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The Fire Is Out — The Captain Goes In

Claremont FD's Fire Cause Investigator Puts the Pieces Together

Editor's Note: This year, Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 4-10. To recognize the work of those professionals who keep us safe, we're offering this insight into one aspect of firefighting. Thanks go to Fire Chief Bryan Burr for his help with this story.

**By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News**

CLAREMONT, NH—Christopher Pixley is, in a sense, always on call.

He's not only a Fire Captain at the Claremont department but also its Fire Cause Investigator. "Under State statute, the fire chief is required to report a formal determination on every fire," he explains, "so my duties start right after the fire is suppressed."

Pixley has nearly 25 years of firefighting experience in Claremont, starting as a call firefighter in 1996. He joined the department as a firefighter in 2005, was promoted to lieutenant in 2009, and to captain in 2014. In addition, he has worked as a paramedic for the City of Lebanon Fire Department, Golden Cross Ambulance (critical care transport) and Valley Regional Hospital (emergency department).

Yet, Pixley noted, "I'm really passionate about firefighting. I always want to learn more." The "more" turned out to be fire cause investigation, which he began training for in 2010 when the previous investigator retired.

Part of his training was taking classes at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, on topics ranging from Forensic Evidence Collection to Interviewing-Interrogation Techniques and Testimony. Pixley now holds certifications from the International Association of Arson Investigators, the National Association of Fire Investigators, and the State of
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Fire captain Christopher Pixley prepares the tools he uses on every fire cause investigation to dig, scrape and sift for evidence (Eric Zengota photo).



Sullivan County Awarded \$1.7M in Lead Reduction Funding From HUD

BOSTON, MA —The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded more than \$12.1 million in New Hampshire to help state and local government agencies protect children and families from lead-based paint and home health hazards.

Sullivan County was one of 15 first-time recipients of this funding. In all, there were 44 grants approved and a total of nearly \$165 million. The County will be awarded \$1,303,524 in Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction grant program funding and \$400,000 in Healthy

Homes funding. According to Sullivan County Manager Derek Ferland, "This is outstanding news for Sullivan County and we look forward to making a positive impact in our communities by protecting families—especially those with
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young children. The City of Claremont has demonstrated tremendous leadership on this issue and we are pleased to partner with them to obtain these resources.”

This grant caps off a multi-year effort of a partnership comprised of the Claremont Lead Action Team, the Greater Sullivan County Regional Public Health Network, and Sullivan County. This group has been working together to develop new approaches to combat childhood lead poisoning and improve the county’s housing stock. A planning grant that was awarded to Dartmouth-Hitchcock from the Environmental Public Health Tracking Program of NH Department of Health and Human Services helped the team evaluate existing lead abatement programs. As a result of that effort, the group determined a large HUD grant was the best way to make meaningful progress to eradicate lead hazards.

Over 80 percent of homes in Sullivan County were built prior to 1978, which was the year lead-based paint was banned in the United States.

Sullivan County’s staff will lead the next steps which include hiring a program manager and certified lead inspector to oversee the program. Once on board, they will process applications and coordinate with qualified contractors to do the work. In the meantime, interested homeowners, landlords, tenants, or contractors should contact Sullivan County.

Also being awarded grants in New Hampshire are:

- The New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority will be awarded \$4 million in Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction grant program funding and \$700,000 in Healthy Homes funding. They will address lead hazards in 226 housing units providing safer homes for low and very low-income families with children;
- The City of Nashua will be awarded \$5 million in Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction grant program funding and \$700,000 in Healthy Homes funding. The City will address lead hazards in 250 housing units providing safer homes for low and very low-income families with children.

HUD is providing these grants through its Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction (LBPFR) Grant Program to identify and clean up dangerous lead in low-income families’ homes. These grants also include more than \$17 million from HUD’s Healthy Homes Supplemental funding to help communities with housing-related health and safety hazards in addition to lead-based paint hazards.

These investments will protect families and children by targeting significant lead and health hazards in over 14,000 low-income homes for which other resources are not available.

“A healthy start at home translates to a successful life outside of the home,” said David Tille, HUD

New England Regional Administrator. “HUD is committed to working with our New Hampshire grantees to eradicate lead paint poisoning to make sure our homes are safe and ensure positive outcomes for families and their kids.”

“Today, we are renewing our commitment to improving the lives of families, and especially, their children by creating safer and healthier homes,” said HUD Secretary, Dr. Ben Carson. “At HUD, one of our main priorities is to protect families from lead-based paint and other health hazards, and these grants will help states and local communities do precisely that.”

HUD’s Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes promotes local efforts to eliminate dangerous lead paint and other housing-related health hazards from lower income homes; stimulates private sector investment in lead hazard control; supports cutting-edge research on methods for assessing and controlling housing-related health and safety hazards; and educates the public about the dangers of hazards in the home.

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

Governor's Vetoes Hold

Last month I was reminded again of an observation I noted in one of my previous columns a few years ago—it is very difficult for either the New Hampshire House of Representatives or Senate, let alone both chambers, to override gubernatorial vetoes.

On Sept. 16, both the House and Senate met: the House at Durham's Whittemore Center, the Senate in Representatives Hall at the State House in Concord to deal with all 2020 Legislative Session bills vetoed by Gov. Christopher Sununu, a total of 22 bills or 16 House and 6 Senate measures. Unfortunately, all 22 vetoes were ultimately sustained, though the Senate did override the veto of Senate 159, which would have raised net energy metering limits for customer generators of energy by the necessary two-thirds majority required under the New Hampshire Constitution. But the House later failed to override by a two-thirds majority as the override attempt garnered only 207 "yes" to 130 "no" in a roll call. This override failure was especially disappointing in my opinion because Senate Bill 159 was a bipartisan measure, sponsored by 14 lawmakers. Also, the bill was supported by the City of Claremont which could actually benefit from its passage.

While the House was unable to override any of the 17 vetoes it considered, it did approve by a 199-134 roll call vote a request for an advisory opinion of the New Hampshire Supreme Court on whether the House if it met "remotely, either wholly or in part, whereby a quorum could be determined electronically violate Part II, Article 20 of the New Hampshire Constitution." Part II, Article 20 reads, "A majority of the members of the House of Representatives shall be a quorum for doing business. But when less than two-thirds of the Representatives elected shall be present, the assent of two-thirds of these members shall be necessary to render their acts and proceedings valid." The requested advisory opinion was proposed by House Speaker Stephen Shurtleff, who is currently unsure of whether this constitutional article as written would allow the House to meet remotely through digital platforms.

Other proponents of the requested advisory opinion such as New London Rep. Karen Ebel, a Democrat, who is also Deputy House Speaker, declared that seeking this advisory was important in light of the COVID-19 pandemic which has forced both House and Senate to make changes in the way they do business so as protect their members, staff, and constituents. If it persists, it would likely force the full House and Senate to continue meeting at more spacious sites like Whittemore Center or Representatives Hall, until there is a vaccine or other cure. Both bodies have already converted to holding their committee meetings through platforms such as Zoom with no constitutional challenges or other serious problems as of the date of this column.

Nevertheless, opponents of the requested advisory opinion criticized the request as being too narrowly focused on just one section of the State Constitution. They said the request should have been broadened so as to also ask whether remote House meetings on digital platforms



violate Part II, Article 8 which reads, "The doors of the galleries of each House of the Legislature, shall be kept open to all persons who behave decently except when the welfare of the state in the opinion of either branch shall require secrecy." They offered amendments to so broaden the requested advisory from the Supreme Court, but all these amendments were defeated in votes, mainly along party lines. The advisory opinion request now goes to the Court's justices, who will hopefully issue the advisory before Dec. 2 of this year, when the House's new term begins. I voted for Speaker Shurtleff's advisory opinion request because I believe the House needs more constitutional clarity from the Supreme Court on whether it can meet remotely as a full body without violating the State Constitution. If the Court advises the House cannot meet remotely without such violation, then I predict that at least for 2021 Session, the House will likely consider fewer pieces of legislation, many of which will be large omnibus measures, similar to the ones we voted on at the end of the 2020 Session. Consequently, representatives will likely hold fewer and longer meetings at least in 2021 because of the greater expense in meeting at more spacious off-site venues. I would also predict that legislative work as done before COVID-19 occurred earlier this year will not return to normal until at least 2022 when a vaccine and/or other cure is available.

Returning to the vetoes that the House attempted to unsuccessfully override, these vetoed bills included House Bill 731, which would have raised New Hampshire's minimum wage up to \$12 per hour over the next three years, as well as House Bill 712, which would have implemented a paid Family & Medical Leave Insurance Program, for workers wishing to temporarily take time off from their jobs to care for sick family members or themselves. Vetoed COVID-19 related measures included two—the first, House Bill 1246, which would have required the Governor to report all disbursements of federal CARES (Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, & Economic Security) Act stimulus funds as well as authorized pharmacists to administer a COVID-19 vaccine, if it becomes available. The second, House Bill 1247, would have given more temporary protection to tenants being evicted for back rent not paid during the Pandemic's "State of Emergency." Also vetoed was House Bill 250, which would have established a dental insurance benefit for all adults receiving Medicaid, and House Bill 1665, that would have created an independent advisory redistricting commission for next term's scheduled redrawing of county, state, and federal legislative districts as required after the 2020 Federal Census. Finally, we representatives failed to override the vetoes of two controversial but important public safety measures, which would have saved a few more lives, and prevented some abuse of at-risk people. These vetoes included that of House Bill 687, which would have authorized the use of "extreme risk protection orders" by the courts to temporarily restrict access to firearms by mentally unwell individuals who might harm themselves or others. Additionally, there was House Bill 1660, which would have established a protective order for vulnerable adults being subjected to financial, physical, or emotional abuse by their caregivers.

I voted to override all of the vetoes of the just-described bills. I am disappointed that Gov. Sununu vetoed all of these measures without at least attempting to meet with the House and Democratic leadership so as to seek compromises especially on net metering, raising the minimum wage, as well as Family & Medical Leave.

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We Support Local Businesses

Letters To The Editor

To The Editor:

While talking to voters, there are consistent themes we hear regarding what small business owners would like to see happen in the Granite State. Themes that are interconnected and have a compounding effect on the outcomes in our communities. These themes include a well-resourced public education, the availability and variety of jobs, and to be protected against rising and unfair property tax burdens.

Small business owners deeply understand the value a skilled workforce that include 'soft' skills like self-discipline, the ability to work with others, the art of compromise and blending ideas, self-respect, and respect for diversity. Skills that people develop with a properly funded public education.

Yet one of the greatest challenges for rural businesses is that property taxes can be a bigger expense than business taxes. We cannot keep putting our small businesses, and our children's education, at odds with one another. This is an unfair situation.

As candidates for office, we support quality public education for all our children regardless of who they are, their ability, economic status, religion, race, or sex. Our NH schools are innovators in the nation for performance-based assessments that teach our students problem solving and collaboration. Because we know that these same children become the workforce of our future that either are hired in or start small businesses of their own. We want them to stay here because they are our children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Additionally, as a state with some of the highest energy costs in New England, heating and cooling are an issue for small businesses. We know that there is a tremendous opportunity in the renewable energy industry to both invest in trades and apprenticeship to fuel our local economy. We support trades and apprenticeship work with a focus on promoting renewable energy resources, net metering, and reducing our reliance on fossil fuels. These measures will help the future of our State, businesses, and the environment. A win-win-win for our future!

New Hampshire is a state that runs on a very frugal budget. We can be creative in our approach to increase our revenues without downshifting costs from the State level to regressive, local property taxes. We can give the tax relief to small businesses while making sure that corporations that do business here pay their fair share in taxes. Historically, we have given tax relief to out of state businesses where the profits go right out of state and then we must make up the difference. Let us try something new: investing in small towns and business where the money will stay in the Granite State.

Businesses thrive with an educated workforce, smart investments in the local economy including reliable broadband, and energy that is green and renewable. We support local small businesses because they are our friends, our neighbors, and our community members who strengthen our local economy. We ask for your vote on November 3rd.

Representative Linda Tanner Sullivan District 9 and Jenn Alford –Teaster, Candidate for NH Senate District 8

Liza Draper is the Best Choice for Claremont

To The Editor:

Liza Draper is a first time candidate for the New Hampshire House of Representatives representing Sullivan County District 5 (Claremont Ward 3). As someone who has worked closely with Liza and knows how deeply she cares for our community, I am enthusiastically endorsing Liza Draper for State Representative. I know Liza and I know how much she cares about what happens here. I first met Liza when we joined forces to establish Rural Outright to support and advocate for rural LGBTQIA+ folks, particularly youth. What has always struck me about Liza is her willingness to do the work. She is not someone who just talks, Liza will get the job done.

For years, Liza has been on the ground in Claremont connecting with folks and using her voice to amplify others. She has worked as a public school teacher, and as a community health educator for TLC Family Resource Center where she delivered teen pregnancy and STI prevention programming across Sullivan County. Liza spends countless hours volunteering, and received the Visionary Voice Award last year from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, nominated by the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Liza is a champion on the issues that affect people in Claremont. She understands the need for equitable school funding and access to childcare. She understands the urgency of climate justice. She understands that we need to make our communities safer, cleaner, more welcoming and prosperous for all. Liza has been endorsed by some of the leading people's organizations such as Rights and Democracy. She isn't afraid of tough conversations or finding new solutions, Liza Draper is the best choice for Claremont.

If you're a Claremont resident in Ward 3, be sure to vote by mail or in person for Liza Draper for State Representative.

Matt Mooshian, Claremont, NH

Liza Draper for State Representative

To The Editor:

We are proud to endorse Liza Draper for State Representative in Ward 3. Liza cares deeply about Claremont and has been involved at the community level for many years. Liza knows that we can do better, and is committed to making our increasingly diverse community safer, cleaner, and more welcoming to all. Liza is a former public school educator, and two of her children are proud Stevens High School graduates. Liza understands the need for equitable education funding and access to high-quality childcare. She has worked as a community health educator and extensively volunteered with Turning Points Network, giving her a unique perspective into the issues members of our community face. Liza is a powerful advocate and will bring her skills to Concord to fight for Claremont. Liza Draper is the kind of voice we need representing Claremont. She understands the needs of our community and isn't afraid to roll up her sleeves to get the work done. If you live in Ward 3, we urge you to vote for Liza Draper on November 3.

Abigail Kier & Debbie Matteau, At-Large Claremont City Councilors, Claremont, NH

Lawsuit Filed Against Claremont School District Over Young Woman's Assault

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—A lawsuit was filed last Tuesday in US District Court against the Claremont School District, SAU 6 and several individuals over the assault of a young, disabled woman by a substitute para and classroom assistant while on a field trip to a local nonprofit last year. The lawsuit stems from the case in which George Caccavaro, 79, of Claremont, named in the suit, was originally charged with two counts of misdemeanor sexual assault for allegedly rubbing against the then 20-year-old woman and grabbing her buttocks, as described in the police affidavit and lawsuit; she was a special needs student in the Life Skills program at the high school at the time. Caccavaro accompanied her and another student to the nonprofit for a field trip. He pled guilty earlier this year to two counts of simple assault and was sentenced this summer to two months in jail, with the remaining 10 months suspended. According to the lawsuit, he was released around Sept. 18.

Also named in the lawsuit, filed by the victim's guardian, are SHS principal Patricia Barry, the Life Skills instructor Kelly Fontaine and 1-10 unidentified individuals. The suit asserts that according to investigative documents, Barry had been made aware of an incident prior to Christmas vacation 2018 where Caccavaro was caught kissing the young woman. A teacher reported seeing her sitting in a rocking chair when he leaned down and kissed her on the forehead. Barry told him to stop "focusing" so much on the one student. He also reportedly provided her with food and snacks. The lawsuit alleges this amounted to "his ongoing sexual grooming" of the young woman. The suit says her family was not notified about the incident.

The lawsuit alleges that Fontaine was aware of the attention Caccavaro was paying to the student but did not pass along reports of the behavior to family members or the police.

Caccavaro was fired from the school district on Feb. 5, 2019, the date of the field trip incident which was witnessed by two volunteers at the nonprofit and reported by them to the director who in turn reported it to the school. The lawsuit also alleges that the school district "and/or SAU #6 grossly violated their own policies and procedures regarding sexual harass-

ment." It also asserts that "All of Caccavaro's misconduct at issue, including Caccavaro's sexual assault of [student], his ongoing sexual grooming of her, and his February 5, 2019 sexual assault of her, constitute sexual harassment and/or sexual violence under this

policy."

In all, there are eight counts filed in the complaint. They include claims of Title IX violations and disability rights violations, violations of her due process to bodily integrity and right to

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equal protection under the law under the 14th Amendment; state law battery; and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

The case is being handled by attorney Anthony Carr, of the Concord, NH,-based law firm, Shaheen and Gordon.

Caccavaro served as president and CEO of Cone-Blanchard and is a former mayor of Claremont.



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.

Sununu Orders Face Coverings for Gatherings of 100 or More

CONCORD, NH—Recently, Gov. Sununu issued Emergency Order #63, an order requiring face coverings for scheduled gatherings of 100 or more individuals attending social, spiritual and recreational activities. At his press conference, he said videos of the recent motorcycle rally in Sturgis showing large crowds of people not wearing masks as well as a planned tent revival scheduled for New Ipswich last week prompted the new order. Organizers of the tent revival had said they did not plan to enforce physical distancing or other measures used to help prevent the spread of the virus; some 200-500 people were expected to attend and would likely be a mix of both local individuals as well as people from out of state. The order goes into effect immediately. Fines or penalties may be issued to those who willfully disobey the order, said the state.

NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – October 4, 2020

CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

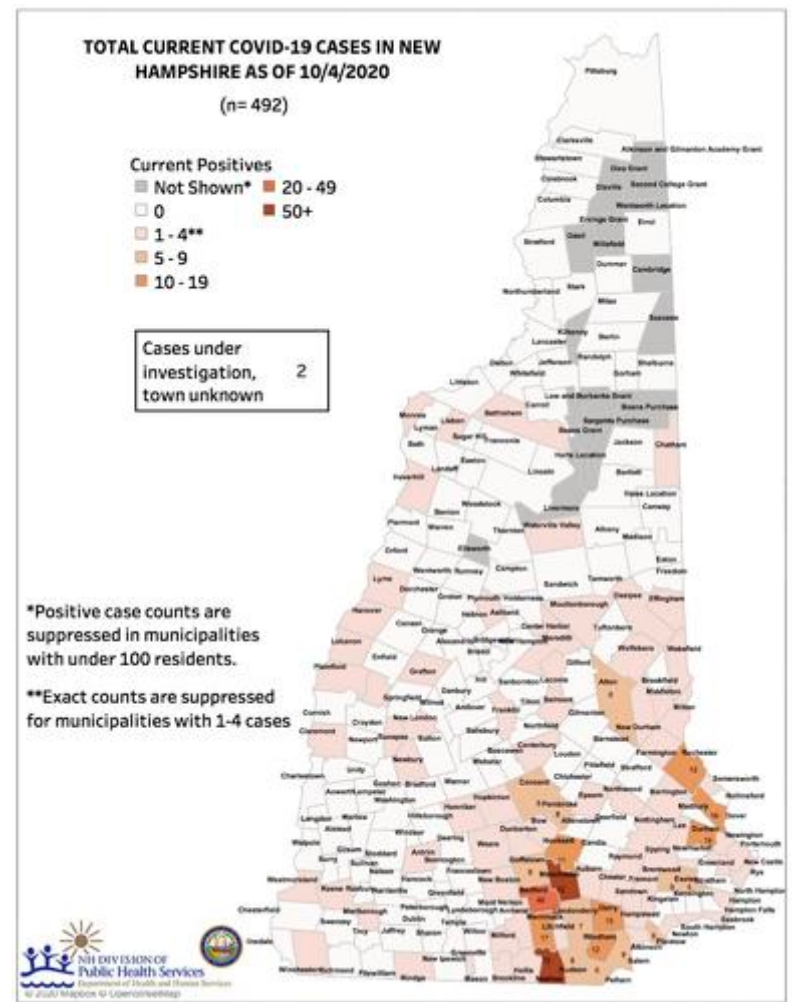
(DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Sunday, October 4, 2020, DHHS announced 53 new positive test results for COVID-19. There are now 492 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Today’s results include 33 people that tested positive by PCR test and 20 that tested positive by antigen test.

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 six individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 45% being female and 55% being male. The new cases reside in Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (16), Rockingham (11), Merrimack (5), Strafford (5), Belknap (2), and Grafton (1) counties, and in the cities of Nashua (9) and Manchester (3). The county of residence is being determined for one new case.

No new hospitalized cases were identified. There are currently 23 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. Six of the new cases had no identified risk factors. Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Of those with complete risk information, most of the cases have either had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis or are associated with an outbreak setting.

DHHS has also announced one additional



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

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

In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 8,645 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 743 (9%) of those having been hospitalized.

NH Persons with COVID-191	8,645
Recovered	7,710 (89%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	443 (5%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	492
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	743 (9%)
Current Hospitalizations	23
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CLAREMONT—Great triplex with long time tenants! Great time for investment property with low interest rates available. Downstairs apts each have enclosed porch and open L-shaped porch. May be partnered with 62 Pearl Street for an even better deal! **\$110,000 (MLS#4825006)**



CLAREMONT—Investment opportunity knocking! Three family house with vinyl siding, standing seam roof, and excellent tenant history. This house may also be packaged together with a 3-family home located at 108 Chestnut Street. Great interest rates currently make this worth your consideration. **\$110,000 (MLS#4825212)**



SPRINGFIELD, VT—4.5 beautiful, level, and subdividable acres on the Connecticut River with 550 feet of water frontage. Beautiful water views to the south and of Mount Ascutney to the north. The New Hampshire side is all flood plain and can never be built upon. Abundant fruit trees and berry bushes. State approved septic system plans in place and power is on site. Access to the 20' boat dock is already in place! **\$247,900 (MLS#4828504)**



ACWORTH—A Must To See is this year round Cedar Cottage on Crescent Lake. Galley kitchen with breakfast nook opening up to the dining room with lake views. Beautiful hickory wide plank floors, knotty pine tongue and groove walls throughout. Separate fireplaced room off the living area. Thermal pane windows and sliders off the master bedroom with deck and view of the lake. All this with a bunk house and loft for 2 beds and room for possible workshop. Owned lake access with dock and steel firepit. The bonus is that all furniture stays with the property. **\$340,000 (MLS#4829106)**



CHARLESTOWN—This versatile commercial building offers 2000+ square feet of easy access space for any need. It has been used as a convenience store, restaurant, thrift store, barber shop, and ice cream shop. The 1.5 acre lot offers a variety of possibilities for outdoor expansion, additional building, or potential subdivision. One side of the building has a walk-in cooler and a commercial kitchen. Expansive parking lot in front of and beside the building **\$124,579 (MLS#4829445)**



CLAREMONT—Nice and fresh! Sits up on a hill with seasonal views, lots of new paint, and new carpeting. Coming soon are new kitchen cabinet doors being crafted by Walpole Cabinetry. 2nd small room adjacent to the main bedroom would make a great office or nursery. Two bedrooms upstairs and an attached one car garage with room for a workshop. **\$144,900 (MLS#4829568)**



UNITY—A sweet 3.5 acres tucked nicely off a well maintained road. Road frontage on Gilman Pond Rd and 2nd NH Turnpike. On second NH Turnpike is the Roughed in entrance and lot is opened up. At entrance you will see stone walls on both the left and right property lines of this surveyed lot. Enjoy Crescent Lake only a few minutes away, trails, and nature. Create your homestead. **\$42,000 (MLS#4830881)**



CLAREMONT— Historic old School-house recently used as a religious facility. Ideal for daycare use, clubs, churches. Two new bathrooms, appliances kitchen (including 2 stoves and refrigerator), 2 furnaces, function hall, office, and meeting room. **\$189,900 (MLS#4831733)**



NEWPORT—Perfect starter home with downstairs bedroom and eat in kitchen open to living room. Upstairs you will find two more bedrooms and a center room for playroom, nursery, office, or big walk-in closet. The basement has a workshop area, and there is a one car garage under, for smaller cars. Outside you can enjoy the wrap around covered porch and nice level yard offering space for a garden or play area. **\$112,500 (MLS#4832032)**



CHARLESTOWN—Beautiful home with natural wood decor, cathedral ceilings, open loft space, hardwood, slate, and tile floors. The kitchen is a chef's delight with a multitude of counter space and a breakfast bar. Laundry room, 2 baths, sunporch, and rear deck. Radiant heat throughout the main level. Walkout basement houses an in-law apartment with separate access and a separate driveway. Gorgeous 0.99 level acre with a 2-car garage with loft space. **\$299,900 (MLS#482681)**

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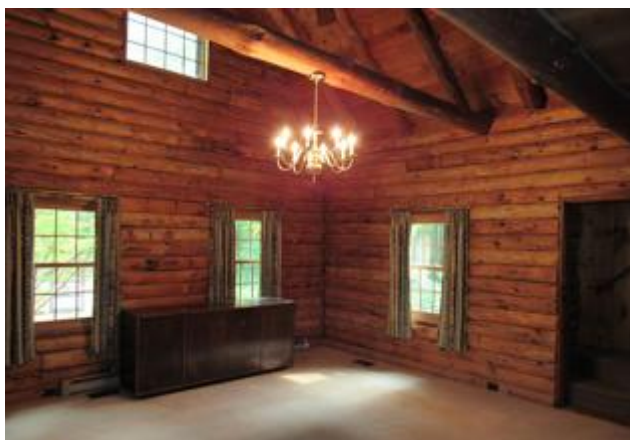
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CHARLESTOWN, NH—You're invited to support the RVAPL by participating in its upcoming Poker Walk. It will be held on Saturday, Oct. 10, starting at the Silsby Library Courtyard on Main St. in Charlestown. Walk a ~1.25 mile route around downtown Charlestown and collect poker cards at stations along the way. There will be a prize for the best poker hand awarded at the end of the event. All participants are also eligible for additional prizes. Winners selected at random. Participants may walk anytime between 1pm and 4pm. *Please start by 3:30pm to be back by 4pm. Registration (\$10) will be on the day of the event at the Silsby Library Courtyard. You may walk the course additional times as long as you re-register (for a discounted price of \$8!). There will also be other items for raffle.

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Open to the Public (in person) - limited seating

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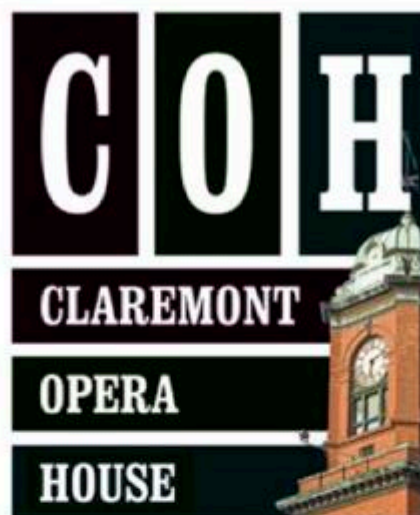
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The Claremont Opera House is seeking an experienced arts focused **Executive Director** to lead the COH through this year of reduced capacity and prepare for future growth. The successful candidate will work closely with the Board of Directors, reporting to the President, to carry out responsibilities that cover: creative programming, fund development, marketing, community relations, strategic planning, financial and capital management, and human resource management.

Experience and Skills Required:

1. Prior experience in performing arts venue management with minimum 5 years experience in program development and fundraising.
2. High level capability for strategic thinking and planning. Ability to envision and convey the organization's strategic future to the board, staff, volunteers, donors and stakeholders.
3. Excellent oral and written communication skills, with strong public speaking ability.
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6. A history of successfully generating new revenue streams and improving financial results.
7. Strong work ethic with ability to motivate self and others.
8. Bachelor's degree in management or related arts field preferred.
9. Experience with nonprofit management is an asset.

Position will start part time with 20 hours per week, with expanded hours depending on funding and the full reopening of NH performing arts venues. Responsibilities will be prioritized while the job is part time.

Hourly wage will range from \$22-25 per hour depending on prior experience; salary to be negotiated when the position transitions to full time. Two weeks paid leave is included to start. Future bonuses possible based on exceeding financial results and achieving strategic objectives.

Resumes to be emailed to COH Board President Felicia Brych Dalke @ fbrych@gmail.com by 5pm EDT on November 2, 2020.

More information about this position is posted on the COH website here:

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Pixley's methodological approach "always follows the science. I'm an information gatherer and fact checker," he says. "I use the facts to form a hypothesis, then test the hypothesis."

If Pixley is part of the crew, he stays on the scene after the fire is suppressed. If not, he's called in. A decision tree is the first step — Was the fire accidental or incendiary (deliberately set)? — despite the fact that "most of the evidence crucial to a determination is burned up."

He interviews the first responders, who may provide details on victims, suspicious vehicles, unusual smells, and evidence of crimes possibly related to the fire (weapons, drugs, clandestine drug laboratory equipment). They also protect evidence by avoiding needless destruction of property, flagging equipment of evidence with cones or markers, and leaving bodies undisturbed.

Pixley interviews victims and witnesses as soon as possible, because waiting even a few hours means that "current experience rewrites past memory." He also photographs the scene for study and archival purposes.

Even with evidence lying around, Pixley still has to track down hidden clues. He carries a bag filled with some tools that an archaeologist would recognize, like a trowel, as well as an electrical meter to ensure that the power is off before starting to work.

Once it's safe to enter the scene, he may have to crawl through confined spaces, under debris that he tries not to disturb to prevent compromising or destroying evidence. He uses the tools to sift through tiny areas for what he calls "the aha moment" when evidence is uncovered. He points out that "the majority of fires are easily assumed to be electrical, but that's not always the case. In any fire, evidence can burn to microscopic levels. In one incident, we found a tiny piece of charred cigarette filter under hundreds of pounds of debris."

Pixley noted that "investigations involving arsons actually are quite rare. There are many more involving 'high dollar loss fires' that cause extensive property damage." These can be the most complex and time-consuming. After the Birney's fire in March 2009, Pixley spent three days dealing with "18 different insurance adjusters. Each had the aim to disprove that their company's item — such as a

refrigeration unit or the heating system — caused the fire."

A determination of arson leads to what Pixley calls "a telling test for someone with authority like an investigator." Law enforcement agencies are immediately involved in the case. Pixley's report can lead to arrest and prosecution, and if it serves as a deposition, conviction. "So arson affects not only the person charged but everyone else affected, the person's family, the victims, the property owner."

Pixley acknowledges that "the most difficult" fires are those with fatalities. "You have to deal with the victims, of course. But there's a deeper connection because of the effect on family and friends."

Pro-active education, he believes, is key to preventing fires of all kinds. The department routinely does presentations for schoolchildren in grades K through 6. On a community-wide scale, it promotes the annual Fire Prevention Week, an initiative of the National Fire Protection Association.

This year's theme is "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen." Pixley is well aware of those fire dangers. In his experience, "A consistent finding in kitchen fires is combustible items either on or inside of an oven, as well as those stored or stacked near a range top. Stove-top grease fires, deep-fryers and air-fryers are very common, especially as the holiday season approaches."

Pixley's commitment to education extends to his professional colleagues. He's an AHA CPR First Aid Instructor and a Firefighter I/II Test Evaluator at the Vermont Fire Academy. At the New Hampshire Fire Academy, he's a Senior Staff Instructor

and a Mentor Program Coordinator. He's also a certified Fire/Emergency Instructor III and a Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist. This year, he completed his B.S. in Public Service Management, minoring in Adult Education and Development.

He applies his mentoring philosophy to the real world of Claremont. Firefighter William Hardy Jr. expressed an interest in fire investigation and, says Pixley, "I'm teaching him the way others taught me. Bill's acquiring the needed certifications and experience as opportunities present themselves. He's accompanied me on investigations to see how they're conducted. This is particularly challenging as he must also balance his primary responsibilities as a firefighter, very similar to how I began in this endeavor."

Reaching out to the community and his colleagues, Pixley says, "is part of what I want as my legacy. At the end of my career, I want to look back at my firefighting work and also at how I helped other firefighters grow in their profession."

Learn more about Fire Prevention Week at fpw.org.



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e-Ticker Business News

Shute Graduates from New England School for Financial Studies

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont Savings Bank has announced the graduation of Tausha Shute, VP of Retail Services, from the New England School for Financial Studies.

"This program has allowed Tausha the opportunity to develop a broad range of skills necessary in banking leadership today," said Carol Vivian, Claremont Savings Bank SVP, Retail Banking. "We are very fortunate to have Tausha leading the Retail team at CSB and we are very proud of her accomplishment," continued Vivian.

The Massachusetts Bankers Association (MBA) today announced that 71 students from banks and financial services firms completed the graduation requirements for the New England School for Financial Studies. This year's senior class was the first in the history of the school to complete its senior year in a virtual environment.

MBA established the School for Financial Studies in 1960 to provide opportunities for professional growth to employees of member banks and others in the industry. Over the years, it has grown to meet the needs of banks throughout New England with a focus on financial management, technology, lending, marketing, and other strategic industry issues. The School is sponsored by the Maine

Bankers Association, Massachusetts Bankers Association, New Hampshire Bankers Association, Rhode Island Bankers Association, and Vermont Bankers Association.

"This was a terrific group and they adapted to the virtual format extremely well," said Meghan McCarthy, director, Education at MBA. "I'm confident that this year's graduates will go on to serve as the senior bank officers and financial leaders of tomorrow, helping to shape an industry that is one of New England's largest employers."

To complete the school program, students enroll in a one-year course of study, including a one-week residential session held at the Babson Executive Conference Center. This year, the second week, which includes a bank management simulation, was held virtually due to the coronavirus restrictions. In addition to the residential and virtual sessions, stu-



Tausha Shute

dents must complete five bank-specific research papers.

Thelen Promoted to Director of Substance Use Services Clinic

West Central Behavioral Health has announced that Nick Thelen of Lebanon, NH, has been promoted to director of its Substance Use Services clinic in Claremont. Thelen has been a member of West Central's Claremont Recovery team as a clinician since September 2019.

He will replace Robert Morrell, PhD.

Thelen holds a master's degree in addiction counseling from Hazelton Graduate School of Addiction Studies, and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Iowa State University.

West Central Behavioral Health is a non-profit community behavioral health center serving the Upper Valley and Sullivan County with offices in Claremont, Lebanon, and Newport, NH. It offers mental health and substance use disorder services, treating clients across the region since 1977.

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Ribbon Cutting, Senator Visit, Auction and Conference

The pace of events in Claremont serves as a reminder that much is happening in our community. In less than a week, we held a ribbon cutting in the City Center, received a visit from Senator Shaheen, hosted an auction of tax-deeded property and presented at the Nashua Conference for the Prevention of Childhood Lead Poisoning. Here is brief overview of each event:

Ribbon Cutting for the Goddard Block: Held on September 25, it was my first opportunity to see the inside of the building since its complete renovation. The transformation was significant. Previously condemned for fire and safety code violations, the building now houses 36 new apartment units and commercial space on the ground floor. All the apartments are occupied or soon to be occupied, and there is a waiting list. The majority of the commercial area is under contract and negotiations are underway for the remainder. Such demand signifies not only the success of this project, but the need for more. The developer, Mr. LaCasse of New England Family Housing, thanked all the participants who made the more than \$10M investment possible. Among those he thanked were NH Housing Finance Authority for providing the tax credits made possible by the Northern New England Housing Investment Fund, Sullivan County for the Community Development Block Grant funding, the City Council for its approval of the 79E tax relief application and the federal government for the issuance of historic tax credits.

Senator Shaheen's Visit: Right after the ribbon cutting and tour of the Goddard Block, I attended a visit from Senator Shaheen at Ready, Set, Grow, a local childcare provider. City Manager Morris, Police Chief Chase and others in the field of childcare and early education were also in attendance. The purpose of the Senator's visit was to hear how COVID-19 has impacted the ability of childcare providers to operate. In preparation for the Senator's

visit, I contacted several of the licensed childcare providers in Claremont who would not be meeting with the Senator and got their input. This I shared with the Senator during the visit. It soon became apparent that there were common themes. Although the reasons varied, enrollment was down which meant a loss in revenue. Operational costs were up due to additional requirements resulting from COVID-19. Such themes mirrored the experiences shared by many providers across the country. Nationwide, it is estimated that 30% of childcare providers have closed their doors since March and, if nothing is done to reverse this trend, the percentage of closures may increase to 50%. Given the need for childcare surpasses availability, both locally and nationally, these closures are of great concern.

Auction of Tax-Deeded Properties: On September 26, the City held a public auction for the sale of eight tax-deeded properties. It took place in the large meeting room of the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center and was well attended. The winning bids totaled \$140,000. If a property sold for more than the taxes owed, the remaining amount will be given to the original owner. If a property sold for less than the taxes owed, the amount of the winning bid will go to the City. Since I have served on the Council, this is the third auction I have observed and I believe it to have been the most successful. The auction was well advertised and attended, and all of the properties sold. As a result, the City has recovered lost tax revenue and the properties are back on the tax roll. The inclusion of a reverter clause in the deed ensures that the properties will not remain as is or continue to degrade. Instead, the new owners will have to take steps to bring these properties into compliance with local ordinances and maintenance codes.

Nashua Conference on the Prevention of Childhood Lead Poisoning: On September 30, Nashua hosted a virtual conference on the prevention of childhood lead poisoning. I was

asked to speak at the conference about Claremont's success in addressing this issue. I was joined by members of the Claremont Lead Action Team: Steve Coombs, Don Derrick and Victor St. Pierre. Not only were we able to share our community approach and the many accomplishments that we have achieved over the last four years, but we were also able to announce the recent award of a HUD grant to Sullivan County in the amount of \$1.7M. This grant will be used for lead abatement in homes throughout the county and provides us the greatest opportunity to date to prevent childhood lead poisoning.

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



On a rainy Friday morning (October 2nd), Governor Chris Sununu arrived at the State Office Building on Water Street in Claremont. Despite the weather, the ceremony was held outdoors under the tattered old flags of the U.S.A., the State of N.H. and the POW/MIA. Sununu presented three new flags to Erin Bausum, Regional Facility Coordinator of the N.H. Department of Health and Human Services. The governor chatted with Bausum, State Representative Walt Stapleton, and other local citizens about Claremont issues (Janet Peirce photo).

Sullivan County Bus Routes Update

The following Sullivan County Transportation bus routes are now open:

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Claremont AM-PM

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Dial A Ride- now open regular hours

Please call the office if you have any questions: (603) 542-9609.

Earn A Patch in the Youth 'On the Wildside' Outdoor Photography Scavenger Hunt

4-H Wildside challenges youth to get outdoors this October 2020, take some creative fall photos and win cool prizes. Grab your jacket and camera and head outside for a photography scavenger hunt to find and take photos of things like the rain, a cool cloud formation, an interesting tree, a mushroom, a mountain, sunsets and more.....to find these items you could go on a hike, bike ride or a

leisurely walk in the woods.

The contest is open to any youth age 8 to 18. You have the whole month of October to find and snap a photo of as many of the 14 scavenger hunt items on the list. If you submit at least 5 photos of the scavenger hunt items by October 31st, you will receive a patch. All registered participants will be entered into a drawing and one participant will win a Fujifilm Instax

Instant Camera. Invitations will be sent for two optional zoom photography sessions beginning at 6:00 p.m. and scheduled for October 6th (Photography Basics) and Oct. 20th (Basic Photo editing). To participate, be sure to register before the date of each session. Further information and details at: <https://unh.app.box.com/s/ehqi8s1otjnp66xhxeggfgonlfj0yqd9>.

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Can You Influence Your Financial Aid Award?

Right now, the pandemic is causing chaos and uncertainty for colleges and students. But it won't always be that way. And if you have children who will be heading off to school in the next few years, you're probably thinking about more typical concerns – such as expenses. How will you pay for the high costs of higher education?

Most colleges do offer financial aid packages that can greatly help with these expenses. But it pays to know, well in advance, how financial aid works. And the key platform for determining much of your child's financial aid is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In fact, if you have children starting college next year, now is the time to get going on the FAFSA, which became available Oct. 1 for the 2021-22 award year.

Filling out your FAFSA will provide you with what's known as your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC calculation takes into account four separate areas: parent income, parent assets (excluding retirement funds, such as 401(k) plans and IRAs, home equity and small family businesses), student income and student assets. The EFC does not calculate the exact amount you must pay for college – rather, it's an estimate, and the amount you pay can be below or above this number.

Nonetheless, the EFC is important in determining your financial aid package, and your actions can influence the results. Here are a few suggestions for future years:

- **Save money in your name** – not your child's. FAFSA will just consider up to 5.64 percent of a parent's assets, compared to 20 percent of a student's assets.
- **Be aware of how retirement plan contributions can affect aid.** Many of your current assets, such as your retirement accounts, may be excluded from the EFC calculation. However, any voluntary contributions you make to your 401(k) or traditional IRA during the "base" year (the prior tax year) generally must be reported on the FAFSA and are counted as untaxed income; consequently, these contributions may have a similar effect on aid eligibility as taxable income. Mandatory contributions, such as those made by teachers to a state retirement system, are generally not reported on the FAFSA.

- **Avoid withdrawals from your 401(k) or traditional IRA.** The money you take out from these accounts in the years you fill out the FAFSA, and the prior tax year, may count as taxable income in the financial aid calculations. If you really need the money, you may want to consult with your financial professional for alternatives.

- **Consider having children put earnings into a Roth IRA.** Money from after-school or summer jobs your children put in a Roth IRA may not be included in EFC – plus, your kids will get a head start on a tax-advantaged retirement account. Keep in mind, though, that Roth IRA withdrawals could be considered as taxable income on the FAFSA if the account owner is younger than 59 ½, which will be the case for your children, or the account is less than five years old.

Not all these suggestions will be appropriate for everyone, but they're worth thinking about. You might also want to consult with a college's financial aid officer before you complete the FAFSA, as aid calculations can be complex. An investment of your time and effort early in the process may pay off when the aid packages are finally delivered.

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VFW Post 808 Host Banquet For Law Enforcement Motorcyclists

CLAREMONT, NH—On Saturday, Sept. 26, Oliver-Lacasse Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 808 and its Auxiliary hosted a banquet for members of the Law Enforcement motorcycle organization known as the Punishers. The motorcyclists had their bikes blessed in a ceremony held in Charlestown earlier that day and arrived at Post 808 at 1 P.M. for a large meal put on by the Auxiliary. Auxiliary President Vincent Dimase enthusiastically welcomed members of the Punishers as they arrived into the post.

"These guys and gals deserve some recognition for what they do," Dimase said. "We're glad to have them."

The meal consisted of hamburgers, sausages, and a host of individual dishes made by Post 808 Auxiliary members. VFW Auxiliary Vice President of Raymond, NH, Albert McNally, drove up to play music to welcome the cavalcade as they arrived and disc jockey the event.

"We love seeing our Auxiliary succeed," McNally explained. "When I heard they were hosting an event for law enforcement motorcyclists, I volunteered to come up and help them with the music."

Over 70 members of the Punishers attended the event from 1 to 3 P.M. They were enthusiastically greeted by members of the Post and Auxiliary when they arrived.

"Men and women get into uniform every single day and go out there to protect and serve," Dimase said. "We, here, at the Claremont VFW get that. And we wanted to make sure they knew we support them 100%."

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 808 is a non-profit organization dedicated to veterans and their community. It is located on 150 Charlestown Road in Claremont. The Auxiliary holds its meetings on the second Sunday of every month and the Post holds its meetings on the third Tuesday of every month.

Learn How to Laser Cut A Box

CLAREMONT, NH—In this free virtual

learning Claremont MakerSpace class, learn how to use a laser cutter to cut a small wooden box. We will look at a variety of resources and watch the Claremont Makerspace laser cutter in action and give a demo of Corel Draw. This will be a great overview for anyone that

has not laser cut before or is looking for some possible new tricks.

Please register and a link to the Zoom connection information will be sent to your email. <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event/2020/10/6/learn-how-to-laser-cut-a-box>. Tuesday, Oct. 6.



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e-Ticker Sports

Cards Host Hanover in Home Opener

The Stevens Cardinals hosted the Hanover Marauders in their home opener on Friday night at Barnes Park. With the abbreviated season, and the COVID-19 pandemic looming over the country with schools taking fall sports one day at a time, Stevens decided to honor their seniors prior to their home opener. Football seniors, Braxton LeBlanc, JJ Tursky, Owen Taylor, Clayton Wadsworth, Luke Forrest, and Eddie Brodeur were honored for their four years of dedication to the football program and athletics. In addition to the football seniors, Fall Spirit seniors Lizzy Gagne and Lois Ordway, were honored for their four years, as well.

The Cardinals fell behind at the start of the second quarter 6-0, but would take the lead a short time later. Three of the Stevens seniors were instrumental in the scoring. Owen Taylor connected with JJ Tursky on a 20 yard touchdown pass. Tursky made a couple of nifty moves after the catch to reach pay dirt. Clayton Wadsworth then booted his first extra point of the season and it was 7-6 Stevens. The Marauders were driving late in the half before Wadsworth would intercept a Hanover pass and race 69 yards down the left sideline for a touchdown. The extra point was no good but the Cardinals went into halftime with a 13-6 lead.

The second half was a different story as the Marauders would score on their second play from scrimmage on a long TD run. The extra point was stuffed and Stevens still had the lead 13-12. Stevens was on the move on their next possession, but a turnover deep in Hanover territory ended the threat.

The rest of the half belonged to Hanover as they would score 3 more times to take their



Left: Owen Taylor calls out the signals as Braxton LeBlanc #9, and Quade Salony #71 get ready to block. Right: Senior JJ Tursky turns the corner on a run. Tursky caught 5 passes on the night for 58 yards, including a 20 yard touchdown reception (Courtesy photos).



second win of the season, 32-13. Stevens falls to 0-2.

Taylor completed 10 of his 17 passes for 130 yards and a touchdown. Tursky caught 5 passes for 58 yards and a touchdown. Wadsworth chipped in with a pair of receptions for 34 yards and had the interception return for the touchdown. Junior Pascal Lemieux had 64 yards rushing on 9 carries. The rest of the senior class played well too, as Braxton LeBlanc had a team high 10 tackles, Eddie Brodeur had 3 tackles and a big fumble recovery to stop a Hanover drive, and Luke Forrest had a run and reception totaling 40 yards.

Stevens will have a week off before hosting the Wildcats of Fall Mountain on October 16th at Barnes Park. Game time is 7PM. The Junior Cardinals, who defeated the Lebanon Raider 14-8 last week will be looking for their second win of the season when they host Hanover on Monday night at 7PM at Barnes Park.

SHS Field Hockey Action

The Cardinals Field Hockey team took the

win Friday night against Hanover, 2-0. It was senior night for the players. Bri Frisbee scored both goals for the Cardinals. Goalies Summer Barrette & Alex Perez split playing in the cage. "It was a great team effort by all players," said Coach Patty Deschaine. "Great win!"

After coming off a big win against Hanover home Tuesday night, the Cardinals traveled to Hanover on Saturday to play the Marauders on turf. "It was a good game for the Cardinals as it was the first game of the season playing on turf and for some players the very first time," said Coach Patty Deschaine. The Marauders scored early in the first quarter and held a 1-0 score going into halftime.

The Cardinals came back in the third quarter, scored on a penalty corner to tie up the game 1-1. Junior Bri Frisbee scored the goal. The Cardinals had more opportunities to score but couldn't find the back of the cage. The Marauders scored 2 goals in the 4th quarter for a final score of 3-1.

The Cardinals will play Tuesday night at home against Kearsarge.

SHS Boys Soccer

09/18/20	Mascoma Valley	W	2 - 1
09/21/20	Lebanon	L	0 - 1
09/23/20	at Lebanon		04:00 PM
09/29/20	at Hanover	L	0 - 3
10/03/20	Hanover	L	0 - 2
10/07/20	at Sunapee		05:30 PM
10/09/20	Sunapee		06:30 PM
10/13/20	Fall Mountain		07:00 PM
10/17/20	at Fall Mountain		10:00 AM
10/21/20	Newport		07:00 PM
10/24/20	at Newport		09:00 AM

SHS Girls Soccer

09/19/20	at Mascoma Valley	W	5 - 0
09/24/20	Lebanon	L	0 - 3
09/26/20	at Lebanon	L	0 - 3
09/29/20	at Hanover	L	0 - 11
10/03/20	Hanover		07:00 PM
10/07/20	Sunapee		06:30 PM
10/10/20	at Sunapee		01:00 PM
10/14/20	at Fall Mountain		04:00 PM
10/17/20	Fall Mountain		11:00 AM
10/21/20	Newport		05:00 PM
10/24/20	at Newport		11:00 AM

Dingers, Defense and Dust-Raising Slides

2020 Adult Softball Champs Dominate Diamond

CLAREMONT, NH—The winningest teams of the Claremont Adult Softball League — the Modified and the “A” and “B” Coed Slow-Pitch divisions — had battled their rivals throughout the summer and made it through the playoffs. In late September they met at the Bill Baril Memorial Softball Field in Veterans Park to play for the three division championships. The games would be slugfests, predicted some fans, and so they were. Over-the-fence home runs — RBIs — arrow-fast pitches — all to the cheers and groans of the fans — made for an exciting end to the season.

Adult softball is an annual summer program of the Claremont Parks and Recreation De-

partment. This year softball started late due to COVID-19 restrictions on outdoor sports. But once the State’s guidelines were modified and the department worked out how to play safely, the teams managed a full season.

The 2020 champions donned their winners’ jerseys to celebrate their victory. Each team photo will be mounted on a plaque and displayed at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center.

—Eric Zengota



Free Agents Edge Out Dirtbags, 10-9 Adult Modified Champs
(Photos by Eric Zengota, Courtesy)



Premier Power Beat Outlaws, 20-8 Adult Coed Slow-Pitch “A” Champs



Ball Busters Outslug Where My Pitches At, 21-5 Adult Coed Slow-Pitch “B” Champs

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Re-elect Mike Cryans for Executive Council

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- Votes on the Governor's nominations for major positions and boards in state government
 - Votes on all Judicial nominations
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Inspiration

Making the Right Decision

By Priscilla Hull

Many years ago, as a teenager, I was faced with a difficult problem. Some friends asked me to go somewhere with them that I knew my parents wouldn't allow. To be truthful, I didn't want to go. I lived in Madison, New Jersey, and traveling to New York was hardly the problem, we did that regularly by car or train. We went to concerts, Radio City Music Hall, museums, Chinatown, Macy's and Gimbels Department Stores and other places.

They wanted to go to something bigger and more exciting than Palisades Amusement Park in New Jersey. They wanted to go big time. They wanted to go to Coney Island! Now, the decision should have been easy because I can't stand rides. To me scaring yourself silly at the possible cost of bodily damage is not a fun thing to do. I'll ride a merry-go-round, but that's it for me!

So, these friends, my best six friends whom I'd been best friends with for at least six years, and a few boys (not all dates, just guys we hung out with) wanted to go to Coney Island to ride the rides. I knew Mom and Dad wouldn't like it and to be truthful, I didn't like it but you know teens, gotta do it! I was trying to figure a way to coerce Mom and Dad to let me go when the phone rang. It was Patsy and she was upset. Her Mom wouldn't let her go. My perfect out! Secretly, she was like me and didn't like the rides, but, like me, she wanted to be a part of the group. We stayed home, the others went. I think we went to a movie. I know we went to a seedy little restaurant that my parents didn't like and had meatball grinders. Honestly, their meatball grinders were the best I've ever had!



When we are faced with a difficult decision, we have options. It just takes a little boost in the right direction to do the right thing. The path to perdition or more simply, to an uncomfortable situation, is an easy one. Just start down the slippery slope and you can do the wrong thing. You can go to that amusement park, ride the rides, eat the junk and be miserable because you deceived your parents, or you can build up your self esteem by making a good choice. Making right choices should be easy, but there are so many pressures that we face, not just as teenagers, but throughout our lives and it is often so much easier to take the quick, easy path. We need to be prepared in life, to find the right way, whether easy or difficult. Sometimes that right decision is more difficult than we want, but that mustn't stop us. Each of us has an inner strength which, when we call on it can help us, giving us the impetus to go the right way. We go that way because we know it is right, not because someone else tells we should.

Make the right decision for you. It just takes a little strength to do it!

"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."
2 Timothy 1:7

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

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Calendar Of Events

Epic Fall Movie Night to Replace Fall Festival & Chili Cook-Off

CLAREMONT, NH – The Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce's (GCCC) and City of Claremont Parks & Recreation Department's 23rd annual Fall Festival did not take place on October 3 as previously scheduled due to COVID-19. Instead, they will present a distance-friendly Epic Fall Movie Night for families on Friday, October 9 at the Grace River Church parking lot on Maple Avenue.

The Epic Fall Movie Night will feature a drive-in presentation of "Toy Story 4" on a 20-foot screen. Gates will open at 5:30PM, with the movie starting at dusk, approximately 7:00pm. The event is 100% free to attend, although the Chamber requests families bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Claremont Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry, if it is comfortably within their means.

This free public screening was made possible by sponsorship from Ford of Claremont and Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram of Claremont.

"Even in a year where some of our favorite local events just aren't possible, the Chamber and Parks & Recreation Department are looking for new ways to bring people together that allow for both fun and commonsense precautions," GCCC Executive Director Elyse Crossman said. "The Fall Festival will be back, but we also believe the Epic Fall Movie Night could become a new tradition of its own!"

Hot concessions will be available for purchase due to generous donations of time and food from Epic Food Truck, Tremont House of Pizza and North Country Smokehouse. Proceeds from concession sales during the event benefit both the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce and the Claremont Parks and Recreation Department.

Additional activities will include bingo with prizes, and a live on-site event featuring talent from 93.3 The Wolf Radio Station.

In accordance with state and CDC guidance, handwashing and sanitization stations will be available at the event, and cars will be distanced appropriately for the screening. Mask wearing is strongly encouraged when visiting the concession area and facilities.

Concession menu and additional information are available on the Chamber's website: www.greaterclaremontnh.org/.

Lake Sunapee VNA Foot and Flu Clinic Update

NEW LONDON, NH – Many community members have come to rely on Lake Sunapee VNA for its regular Foot Care Clinics and annual Flu Clinics held throughout the area. Though the pandemic has created challenges to operat-

ing these clinics, things are looking up.

Foot Clinics, all of which were closed down in March, are slowly beginning to re-open with appointments now available at COA Chapin Senior Center (call 526-6368) and Claremont Senior Center (call 526-4077).

Lake Sunapee VNA does plan to offer Flu Clinics this year, but there will be fewer than usual, and they may look quite different. For more information, visit lakesunapeevna.org/calendar.



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Area Dental Services is a privately owned, family friendly, neighborhood general dental practice. Jack Weaver, DDS, and Elizabeth Starr, DMD, offer comprehensive dental treatment for the entire family, and our dental hygienist is here for dental cleanings. We have brand new, state of the art dental equipment, including a 3-D Cone Beam/Panoramic x-ray unit that eliminates the need for uncomfortable, time consuming, individual x-rays.

We are accepting new patients. Our providers are in network with Delta Dental insurance and accept all other dental insurances with the exception of state-funded insurance. We have financing options available, making treatment plans affordable.

Our friendly staff is here to take your call Monday-Thursday, 8am-5pm at 603-372-7268 or email us at areadentalservices@gmail.com. Take a look at our new website at www.areadentalservices.com.

Contact Info for Help for Vets

For those Veterans who live out in the Keene, Claremont, and Western part of NH, the Veteran Services Officer who usually works that area will be unable to assist you for a while. Until he returns, we are asking that you reach out to Cynthia Fisher (NH Division of Veterans Services Admin) at (603) 624-9230, Ext. 301 and she will get you an appointment with another Service Officer who can assist you in the interim.

Bingo at Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Bingo at Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497 is back in operation with a few changes to the schedule of games. We listened to feedback from our patrons and have added a 50/50 game to the line-up (averaging about \$255 payout) as well as some variation to the last game of the night, a caller's choice, one of four different games each week (pays \$150). We still have the winner take all (average \$375), and the carry over coverall which if won in 50 #'s or less is up over \$9,000, after 50 pays \$150.

Bingo is held Wednesday night at the Post Hall at 365 Lovers Lane Rd, Charlestown. Early Birds start at 5:00 and regular bingo at 6:30. Food and refreshments available. No one under 18 allowed during bingo. It is highly recommended to wear masks, practice social distancing, and frequent hand washing / sanitizing, but there may be those who don't. If you are sick, then please don't attend until you're feeling better.

- Wednesday October 7, 14, 21, and 28 VFW Bingo 5 p.m.

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.

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

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

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THROUGH OCTOBER 31 PLAINFIELD PUMPKIN PEOPLE

Come September 26th the Pumpkin People started to arrive. The residents scratch their heads and make a plan to join in the fun putting up a pumpkin person. Slowly, house by house you will find the Pumpkin People will arrive. On October 10th the show really starts to ramp up with businesses handing out paper maps of routes where you can find the Pumpkin People. But, if you want to go it alone there is a mapping site that will also help you see where to look. Find more at <https://pumpkin-people.org/>.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The City of Claremont, Zoning Board of
Adjustment will meet on

Monday, October 5, 2020 7:00 PM

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

The public is invited to join the Zoom meeting online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82221534582?pwd=Kyt0eFJoV1NBbnFkMEc1VUhlZnJ3QT09>

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

A. **(ZO 2020-00020) Pamela Fenlason, 58 Roberts Hill Rd** – Application for a Special Exception to permit a Family Group Daycare at 58 Roberts Hill Rd. Tax Map 134, Lot 21. Zoning District: RR2 (Cont. from 9/10/2020)

B. **(ZO 2020-00021) Catherine Andrews and Chris Thompson, 233 Broad Street** – Appeal of an administrative decision regarding the use of the property at 209 Broad Street. Tax Map 132, Lot 38. Zoning District: PR

C. **(ZO 2020-00022) Jodi and Rod Bailey, 394 Hanover Street** – Application for a variance from sect. 22-169(2) and 22-469 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit construction of a 20 ft x 26 ft addition to the garage at 394 Hanover Street. Tax Map 60, Lot 10. Zoning District: RR

Interested parties may review these applications at the Planning and Development Department, 14 North Street during normal business hours. Comments about these applications may be submitted in person during the hearing, or in writing prior to the hearing at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or by email at cityplanner@claremontnh.com.
Michael Hurd,
Chair

PUBLIC NOTICE
Conservation Commission
MEETING
Thursday, October 15, 2020 :00 PM
Via ZOOM
Gary Dickerman, Chair

*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City is suggesting citizens participate in this meeting by Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting Online at: [https://us02web-zoom.us/j/85152731920?pwd=MFN3MEtNbkRw-V2JjTGRGcHBzaXIXdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85152731920?pwd=MFN3MEtNbkRw-V2JjTGRGcHBzaXIXdz09)

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**MEMBER NOTICE
ANNUAL MEETING**

The 61st Annual Meeting of the NH Community Federal Credit Union will be held at the credit union office on Friday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend. This meeting allows members to vote for members seeking election to the board of directors and to ask questions about their credit union.

Members running for a board of director position and wanting to be included on the ballot must submit an application, to the attention of the C.E.O., no later than Friday October 2nd before 5:00 p.m. Applications are available at the office.

We are asking that attendees please wear a mask.

After the meeting there will be a special drawing for those in attendance.

Sullivan County Grand Jury Indictments Released

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

Nikki Zenner, 30, Danbury, NH, indicted for Habitual Offender, March 15, 2020.

Michael Dashnaw, 36, Goshen, NH, indicted for Burglary-Armed with Deadly Weapon, July 31, 2020; Criminal Threatening Deadly Weapon, July 31, 2020; Attempted Burglary-Armed with Deadly Weapon, July 31, 2020.

Gerald Jenisch, 48, Bellows Falls, VT, indicted for Habitual Offender, Dec. 20, 2019.

Semyra Williams-Skinner, 27, Acworth, NH, indicted for Reckless Conduct with Deadly Weapon-Domestic Violence, July 20, 2020; Domestic Violence-Criminal Threatening Deadly Weapon-Firearm, July 20, 2020.

Stephanie Malcom, 34, Fitzwilliam, NH, indicted for Criminal Threatening Deadly Weapon-Accomplice, April 23, 2020; First Degree Assault-Accomplice First Degree Assault, April 23, 2020; Conspiracy to Commit Robbery, April 23, 2020.

Michael Hamel, 38, Fitzwilliam, NH, indicted for First Degree Assault-Accomplice First Degree Assault, April 23, 2020; Criminal Threatening Deadly Weapon-Accomplice, April 23, 2020; Conspiracy to Commit Robbery, April 23, 2020.

Joshua Gagnon, 38, Fitzwilliam, NH, indicted for First Degree Assault-Accomplice First Degree Assault, April 23, 2020; Criminal Threatening Deadly Weapon-Accomplice, April 23, 2020; Conspiracy to Commit Robbery, April 23, 2020.

Matthew S. Morrell, 34, Charlestown, NH, indicted for Theft by Unauthorized Taking \$1500+ (2012 Chevrolet motor vehicle), June 22, 2020.

Shane Burdell, 24, Claremont, NH, indicted for Burglary-Committed on Release, June 14, 2020; Theft of Firearm-Committed on Release, June 14, 2020; Theft of Firearm-Committed on Release, June 14, 2020.

Brandon James Abbot, 27, Manchester, NH, indicted for Criminal Threatening-Deadly Weapon-Firearm, June 2, 2020; Criminal Threatening-Deadly Weapon-Firearm, June 2, 2020; Criminal Threatening-Deadly Weapon-Firearm, June 2, 2020.

Timothy J. Cox, 24, Claremont, NH, indicted for Reckless Conduct Deadly Weapon-Domestic Violence, June 26, 2020.

Russell Anderson, 45, Claremont, NH, indicted for Felon in Possession, Nov. 6, 2019; Armed Career Criminal, Nov. 6, 2019.

Maria Parkinson, 40, Claremont, NH, indicted for Possession of Controlled Drug, Dec. 27, 2019.

Jesse N. Lynch, 33, Claremont, NH, indicted for Convicted Felons-Felon in Possession of Firearm, July 27, 2020.

Stacy Quimby, 33, Claremont, NH, indicted for Fraudulent Use of Credit Card-\$1000.00+, Oct. 23, 2019.

Daniel S. Thurston, 39, Claremont, NH, indicted for Habitual Offender, June 1, 2020; Bail Jumping, July 9, 2020.

Willie Taylor, 46, Claremont, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited, Sale of Alpha-PHP, Oct. 2, 2019.

Kayla Marsh, 29, Claremont, NH, indicted for Bail Jumping, June 22, 2020.

Arnulfo Urista, 34, County Farm Rd., Unity, NH, indicted Reckless Conduct/Deadly Weapon (Family or Household), Aug. 27, 2020; Criminal Threatening/Deadly Weapon (Family or Household), Aug. 27, 2020; Reckless Conduct/Deadly Weapon, Aug. 27, 2020.

James Silvers, 45, Claremont, NH, indicted for Possession/Intent to Sell, Heroin, Feb. 18, 2020; Possession, controlled drug, Fentanyl, Feb. 18, 2020; Possession, controlled drug, Heroin, Feb. 18, 2020; Possession/Intent to Sell, Fentanyl, Feb. 18, 2020.

Thomas Swanson, 42, Claremont, NH, indicted for Habitual Offender, May 13, 2020.

Amanda Bulliner, 38, Newport, NH, indicted for Theft by Unauthorized Taking (Criminal Liability for the Conduct of Another-Attempt), April 11, 2020; Theft by Unauthorized Taking (Criminal Liability for the Conduct of Another) April 11, 2020; Theft by Unauthorized Taking (Criminal Liability for the Conduct of Another-Attempt) March 27, 2020; Theft by Unauthorized Taking (Criminal Liability for the Conduct of Another) , March 27, 2020.

Amber Brusco, 37, Claremont, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited, Sale of Substance Represented to be the Controlled Drug Heroin/Fentanyl (Conspiracy-Offense Committed While on Release), on or between Feb. 1, 2020, and March 1, 2020.

Shannon Kimball, 34, Claremont, NH, indicted for Reckless Conduct/Deadly Weapon-Domestic Violence, Dec. 29, 2019; Criminal

Threatening/Deadly Weapon, Dec. 29, 2019; First Degree Assault (Domestic Violence, Attempt), Dec. 29, 2019.

Chantel Genest, 41, County Farm Rd., Unity, NH, indicted for Possession/Intent, Methamphetamine (Criminal Liability for the Conduct of Another), Feb. 19, 2020; Sale of Methamphetamine (Conspiracy).

Anthony Lantas, 37, Newport, NH, indicted for Habitual Offender, April 12, 2020.

Trevor Ouellette, 35, Claremont, NH, indicted Sale of Controlled Drug-School Zone, Marijuana, Nov. 25, 2019; Sale of Controlled Drug-School Zone, Hashish, Oct. 22, 2019; Sale of Controlled Drug-School Zone, Marijuana, Oct. 22, 2019.

Jamie Bennett, 33, Washington, NH, indicted for Falsifying Physical Evidence-Criminal Liability for the Conduct of Another, Jan. 23, 2020.

Jason Rice, 36, Woodstock, VT, indicted for Habitual Offender, Sept. 12, 2020.

Cody Disorda, 26, Claremont, NH, indicted for Operating while certified as a habitual offender, May 25, 2020.

Norman Chapman, 47, Claremont, NH, indicted for Criminal Mischief, Nov. 9, 2019.

Corey Quimby, 40, Concord, NH, indicted for Bail Jumping, Nov. 4, 2019; Sale of Controlled Drug/Substance Represented to be Controlled Drug Methamphetamine-Offense Committed While on Release, on or between Feb. 19, 2020, and Feb. 21, 2020; Sale of Controlled Drug/Substance Represented to be Controlled Drug Methamphetamine-Offense Committed While on Release on or between Feb. 6, 2020, and Feb. 8, 2020; Possession/Intent, Amphetamine-Criminal Liability for the Conduct of Another-Offense Committed While on Release, Feb. 19, 2020; Sale of Controlled Drug/Substance Represented to be Controlled Drug Methamphetamine-Conspiracy-Offense Committed While on Release, on or between Feb. 14, 2020, and Feb. 17, 2020; Sale of Controlled Drug, Amphetamine-Solicitation-Offense Committed While on Release, Feb. 19, 2020; Possession /Intent, Methamphetamine-Criminal Liability for the Conduct of Another-Offense While on Release, Feb. 19, 2020.

Kraig A. Pereira, 42, Charlestown, NH, indicted for Second Degree Assault, domestic violence, Aug. 30, 2020.

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Indictments, from A32

Molly Smith, 28, Lebanon, NH, indicted for Receiving Stolen Property, March 27, 2020; Receiving Stolen Property, March 27, 2020.

Kimberly Havlir, 33, Charlestown, NH, indicted for Bail jumping, March 4, 2020.

TJ Bressette, 39, Newport, NH, indicted for Criminal Mischief, kicking and damaging 2018 Ford Explorer police vehicle, Aug. 7, 2019.

Bonni Akers, 52, Norwich, VT, indicted for Theft by Deception, Oct. 4, 2018; Theft by Deception, May 2, 2018.

Stephen Gay, 27, Acworth, NH, indicted for Indecent Exposure, Nov. 3, 2018; Certain Uses of Computer Services Prohibited, Nov. 3, 2018; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, between June 1, 2018, and Nov. 30, 2018; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, between June 1, 2018, and Nov. 30, 2018; Distribution of Child Sexual Abuse Images, between June 1, 2018, and Nov. 30, 2018; Certain Uses of Computer Services Prohibited, Nov. 3, 2018; Indecent Exposure, Nov. 3, 2018; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, between June 1, 2018, and Nov. 30, 2018; Perjury, June 18, 2018; Certain Uses of Computer Services Prohibited, Nov. 3, 2018; Criminal Solicitation-Distribution of Child Sexual Abuse Images, between June 11, 2019, and June 28, 2019; Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Images, between June 11, 2019, and June 28, 2019.

Lillian Gardner, 25, Burlington, VT, indicted for Reckless Conduct with DW, April 25, 2020; Aggravated DUI-Serious Bodily Injury, April 25, 2020.

Leo Leblanc, 58, Claremont, NH, indicted for Stalking-Subsequent, July 27, 2020; Falsifying Physical Evidence, between July 27, 2020, and July 31, 2020; Stalking-Subsequent, Aug. 23, 2020.

Jeremy L. Fitzgerald, 35, Claremont, NH, indicted for Theft by Unauthorized Taking-3rd, Offense Committed While on Release, Feb. 13, 2020; Theft by Unauthorized Taking-3rd-Attempt, Offense Committed While on Release, Feb. 13, 2020.

John Kainu, 32, Newport, NH, indicted for Possession of Methamphetamine, Feb. 12, 2020; Possession of Methamphetamine, Feb. 12, 2020.

Bryan Laquire, 27, Claremont, NH, indicted for Burglary/Night-Conspiracy, on or between May 28, 2020, and May 29, 2020; Burglary/Night-Criminal Liability for the Conduct of Another Class, on or between May 28, 2020, and May 29, 2020; Burglary/Night-Bodily Injury-

Criminal Liability for the Conduct of Another, on or between May 28, 2020, and May 29, 2020.

Gunner Clow, 22, Claremont, NH, indicted for Burglary/Night-Criminal Liability for the Conduct of Another, on or between May 28, 2020, and May 29, 2020; Reckless Conduct/Deadly Weapon, on or between May 28, 2020, May 29, 2020; Burglary/Night-Bodily Injury-Criminal Liability for the Conduct of Another, on or between May 28, 2020, and May 29, 2020; Burglary/Night-Conspiracy, on or between May 28, 2020, and May 29, 2020.

Kameron Bomhower, 30, County Farm Rd., Unity, NH, indicted for Bail jumping, June 18, 2020; Falsifying Physical Evidence, Aug. 17, 2019; Attempted Falsifying Physical Evidence, Aug. 17, 2020; Conspiracy to Commit Assault by Prisoner, Aug. 17, 2019.

Willie Taylor, 46, Claremont, NH, indicted for Possession, controlled drug, Heroin (Subsequent Offense) June 11, 2020.

Christopher Stanhope, 47, Claremont, NH, indicted for Theft by Deception, between or about Jan. 1, 2017, and Nov. 5, 2019; Theft by Deception, between or about Jan. 1, 2017, and Nov. 5, 2019; Theft by Deception, between or about Jan. 1, 2017, and Nov. 5, 2019; Theft by Deception, between or about Jan. 1, 2017, and Nov. 5, 2019.

Claremont Senior Center News

The Center is open. Masks are mandatory and social distancing observed. Hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 9am-3pm, Wednesday 11am -3pm and Tuesday game night, 6pm-9pm. Everyone must sign in for CDC tracking, answer COVID questions and sign a form before participating in any activity.

Wednesday, October 7, members only Bingo, contact Ken at cateringken@gmail.com for a required reservation. Please do not call the center as Ken is making the reservations. Masks must be worn while at the center and social distancing will be enforced. Four players to a table MAX. Doors open at 11:00 am. Sales start at 12:15 and end at 12:45 on the dot. There is a limit of 50, including players and workers.

Our turkey dinners will resume on October 17, 5 – 6:30pm. The dinner will be a drive through. Call 543-5998 for a dinner reservation.

The VNA foot clinic is now open for business: October 14, 21 and 28. Call for an appointment, 603-526-4077.

Blood Drive, Monday, Oct. 19, 12 – 5pm. Appts. online or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Do not forget our weekly drive-up meals, check it out, our food is great: Tuesday (6) Fresh Cut Salad, Home Made Meat Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Dessert Thursday (8) Chicken with Mixed Vegetables over Buttermilk Biscuit, Dessert Call 543-5998 to reserve your meal by 10:30AM. Members-\$4, non-members-\$5. Takeout meals only: Tuesdays and Thursdays. Reservations required. Pick-up-11:45AM-12:15PM.

During the month of October, the Hannaford Re-useable Bag Program will benefit the Claremont Senior Center. Just purchase a Hannaford Helps Community reusable bag for \$2.50 and Hannaford will make a \$1 donation to the Center.

The Penny Sale, May 8, 2021, is still in need of items, call ahead for donation times, we need your stuff.

Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020, Winter Craft Fair. We will have a great variety of handmade items on hand. Our tables are full, no more vendors needed. Questions, call 543-5998 or 542-5798.

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights, Claremont, NH. (603) 543-5998. Smoke Free. Worry Free. Stress Free. Call 543-5998.

Thought for the week: The end of the summer is not the end of the world. Here's to October...(A.A.Milne).

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 EVENTS AT PLAINFIELD LIBRARY

Session 1: Family History and Mysteries: A look at resources and research strategies, Wednesday, October 7, 6:30 pm

Are you interested in genealogy? Do you have a family mystery? Do you spend time wondering about the names on gravestones or looking at old photographs? Join us to explore. Session 2: Genealogy Roundtable, Wednesday, October 21, 6:30 pm

Join us again on October 21st for an informal question and answer to delve more into your family history and mysteries! Both sessions will be led by Erin E. Moulton who holds a certificate in genealogical research from Boston University and has 12 years of experience finding answers to interesting questions.

For more information, please contact mary.king@plainfieldlibraries.org

A NIGHT OUT...

at home

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and
New Hampshire Virtual Country Benefit Concert

featuring



**Brooks
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**Jesse
Lopez**



**Ryland
Fisher**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | 6 PM TO 7:30 PM



Add Your Own Touches

The best part of watching from home? You can make the party your own! Add flair to your watch party by dressing up, or keep it casual and leave on the comfy clothes.



View the Program

Watch our special presentation, featuring stories from our patients and providers, a lineup of country music, and words from VNH leaders.



Enjoy Takeout & Give Back

When you order takeout from one of the participating restaurants, 10% of your order will be donated to VNH.



Bid-Give-Win

Bid on fabulous items throughout the night via our online silent auction.

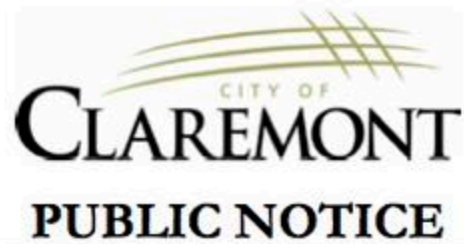
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Emcee for the event!



**For more information or to purchase your ticket,
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Boards, Committees and Commissions Vacancies

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

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

Seats for Future Availability:

Board of Assessors	1 seat expires 10/2/2020
Claremont Development Authority	3 seats expire 12/31/2020
Fiske Free Library Board of Trustees	2 seats expire 9/30/2020

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 www.claremontnh.com/government/boards-and-committees to print out an application.

10/2/2020

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.etickernewsclaremont.com

Jody Metcalf, 41

Jody Hendee Metcalf, 41, passed away unexpectedly on September 27, 2020, due to underlying health conditions.

Jody was born in Claremont, NH, February 15, 1979, to Barry and Deborah (Hendee) Metcalf. Jody was the second oldest of four siblings, Michael Metcalf, Amanda Metcalf-Mitcheal and Katie Metcalf.

Jody was a loving mother to her two wonderful sons, Riley Kane Murray and Peyton Michael Murray. Jody was a very caring and loving person who adored her nieces and nephew. Throughout her life she had close relationships with her many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Jody was a very creative person, one of her biggest passions was cooking.

The times she cherished most, however, were the times spent with her boys, baking. Jody will be missed by many; she'll always be known as our “Poader” (A nickname she acquired at a young age by her father).

There will be a private service, October 10th, followed by a gathering of family and close friends, from 2:00 to 6:00 located at 502 Old Claremont Rd., Charlestown NH. Covid-19 precautions apply.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

www.facebook.com/etickernews

David Picard, 75

David Picard, 75, of Claremont, NH, peacefully passed away in the early morning hours of Sunday September 27, 2020, at Valley Regional Hospital in Claremont, NH, after a long battle with cancer.

The son of Rayburn and Ula (Miller) (Picard) Houston was born April 25, 1945, at Claremont, NH.

David lived and worked in the Upper Valley for most of his life, moving to Claremont upon his marriage to Shirley Gates; although they later divorced, they remained close companions and he was her caregiver until she passed in 2009.

David was a strong independent man, who never gave up hope of beating cancer. He enjoyed spending time with his stepsons, visiting with his family in Arkansas through phone calls and being outside when the weather permitted. David was a caring brother, stepfather, uncle and friend. He loved his family and they will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, his companion Shirley Gates, his sis-

ters Barbara J. Christian and Beverly Ashe, his brother-in-law Edward Ashe and his nephew Joseph Rayburn Christian.

David is survived by his stepsons, Bruce Wilkins and his wife Melissa of Claremont, NH Brian Wilkins of Claremont, NH; and Michael Wilkins of Unity, NH; a brother Mark Houston and wife Denise of Canaan, NH; a brother-in-law Russell Christian Sr. of Harrison, AR; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends who will mourn his passing.

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

Donations in David's memory can be made to The Claremont Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry, 53 Central St, Claremont, NH 03743. Or online donations can be made at: <https://claremontsoupkitchen.com/support-us/>

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Russell F. Smith, 81

Russell Frank Smith, 81, of Claremont, NH, passed away on September 25, 2020, at Valley Regional Hospital.

“The true primary-care provider is Mom.”

-Dr. Sam Given

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

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He was born in Windsor, VT, on February 3, 1939, the son of Fran and Claribel (Meacham) Smith.

Russell had worked for Goodyear Tire & Rubber for 30 years and Mack Molding for 16 years.

He was in the National Guard for 6 years.

Russell was well known for his lifelong dedication to his racing passion. He was known for his motor building expertise along with owning cars that ran on asphalt and dirt tracks in the northeast.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria D. (Williams) Smith; daughters, Diane Preston and Suzanne Hubbard and her husband, Todd; sister, Deidre Reynolds; grandchildren, Rodney Devenger, Justin Devenger, Damian Jarvie, Robyn Jarvie, Megan Hubbard, Patrick Smith and Kristen Wilson; 5 great-grandchildren and niece, Darlene Phillips.

He was predeceased by his parents and a son, Michael Smith.

Services will be held privately.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday 9/27/20

0721- Engine 3 responded on Main St. for a medical call

0844- Engine 3 responded on Chestnut St. for a mulch fire

1731- Engine 3 responded to Heritage Dr. to check well being

1737- Engine 3 responded on Pearl St. for a medical call

Monday 9/28/20

1044- Engine 3 responded on Pearl St. for a medical call

1116- Engine 3 and Utility 1 responded on Sugar River Dr. for a MVA

1246- Engine 3 responded on Pearl St. for a public assist

1544- Engine 3 responded on Sullivan St. for a fire alarm sounding

Tuesday 9/29/20

0945- Engine 3 responded on Bailey Ave. for a medical call

1039- Engine 3 responded on Sullivan St. for a Box Alarm

1201- Car 1 and Engine 3 responded on Chestnut St. for a brush fire

1435- Engine 3 responded to Bailey Ave. for a medical call

1443- Engine 3 responded on Fisher Pl. for a medical call

1622- Brush 1 responded mutual aid to Newport for a brush fire

Wednesday 9/30/20

0250- Engine 3 responded on Belding St. for a smoke detector sounding

0631- Engine 3 responded to Barnes St. for tree and wires down

0959- Engine 3 responded on Hanover St. for a medical call

1634- Engine 3 and Utility 1 responded on Hanover St. for wires down

Thursday 10/1/20

0757- Engine 3 responded on South St. for a MVA

1654- Engine 3 responded on Sullivan St. for a medical call

Friday 10/2/20

1406- Engine 3 responded to Heritage Dr. for a medical call

Saturday 10/3/20

1049- Engine 1, Engine 3, Ladder 2, Car 1 and Car 2 responded on Fern St. for a ceiling fan fire with extension

1510- Engine 3 responded on Washington St. for a smoke detector problem

1713- Engine 3 responded on Charlestown Rd. for a Box Alarm

Sullivan & Cheshire County Residents Invited to Share Input on Local Conservation Efforts & Priorities

UNITY, NH—What aspects of local conservation are most important to you? Let your voice be heard! Join the Sullivan & Cheshire County Conservation Districts as they co-host a Virtual Local Work Group Meeting on October 14, from 11am-1pm via the online video platform Zoom. This meeting is open to the public; those encouraged to attend include

land owners/operators of farm and forest land as well as experts in the field of soil, water, agriculture, forestry, and wildlife sciences who are familiar with the agricultural and natural resource issues of our communities.

A Local Work Group is comprised of area agencies and organizations working with natural resources, and interested farm and forest landowners. Local Work Groups set local priorities based on public input and needs assessments. They identify locally important natural resource concerns and make recommendations to the State Technical Committee and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist on such items as priorities, conservation practices, and policies.

This meeting is an opportunity to voice any concerns related to any of these programs so that your thoughts may be taken forward to the State Technical Committee. Registration is required – you must register to receive the Zoom link to join the meeting. For more information regarding this meeting and to register visit: <https://lwgmeeting2020.eventbrite.com>

Prior to the meeting, we ask that anyone in the public with input on these issues please complete a short online questionnaire: <https://bit.ly/34rRktJ> Thank you for taking the time to share your knowledge of natural resource concerns in your community with us! Additional questions can be directed to Lionel Chute, Sullivan County Conservation District, at 603-542-4891 or by email at Ichute@sullivancountynh.gov.

Partners on this event include the Sullivan County Conservation District, Cheshire County Conservation District, and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. The USDA is an equal opportunity employer, provider and lender. If you need accommodations, please contact Wendy Ward, 603-904-3010.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 EVENT OFFERED BY PLAINFIELD LIBRARY

Gretchen Cherington talks about her new book, *Poetic License*.
7 pm on Zoom.

Join a community conversation with Gretchen Cherington about her new book, *Poetic License*. Kate Rohdenburg, Program Manager, at WISE will join the conversation.

Email mary.king@plainfieldlibrareis.org for more information and for the link to join the meeting.

The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall and via Zoom.

To join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88238233399?pwd=NjNmZDZBEYi9XcmJNbXVWQ3ZkcUx6dz09>

Passcode: 376500

Or by Telephone:

Dial 1-646-558-8656

Webinar ID: 882 3823 3399

Passcode: 376500

If there is a problem getting through to that number, please call 603-542-7002.

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 September 9, 23, and 30, 2020, City Council Meetings
- 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 23))

- 9. OLD BUSINESS
- 7:10 PM A. NH Retirement System Presentation (City Manager)
- 7:30 PM B. Formation of Community Power Aggregation Committee (City Manager)
- 7:40 PM C. Ordinance 576 Amend Merit Plan – Third Reading – Public Hearing
- 7:50 PM D. Ordinance 577 Property Tax Credit for Veterans – Second Reading – Public Hearing
- BREAK
- 8:10 PM E. Ordinance 578 Property Tax Exemptions for Elderly – Second Reading – Public Hearing

- 10. NEW BUSINESS
- 8:20 PM A. Ordinance 579 Disabled Exemption – First Reading (City Manager)
- 8:30 PM B. Ordinance 580 Board of Assessors Membership – First Reading (City Manager)
- 8:45 PM C. Sale of Property – Former Junior Sports League Building, 45 School Street (City Manager)
- 9:00 PM D. Application for Community Revitalization Tax Relief Program (RSA 79-E) 31 Myrtle Street - Public Hearing (City Manager)
- 9:15 PM E. Ordinance 581 Purchasing Policy – First Reading (City Manager)

- 9:25 PM 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 9:30 PM 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 9:35 PM 13. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 9:40 PM 14. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall and via Zoom.



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INFORMATION SESSIONS

Thurs. Oct. 15, 6-7 PM

NECA, 59 Old Church Rd.
Claremont, NH

Thurs. Oct. 22, 6-7 PM

St. Peter's Church
North Walpole, NH

Thurs. Oct. 29, 6-7 PM

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