biggest charity challenge north of Boston. Because of COVID-19, the Friends will NOT be bringing 4,000 people together in Hanover, NH, on July 11. Instead, people everywhere will be invited to be part of the newly designed 2020 Virtual Prouty where one can bike, walk, row (if you can), golf (if possible) or do any other event from the comfort of home or the safety of the outdoors.

PUBLIC NOTICE Claremont Development Authority Full Board Meeting Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:30 AM

*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City is suggesting citizens participate in this meeting by Zoom.

Join online at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81317184443?pwd=UFhucnp3QnVNV1BrT0Nw-VU8weE41UT09>

Password: 010020

Or Telephone: 1 646 558 8656 (New York)

Webinar ID: 813 1718 4443

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

More information is available at www.TheProuty.org, under New for Prouty 2020.

Cooperative Extension Video Pruning Resources

- Pruning tree fruits: <https://extension.u-maine.edu/fruit/growing-fruit-trees-in-maine/pruning/>
- Pruning videos: <https://video.maine.edu/tag/tagid/pruning>
- Pruning trees and shrubs: <https://extension.unh.edu/resource/basics-pruning-trees-and-shrubs-fact-shee>
- Pruning deciduous trees: <https://extension.unh.edu/resource/pruning-deciduous-trees>
- Pruning small fruits webinar: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/pruning-small-fruits>

RVAPL Potluck Dinner

CHARLESTOWN, NH—River Valley Animal Protection League Potluck Dinner Fundraiser is planned in the near future. Please come out and support the shelter at this fun event that includes raffles, cake auction, door prizes and games.

When: **POSTPONED, NEW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

Where: Held at the VFW on Lovers Lane in Charlestown NH. Everyone welcome! Call for more info: 603-826-3061

Paint Nite! Unleash your Inner Artist

Support the River Valley Animal Protection League by joining us at the Sumner House Restaurant in Charlestown NH.

When: **POSTPONED, NEW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

When you buy a \$45 ticket, \$15 will be donated to the shelter!

Arrive at 5:15pm to order food and drinks before the event, painting starts at 6:30pm. No previous painting experience necessary!

Register at <https://www.yaymaker.com/events/10163512>

Overeaters Anonymous Big Book Meetings

CLAREMONT, NH—Overeaters Anonymous

Big Book Meetings are held at Valley Regional Healthcare in Claremont on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the library. Please use Main Entrance on Elm Street.

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 6:00 AM - 7 AM EVERY DAY Claremont

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PRICE CHOPPER 6AM - 7AM EVERYDAY-Windsor & West Lebanon

SHAWS 7AM - 9AM TUES & THURS West Lebanon

WALMART 6 AM - 7 AM TUESDAYS ONLY-Claremont & West Lebanon

PLAINFIELD COUNTRY STORE Call ahead with curb side pickup, 709-7055. Prepared meals, grocery items.

Announcements From St. Mary Parish

St. Mary Church, Claremont, NH, is open daily from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm for you to come and spend time in a church setting.

Confessions are heard each day from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. In order to maintain the required 6-foot social distance, Fr. Shawn and Fr. Arockia are in separate wings of the church.

The Chapel is closed until further notice.

The parish office continues to be open from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday through Thursday, closed Friday. However, to help keep face-to-face communication at a bare minimum, we will be keeping the

glass storm door closed when speaking with a visitor. You are welcome to call the office at 542-9518 if you have any questions or concerns.

The parish has set up a Facebook account in order to reach out to those on Facebook who might be interested in keeping contact with parish updates and events. If you are on Facebook, send a friend request to "SaintMary Parish." Once we have confirmed the friend request, we will send you an invitation to like the Page "Saint Mary Parish." These are 2 different areas on Facebook. Please note that all updates will be posted on the Saint Mary Parish Page, so be sure to like the page in addition to friending the parish account.

The parish website <https://www.stmary-parishnh.org> is also kept up to date with any parish events and/or notices.

www.facebook.com/etickernews

www.etickernewsclaremont.com

Saint-Gaudens Memorial Programming Update

CORNISH, NH—As spring comes to Cornish, our thoughts are with all of our loyal supporters as we navigate these extraordinary times. Due to COVID-19, we have canceled concerts and exhibitions at the Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park through late June 2020. We will provide updates about programming and the park's opening date as information becomes available.

To learn more about the history and programs of the Saint-Gaudens Memorial and its partnership with the SGNHP, please visit our website at <https://saint-gaudens.org/>.



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Summer Parking in Sunapee Harbor

Parking in Sunapee Harbor during the busy summer months can be a challenge if you are not familiar with our designated parking areas and restrictions. Our "Parking in Sunapee Harbor" video shows you where to park your vehicle and where you can park a boat trailer. Go to the police department's webpage at <https://www.town.sunapee.nh.us/police> and you'll see our video listed in the left sidebar.

Always feel free to call the Police Department at 763-5555 for parking and any other questions you may have.

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.

Call 1-866-634-9412 toll free or find us online link. Direct phone numbers and email addresses for each local office are listed on our website. If you reach our voice mail box, please leave a message and we will get back to as soon as possible. Offices are located in Atkinson, Berlin, Claremont, Concord, Keene, Laconia, Lebanon, Littleton, Manchester, Nashua, Stratham, Rochester, and Tamworth.

2020 West Windsor Independence Celebrations Cancelled

After much discussion, the IDC Steering Committee has agreed that it's best to cancel the public gatherings and events for the 2020 West Windsor, VT Independence Day Celebrations as we know them with concern for the individual and public health of those who usu-

ally are part of the large crowds that attend. There will be no fireworks, parade or related

close-contact events on the 3rd and 4th of July.



HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 6:00 PM

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting will be conducted via Zoom.*

Join the Zoom Meeting Online

at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89207875762?pwd=S01WVlc3R3BteEdOZFhJOFJhdWVvUT09>

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656 US (New York)

Webinar ID: 892 0787 5762

Password: 175417

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

The Historic District Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider the following Certificate of Appropriateness application:

HDC 2020-00002 ReVision Energy, Enfield, NH – for solar array on the roof of the Claremont MakerSpace building at **46 Main Street**. Tax Map 119, Lot 348-1. Zone: MU.

Interested persons may review this application at the City of Claremont Planning and Development Department, 14 North Street, during normal business hours.

Comments may be submitted in writing prior to the hearing by mailing them to the Historic District Commission at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743. Comments may also be made during the hearing in the ZOOM meeting.

David Messier, Chairperson



PUBLIC NOTICE CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, May 21, 2020 6:00 PM

This meeting will be conducted electronically in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order no. 2020-04, the emergency provisions of RSA 91-A and CDC guidelines.

The public may participate in this meeting by Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting Online at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81689095600?pwd=cXEwdTltUHpTZGJrNnFOaEd1MjdVZz09>

or by Phone: 1-646-558-8656 US (New York)

Webinar ID: 816 8909 5600

Password: 112423

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Topics on the agenda will include the Stevens Brook Conservation Easement trail project; the City Center Ash Tree Treatment project and scheduling the annual easement monitoring walk through; setting a date to finish marking the boundaries of Easement #2 and other business as may arise.

Gary Dickerman, Chair

A number of neat ideas are in the works for other ways to mark the July 4th.

Claremont Senior Center Updates

They're up!! They're down? They're up!! Down? We can just imagine what the flowers are saying. "Mother Nature! Make up your mind please!" We, too, hope she makes up her mind pretty soon. With all the time we have been spending inside, some good weather would be nice. Heads up. The stores are slowly opening. We will be able to go outside only to go inside again. If you are not chilled by the wind, you could go for a walk or sit in the sun, soaking up the D's and watching the flowers go up and down, up and down.

Our bleeding hearts are up slightly- just in time to have greeted the wonderful people who gave blood on Friday. Thanks to all the donors who came gave their time and "liquid gold".

It's starting look rosy at the Center. We have received two grants that will help up with expenses while we are closed. Thank you to the New Hampshire Foundation for a Community Grant and to the Greater Sullivan County Covid Community Relief Fund for their grants. As we have mentioned before, we receive no city or government support. We rely on donations and grants to allow us to function.

The grants are always welcome, but the donations from our patrons and members are more dear to us. Your donations have always kept us going during rough times. Your participation in meals and fundraisers let us know how much you appreciate what we do for seniors. Thank You.

Ever pull the petals off a daisy saying "They love us, They love us not. They love us. They love us"? Never mind the not. Everyone is loving our take-out meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have been serving take-out sold out meals for a while now. It's nice to see how much people love to see this service. Make sure you call (603) 543-5998 to reserve your meal by 10:30AM Tuesday and Thursday or call the day before and leave a message on the machine. Here are the loving meals for Tuesday and Thursday.

Tues., May 19th-Homemade Meat Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Vegetable and Dessert.

Thur., May 21st-Happy Birthday! Pork Loin, Fresh Mashed Potato, Gravy, Vegetables and Birthday Cake. Members-\$4, non-members-\$5 for all this love.

May flowers will be busting their buds to greet the people coming to the 3rd Turkey Dinner Take-Out. The volunteers will be cooking again on Sat., May 23rd-5PM-6:30PM. Roast Turkey with all the fixings from Stuffing to Cranberry Sauce will be served. All the desserts will again be made at the Center under controlled conditions. If you want to help, a donation for the kitchen can be made by check or gift card and mailed to the Center. Please call ahead by Saturday 4PM to reserve your meals. Adults-\$10, Children 10 and under-\$6. Join us!

June brings our first concert on Sat., June 27th-6:30PM-8:30PM. Let's hope we don't have to cancel it. We need the music, socializing and the FRIES!

Fireworks will be happening during the month of July. Besides watching the local displays, (we hope), you'll be treated to a Free Concert on July 11th. Also, on Sat. July 25th, we will be presenting our Annual Summer Fling Craft Fair-9AM-2PM. Butterflies will abound as the crafters show you their hand-made items. Join us!! We can't wait to see you!

Not to be outdone, August will present sunflowers and sunny faces for the Free Concert on Aug. 8th. Everyone has been chomping at the bit for the next event to happen. The Gigantic, Annual Penny Sale.-Sun. Aug. 23rd -1PM. We've added more items and numbered them neatly. All they are waiting for is your ticket in the bags. Believe us, they are sick of the storage room and are looking forward to new homes.

So far, the Car Show on Sunday., Aug. 30th-9AM-2PM is still going forward. We have the flyers all ready to go, a great committee working hard and a group assessing all the things we need. Stay tuned. We're still going for it!

Thought for the Week: Times may be rough right now, but every new day brings new blessings.

Have a safe week everyone. Although we are bored right now, think ahead-when we all party!!

Our halls await your laughter and lively conversation. See you soon.

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Rd, Claremont, NH. (603)543-5998.

Open Tuesdays and Thursdays-11:45AM-12:15PM for Take-Out only.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log 5/11

E1 responded to Sims St for a Medical call
5/12

E1 responded to Charlestown Rd for a motor vehicle accident

5/13

E1 responded to Bowen St for a medical call
5/14

1806 E2 responded to Unity for a brush fire
1844 E1 responded to Summer St for a medical call

5/15

1937 E1 responded to Windy Hill for power lines down

1942 E3 responded to Sugar River Dr for a tree on a house

1928 E2 responded to Whitewater Brook Rd for a tree on wires

1955 E2 responded to Slab City for a power line down

1951 E3 responded to Spring Farm Rd for a tree on wires

2008 E2 responded to Paddy Hollow Rd for a tree on wires

2117 E3 responded to Collage Dr for a box alarm

2239 E3 responded to Lisa Pl for an extinguished fire

5/16

0046 E1 responded to Schmitt St for arching Wires

1346 E1 responded to Washington St for a MVA

1608 E1 responded to Bible Hill for a smoke investigation

1631 E1 responded to Bible Hill for an illegal burn

2341 E1 responded to Pleasant St for a medical call

Barbara P. Wilson, 87

Barbara P. Wilson, 87, joined her awaiting husband Wayne R. Wilson Sr. in eternal life and love on May 10th, 2020.

Barbara was born in Claremont, NH, on July 21st, 1932, the daughter of Harriet (Roy) and Maurice Wentzell. At an early age Barbara worked for her father's taxi company and helped care for her siblings. Following graduation from Stevens High School, she married her high school sweetheart, Wayne on December 2nd, 1950. They made their home and raised their three children, Deborah K. Lemere, Wayne R. Wilson Jr., Jane E. Comstock (Lovell) in Claremont, NH. Barbara worked for many years at the Eagle Times, but her passion was her family. Her home was always open and filled with the delicious aroma

Remembering Loved Ones...

Life Tributes

Obituaries May Be Found On Our Website

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of her cooking and baking favorite treats for her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Barbara was a woman of faith. She was dedicated, baptized, and married in the First Baptist Church (Grace River). She loved her church family, and looked forward to her bible study classes and post service fellowship at Dunkin Donuts.

She was predeceased by her loving husband of 66 years on April 16, 2017, her parents, her sister Joan Wentzell, her brother Maurice Wentzell Jr., and infant grandson Aaron Comstock.

She is survived by her sisters Joyce Kittridge, Maureen Bracy, and her lifelong friend Gerry (Roy) McGray. Grandchildren include Randy Root (Susan), Spencer Root, Scott Wilson (Victoria), Kate LeClaire (Andrew), Emily Comstock (Christopher), and Lucas Comstock, great grandchildren, including Spenser Root, Lauren, and Everly LeClaire.

Barbara's family would like to thank each and every staff member at Sullivan County Health Care for their loving care and support given to our Mother/Nana.

Due to the current pandemic restrictions, a private graveside service will be held.

You are invited to share a memory of Barbara with the family or leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at www.royfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Roy Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

Alma Routhier, 70

Alma Routhier, 70, of Claremont, NH, died on May 11, 2020, at Woodlawn Nursing Home in Newport, NH. She was born in Bellows Falls, VT, on April 6, 1950, the daughter Raymond and Evelyn (Smith) Fuller.

Alma and her husband Norm owned and operated Hometown Deli in Claremont for many years. Prior to, Alma had worked in house-keeping at the Home Hill Inn in Plainfield and as a kitchen aid at the Courtyard Café in Hanover.

She enjoyed gardening, cooking, doing crafts and spending time with her family and friends.

The family includes her children, Bobbie Jo and Cecil McLaury, Eraka and Wayne Daudelin, Alana Routhier and fiancée' James; her siblings, Harriett J. Nebster, Robert W. Fuller, Sylvia M. Smith, Raymond M. Fuller (deceased), Vern R. Fuller and Donna L. Newton; eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Also, several nieces and nephews.

The family suggest donations in her memory can be made to Woodlawn Nursing Home or SPCA.

Due to the pandemic, a celebration of her life will be scheduled for a later date.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Michael J. Lapine, 73

On Friday, May 8th, 2020, Michael John Lapine, loving husband and father of four children, passed away after a long illness surrounded by his wife, Tammie, who remained by his side and by his family and friends, in his cherished home at the age of 73.

He was born on November 21, 1946, in Springfield, MA. He grew up in Windsor, VT, creating many wild and special memories with his life-long friend, Jerry Young.

He enlisted into the US Navy during Vietnam at the age of 17. He was on board the USS Okinawa. Achieving three metals including the Vietnam service metal, The National Defense Service Metal, and the Republic of Vietnam

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Campaign Metal. This is where he learned his deep pride and love of country and patriotism. Upon his return home, he worked at Goodyear for 14 years, Lacrosse for 10 years, and Sturm Ruger for 14 years from which he retired at the age of 62.

He was an extremely hard worker, but truly enjoyed his retirement, taking many rides with his wife, Tammie, to wherever his MAZDA Miata would lead him. They enjoyed many trips to Lake George together, tearing up the town whenever they went. He truly lived his life on his own terms. He was always the life of the party right until the end, coming out and joining his family to sing one last song.

He was very sentimental and never afraid to show his vulnerability. He cherished his children and taught them to love unconditionally, to see the good in everyone and to live life to its fullest.

He was predeceased by his father, Dwight Lapine, his mother, Irene Barton, his brother, Dwight Lapine, Jr, step-mother, Loretta Lapine and his beautiful triplet daughter, Tracy Lapine for whom he deeply loved and outwardly missed.

He is survived by his soulmate and wife of 34 years, Tammie Lapine, Goshen, NH, his sister, Bette Petrucelli, of Windsor, VT, his son, Jeffrey Lapine and wife, Brandy of Newport, NH, his daughter, Teri Manning and husband Jason of Concord, NH, and his daughter Tina Rivet and husband Chad of Claremont, NH. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Ryan Lapine, Ashlyn Lapine, Molly Miller, Emily Miller, Dallas Clayton, Riley Clayton, PFC, Domenic Manning, Julia Manning, Riley Rivet, Leslie Porter and AFC Devin Porter. Also of great mention is his darling companion, his pug dog, J.J. He is also survived by many great grandchildren and hundreds of friends who will deeply miss him.

Due to the pandemic, graveside funeral services at Ascutney Cemetery in Windsor, VT will be held in the future so all family and friends can attend.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Lorraine W. Coutemarsh, 62

Lorraine Wendy Coutemarsh, 62, of Claremont, NH, passed away on May 7, 2020 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Claremont on December 15, 1957, the daughter of Gordon Marcotte and Shirley (Ladeau) Partlow.

Lorraine was a graduate of Stevens High School.


She loved her family; they were the center of her world. "Grandma was understatement, she was our Nana and best friend." She enjoyed talking on the telephone and her cats.

She is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Coutermarsh of Claremont; her son, Michael Coutermarsh and his partner, Kimberly Irish of Springfield, VT; her grandchildren, Morgan Husband, Amber Rayne and Aiden Barry, Alexis Dole; Logan, Wyatt and Jackson Coutermarsh; her father, Gordon and his wife, Pat; three sisters, Diane Hodgdon, Lisa Page and Marie Stewart also four nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her mother, Shirley Partlow and stepmother, Esther Marcotte.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



CITY OF CLAREMONT

The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on **Wednesday, May 27, 2020**, at 6:30 p.m.
**Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting will be conducted via Zoom. In an effort to maintain security, Zoom information will be released on a future revised agenda.*

AGENDA

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 23))
	7. OLD BUSINESS
6:55 PM	A. COVID-19 Update
7:05 PM	B. Legislative Update
7:10 PM	C. Ordinance 574 Amending Non-Union Employee Classification Plan – Second Reading
7:25 PM	B. Connecticut River Conservancy Request Regarding Erosion – Public Hearing
7:40 PM	D. Budget Discussion
	BREAK
	8. NEW BUSINESS
8:10 PM	A. Twin State Properties Tax Deed (City Manager)
8:25 PM	9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
8:30 PM	10. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
8:35 PM	11. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, June 10, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.



Rushing, Dashing, Seething

Not to mention roaring and swirling. The Sugar River was running strong just behind The Common Man Restaurant in Claremont on Saturday. A 40-foot tree trunk stuck just below the spillway was doing its best to hold on. But the current will likely rise to the challenge, dislodging the tree and sending it hurtling downstream.

Photo by Eric Zengota