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## Daddypops Tumble Inn Diner Fire Being Investigated as Case of Arson

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Police Department announced during the wee hours of Friday morning that the department and NH State Fire Marshal's Office are investigating what they are calling an intentionally set fire that took place on July 29, at approximately 9:07 p.m. The fire occurred at Daddypops Diner, located at 1 Main Street in downtown Claremont. The Claremont Fire Department is also helping with the investigation.

"The fire was reported to the City's dispatch center by several passersby at 9:07 p.m.," said Claremont Fire Chief Bryan Burr in a later statement. "Two engines and a crew of four fire fighters responded to the call at 9:08 p.m. Crews were on scene at 9:09 p.m. Fire was spreading from a lower-level window when fire crews arrived. The bulk of the fire was knocked down from the outside with a single hose line. Crews then entered the building's lower level to finish extinguishment. The bulk of the damage was to the lower level with smoke damage throughout the rest of the building. The fire was deemed under control at 9:22 p.m. with crews remaining on the scene throughout the night and into the following morning."

Burr added that "The fire is being investigated by the NH State Fire Marshal, the Claremont Police Department and the Claremont Fire Department. Details on the fire are not being released as the fire is deemed suspicious in nature and is being treated as a crime scene."

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**The CFD on the scene Thursday night at the Daddypops Tumble Inn Diner. According to various sites dedicated to the history of diners, the Claremont diner is a 1941 Worcester, still operating at its original location. The lettering is original and unique to Worcester. "Daddy Pops" was added in 1997 when it was purchased by the owner of the Daddypop's in Hatboro, PA (Eric Zengota photo).**





Left: Members of the State Fire Marshal's Office confer with CFD fire cause investigator Capt. Christopher Pixley; right: interior inspection of the diner being conducted by flashlight (Eric Zengota photos).

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Two members of the State Fire Marshal's Office quickly arrived at the scene Thursday night to begin their investigation.

In addition, Burr reported that the Claremont Fire Department also responded to several other emergencies while on scene of the Main Street fire, including providing mutual aid to Newport for water rescues. Claremont Fire Department responded with its rescue boat

and three fire

fighters as the region was hit with several inches of rain within a few hours, causing flooding in many areas. The water rescues included a boat rescue and evacuation of two people and a dog. Additional City calls during the night were medical in nature, responding with Golden Cross Ambulance, said Burr.

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## NTSB Releases Report on Ultralight Crash in Charlestown

The National Transportation Safety Board has released what it called its Preliminary Report on an ultralight crash that occurred in Charlestown, NH, on July 10. The report reads in part as follows:

“On July 10, 2021, at 1813 eastern daylight time, an experimental light sport Bailey Moyes Dragonfly, N346FL, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident at the Morningside Flight Park, Charleston, New Hampshire. The commercial pilot sustained minor injuries. The pilot-rated passenger was fatally injured. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)* Part 91 personal flight.

“According to the pilot, prior to the accident flight both he and the pilot-rated passenger performed a preflight inspection together. After the inspection, the pilot-rated passenger flew the airplane solo and performed three touch-and-go landings. After that flight the pilot-rated passenger stopped the airplane, moved to the rear seat, and the pilot sat in the front seat and performed one touch-and-go and one full stop landing. During the third circuit in the traffic pattern, while on final approach, the airplane was too high and the pilot-rated passenger told the pilot to perform a go-around, which he did. During the subsequent downwind leg, the engine power was set initially at 4,200 rpm. Near the end of the downwind leg, at an estimated altitude of 400 ft above ground level, the pilot-rated passenger shook the control stick ‘violently’ and yelled “something about ‘power.’” He shook the controls again and yelled ‘my airplane’ and assumed control of the airplane. At that time the pilot noticed that the engine speed was...slightly below the typical level cruise flight value.... As the airplane was abeam the runway, the pilot-rated passenger began a turn towards the base leg of the airport traffic pattern. At that time, the front seat pilot noted that the airplane was ‘low’ but he thought the altitude was sufficient to clear the power lines. During the turn the engine ‘lost partial power’ and the airplane banked ‘hard’ to the left, pitched nose down and descended into one of the power lines. After the airplane impacted the ground, the engine continued to operate. The pilot attempted to shut down the engine with the magneto switches, but the engine continued to run. He then located the master switch,

turned it off, and the engine stopped.”

Examination of the airplane by a Federal Aviation Inspector revealed that all major components of the airplane were present at the accident site. An electrical arcing mark was

present on the left wingtip. The forward fuselage was fractured aft of the front pilot station and was mostly separated from the remainder of the fuselage. The airplane was mostly intact from the rear pilot station to the tail.

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# Commentary

## **NH House Happenings**

**By Rep. John Cloutier**

### **Ad Hoc Working Group Formed to Study Ways to Lower Nursing Home Project Costs**



Sullivan County's Delegation to the New Hampshire House of Representatives is now embarking on an effort to devise a compromise agreement on renovating the county nursing home at a reasonable cost to taxpayers.

On July 27 by a 10-1 roll call vote, the Delegation created a five-member ad hoc working group on nursing home renovations. The membership would include four Delegation representatives—two from each of the two political parties as well as one County Commissioner, all of whom would be appointed by the Delegation Chair. The group would be required to report back to the Delegation by Sept. 30, 2021, and has assigned three tasks. First, to find ways to reduce the total cost of the renovations to a "target" of approximately \$35 million. Second, to explore various funding opportunities, including federal loan programs and state bonds. Third, to research the requirements or conditions for using federal funds such as the recently-passed ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Program. In completing these tasks, the ad hoc group would be allowed to consult with any individuals, organizations, or government entities for advice, suggestions, or other necessary information. All Delegation representatives present at the July 27 meeting voted to create the work group except for Claremont Rep. Walter Stapleton. Two representatives—Claremont's Andrew O'Hearne and Unity's John Callum—were absent.

Creation of the work group followed a long discussion among representatives present. First, each representative spoke briefly about their opinions on the proposed nursing home renovations. The issue has strongly divided the Delegation over the past few months because while all representatives believe the renovations are necessary, many believe the renovation price tag as proposed by the three County Commissioners at \$54 million is too expensive for Sullivan County taxpayers to afford. As Delegation Chair, I encouraged all the representatives to frankly express their views about this contentious subject before we voted on an amended version of the motion to create a work group which was made by Claremont's Gary Merchant. Among the expressed views were those of Sunapee Rep. Suzanne Gottling, who stated that she believes that the Delegation can find a compromise solution, and mentioned an earlier example of a compromise by Sullivan County's elected officials on a much-needed construction project. Specifically, she described that in 2006 a private consultant hired by the then county manager had recommended a new \$42 million new Sullivan County jail to replace the then poorly-designed jail that was built in the 1970s. Both the County Commissioners and Delegation

balked at this new jail and its recommended price tag. Instead, under the leadership of then County Dept. of Corrections Superintendent, and after a two-year study, a new addition to the jail was recommended and approved by both Commissioners and Delegation in 2008, an addition that had a total cost of only \$7 million, and also allowed the establishment of the model TRAILS (Transitional Re-entry And Inmate Life Skills) Program which has helped many jail inmates to get their lives back on track and avoid being locked up again.

For readers' information, I, of course, voted to create the five-member work group. Like Rep. Gottling, I believe we can devise a compromise on the nursing home renovations, and at cost that county taxpayers can more reasonably afford, a compromise similar to the one we in the Delegation made on the jail in 2008. Hopefully, with some hard work, the work group will be able to come up with a compromise over the next two months that can be approved by at least a 60 percent majority of the Delegation. A 60 percent majority is necessary under current New Hampshire law in order to pass a renovation bond, which would likely then be paid back over a nearly 30 year period.

Also on July 27 the Delegation unanimously by voice vote ratified the minutes of its previous June 29 Meeting in which the Fiscal Year 2022 Sullivan County Budget was approved by a majority of the Delegation, among other actions. Ratification of Delegation meeting minutes in which annual county budgets have been adopted is required within 30 days of such meetings under current state law. The reason for the maximum 30-day window for this ratification, among others, is to give adequate time for the county's 15 municipalities to help estimate the county portion of their overall property tax rates, overall tax rates that are then officially determined by New Hampshire's DRA (Dept. of Revenue Administration).

In other business, the Delegation voted by a 7-4 roll call vote to authorize a \$100,000 expenditure for a COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive Program for all Sullivan County employees. This expenditure will come out of the county's share of Federal ARPA Funds and was recommended by the County Commissioners. That share now totals \$8,380,605, approximately half of which or \$4,190,302.50 was received by the county June 1, 2021, with the other half slated to be received in June 2022. The approved expenditure will be used for cash bonuses of up to \$250 for each county employee who gets vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus, or is already vaccinated, if they show proof of such vaccinations by Oct. 1, 2021. County Manager Derek Ferland said that total employee vaccination levels are currently estimated at 75 percent, but that his goal is 90 percent, which should hopefully reduce the future chances of widespread outbreaks of COVID-19 at both the nursing home and jail. Total outbreaks have been lower in comparison to other nursing homes across the nation within the last 16 months.

This recommended \$100,000 expenditure by Commissioners was the only one approved by a majority of the Delegation July 27. All the other recommended expenditures for various county needs ranging from \$25,000 to \$1.5 million were referred for further review to the Delegation's EFC (Executive Finance Committee) by voice vote of the ma-

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## Rep. Cloutier, from page 4

majority of representatives. I believe the majority who voted for such referrals are concerned that while some of these needs may be worthwhile, much of the remaining ARPA Funds may be needed to help pay for the nursing home renovations. **Email: [jocloutier@comcast.net](mailto:jocloutier@comcast.net).**

## Letter to the Editor

### Time to Start Considering Changes to the Voting System

#### To the Editor:

In his Letter to the Editor in response to Rep. Gary Merchant's *e-Ticker* commentary on voting reform, Tom Luther pooh poohs, well, a great many things, but among them the Rep.'s suggestion that it's time to start considering changes to our voting system. Paradoxically, Mr. Luther then concludes his thoughts on the topic by saying, "Let's have an open discussion, pros and cons, preferably before legislation is introduced." Seems to me that was exactly what Rep. Merchant was trying to do -- kickstart that discussion.

It's high time to have it. Perhaps unwittingly, Mr Luther concedes as much in his complaint about the effects of political duopoly. He writes, "After 200 plus years of consequences from that mistake, let us avoid a rush to judgment that might lead to additional centuries of error." Wow. Centuries of error. Seems like there would be some urgency in fixing our duopoly. But this is just after he writes that it is "too early to advocate for either Blanket Primary or Top Two." What? After "centuries of error," it's too soon to debate whether there are ways to make our elected representatives more accountable to the public? That makes no sense.

Mr. Luther dispenses with the idea of Ranked Choice voting with an offhand remark about the ongoing snafu in the NYC mayoral race. But this is misleading, as if he were saying that this is our only example of Ranked Choice or that it obviously cannot work anywhere. In fact, it was used for congressional elections in Maine in 2018 and presidential elections in 2020. Alaska will follow suit in 2022. Ranked Choice is used at every level of our government (local, state, federal) around the nation. It's used by municipalities around the country, including a number of large cities. Ranked Choice is also already used by all overseas voters in federal elections where there is the possibility of a runoff election. Citing the one NYC example as the end of the road for Ranked Choice comes across as blatant cherry-picking.

"Let's educate and inform voters first, before railroading them," Mr Luther says. It's hard to know what he means by that, although the one steady thread running through his Letter to the Editor is a distaste and distrust for government. His assumption seems to be that any and all changes to our existing voting system will be made in bad faith. That doesn't have to be the case. So instead of snarkily shooting down every suggested change, let's have that conversation about the future we want for ourselves. We're doing it right now.

**Sam Killay  
Claremont, NH**

### Shaheen Helps Introduce Bill to Address Root Causes of Homelessness

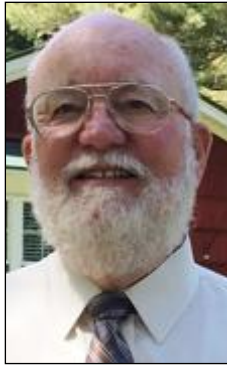
WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) joined Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Alex Padilla (D-CA) in introducing the Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act, a bill to increase federal resources to battle homelessness. The bill authorizes \$1 billion in grants annually for the next five years for local governments to combat homelessness.

As a way to address the root causes of homelessness, this legislation for the first time would condition federal funds on a grant recipient's ability to provide not only housing, but also comprehensive supportive services like mental health care, substance abuse treatment and job training. Grant recipients would be required to provide 25 percent of project funds and report on measures of success, including whether individuals remain housed.

# Guest Commentary

## Forget the Hype: The Sky is NOT Falling on Claremont

By Rep. Walt Stapleton, Claremont Ward 3, Sullivan Dist. 5



Referring specifically to the recent Commentary piece of July 19th, 2021, by my legislative colleague, Representative Gary Merchant, titled, "Claremont Stands to Lose \$2,131,506", let's step back for a moment and look at the facts and a bit more of a reasoned view:

First came his assertion that the non-germane items of this current Republican Budget had no place in a the HB2 "Trailer" bill. To which we ask, "why not?" In the last Democrat majority term we had a slew of "Omnibus Bills" -- ostensibly like-kinds bundled together! Because when there are more bills than can be processed (1222 in 2020) -- especially given the COVID pandemic -- then that is a practicable way to get legislation processed and not waste the work of a 400 member Legislature. I thought they did a respectable job of that. In this term, the Republican majority was faced with the same dilemma -- some 776 bills with shortage of time due to COVID, to hear and process them all individually. So, yes, priority items were put into HB2, one of which was sharing power back to the House and Senate from governors' solitary control over states of emergency executive orders.

That "shoehorning" of non-germane items into HB-2 was to assure important initiatives made it to passage. Let's face it: An elected majority determines the tenor of the of the legislative music. So, finger-pointing to this majority for exercising that prerogative is myopic in the face of the last majority exercising theirs.

The increasing partisan dichotomy on so many issues is an unfortunate reality. Yet, a few of us in the Legislature have come together in an association known as "Problem Solvers", led by Rep. Brodie Deshaies and yes, by Rep. Gary Merchant, a Democrat! In spite of many differences, we are still respectful and friendly in our discussions, despite our opposite outlooks on many issues. We talk about ways to bridge those many gaps. Sometimes we succeed, sometimes not, but we still dialogue.

So, I was taken aback by Rep. Merchant's article and his reference to the ban on "divisive concepts" as an unconstitutional "gag rule". Now law, it came out of HB-544, which the Senate fine-tuned over the House version. Briefly, it does not prohibit the teaching about history, slavery, racism and their various factual aspects but does prohibit teaching discrimination by advocating and indoctrinating certain concepts that stereotype groups of people. "CRT-Critical Race Theory", which has actually been around awhile, may be one of those, although it is not specifically named in the legislation. Yet disagreements have arisen from various recent emphasis and interpretations of it -- some of which imply that "White supremacy" is imbued within the culture, or that "Whites are inherently racist" or that Blacks are systematically marginalized, or that the United States formed as a racist state out of a colonial slave economy. Now, those certainly can be subjects of discussion

and debate, but not taught as absolute historical fact. Parents don't want their children indoctrinated into feeling that their race, color, gender, or ethnic origins are superior or inferior to their classmates. The law simply says that one cannot teach that one race, gender or ethnic group is superior or inferior to another. That is not a "gag order" but rather re-enforces the principles of our Declaration and Constitution: "...that all men are created equal...".

Rep. Merchant fairly touted the great \$121 million Rainy Day Fund balance under the previous Democratic Majority budget but should have also mentioned that the new Republican budget extends that important fund balance to \$158.6 million by 2023. And while he acknowledges the direct \$100 million tax cut in the Republican budget from the Statewide Education Property Tax (SWEPT), he also incorrectly implied that a corresponding reduction in disparity aid washed out that huge benefit. Nor did his article mention the \$30M increase in State funded school building/infrastructure aid, allocations for kindergarten funding and special ed, increased education grants out of Federal ARPA funding, back up guarantees to the Education Trust Fund, etc.

However, he had it upside-down in declaring that the "\$2,131,506" was a net funding loss to Claremont (equivalent to a \$2.86 per thousand of additional tax impact to Claremont taxes) -- when, according to an inquiry made by Mr. Jim Sullivan to School Supt. Michael Tempesta and subsequently discussed and explained by Finance Ops Manager Richard Seaman at Claremont School Board meeting of July 21st, it was actually not a loss but rather a one-time state windfall payment in 2021, and hence not a tax impact to the 2022 budget.

Intimating that phasing out the Interest & Dividends tax and the reducing the Business Profits and Enterprise Taxes (also raising their trigger thresholds) would only aid the wealthy and disadvantage the poor in a reverse "Robin Hood" fashion, is not reality. Those will respectively help retired seniors keep more of their savings, and aid over 30,000 small NH businesses coming out of COVID. Moreover, the reduction in Rooms & Meals taxes helps business and patrons alike, and a better share of 30% from 18% goes back to towns and cities. It all codifies the "New Hampshire Advantage" for the growth in our economy.

The Republican budget has so many very good things in it, more than room for here: # Reduces expenditures overall by 3% from previous budget; # \$30 million for a new psychiatric hospital; # Protects the lives of pre-born babies after 24 weeks gestation; # Prohibits taxpayer funding of abortions; # Enables towns to use Fed ARPA funds (NH got \$1.457 billion) to repair roads and bridges; # Created EFAs -- Education Freedom Accounts for a limited state scholarship of \$4600 per qualified student (average est.) availing programs in other public, private, charter or home schools for their particular needs, while providing 2 years of phase-in relief to public school districts; # Creates a voluntary privatized Paid Family Leave program for 2023 funded and administered by qualified insurance companies with no taxpayer impact.

To easily read more about the State Budget go to link: [http://gencourt.state.nh.us/bill\\_status/billText.aspx?sy=2021&id=1080&txtFormat=pdf&v=current](http://gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/billText.aspx?sy=2021&id=1080&txtFormat=pdf&v=current).





## NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – July 30, 2021

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

On Friday, July 30, 2021, DHHS announced 118 new positive test results for COVID-19. Those results included 76 people who tested positive by PCR test and 42 who tested positive by antigen test. There were now 586 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire as of Friday.

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 seventeen individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 49% being female and 51% being male.

The new cases resided in Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (19), Rockingham (17), Merrimack (14), Strafford (12), Cheshire (8), Belknap (6), Grafton (5), Carroll (1), and Sullivan (1) counties, and in the cities of Nashua (16) and Manchester (10). The county of residence is being determined for nine new cases.

There were currently 29 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a

total of 100,657 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

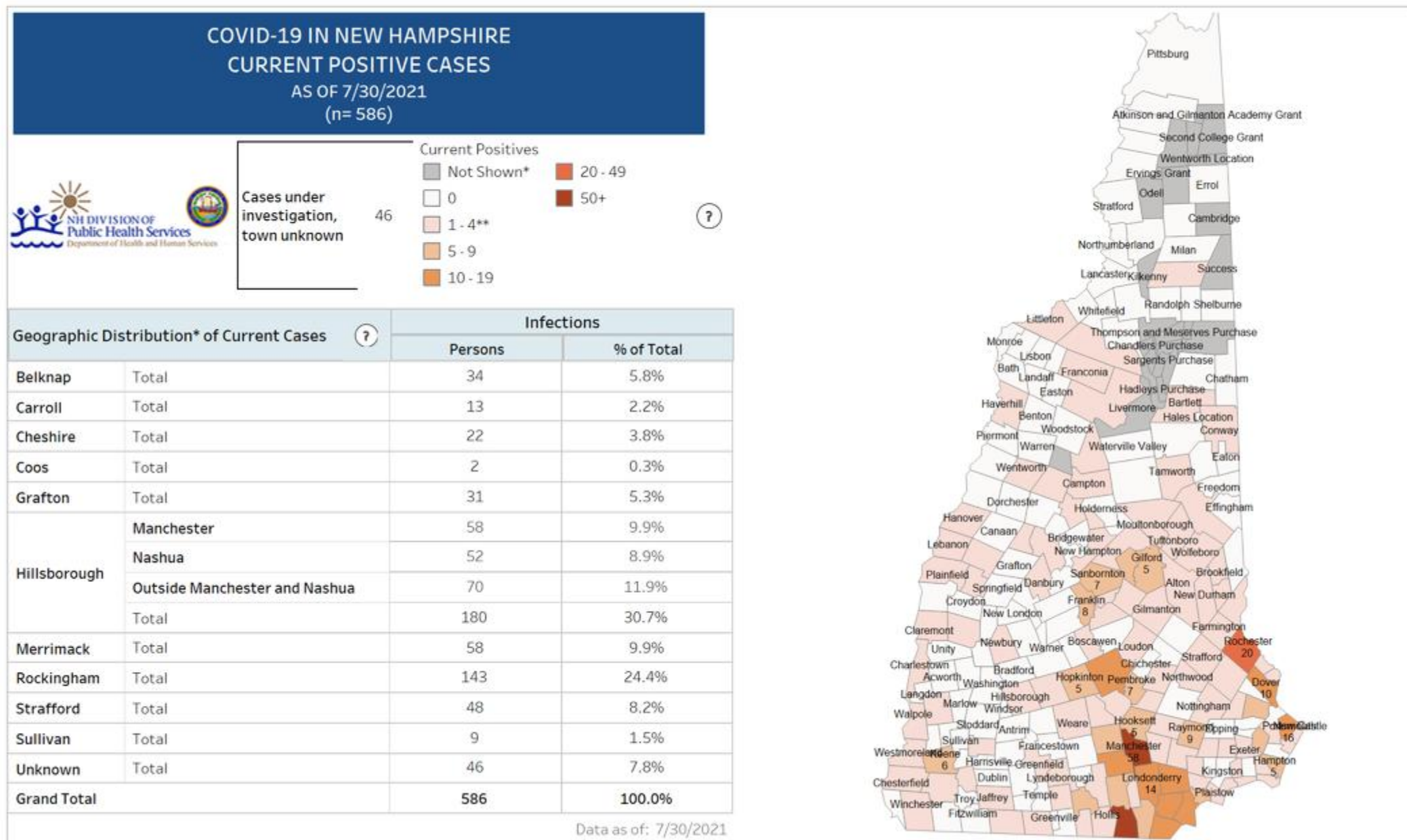
**As of Friday, the 30th, there were 1-4 current positively identified cases in several Sullivan County communities. DHHS reported 9 overall in Sullivan County.**

### COVID-19 Hotline

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

### Vaccine Information in NH

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





# Torrential Rains Wash Out Roads in Many Areas of the Region

Pounding rains Thursday night hit the region, washing out multiple roads, necessitating some evacuations and rescues. On Friday, some area residents were still stuck at home, unable to travel over impassable roads. Close to five inches of rain was reported in the southern part of Sullivan County.

Claremont DPW director Alex Gleeson told the *e-Ticker News* that “We’ve not seen any major issues here. Some erosion in a few areas but nothing too bad to report on that we’ve seen.”

The Crescent Lake Association asked boaters on Friday to “keep all powerboats

off the lake unless you are actively helping others retrieve boats, docks, etc., in which case, please keep wake speed. There are also many pieces of debris floating in the water.”

The *Valley News* reported that the Newport Fire Department evacuated some two dozen people from the Northstar Campground along Coon



Brook Road Thursday night. With help from the Claremont Fire Department and its boat, the department also rescued two people and their dog.

Heavy rains again Sunday night in Sullivan County did nothing to help ease matters; some roads in Newport and Unity were closed down or suffered damage due to the latest round of rain. There were reports of water rushing across them in places, making for dangerous conditions once again for anyone who had to venture out.

Above top left: A major washout on South Hemlock Road in Charlestown; reportedly, the road had recently been resurfaced, said a resident. Top right: David Huffling of Alstead, NH, picks his way along the buckled pavement of Crane Brook Road in Acworth on Friday, July 30, which was severely damaged by flooding the night of July 29. He said that he had previously worked on the crew that rebuilt the road several years ago (Photos courtesy of Jan Lambert).



This culvert pipe previously installed underneath the Sam Putnam Road in Acworth was left hanging, and illustrates just how deeply the road was washed out during the floods the evening of July 29 (Photo courtesy of Jan Lambert).





Left: Damage along Lempster Mountain Road (Photo courtesy of Sue Lichty); center and right: There was extensive damage throughout Lempster, NH, due to the storm (Photos courtesy of Cathy Murray).



A flooded Ashuelot River in Lempster; more damage along Lempster Mountain Road (Photos courtesy of Sue Lichty).



Flooding in Newport, NH, along the John Stark Highway (NH State Police Photo).





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### TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

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NH Law requires verification of those listed on the voter checklist who have not voted in any election in the previous 4 years. If you received a letter from the Supervisors of the Checklist, there is an opportunity to re-register as a Plainfield voter.

The session will be held at the Plainfield Town Office, 110 Main Street, Meriden Village on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, August 10, 2021, 7:00 – 7:30 pm

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

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Council Chambers, City Hall  
Claremont NH

The public is hereby notified that the Claremont Planning Board will be holding a public hearing at this meeting to consider each of the following items:

A. **(PB 2021-00012) Colonial Plaza Realty Trust, Newport NH** – Application to subdivide the lot at 111 Twistback Road into two lots. Tax Map 94, Lot 61-1. Zoning District: I1

B. **Driveway & Access Regulations:** Review and take public comment on proposed Driveway and Access Regulations pursuant to RSA 236:13

C. **Appeal** of a denial of a driveway permit at 252 Elm Street

Interested persons may review the applications at the Planning and Development Department at 14 North Street during normal business hours or on the City website at [https://www.claremontnh.com/index.php?section=events\\_lists](https://www.claremontnh.com/index.php?section=events_lists) or at <https://www.claremontnh.com/claremont-planning-board>.

Comments may be made at the public hearing; submitted in writing to the Claremont Planning Board at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or by email to [cityplanner@claremontnh.com](mailto:cityplanner@claremontnh.com).

Richard Wahrlich, Chair

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## Local Transit Service Gets Back on The Road Following Theft of Catalytic Converters

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—During the overnight hours between 5:00 PM on July 26 and 5:00 AM on July 27, a theft of catalytic converters occurred at 6 Kinney Place in Claremont at Southwestern Community Services (SCS). Six vehicles were incapacitated during the incident. On its Facebook page Tuesday, SCS posted, “We will do everything we can to get the buses rolling again soon but must wait on parts to come in for the work to be done. Our apologies to all of the riders who depend on Sullivan County Transportation for their mobility needs.

“Sadly, SCS also has many other programs available to assist with things like rent, electric bills, food, and more. Had someone needed financial assistance, we most likely would have been able to help them.

“We will get through this and will have the buses back on the road as soon as we can! Thank you for your understanding.”

On Friday, the news was better as SCS reported that “seven of our eight buses are back on the road!! Because of this, we are able to run all of our routes. Thank you to all who helped make this possible!!”

Teri Palmer, transit director of the Sullivan County Transportation Program, told the *e-Ticker News* on Wednesday that “it has been a rough couple of days. We are getting a lot of phone calls from riders. So many riders are calling and telling us they are so sorry this is happening to us. We keep telling them that this affects them more than us. They are so supportive.”

Palmer added, “We had one bus at our soon to be Newport facility, and that bus had the catalytic converter stolen a couple of weeks ago. So 7 of our 8 buses have been disabled. Some of our Transit Drivers did take a couple of folks to their medical appointments the past couple of days. And they were available just in case we had someone that had an urgent ride.

“We have 2 buses back today. So tomorrow we will be able to operate our Claremont, and Newport, route. We are hoping to have enough back to be 100% operational on Friday. We should have all of them fixed by the middle of next week.”

Fortunately, they were able to restore service by their hoped-for date.

Anyone with any information relating to this incident is asked to contact Officer D.J. O’Sullivan at 603-542-9538 or [dosullivan@claremonthh.com](mailto:dosullivan@claremonthh.com). If anyone would like to anonymously share information, please call the Claremont Police Department tip line at 603-542-7026 ext. 1234.

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## Humane Society Has Spayed or Neutered 6,041 Cats

CLAREMONT, NH—Last Thursday the Sullivan County Humane Society “surgerized” 44 cats and three bunnies at a clinic in Claremont.

After assessing and weighing each pre-registered animal (though typically there are a few walk-ins), veterinary surgeon Dr. Sara White spayed the females and neutered the males. Volunteers helped by carrying cages from waiting room to surgery to recovery room, as well as handing over the animals to their owners at the end of the day.



**Maggie May, a retired RN, is the longest-serving volunteer in the recovery area. From time to time, owners who pick up their pets get the news that the animal’s sex was not what they had thought. “People are incredulous when they hear that their male is actually female,” said May. On this day, for example, Earl is going home as Earline, or whatever the owners choose to rename her. And then there’s Frank, who now may be known as Frankie or Francine.**

According to the society’s Facebook page, “Since we started holding these clinics in 2011, we have now fixed 6,041 cats! Of those, 384 were fixed through our Sponsor-A-Spay program, where we pay for the surgery for those who are unable to afford even the low cost, and 212 were feral cats fixed through our Trap/Neuter/Return efforts. ... Using the most conservative estimates, our efforts have prevented the birth of over 120,000 kittens! There are not enough homes for them all, so spay/neuter is the ONLY solution to pet homelessness and overpopulation!”

The clinics are currently held in the former Granite State College site on Pleasant Street in Claremont. Due to street construction, the clinic’s entrance is at the back of

the building, where parking is available in the lots at Franklin Street.

The next clinic is scheduled on Thursday, Aug. 12. There are fees for different services. To reserve a spot, visit [facebook.com/Sullivan-County-Humane-Society-of-NH-272932102761839/](https://www.facebook.com/Sullivan-County-Humane-Society-of-NH-272932102761839/) or phone 603-542-3277.

**The clinics run smoothly with the help of volunteers. Tim Renner, who has three cats himself, works for Hypertherm, which lets employees off to perform 32 community service hours every year. Four other Hypertherm employees were volunteering at the clinic last week.**



Text and photos by Eric Zengota

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## Business News

### Dufresne Named as CEO of Springfield Medical Care Systems

SPRINGFIELD, VT—The Springfield Medical Care Systems (SMCS) Board of Directors has announced that Joshua Dufresne has been officially named as Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Dufresne has served as the Acting CEO since 2019 and has been with SMCS since 2006.



**Joshua Dufresne**

Dufresne is a native of Springfield and has previously served as the Director of Patient Financial Services, Director of Rockingham Health Center, Director of Practice Operations, and Chief of Practice Operations at SMCS.

SMCS Board Chair George Lamb said that Dufresne's leadership was critical in steering SMCS through the past 2 years, working through a Chapter 11 bankruptcy and the COVID-19 pandemic. "Josh made sure that practice operations have remained stable during trying circumstances and that SMCS was maintaining its mission of providing health access for the residents of our area", Lamb said.

Dufresne said he is excited to help SMCS strengthen its focus on the health needs of the area. He said "as a Federally Qualified Health Center, we need to continue to provide and expand the delivery of primary care, behavioral health, dental and vision to help address the health care needs of the region."

Dufresne received his BA from Johnson State College (now Northern State University) (2000), and his MBA from Franklin Pierce University (2010).

For additional information on SMCS, please visit [www.springfieldmed.org](http://www.springfieldmed.org).

### AG Warns of Fraudulent Websites Purporting to be Associated with Registration for the TSA PreCheck

CONCORD, NH - Attorney General John M. Formella has issued a Consumer Alert warning New Hampshire residents about recent reports of fraudulent websites that appear to be associated with the TSA PreCheck Application Program.

TSA PreCheck allows low-risk and eligible passengers to apply for access to expedited security screening when traveling with participating airlines. When searching for information about TSA PreCheck online, fraudulent websites may appear which claim to allow consumers to register and pay for TSA PreCheck online. The fraudulent websites will prompt consumers to enter their personal information and will request payment in order to process the application.

Formella offers the following tips to avoid falling victim to this scam:

- Legitimate online registration for TSA PreCheck can begin at <https://www.tsa.gov/precheck> or be accomplished at <https://universalenroll.dhs.gov>;
- Consumers should always verify that the web address they are visiting to register for TSA PreCheck ends in ".gov".
- Any website that claims to allow consumers to register for TSA PreCheck that does not end in ".gov" is not an official TSA PreCheck web site and consumers should not provide personal information or payment information;
- Consumers who are applying for TSA PreCheck for the first time cannot pay online. Consumers registering for the first time can only pay in person at a TSA enrollment center;
- Consumers who are renewing their TSA PreCheck enrollment can pay online but only by visiting <https://universalenroll.dhs.gov>;
- Registration and renewal of TSA PreCheck costs \$85 for five years.

If you or someone you know has fallen victim to a scam, report it to your local police department and the Consumer Protection and Antitrust Bureau of the Attorney General's Office.

Complaints can be filed at: <https://www.doj.nh.gov/consumer/complaints/index.htm> or by calling the Consumer Hotline at (603) 271-3641.

### Advance Directive Help Available

Free help is available for completing Advance Directives.

In Windsor, at Mt. Ascutney Hospital: Advance Directive sessions are every Tuesday from 3-6 pm. To learn more, or to register for a session, call (802) 674-7483.

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## Enjoy a Night Off at the Night Out

### Claremont Police Lead the Way in Building Community Relationships



CLAREMONT, NH—Come join Claremont Police, Claremont Fire, Golden Cross Ambulance, and Claremont Parks and Recreation for an evening of activities, demonstrations, fun and games during Claremont's first National Night Out event.

The event, which was coordinated by police sergeant Trevor Dickerman, will include police, fire and ambulance "touch a truck" time. Kids will be able to climb on the police department's parked ATV and snowmobile. Police sergeant Tyler Petrin and canine officer Maverick will give a K-9 demonstration. There are even rumors of a dunk tank.

Deputy police chief Mark Grasso noted that National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors, first responders, and parks and recreation while bringing back a true sense of community. It also provides a great opportunity to engage with residents in positive, non-adversarial ways.

"We're always here to build relationships," said Grasso. "We'd like to have everyone see the people beyond our uniforms."

National Night Out is a free event, open to the whole community.

**Date: Tuesday, August 3**

*When: 5pm to 8pm*

*Where: Grace River Church lot on Maple Avenue (across from NFR and next to Maple Lanes Bowling Alley)*

### **News from the George H. Stowell Free Library, Cornish**

Updates about the library, programming, and new books are available via our monthly newsletter. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, email Stephanie McAndrew at [stowell-library@comcast.net](mailto:stowell-library@comcast.net).

## Jumbo Screen Drive-In Movies Return to Claremont

CLAREMONT, NH—This Friday evening Claremont Parks and Recreation will present the first outdoor movie of 2021, when "Raya and the Last Dragon" (rated PG) will be shown on the big screen. In a realm known as Kumandra, a re-imagined Earth inhabited by an ancient civilization, a warrior named Raya is determined to find the last dragon.

All families and individuals are asked to watch the movie either from their vehicles or in the space that will be designated to you for your vehicle. Relax in the bed of your vehicle or bring a chair.

This movie is free to all, thanks to event sponsor Claremont Savings Bank.

**Date: Friday, August 6**

*When: Parking/gates will open at 6:30pm. The movie will start at dusk.*

*Where: Grace River Church lot on Maple Avenue (across from NFR and next to Maple Lanes Bowling Alley)*

## Council Asked to Reconsider Grant Application for Topstone Property

**By Phyllis A. Muzeroll**  
**e-Ticker News**

CLAREMONT, NH—The City Council was asked at its Wednesday night's meeting to reconsider a grant application for the Topstone property. Speaking during Citizen's Forum, Jon Calkins, a managing partner at Topstone, asked the council to reconsider a CDBG planning grant application; the request would be submitted by the City for up to \$25,000 from its application authority to the NH Community Development Finance Authority for Topstone Holdings LLC to update architect and engineer's plans and study the feasibility of up to 48 new units of housing. The application was voted down at the July 14 meeting; at the time, councilor Jim Contois said it was up to the property owner to spend his own money, not

taxpayer money. Councilor Jon Stone talked about the owner looking for federal grant money and if so, would have to follow federal guidelines. He also said the development would impact schools and services. Several councilors brought up the issue that the owner was not present that night.

Wednesday night, Calkins said he was told by the Planning and Development director and the department grant writer that he did not need to attend the original meeting. He also said it was his belief that the councilors did not have all the information needed to vote. "At least vote with all the information," he said. He said another comment that Topstone had been dragging its feet on the project was not accurate. "The City and the state have said you can't develop [the property]; they are the ones who have been holding us up." He also referenced an 847-page brownfields report on the property: "Basically it says there is contamination, across the street. It's not on my property," he said. A motion to reconsider the application passed with Stone as the only no vote; the item will be on the Aug. 25th agenda.

The council also heard from Nick Koloski, who stepped down as a councilor to speak as a resident regarding his own CDBG planning grant application for up to \$25,000 to study the feasibility of four new housing units and upgrades to three additional housing units on Princeton Street.

Koloski said he hopes to undertake the project to help show his commitment to support the City and that "Claremont is the place to invest your money...It's a competitive process and I may stall out, but I'm willing to try...the programs are out there."

It has often been said at council meetings that Claremont has a "housing crisis", a point that was again raised during the grant application discussions Wednesday night.

Koloski made a request for Stone to recuse himself, saying that Stone's business partners are the owners of abutting properties of Koloski's personal residence and had offered to purchase his properties, with an idea of tearing them down to expand their business. Stone declined to recuse himself and Koloski requested a legal opinion as to whether there was a conflict on Stone's part. City attorney Shawn Tanguay was reached by Zoom to speak to that question. In reviewing the matter, Tanguay said he found no conflict, and Stone chose not to recuse himself. The council approved the motion for the application with Stone voting no.



# Sullivan County Grand Jury Indictments Released

NEWPORT, NH—The Sullivan County Grand Jury released the following indictments last Monday:

Corrine Von Kahle, 36, Claremont, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited, Possession/Intent, Fentanyl, Jan. 26, 2021; Acts Prohibited, Possession, Fentanyl, Jan. 26, 2021.

Ashley Chapman, 37, Claremont, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited, Possession of Controlled Drug fentanyl, June 11, 2021.

Brandon Washburn, 21, Claremont, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited, Possession, Fentanyl, Jan. 19, 2021.

Roger Colby, 57, Claremont, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited-Possession of Heroin, Feb. 8, 2020.

Sarah Harford, 40, Claremont, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited-Possession of Heroin-Subsequent, Nov. 20, 2020; Acts Prohibited-Possession of Fentanyl-Subsequent, Nov. 20, 2020.

Elizabeth M. Watson, 42, Claremont, NH, indicted for Possession of Heroin, Subsequent Offense, Dec. 3, 2020; Possession of Fentanyl, Subsequent Offense, Dec. 3, 2020; Possession of Buprenorphine, Subsequent Offense, Dec. 3, 2020; Possession of Alpha-PHP, Subsequent Offense, Dec. 3, 2020; Possession of Methamphetamine, Subsequent Offense, Dec. 3, 2020.

Timothy Athorne, 24, Claremont, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited, Sale of Substance Represented to be Heroin/Fentanyl (Offense Committed on Release), Jan. 20, 2021.

Issac Garcia, 41, Claremont, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited, Sale of Heroin (Subsequent Offense), Oct. 26, 2020; Acts Prohibited, Sale of Fentanyl (Subsequent Offense), Oct. 26, 2020.

Damien Tanguay, 35, Springfield, NH, indicted for Second Degree Assault-DV, June 5, 2021.

Emily Engerman, 19, Claremont, NH, indicted for Criminal Trespass, did on or about a timeframe between Dec. 1, 2020, and April 13, 2021.

Ajlyn Putnam, 20, Claremont, NH, indicted for Criminal Trespass, did on or about a timeframe between Dec. 1, 2020, and April 13, 2021; Criminal Mischief-\$1500+, did on or about a timeframe between Dec. 1, 2020, and April 13, 2021; Criminal Mischief-\$1500+, Dec. 14, 2020; Criminal Trespass, Dec. 14, 2020.

Adam Gosselin, 21, Lempster, NH, indicted

for Criminal Mischief-\$1500+, Dec. 14, 2020; Criminal Trespass, Dec. 14, 2020.

Noah Richards, 20, Claremont, NH, indicted for Criminal Trespass, Dec. 14, 2020; Criminal Mischief-\$1500+, Dec. 14, 2020.

Mackenzie Perkins, 20, Stoddard, NH, in-

dicted for Criminal Trespass, Dec. 14, 2020; Criminal Mischief-\$1500+, Dec. 14, 2020.

Chasity S. Forman, 45, Windsor, VT, indicted for Possession of Controlled Drug, June 2, 2020.



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# Sports/Recreation

## A Class-ic Day of Health and Wellness

CLAREMONT, NH—Yesterday, August 1, the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center held its third Membership Appreciation Day.

Members and "future members" alike attended free classes in Zumba, yoga and hula hooping. Dawn Zombeck led a hike at Arrowhead Recreation Area.

Learn about all the classes, programs and activities at the CS-BCC at [claremontparks.com](http://claremontparks.com).

Photos by Eric Zengota



### CSBCC Member Spotlight Allen Damren



Allen, 71, is the assistant mayor of Claremont. He and wife of 50 years, Jodi, became members in 2014.

They come in almost every day: Jodi to swim and walk the indoor track, Allen to work the weights, do bench presses and use 5 or 6 machines in the fitness room, as well as join Jodi on the track.

"I joined the Center when I retired. It's been a great way to stay active, see people, mingle."

"I'm always promoting the Center, with my neighbors, people I get to know through the City Council, and just about anybody I meet outside my home."

"A few months ago I fell off a ladder and bruised my hip pretty badly. I'm walking off the pain here. I aim for a mile around the track every time I come."

"When our granddaughters visit from Manchester, they love to come here. Especially the 16 year old — she heads straight to the fitness room."

"The Center is what you want it to be. Don't stand outside — it's all right here."



"The Center is one of the best things Claremont has done in years. It's just one part of the City's revitalization, like the Monadnock Mill and Pleasant Street projects."



# Inspiration

## Toadstools and Mushrooms

By Priscilla Hull

Many years ago, during the Second World War, my Dad was in France, setting up radar for the Allied Forces. He was not regular army but had an officer assigned as his assistant. They had a French officer assigned to them to assist them however needed. One of the very unofficial ways that he assisted them was in searching mushrooms to enhance the rations they were issued. There s no regular "Mess Hall" on the front lines, rather they had mess kits and rations which they prepared themselves. One can imagine that the food was not gourmet! So the mushrooms that this fellow helped find were appreciated by all three. Dad learned the art of mushroom hunting, which to avoid and which to eat and he brought that skill home with him, so he could go out and find mushrooms even when they weren't found in the grocery store. I regret that I never spent the time learning that skill from him!

One must be careful when seeking out mushrooms and morels because the wrong fungus can be fateful. Thus, we come to the difference between mushrooms and toadstools. With the heavy rains we've had, there are mushrooms and toadstools in abundance. According to Wikipedia, "Mushrooms and toadstools are the fleshy, spore-bearing fruiting body of a fungus, typically grown above ground, on soil or its food source." A mushroom has little food value, 1% of the daily requirement of potassium and 1% of the daily requirement of protein, but they are delicious when prepared well."

Some say that both toadstools and mushrooms are edible in some but not all cases. One source noted that mushrooms are edible and toadstools are not. There are methods of defining an edible from a poisonous but since I'm not an expert, I'll not go into that. Please don't try to find mushrooms unless you have had lessons in mushroom hunting.

The term toadstool apparently comes from ancient English fantasy of the magical and frequently poisonous toad. Old English lore has fairy tales about toads sitting in circles conjuring up spells and such. Who know where all these tales arise from and how little is fact and much is fancy. It's fun to read and write about.

One of my favorite recipes is to slice mushrooms quite thin. Heat butter over low heat in a pan. Add the mushrooms to the pan, a shake or two of salt (very light on the salt, too much changes the taste and texture). Shake the pan frequently to be sure all the mushrooms are cooked. Toward the end, it only takes about five minutes, add a half a teaspoon of Worcester Sauce and a couple drops of hot sauce. Serve over homemade bread lightly toasted.

Be careful what you eat, though! None of us want to wind up in a hole in the ground at a Mad Hatter's tea party.

As you see, mushrooms and toadstools can lead to much idle chatter!

The fungus pictured was found at the West Claremont Burying Ground, under the pine trees. It was about eight inches across! I didn't eat it, it was too pretty to disturb!

*Then the land will yield its produce, so that you can eat your fill and eat securely on it.*  
Leviticus 25:19

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





# Calendar Of Events

## Weekly Band Concerts

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont American Band, 7:00 pm, Thursdays until Aug. 19, Broad St. Park. Free. Bring a lawn chair.

## 2021 Lempster Old Home Day

### EVENT SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, August 14th

- 7am-9am Pancake Breakfast / Beat the Chief Roadrace – Fire Dept
- 9am-2pm Vendor’s Market – Food, Crafts, more
- 9:30am Opening Ceremonies—Flag Raising, Nat’l Anthem, Invocation
- 11:00am Parade – Lempster Street – kids, floats, tractors, re-enactors
- Day Long Vendors, music, food trucks, kids games, demonstrations, etc.
- 1:00pm Special Show - TBA
- 2:00pm Historical Talk – TBA
- 1pm-3pm Dodge Hollow School Open House
- 5pm-7pm Pulled Pork Supper – Lempster Fire Dept.
- 7:30pm Variety Show – Meeting House

#### Sunday, August 15th

- 10am Cemetery Commission Demonstration/Talk - TBA
- 1pm Conservation Commission Hike - TBA

## Community Options for Green Burial

**Sunday, Aug. 15, at 2PM/History Hall at #4 2nd NH TPK, Lempster, NH (corner of Rt. 10 and 2nd NH TPK)**

Green or natural burial is the age-old practice of burying in biodegradable caskets or shrouds without impediments to decomposition, such as cement vaults or toxic chemicals.

In this informative and sometimes provocative presentation, Lee Webster, former president of the Green Burial Council, will describe the principles of sustainable natural burial and what we can do to plan for a more planet-friendly ending. Attendees will learn the latest in what’s happening in the US and around the world plus what people can all do to create natural burial opportunities closer to home. Contact number 603-863-5023. All are welcome to this event. Light refreshments served.

Presented by The Lempster Cemetery Trustees.

## St. Mary Alumni Invited to Participate in SHS Alumni Parade

CLAREMONT, NH—Calling St. Mary Alumni, an invitation has been extended by the Stevens Alumni Parade committee to participate in their parade on Saturday, Oct. 2. Class rosters (1957 to 1971) are available if St. Mary Alumni wish to enter a float in this parade. For more info, call Claire Lessard, president, St. Mary Alumni Assoc., (603) 543-3617.

## 2021 Summer Concerts, Saint-Gaudens

**Aug 22nd** - Layale Chaker, violinist/composer: Explore the world at the intersection of classical, jazz, Arab, and improvised music

**Aug 29th** - Apple Hill String Quartet with Sally Pinkas: Classical and modern works for string quartet and piano

Due to the pandemic, most concerts will be held in person, outdoors at Union Church in Claremont (with registration) or digitally on the Saint-Gaudens Memorial YouTube Channel. Please verify details online before the show at [wcc-ma.org](http://wcc-ma.org) for full info including artists chats,

ticket registration, and special pop up mini-concerts. Visit SGM online at [saint-gaudens.org](http://saint-gaudens.org).

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/west-claremont-center-for-music-and-the-arts-10648461080>.


## Fiske Library Resumes Public Programs

On **Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**, Storyteller Sharon Wood will be here to present a story based on the Summer Reading Program theme of **Tails and Tales**. The program will be outside and is free.

Throughout the summer on Wednesdays when another program is not scheduled, there will be a craft program created by the library staff—all supplies will be provided free of charge. More information will be forthcoming.

Library staff will also be putting together craft kits which can be picked up by parents if their child can’t make it to the craft program.

Please call the library at 542-7017 for more information.



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All programs will be outside and when six feet of space is not possible, all attendees are required to wear masks. If you need a mask, one will be provided.

All programs are sponsored by The Friends of the Fiske Free Library.

## Concerts on the Common

NEWPORT, NH—The Newport Area Chamber of Commerce has announced that it is presenting its Annual Concerts on the Newport Common June 27th-August 29th. These concerts are free to the public thanks to its generous sponsors.

Schedule:

August 8, 2021: The Flames

August 15, 2021: Just Can't Wait

August 22, 2021: JJ's Music

August 29, 2021: TBD

## COH Pop-Up Concerts Series

CLAREMONT, NH—As part of its reopening and updated Membership Program, the Claremont Opera House has kicked off the summer season with a series of smaller pop-up concerts outside at Arrowhead Recreation Area. These pop-up concerts have something for everyone, are geared to get you out of your seats dancing, and are part of increasing the membership support of the COH.

**Aug 6th: Latin Night with Cuarteto Carioca** brings the vibrant sounds of latin music to Claremont. Based in the Monadnock region, their infectious blend of Brazilian Sambas, Choros, and Bossa Nova; Cuban boleros and rumbas; and Argentine Tangos bring smiles to faces. These talented musicians blend their individual skills with the voice of a classically trained mezzo-soprano. Get ready to practice your salsa dancing!

**Sept. 11 - Dixieland Jazz with the COH Orchestra**, led by Director Gerry Grimo and members of the East Bay Jazz, will take you back to the start of jazz in New Orleans. You'll want to tap your toes and sway to classic hits from Louis Armstrong and other well known artists from the period.

Tickets for all summer pop-up concerts are \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for K-12 students. Silver and Gold Members receive free tickets in reserved pods according to their membership selection. Tickets and Member Program information is available online at [www.claremontoperahouse.org](http://www.claremontoperahouse.org).

All concerts run from 6-8PM. In the event of rain, the concerts will be canceled.

## 44th Annual Orford Flea Market

**August 7th & 8th, 2021 (Saturday & Sunday)**

**Saturday – 9am to 5pm**

**Sunday – 9am to 4pm**

**Rain or Shine**

Sponsored by the Orford Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

On the Common, Rt. 10, Orford, NH

It's our 44th Annual Flea Market with up to 190 vendors. There will be a delightful mix of wares: antiques, handcrafted items, and the usual treasures. The OVFD Inc. will be selling hamburgers, hotdogs, French fries and refreshments. The Church will be selling breakfast sandwiches and later, pie & ice cream.

Phone: 603-353-4855

Email: [ovfdinc@gmail.com](mailto:ovfdinc@gmail.com)

## Windsor Blood Drive Aug. 10

The next Windsor Community Blood Drive is Tuesday, August 10th, once again located at The Holiday Inn Resort in Brownsville, VT. 12:30-5:00 PM.

Appointment's Only - No Walk-Ins.

Urgent need, please give if you can and we thank you! Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to schedule an appointment.

## Lake Sunapee VNA Offers Three Grief Support Groups

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

All of these groups provide an opportunity for participants to come together in a safe place of compassion and confidentiality. Attend once, multiple times or as needed. If interested, email your contact information to [loconnor@lakesunapeevna.org](mailto:loconnor@lakesunapeevna.org) and a member of the Lake Sunapee VNA bereavement team will call you with further details.

## VFW Post 808 Events

**AUGUST 14, 2021 (Saturday); 2-5 PM; Auxiliary Meat Raffle**

VFW Auxiliary No. 808 will hold a Meat Raffle at VFW Post 808 on 150 Charlestown Road, in Claremont. There will be twelve rounds of meat, gifts, and prizes to win. The event begins at 2 PM and will end at approximately 5 PM. Raffle tickets for most rounds will be \$2 per raffle ticket or \$5 for 3 tickets. Prizes for each round will be announced in advance -- with a host of possibilities from fresh meat and produce to gift certificates and baskets.

Link: <https://vfwpost808.wordpress.com/2021/07/18/8-14-aux-meat-affle/>

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 (Saturday); 8-9 PM; VFW's Last Fool Standing**

VFW Post 808 will be hosting its first Last Fool Standing competition at the Post Home on 150 Charlestown Road, in Claremont. Five people will try to endure one hour on stage without laughing. Each competitor will have to contend with each other and the audience for the chance to win a cash prize. Audience participation is encouraged. The audience will be asked for a \$5 entry fee which will automatically enter them into a 50/50 raffle drawing to be called at the end of the competition. Proceeds from the raffle will go to the VFW's Voices of Democracy program. For a full breakdown of the rules, please see VFW Post 808's website. Competitors must be entered by no later than SEPTEMBER 1 at 10 PM.

Link: <https://vfwpost808.wordpress.com/2021/07/18/9-11-last-fool-standing/>

## Charlestown VFW Bingo Schedule

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown VFW Bingo is offering a weekly opportunity for some entertainment and socializing while helping us to raise funds for our many Veterans programs. Wednesday nights at 5:00 p.m. for early birds and 6:30 p.m. for regular fun and



games. Currently, we play 12 regular and two 2 part games, as well as a 50/50 game, Winner-take-all game, Carry Over Coverall game and a Jackpot game. The Governor's emergency order concerning COVID has expired. It is now time to take the lessons we have learned over the past year plus and act accordingly. If you're sick – stay home. Cover your nose / mouth when you cough, wash and / or sanitize your hands frequently, and we'll all be healthier. The attendance limitation has also ended. In keeping with the state CDC recommendations, if you have a compromised immune system you may still wear a mask for your own protection. We still have masks and hand sanitizer for anyone that may desire either product. The Charlestown VFW Post is located at 365 Lover's Lane Rd, Charlestown, NH.

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

## SHS Alumni Celebration Info

CLAREMONT, NH—As plans for the 150th shift into high gear, the Stevens High Alumni has highlighted the many ways alumni, businesses and donors can get involved:

For general information on the association — and to pay your dues or make a donation — go to [stevensalumninh.com](http://stevensalumninh.com)

Email [alumni@stevensalumninh.com](mailto:alumni@stevensalumninh.com)

Phone the office at 603-542-8987

Find out more about Alumni Weekend at [stevensalumninh.com/news/10408/alumni-weekend-2021/](http://stevensalumninh.com/news/10408/alumni-weekend-2021/)

- To order imprinted "Class of YYYY" shirts, visit [inkfactoryclothing.com](http://inkfactoryclothing.com).

## Claremont Senior Center News

"What do they do there?" "Where?" "The Claremont Senior Center." "Nice building." "Yeah. But what for?" "What goes on there?" Well, everyone. All your questions were answered on Sun. Aug1.-1pm-3pm. Our Re-house Opening gave the public a chance to come on in and see what we do.

We will follow this public event with another Free event. Our last concert will be on Friday, Aug. 6, and will feature the fabulous Firehouse 6. Music starts at 6:30pm-8pm. Ice cream sundaes will be available along with bever-

ages. Bring your favorite lawn chair, your foot stomping and hand clapping talents. We have dance space, too. Open to the public. Thanks go to Roz Caplan for sponsoring this event.

Your foot stomping will go better and look better if the footsies are in good repair. The Foot Clinic will be at the Center on Thursday, Aug. 5, and Wednesdays Aug, 11, Aug. 18 and Aug. 25. Call 748-1731 for an appointment. We, and you, are so lucky to have this service.

Boy, the men know where the good food, good conversation and good fun are. The Senior Men's Breakfast will be on Monday, Aug. 16, 8am. Good tasting pancakes, good crispy bacon or snappy sausages, good cold juice and good coffee. A very good speaker will be heard at about 8:45. Senior men only. Members-\$2, nonmembers-\$3. Come n' get it!

We want your blood! At least someone in distress wants it. You can help on Monday, Aug. 23, noon-5pm. Call-1-800-REDCROSS for an appointment. Please donate if you are able. Thanks for your help.

We are on a roll this August...literally. On Sunday, Aug. 29, the cars will be rolling in for our 9th Claremont Senior Center Car Show. Every shape, color, size, make, new, old, re-made kind of car will be here. So exciting! All are hoping for that trophy. That depends on

you. You will help choose the winners by voting for your favorites. The trophies will be awarded at 2pm. While you are waiting, listen for your number for a door prize or the 50/50. You can buy a t-shirt, eat and eat, or grab an ice cream, popcorn or soda.

Mark the date- Sun. Aug. 29-9am-2pm. Visitors-\$5, Show Car-\$10-driver and one passenger, others-\$5. Join us. You'll be glad you did.

Not only will there be great food at the show, but there is great food here every Tuesday and Thursday for our take-out. Here is the menu for this Tuesday and Thursday:

Tuesday, Aug. 3-Ham and Cheese on a Roll, Lettuce, Tomato, Dessert  
Thursday, Aug. 5-Taco Salad, Dessert  
Take out only. Pick up: 11:45am-12:15pm.  
Members-\$4, nonmembers-\$5. Call 5543-5998 to reserve your meals.

This week the Membership meeting will be on Tuesday, Aug. 3 at 1:00pm. Please attend for updates and new programs. We have a couple of surprises coming.

The Winter Wonderland Fair will be on Saturday, Nov. 6, with set up on Fri.-4pm-6pm. Please call 542-5798 for an application to reserve your space.

## Public Notice

### Claremont School Board Regular Meeting

August 4, 2021 at 6:30pm

### Location: Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center

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

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

You can watch channel 8 at anytime LIVE here:

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

Or channel 10 here:

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

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



Well, that's it for this week. Enjoy the weather between the raindrops. Time to complete started projects. Bring your needlework in on Friday afternoons and sit with the knitters. The conversations are interesting and informative. Have a great week.

Thought of the week: They say with age comes wisdom. So, I don't have wrinkles, I have wise cracks.

Laughter and good conversation always welcome here. And zucchini jokes.

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Rd., Claremont, NH. 603-543-5798. Mask rules posted.

## Mural Making with Allison Zito

Looking for painters, ages 10 and up to dress up the Sullivan County Public Cidery with a mural. No experience necessary. All materials provided. FREE! Reservations are required. Limit of 5 painters per session. Local artist, Allison Zito, will be leading each session.

Sessions times are 9am -12pm and 4-7pm and run from August 23 - 27 & 30-31 on weekdays. We are happy to have families and adults volunteer to help out. Ages 10 and up can help paint, children younger than 10 must be supervised at all times. There is a garden, forested area, nature trail, small stream and pond nearby.

This project is hosted by Sullivan County Natural Resources Dept. and supported by Sullivan County Conservation District, Claremont Makerspace and LaValley's Building Supply in Claremont. Thank you for your contributions!

Reserve a date and time here: <https://calendly.com/2021plantsale/muralmakingwithallison>. Contact Dawn Dextraze with questions, 603.504.1004 or [ddextraze@sullivancountynh.gov](mailto:ddextraze@sullivancountynh.gov).

## HERO Fundraising Events Scheduled Across New Hampshire

LEBANON, N.H. – The 2021 CHaD HERO is quickly approaching and community support for the annual fundraiser is ramping up with several local events and the announcement of a generous challenge grant. The CHaD HERO brings awareness and raises funds for the largest fundraising event for Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (CHaD).

Thanks to a generous \$150,000 challenge grant from The Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foun-

dation, participants can elevate their CHaD HERO fundraising efforts with a matching donation. Gifts made to the CHaD HERO from July 15-August 15 will be matched 2:1. Gifts made after August 15 will be matched 1:1 until the match runs out. Matches will be added to qualifying participants' fundraising pages after all \$150,000 has been raised.

The month of August features three HERO Happenings:

### HERO Pizza Night -Wednesday, August 11 – 5:30 p.m.

Hosted by King Arthur Baking Company, CHaD supporters will come away from this event as homemade pizza experts. The virtual event features an interactive demonstration in a one-hour pizza class. The entry fee is \$35 and proceeds will be donated to the HERO. Sign up at [www.KingArthurBaking.com](http://www.KingArthurBaking.com)

### HERO Yoga for CHaD - Thursday, August 12 – 5:30 p.m.

You can enjoy physical and spiritual benefits of yoga with Mighty Yoga! The one-hour session is hosted by Kim and has virtual or in-person options at Mighty Yoga in Hanover, N.H. All levels of experience are welcome as Kim has modifications and variations for every sequence. Learn more at [www.MightyYogaNH.com](http://www.MightyYogaNH.com).

### 100-Mile Motorcycle Ride -Saturday, Aug. 28 – Registration opens at 9 a.m.

Take a scenic 100-mile motorcycle ride through the beautiful White Mountains to benefit this year's Kid HERO Ainsley. The event starts and ends at the Lancaster Fairgrounds in Lancaster, N.H. Don't have a bike? The White Mountains are just as beautiful by car! Learn more at [www.Facebook.com/events/492331642071369](http://www.Facebook.com/events/492331642071369).

## Claremont Fire Dept. Log

### Sunday, July 25

0026- Responded to Severance St. for a medical call.

0605- Engine 4 responded to Pleasant St for an alarm sounding.

0739- Engine 4 responded to Belding St. for an electrical problem.

0828- Engine 4 responded to Washington St. for an alarm sounding.

1058- Engine 4 responded to Ridge Ave. for a medical call.

1106- Engine 3 responded to Upham Pl. for a medical call.

1356- Engine 4 responded to Upham Pl. for a medical call.

### Monday, July 26

1000- Engine 3 responded to Drapers Corner for a battery fire.

1201- Engine 4 responded to West Terrace St. for a box alarm.

### Tuesday, July 27

0120- Engine 4 responded to Myrtle St. for a medical call.

1630- Engine 4 responded to Main St. for low hanging wires.

1726- Engine 4 responded to Hewitt Rd. for a wire down.

1937- Engine 4 responded to School St. for a box alarm.

### Wednesday, July 28

0722-Engine 4 responded to Maple Ave. for a medical call.

1551- Engine 4 responded to Walmart for a vehicle leaking gas.

2009- Engine 4 responded to Tutherly Ave. for a medical call.

### Thursday, July 29

0757- Engine 4 responded to Winter St. for a medical call.

0939- Engine 4 responded to Sullivan St. for a medical call.

1403- Engine 4 responded to Broad St. for a medical call.

1631- Engine 3 responded to Mulberry St. for a MVA.

2107- Engine 4 and Engine 3 responded to Main St. for a structure fire.

2238- Utility 1 and Boat 1 responded to Newport for mutual aid.

2301- Engine 3 responded to Broad St. for a medical call.

2302- Ladder 1 responded to First St. for a medical call.

### Friday, July 30

0637- Engine 4 responded to Beau regard St. for a water related incident.

1026- Engine 4 responded to Sugar River Dr. for a low hanging wire.

1128- Engine 4 responded to Main St. for a box alarm.

2053- Rescue 1 and Ladder 1 responded to the Sugar River for a water related incident.

### Saturday, July 31

0754- Engine 4 responded to Maple Ave for a medical call.

1550- Engine 4 responded to Pearl St. for a medical call.

1841- Engine 4 responded to South St. for an alarm sounding.





# SAVE THE DATE!

SAU 6

Back to School Festival

Saturday, August 28

10am-12pm

Barnes Park

for more information

Courtney Porter

603.477.6943

[cporter@sau6.org](mailto:cporter@sau6.org)





Remembering Loved Ones...

## Life Tributes

### Obituaries May Be Found On Our Website

**We post obituaries on our website to make them available in “real time,” as they are released by funeral homes. We will continue to publish them here weekly, as well, for your convenience if you wish to print out any of them.**

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

#### Irene L. Davis, 88

Irene L. Davis, 88, of Claremont, NH, passed away peacefully on July 23, 2021, at her home with her family by her side.

She was born in Keene, NH, on January 21, 1933, the daughter of Gilles and Lydia (George) Pinard.

She is survived by her children, Alan (Pam) of Claremont, Mike (Carole) of Brewster, MA, Linda (Patrick) of Newport, Richard (Liz) of Shrewsbury, VT, Robert (Carrie) of Wells, ME, and Anthony (Hannah) of Rumford, ME; 13 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

She is also survived by her sisters, Loretta, Antoinette, Marie and Arlene, and 2 brothers, Roland and Roger.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by 1 brother and 2 sisters.

Per Irene's wishes there will be no services. A private burial will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice, 107 Newport Road, New London, NH 03257.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

#### Ernest F. Baldasaro, 75

Ernest (Ernie) F. Baldasaro passed away at home on Saturday, July 24, at the age of 75, surrounded by his loving family, after a long battle with COPD.

Ernie was born on February 2, 1946, in Charlestown, NH, to Guy and Nelda (Williams) Baldasaro. He joined his brother David Baldasaro to complete their family. He graduated from Charlestown High School in 1964. If you knew Ernie in his youth, you will remember he enjoyed driving fast and taking chances and was known as the class clown.

Ernie went to vocational school in Boston for CNC education and worked as a machinist for many years. Ernie went on to own retail stores in Claremont, including “She”, Dan’s Footwear, and The Locker Room. He considered himself a savvy businessman and always had an epic work ethic. He went on to hold various jobs through the years and finally found a role that made him happy in driving for Thomas Transportation which he did until February 2020. He loved driving the Keene State sports teams and Swamp Bats to their games.

Ernie was an active member of the Charlestown community, serving on the Charlestown Fire Department for more than 20 years, including a role as Asst. Fire Chief. He loved to make (and eat) the donuts, help with the BBQ Chicken fundraisers and even provided CPR to a cat on one of their fire calls. He was as a

member of the Finance Committee, Master of Ceremonies for Old Home’s Day, and volunteer coach for his daughter’s basketball team.

When his body was healthy enough, Ernie was an avid pheasant, deer and turkey hunter, a love he learned from his dad and shared with his son and daughters. He enjoyed fishing, trips to Foxwoods, and most of all cooking. He was beyond proud of his meatball and red sauce recipe which he shared with his oldest daughter, Lisa, on the day of his passing.

He was predeceased in life by his father and mother, Guy & Nelda and his brother David.

Ernie is lovingly remembered by sister-in-law, Shirley Baldasaro of Claremont, NH. His daughter, Lisa (Baldasaro) Carlton and granddaughter, Ella Jean Rose of Lincoln, RI. His daughter, Johnna (Baldasaro) Shortsleeves and husband, Scott of Parsonsfield, ME, and granddaughters, Paige, Natalie and Sophie. His son, Michael Baldasaro and wife, Teal of Hillsborough, NH, and granddaughter, Isobel and grandson, Giovanni. His daughter, “his rock” and caretaker, Samantha (Baldasaro) Aubin and husband, Shawn of Charlestown, NH, his grandson, Owen and granddaughter, Mia. With special mention to his bonus grand-

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son, Liam Aubin. Ernie’s children and grandchildren were the true loves of his life.

Visitation will be held at Charlestown Memorial Chapel on Monday, August 2nd, from 4-6PM.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Catherine’s of Sienna Church in Charlestown on Tuesday, August 3rd, at 11am with Father John officiating. Interment will take place at St. Peter’s Cemetery in Drewsville following the Mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to COPDFoundation.org and if you are still a smoker, please consider quitting.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**William L. Gray, 76**

William (Bill) L. Gray, 76, of Claremont, NH, passed away on July 16, 2021, at the Elm Wood Center in Claremont, NH.

Bill was born to Leonard W. and Ruth Colburn Gray on December 25, 1944, in Manchester, NH. He spent most of his youth growing up in Charlestown before spending many years living in Claremont with the support and assistance of Pathways of the River Valley. Bill was a very social person and enjoyed visits with friends, concerts, and trips to local restaurants. He enjoyed spending time with his family and always looked forward to family events and gatherings. Bill was a huge car racing enthusiast and for many years did not miss a race at Claremont Speedway. He had a great memory and could name each driver and car number. He also loved Nascar Racing and diligently watched every weekly race.

Bill spent the last seven years living at Elm Wood Center where he made many friends, enjoyed playing bingo, and was affectionately referred to as the “mayor.”

Bill is survived by his stepmother, Mary Gray of Charlestown, who was his Mom since 1948, his sister, Carol Olsen of Hyde Park, VT, his step-sisters, Elaine Kernozicky of Keene, NH, and Candace Hingston and her husband, Bob of Windsor, VT, his step-brothers, Gary Gray and his wife, Flossie of Westmoreland, NH, Gordon Gray and his wife, Nancy of Groveton, NH, and Larry Gray and his

**The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.**

To watch the meeting via Zoom, click the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87916056352?pwd=VDdXVWppaDJuOXZITEV2a2tPQkc3dz09>

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Or by telephone: 1-646-558-8656, Webinar ID: 879 1605 6352, Passcode: 739587

(Please note: This link is provided for viewing only. This platform will not be monitored during the meeting.

For citizens wishing to speak to the Council directly, please join us in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

**AGENDA**

- 6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL
- 6:34 PM 3. AGENDA CHANGES
- 6:35 PM 4. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY  
Minutes of July 28, 2021, City Council Meeting(s)
- 6:37 PM 5. MAYOR’S NOTES
- 6:42 PM 6. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT  
A. COVID-19 Update
- 6:55 PM 7. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
- 7:00 PM 8. CITIZEN’S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))
- 9. OLD BUSINESS
- 7:10 PM A. ARPA Funds Discussion
- 7:20 PM B. Ordinance 589 Police Commission – Second Reading – Public Hearing
- 7:35 PM C. Ordinance 590 Alcoholic Beverages – Second Reading – Public Hearing
- BREAK
- 10. NEW BUSINESS
- 8:00 PM A. Restoration of Merged Land Parcels, Map 135-10 (City Manager)
- 8:15 PM B. Station Host Association Request for Funds Discussion (Council)
- 8:25 PM C. Ordinance 591 Rescind Weapons in Public Buildings – First Reading (Policy Committee)
- 8:40 PM D. Property Maintenance Policy Discussion (City Manager)
- 8:55 PM E. Overview of the Trust Funds (Councilor Contois)
- 9:05 PM F. Zoom Platform Discussion (Councilor Stone)
- 9:10 PM 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 9:15 PM 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 9:20 PM 13. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 9:25 PM 14. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council’s next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.



wife, Elaine of Groveton, NH and several nephews and nieces. Bill was predeceased by his parents, his sister, Jane Grover and her husband, Dick, and two brothers-in-law, Erik Olsen and Gary Kernozicky.

Services will be held privately by the family.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Kevin D. Patten, 37

Kevin D. Patten, 37, of Nichols Road in Charlestown, NH, passed away unexpectedly on July 21, 2021, at home.

He was born in Hartford, CT, on November 20, 1983, the son of Lynne Patten and the late Timothy Patten and had resided in Charlestown for most of his life.

He worked at Daniels Construction as a machine operator.

The family includes his mother, Lynne Asselin Patten and his brother, Brett W. Patten, nephews, Ziegen and Logen Patten, his girlfriend, April Hall, her 3 children, Alicia, Madison and Payton, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was predeceased by his father, Timothy J. Patten, his aunt, Laura Kilcoyne, his maternal grandparents, William and Marjorie Asselin and his paternal grandparents, David and Lois Patten.

Kevin loved almost anything on wheels. If it could do a burn out or wheelie, he was all about it. He loved hanging out with his friends and making sure everyone was having a good time. He loved all his friends' kids as well. He loved to tell his stories and you could almost guarantee sounds effects would be involved. Kevin had many talents, from welding to running a hoe. If you ever needed him, he would be there. Kevin had a heart of gold.

A celebration of life gathering was held on Sunday, August 1st, in Charlestown.

The REP presents

# ALICE'S ADVENTURES THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

SATURDAY  
AUGUST 7  
2 & 7PM

SUNDAY  
AUGUST 8  
2PM

The Claremont Opera House  
more info and tickets @ cohnh.org





## 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:*

Airport Advisory Board	1 Vacant Seat
Board of Appeals	5 Vacant Seats 3 Vacant Alternate Seats
Board of Assessors	1 Vacant Alternate Seat
Claremont Community Television Board of Directors	No Vacant Seats
Claremont Development Authority	1 Vacant Seat
Claremont Energy Advisory Committee	1 Vacant Seat 1 Vacant Alternate Seat
Claremont Housing Authority Commission	1 Vacant Seat
Claremont Planning Board	2 Vacant Seats 4 Vacant Alternate Seats
Claremont Police Commission	No Vacant Seats
Conservation Commission	5 Vacant Alternate Seats
Electric Aggregation Committee	4 Vacant Seats 2 Vacant Alternate Seats
Elks Education Fund Trustee	1 Vacant Alternate Seat
Finance Committee	2 Vacant Seats
Fiske Free Library Board of Trustees	2 Vacant Alternate Seats
Frances J. Tolles Home Board of Trustees	1 Vacant Seat
Historic District Commission	2 Vacant Alternate Seats
Licensing Board	1 Vacant Seat
MT Ascutney Region River Subcommittee of the CT River Joint Commission	1 Vacant Seat 2 Vacant Alternate Seats
Parks & Recreation Commission	5 Vacant Alternate Seats
Personnel Advisory Board	No Vacant Seats
Policy Committee	No Vacant Seats
TIF Downtown Advisory Board	4 Vacant Seats
Trustees of Trust Funds	No Vacant Seats
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission	No Vacant Seats
Zoning Board of Adjustment	3 Vacant Alternate Seats

### *Seats for Future Availability:*

Fiske Free Library	1 seat expires 9/30/2021
Board of Assessors	1 seat expires 10/2/2021
Trustees of Trust Funds	1 seat expires 10/31/2021

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.

7/27/2021