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## Making His Case for Governor

**State Senator Feltes Visits Claremont  
Sees 'Statewide Common Thread of Anxiety and Uncertainty'**

By Eric Zengota  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Last Thursday evening was the midpoint of Dan Feltes's 24-hour New Hampshire Workers Tour. He began the day in Berlin, and by Friday morning had visited all 10 of the State's counties. Feltes, a state Senator (District 15), is running for governor on the Democratic ticket.

At a Small Business Round-  
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Democratic gubernatorial candidate Dan Feltes (center) discussed topical issues with Claremont residents. From left are David Putnam, Ben Nelson, Andy Lafreniere and Gary Merchant (Eric Zengota photo).



## Sununu Announces Live Venue Relief Program

CONCORD, NH - Last week, Governor Chris Sununu and Commissioner Taylor Caswell, Executive Director of the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR), announced the allocation of \$12 million from the state's CARES Act Coronavirus Relief

Funds for a new relief program to target New Hampshire live performance venues that have been hit especially hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many live shows and sports have been postponed or canceled, and, although some live performance venues have been able

to provide entertainment, they are doing so with fewer shows and limited capacity to maintain social distancing in comparison to the usually large groups of people coming and sitting shoulder-to-shoulder. New Hampshire's  
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**Venue, from A1**

live performance venues are struggling to pull through with little or no revenue while still facing the heavy expenses of owning a live performance venue.

The Live Venue Relief Program supports performance venues facing economic hardship due to COVID-19, provided that they are primarily engaged in hosting live theatrical presentations, musical entertainment, or sporting or racing events that are seated, ticketed, and open to the public. The program is open to both for-profit and nonprofit facilities meeting these criteria and will provide recipients up to \$1.5 million.

"Live performance venues are the lifeblood of many communities and serve as an economic engine that drives tourism to help sustain main street businesses, restaurants, and hotels," said Sununu. "To lose these venues would be an economic blow that would have a widespread and profoundly negative ripple effect felt across these communities for many years to come."

*Note: Qualified live performance venue owners can apply to the program by visiting the GOFERR grant application portal at [https://nh-publichealth.force.com/nhgoferr/Proposal - Core Listing Page](https://nh-publichealth.force.com/nhgoferr/Proposal-Core-Listing-Page) and clicking on "Live Venue Relief Program – Application." The deadline to apply is next Tuesday, October 13, 2020. For more information, please also visit <https://www.goferr.nh.gov/covid-expenditures/live-venue-relief-program>.*

**Enfield Market Vendor Reportedly Tests Positive for COVID-19**

ENFIELD, NH—On October 10, Town officials and organizers of the Enfield Market received reports that a vendor participating in the market that Saturday had tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 24 hours. The vendor, Whiskey Kissed Co., departed the market immediately at the request of the market organizers. The Enfield Market was being held outside at Huse Park and the vendor was on site from approximately 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. "Based on the best available information, it is believed that the vendor and all patrons that visited the vendors booth were wearing face masks," said the town in a statement. "Vendors that participate in the Enfield Market are informed of (and reminded of) rules prior to participating in each market, and these rules include a wide range of precautions specific to COVID-19. Precautions include face masks requirements, making hand sanitizer available, maintaining social distance (including spacing vendors further apart), and requesting that a vendor decline to par-

ticipate if they are experiencing any possible symptoms of COVID-19.

"The Town of Enfield takes the safety of all residents and visitors very seriously. Enfield Market organizers and local officials will cooperate fully with the NH Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that appropriate next steps are taken with respect to contact tracing and any potential need for individuals to self-quarantine if they were in close contact with the vendor."

Contact the Town of Enfield's Emergency Management Director (Police Chief), rholland@enfield.nh.us or 603-632-7501 if you have questions.

**Drive-Through Flu Shot Clinic**

CLAREMONT, NH—On Saturday, October 17, Valley Regional Hospital will be conducting a Drive-Through Flu Shot Clinic. The clinic hours are 8am-2pm.

Registration starts at the Associates in Medicine parking lot at 241 Elm Street, and from there patients will be directed where to receive their flu shot.

This clinic is for adults 18 years and older.

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## Letters To The Editor

### Supports Ray Gagnon for County Commissioner

#### To The Editor:

Ray Gagnon is an experienced and proven leader for our county. He served for 12 years as a State Representative, and during his time as State Rep he remained involved in county government while chairing the delegation and serving on the finance committee. In his role on the finance committee Ray worked with county commissioners to craft sound county budgets. Ray is committed to common sense government and believes in the power of County Government to lead and plan for the future.

Ray Gagnon understands how County Government works and the issues that we face. His common sense approach coupled with his track record of supporting and crafting fair budgets and innovative programs makes him the best fit to serve as County Commissioner.

Whether voting by mail or in person, please join me in voting for Ray Gagnon for County Commissioner on November 3.

**Abigail Kier**  
Claremont, NH

### Vote Draper for Claremont Ward 3

#### To The Editor:

As we near November 3rd, a lot of the election focus is on the presidential campaign. However, in many respects the individuals that we vote into local and state offices can make the most impact on policies. When considering which candidates to vote for, there are many different factors to consider. For me, a crucial component in my decision making process is a candidate's position on protecting our natural resources and promoting sustainable living.

When I found out this weekend that Liza Draper, State Representative candidate for Ward 3 in Claremont, was recently endorsed by the Sierra Club, I was very impressed. For those that are not familiar with the Sierra Club, it is the most influential grassroots environmental organization in the country. This organization has helped pass legislation to protect wildlife, people's access to clean water, keep our national parks undeveloped, and more.

Whether we are aware of it or not, the Sierra Club has helped protect the beauty of the natural world that is our refuge here in New England.

So, I implore my fellow voters, regardless of what party you stand behind during this election, vote for candidates dedicated to protecting our natural world. And if you live in Ward 3 of Claremont, please put your vote behind Liza Draper. She is a long term resident of Claremont, a parent that has raised her children here, a former Maple Street teacher, an organic farm owner, and activist. Liza Draper is a candidate that has supported our community as a private citizen and I believe will be dedicated to doing even more for our community if she is elected to the House of Representatives.

**Melissa Cole**  
Claremont, NH

### Vote for Ray Gagnon for District 1 County Commissioner

#### To The Editor:

I am writing in support of Ray Gagnon, for District 1 Sullivan County Commissioner. I've known Ray for almost 40 years. Ray has served this community proudly for decades in many different roles. Ray has served as Mayor, City Councilor, and on many different boards and commissions over the years. You will not find a better advocate for Claremont. Ray has years of experience and knowledge that will bring a fresh perspective to the Sullivan County Commission. I urge you all to cast your vote to my friend, Ray Gagnon. You will not be disappointed.

**Debora Matteau**  
Claremont, NH, Ward 1

### Supports Liza Draper for State Rep Seat

#### To The Editor:

I am pleased to add my support for the election of Liza Draper to serve Claremont as a Representative. I have known Liza for several years and have always been impressed by her commitment to the needs of our citizens. Most

recently I have followed her advocacy as the Community Health Educator for TLC Family Resource Center and her work as the Outreach Coordinator for Girls Inc. of New Hampshire. She is a tireless worker in any cause she undertakes and I know she will give all of her energy to represent Claremont. She never tires and she will always give her best for her community. Please join me in voting for Liza Draper on Nov. 3rd.

**Anita P. Engel**  
Claremont, NH

### Asks Voters To Support Gagnon for County Commissioner Seat

#### To the Editor:

I am writing today to ask Sullivan County voters to support Ray Gagnon for District 1 County Commissioner. Ray is a staunch advocate for Sullivan County. In my experience Ray has a vast knowledge of both state and local resources and understands how to navigate systems to benefit our County. He is fiscally smart and understands the issues faced by Claremont and the towns in Sullivan County. Ray is also a good judge of character and will continue the long tradition of hiring the best County managers.

Sullivan County faces pressing issues, not the least of which is the renovation or replacement of the County home. With Ray Gagnon as a Commissioner, I feel certain that the nursing home project will receive solid guidance to assure the most responsible outcome.

Ray Gagnon is a knowledgeable and dedicated citizen of Sullivan County who is willing to step up and work hard on our behalf. Ray will not hesitate to make hard decisions. He has a big heart and truly loves the City of Claremont, Sullivan County and the State of NH. You can't go wrong with a vote for Ray Gagnon on Nov. 3rd.

**Ellie Tsetsi**  
Charlestown, NH

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# Vote For

John R.

# Cloutier

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Sullivan County District 10**  
(City of Claremont)

## As your State Representative:

1. In 2019 I voted for a State Operating Budget that provided more state aid, and, cut property taxes.
2. In 2016 I helped save public transportation for Sullivan County.
3. In 2014 I was the prime sponsor of HB 650, creating Claremont-Lebanon bus service, which should start soon.
4. In 2006 I opposed a proposed new \$42 million Sullivan County jail.
5. Instead, in 2008 I supported a less expensive County jail addition, which cost under \$10 million.
6. This addition included the model TRAILS Program, which has helped jail inmates, while reducing the number of inmates returning to jail.
7. In 2008 I served as Chair of the Joint Long Range Committee which transferred a parcel of former state property on Winter St. (National Guard Armory) to City of Claremont, which was then put back on tax rolls.
8. In 2004 I co-sponsored a law (SB 436) which stopped Claremont's District Court from closing.
9. In 2003 I first secured funds in the Capital Budget to repair Claremont's Monadnock State Office Building.
10. In 1999 I helped to enact a law (HB 609) which prevented Sullivan County from being forced to build a new sewage treatment plant by devising a cheaper alternative.

Please vote for John R. Cloutier for State Rep.  
either by absentee ballot or on Nov. 3!

Thank you.



# School Board Votes to Purchase 2 New Buses, Van

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Transportation was on the minds of the administration and school board at Wednesday night's board meeting. Superintendent Mike Tempesta said that barring any unforeseen problems, the schools will be ready for a return to full-time in-person instruction on Oct. 19. Of 615 responses to a recent district survey about returning full-time to school, an overwhelming 93.8% of families responding favored beginning five-day, face-to-face education. However, that will impact bus service for SHS students; the last day of busing students to Stevens will be Oct. 16. While districts are required to provide bus transportation to students K-8, they are not required to do so for high school students. With current restrictions in place limiting how many elementary students may ride a bus at a time—Tempesta said current social distancing requirements are limiting the number of students per bus run to only 24—there are not enough buses to provide busing for the high school as well. Both Tempesta and Board member Rebecca Zullo said they have been hearing from many families expressing concerns and complaints about the lack of high school busing. Zullo said she herself has a child going to SHS and she hasn't yet sorted out how she will solve the transportation issue for her family. Going from the hybrid model of two days a week at school to five has complicated the busing issue, with the additional days making it harder for parents to get their kids to school on their own that many days.

The district has hired and trained two more drivers and voted Wednesday night to take some of the money from the Transportation Expendable Trust to buy two buses and a van. The new buses will replace #9 and #13, a special ed bus, although #13 still has "some life in it" and could be used as a backup. The transportation fund, approved by voters in March, has \$500,000 in it; the board voted to spend up to \$247,000 for the two buses and one van; the van would help with special needs transportation. It's not clear if these purchases will help ease the current transportation issues at some point.

On another note, Tempesta said that the district had recently acquired anti-viral foggers to

help clean the classrooms daily and that the custodial staff had been trained in misting and cleaning the schools.

Also Wednesday evening, an email went out to the families of elementary school students explaining potential changes for remote learners due to the merging of in-person cohorts:

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## 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—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

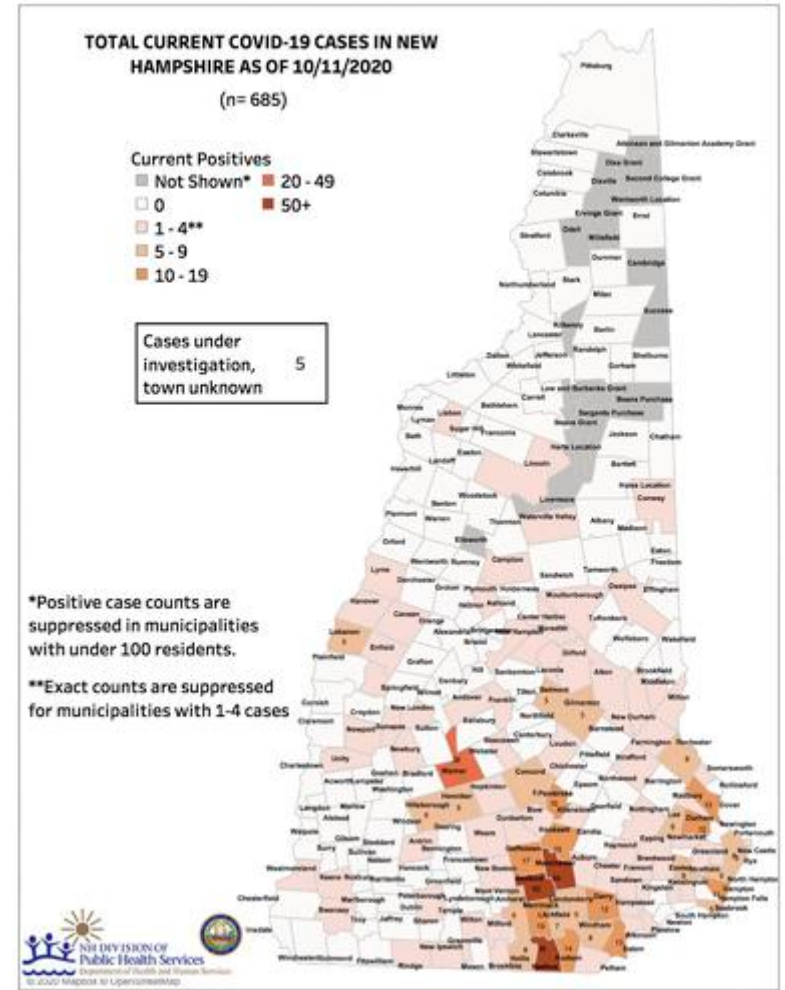
200-500 people were expected to attend and would likely be a mix of both local individuals as well as people from out of state. The order goes into effect immediately. Fines or penalties may be issued to those who willfully disobey the order, said the state.

## NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – October 11, 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 11, 2020, DHHS announced 55 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a daily PCR test positivity rate of 0.8%. Today's results include 32 people who tested positive by PCR test and 23 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 685 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire.

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19



updates. Of those with complete information, there are fourteen individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 55% being female and 45% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (16), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (11), Strafford (10), Merrimack (5), and Belknap (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (6) and Nashua (3). The county of residence is being determined for three new cases.

Two new hospitalized cases were identified. There are currently 22 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. None 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 announced one additional death related to COVID-19: 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 9,143 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 752 (8%) of those having been hospitalized.

To date, Sullivan County has had 65 positively identified cases of COVID-19.

Geographic Distribution* of COVID-19		Infections		Hospitalizations		Deaths	
		Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total
Belknap	Total	175	1.9%	15	2.0%	5	1.1%
Carroll	Total	133	1.5%	14	1.9%	2	0.4%
Cheshire	Total	159	1.7%	12	1.6%	3	0.7%
Coos	Total	22	0.2%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Grafton	Total	165	1.8%	8	1.1%	1	0.2%
Hillsborough	Manchester	2,210	24.2%	215	28.6%	118	25.9%
	Nashua	1,047	11.5%	80	10.6%	40	8.8%
	Outside Manchester and Nashua	1,630	17.8%	149	19.8%	145	31.8%
	Total	4,887	53.5%	444	59.0%	303	66.4%
Merrimack	Total	689	7.5%	46	6.1%	24	5.3%
Rockingham	Total	2,224	24.3%	177	23.5%	104	22.8%
Strafford	Total	618	6.8%	31	4.1%	13	2.9%
Sullivan	Total	65	0.7%	4	0.5%	1	0.2%
Unknown	Total	6	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>9,143</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Data as of: 10/11/2020





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**Re-elect Walt for House Rep. Claremont Ward 3**

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My record proves it: 100% attendance and 98% voting record in both House sessions and Health & Human Services committee; sponsored, co-sponsored or collaborated on a dozen+ bills as a 1<sup>st</sup> term representative, and proud of my ability to work cooperatively with colleagues, party-aside, for the benefit of our community, and on the Sullivan County Delegation!

**I'm For:**

- Continue to resolve Adequate Education Funding, fair for communities and court-compliant!
- Craft a better bill for renewable energy and Net Metering, that doesn't raise our power bills!
- Fiscally responsible legislation (“No” on bills without Fiscal Notes that would impact taxes)!
- Promoting the quality of our Sullivan County Nursing home with facility improvement!
- Sensible COVID protocols, pandemic liability immunity for responsible-acting persons/entities!
- Responsible stewardship of environment that doesn't kill jobs or retard our standard of Living!

**Against:**

- Defunding or restricting the capabilities of Police to maintain order and public safety!
- Broad-based sales or income taxes that would double-load taxpayers and defeat NH Advantage!
- Sanctuary Cities that impair Federal funding and adversely affect local tax load and safety!
- Unconstitutional compromises, esp. against First, Second and Fourteenth Amendment rights!

Responding timely to your phone calls, emails and requests is my prime commitment and I welcome your questions and inquiries! [waltstapleton@comcast.net](mailto:waltstapleton@comcast.net), cell 603-995-1034.

**Please Vote for me on November 3<sup>rd</sup>!**



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# A Friday Night Win-Win-Win

## 120 Vehicles Roll Up to the Drive-In

Story and Photos By Eric Zengota  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—"We cancelled enough activities this year," said Elyse Crossman and Mark Brislin. "We weren't going to let a fall fest get away from us, too!"

Crossman, executive director of the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce, and Brislin, director of the Claremont Parks and Recreation Department, had watched fundraisers and 5Ks fall to the wayside because of COVID-19 restrictions on crowds and food handling.

Enough! — they decided — when they had to call off the traditionally co-sponsored Fall Festival & Chili Cook-Off. Instead, they joined forces to organize a safe, family-friendly event to welcome autumn: a drive-in movie night in the Grace River parking lot on Maple Avenue.

Last Friday, an estimated 200 folks showed up to chow down and kick back while enjoying "Toy Story 4" on the big — well, let's be honest — huge screen.

The evening's first "win" went to the Claremont Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. At the drive-in entrance, attendees handed over enough non-perishable food items for 167 meals, as well as \$58 in cash donations to CSK's director, Cindy Stevens.

Once parked at the proper social distance from each other, hungry movie-goers joined a long line to order hot dogs, cheeseburgers and other fare from the Epic Food Truck menu. Their purchases scored the second and third "wins" of the night. Mike Hammond, Epic's



owner, donated half the proceeds to the Chamber and half to Parks and Rec.

As the sun set, DJs from The Wolf country music stations called out numbers for car-side Bingo. Three winners took home prize packets that included gift certificates from Epic and Ford of Claremont.

When darkness fell, the movie started. Kids and parents settled into the animated adventures of Sheriff Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Bo Peep and all the other toys that they've come to love.

**Top: Mark Brislin and Cindy Stevens filled the back of a Ford truck with food donations for the Claremont Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. Bottom left: Harrison Hinman (left), a DJ on The Wolf, hands a prize packet to Chris Knowlton, of Claremont, one of the car-side Bingo winners. Bottom right: Elyse Crossman takes a customer's order for an Epic al fresco supper.**



## OUR TURN

### Domestic Violence Awareness Month – A Call to Action This October

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). Established in October of 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, DVAM remembers those who have been victims of domestic violence, celebrates survivors of domestic violence, and works to end the cycle of abuse. Across the nation, advocates, survivors and their communities work together to end violence against women, men and children – together - through education, media and gatherings.

With the social restrictions of COVID-19, it is still possible to be present and support survivors. This DVAM, we call on you to act as an advocate to support victims in your communities. If you would like to participate in DVAM this month, here are a few ways to help raise awareness of domestic violence across Sullivan County:

**1. Participate in Purple Thursday:** Domestic violence awareness is represented by the color purple. On October 15th, and anytime throughout October, honor survivors by wearing purple – from t-shirts to hair color, you can stand as a visual symbol of your dedication to ending violence. Post your photo on social media with #PurpleThursday in the tags.

**2. Light up your space purple:** Change light-bulbs to colored purple bulbs, hang purple Christmas lights, etc.

Light up the night in honor of survivors with your stance against domestic violence shining brightly.

**3. Listen:** Don't Judge: Remind those you care about that you are there to offer a listening ear. Do not judge someone who opens up to you about their journey through a domestic violence relationship. Be there for them to listen and offer support, as well as let them know that Turning Points Network has resources to help them.

**4. Partner with Turning Points Network:** Partner with us to end violence by joining our Volunteer Task Force and becoming an ambassador for violence prevention in our community!

**5. Sign up for a training:** Turning Points Network educators offer Bystander and Violence

Prevention Trainings for groups and organizations. Educate your team on how to safely be effective bystanders and prevent violence before it occurs. Call us at 603-543-0155 to learn more.

**6. Educate yourself about domestic violence:** Check out our website at [www.turningpointsnetwork.org](http://www.turningpointsnetwork.org) to learn more about domestic violence and ways to keep yourself and others safe. You will also find links to national organizations for more information.

**7. Spread Awareness:** The most effective way to end violence is to make people aware. Talk to your friends and family about domestic violence and the resources available in their community to help them stay safe.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month is  
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## Elect Liza Draper

### NH State Representative — Sullivan County District 5 (Claremont Ward 3)

- As a longtime Claremont resident, Liza has always been an outspoken community activist.
- Liza's work experience in public health demonstrates her commitment to improving healthcare — including mental health, recovery services and reproductive health.
- As a former teacher, Liza is passionate about education — and the need to fund it equitably.
- Liza will help Claremont's working families by voting in favor of family and medical leave, a more livable minimum wage and access to affordable childcare.
- As a Science Educator and former Park Ranger, Liza understands the importance of protecting our planet from the harmful effects of climate change.
- Liza is a strong advocate for social justice — she will stand up for LGBTQ+ rights and race and gender equality.
- NH Rights & Democracy, RENEW New England, the NH Sierra Club and the NH Stonewall Democrats have all endorsed Liza — along with Allen Damren, Claremont's Assistant Mayor; City Councilors James Contois, Abigail Clay Kier, Debora Matteau, Andrew O'Hearne and Nick Koloski; former Claremont City Manager Robert Porter; and former NH State Representative Ray Gagnon.



**Our Turn, from A13**

about strengthening connections and supporting survivors, as well as ending violence. We must all do our part to ensure the safety of those we care about. As always, Turning Points Network is here to help you or someone you may know who is experiencing domestic violence through our 24/7 confidential crisis and support line at 1-800-639-3130.

*OUR TURN is a public service series by Turning Points Network (TPN) serving all of Sullivan County with offices in Claremont and Newport. We provide wraparound supports for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking and human trafficking and we present violence-prevention education programs in our schools. For more than 40 years, TPN has helped people of all ages move from the darkness of abuse toward the light of respect, healing and hope. For information contact 1.800.639.3130 or [www.turningpointsnetwork.org](http://www.turningpointsnetwork.org) or find us on Facebook.*

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**NH DHHS Announces Potential Community Exposures Connected to Positive Case of COVID-19 at Restaurant in Portsmouth**

CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is investigating a person with confirmed COVID-19 who may have exposed patrons seated at the bar at Jumpin’ Jay’s Fish Café at 150 Congress Street, Portsmouth, NH, on the following dates:

- Wednesday September 30, 2020 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- Thursday October 1, 2020 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- Friday, October 2, 2020, from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM
- Saturday, October 3, 2020, from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM
- Sunday, October 4, 2020, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Any individuals who visited Jumpin’ Jay’s Fish Café and sat at the bar during those days and times may have been exposed to COVID-19 and should contact NH DHHS at (603) 271-4496 for further guidance. DHHS has conducted a contact investigation and notified known close contacts directly. However, DHHS is making this public notification because there may be additional individuals at the location during those days and times who were exposed to the coronavirus

COVID-19 can present with a wide range of symptoms including fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of taste or smell. Any person who develops new symptoms should stay home, limit their contact with others, immediately contact their healthcare provider and get tested for COVID-19. Guidance for self-quarantine is available at: <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/residents/documents/self-quarantine-covid.pdf>.

For persons without health insurance or a primary care provider, testing is available and can be scheduled by calling (603) 271-5980 or through completing the online form at [https://business.nh.gov/DOS\\_COVID19Testing](https://business.nh.gov/DOS_COVID19Testing). Other options can be found here: <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/testing-guidance.htm>.

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# INVESTING TIPS

## PART 1

## Brush Up on Your IRA Facts

### IRAs continue to play a prominent role in the retirement saving strategies of Americans.

If you are opening an individual retirement account (IRA) for the first time or need a refresher course on the specifics of IRA ownership, here are some facts for your consideration.

#### IRAS IN AMERICA

IRAs continue to play an increasingly prominent role in the retirement saving strategies of Americans. According to the Investment Company Institute (ICI), more than one third of U.S. households owned IRAs in 2017. Traditional IRAs, the most common variety, are held by more than one quarter of U.S. households, followed by Roth IRAs and employer-sponsored IRAs (including SEP-IRAs, SAR-SEP IRAs, and SIMPLE IRAs).<sup>1</sup>

#### CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEDUCTIBILITY

**Contribution limits.** In general, the most you can contribute to an IRA for 2020 is \$6,000. However, if you are age 50 or older, you can make an additional “catch-up” contribution of \$1,000, which brings the maximum annual contribution to \$7,000.

**Eligibility.** One potential area of confusion around IRAs concerns an individual’s eligibility to make contributions. In general, tax rules require that you must have compensation to contribute to an IRA. Compensation includes income from wages and salaries and net self-employment income. If you are married and file a joint tax return, only one spouse needs to have the required compensation.

With regard to Roth IRAs, income may affect your ability to contribute. For tax year 2020, individuals with an adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$124,000 or less may make a full contribution to a Roth IRA. Married couples filing jointly with an AGI of \$196,000 or less may also contribute fully for the year. Contribution limits begin to decline, or “phase out,” for individuals with AGIs between \$124,000 and \$139,000 and for married couples with AGIs between \$196,000 and \$206,000. If your income exceeds these upper thresholds, you may not contribute to a Roth IRA.<sup>2</sup>

**Deductibility.** Whether you can deduct your traditional IRA contribution depends on your income level, marital status, and coverage by an employer-sponsored retirement plan. For instance:<sup>2</sup>

- If you are single and covered by an employer-

sponsored retirement plan, your traditional IRA contribution for 2020 will be fully deductible if your AGI was \$65,000 or less. The amount you can deduct begins to decline if your AGI was between \$65,000 and \$75,000. Your IRA contribution is not deductible if your income is equal to or more than \$75,000.

- If you are married, filing jointly, and the spouse making the IRA contribution is covered by an employer-sponsored retirement plan, your 2020 IRA contribution will be fully deductible if your combined AGI is \$104,000 or less. The amount you can deduct begins to phase out if your combined AGI is between \$104,000 and \$124,000. You may not claim an IRA deduction if your combined income is equal to or more than \$124,000.
- If you are married, filing jointly, and your spouse is covered by an employer-sponsored plan (but you are not), you may qualify for a full IRA deduction if your combined AGI is \$196,000 or less. The amount you can deduct begins to phase out for combined incomes of between \$196,000 and \$206,000. Your deduction is eliminated if your AGI on a joint return is \$206,000 or more.
- If neither you nor your spouse is covered by an employer-sponsored retirement plan, your contribution is generally fully deductible up to the annual contribution limit or 100% of your compensation, whichever is less.

Keep in mind that contributions to a Roth IRA are not tax deductible under any circumstances.

*(Continued in next week’s issue.)*

<sup>1</sup>Investment Company Institute, “The Role of IRAs in US Households’ Saving for Retirement,” 2017. <sup>2</sup>Internal Revenue Service.

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# e-Ticker Business News

## CSB Announces Promotion of Shannon Hemingway to VP of Mortgage Credit Administration

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont Savings Bank has announced the promotion of Shannon Hemingway to Vice President of Mortgage Credit Administration.



**Shannon Hemingway**

“Shannon’s hard work, attention to detail and the ability to think outside of the box has certainly paid off,” said Brandy Blackinton, SVP Retail Lending. “She is a true asset to Claremont Savings Bank’s Retail Lending department.”

“I am so humbled and excited to have this opportunity with Claremont Savings Bank,” said Hemingway. “My work is always new, exciting & challenging. Claremont Savings Bank is my extended family and I look forward to the continued support and fun times with the family.”

## 3 Million Dollar Producer

Coldwell Banker Homes Unlimited is proud to announce that Vi Lunderville has reached \$3 million in sales as of September 2020. “VI’s personable personality, ready to work ethic and amazing communication skills keep her as a top producer year in and year out,” said her office in making the announcement.



**Vi Lunderville**

Lunderville has been with Coldwell Banker Homes Unlimited since September of 2016.

## Mt. Ascutney Hospital Planning for a Pharmacy at Its Ottauquechee Health Center to Serve Woodstock Area

WOODSTOCK, VT – Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) has confirmed that it is engaged in plans to establish a pharmacy within the Ottauquechee Health Center located at 32 Pleasant Street in Woodstock, VT. The plan would require renovations by the building owner, DEW Ottauquechee, LLC, to space under lease to MAHHC. The pharmacy would be operated by High Mountain Corporation d/b/a/ Rutland Pharmacy.

According to Paul Calandrella, FACHE, Chief Operating Officer of MAHHC, MAHHC recognizes the benefit of pharmacy services for its patients and the community at large. This plan, if successful, will help meet a significant portion of the need and would further MAHHC’s commitment to provide the Woodstock area with access to essential health care services close to home.

“Ottauquechee Health Center has been dedicated to ensuring local access to health care since the 1970s,” said Calandrella. “We’re proud to participate in helping the community solve its need for local pharmacy services.” Calandrella says that the involved parties plan to seek the necessary permits and approvals from the Town of Woodstock in hopes of beginning needed renovations in the fall of 2020.

Jeff Hochberg, Vice President of High Mountain Corporation, expressed enthusiasm for

the potential to serve people in the Woodstock area, saying, “For years, Rutland Pharmacy has been a place where people go not just for prescriptions but for answers and support. Our philosophy is that your pharmacy should be an integral part of your achieving optimal wellness. Expanding our service to Woodstock is an exciting opportunity.”

DEW Ottauquechee, LLC’s Vice President, Matthew Wheaton, said that the addition of a pharmacy makes sense for the property and for the region. “Maintaining local access to high quality pharmacy services is something that would benefit our entire region. The Ottauquechee Health Center is known as a health care hub for the community and locating a pharmacy alongside the services people already utilize just makes sense.”



## Mayoral Notes

by  
Charlene Lovett



### Preventive Measures in a Pandemic

Worldwide, the number of COVID-19 cases is over 35.6 million and the death toll more than 1 million. More than 212,000 of those deaths are in the United States. In comparison to other states, New Hampshire's numbers remain some of the lowest in the nation. In the midst of a global pandemic, we are most fortunate to find ourselves in such a position. Taking preventive measures to keep these numbers low will require a collective effort as we transition into the winter months.

Throughout the pandemic, Sullivan County has experienced some of the lowest numbers in the state. In total, there have been 63 cases, 20 of those in Claremont. As I write this article, there are no hospitalizations and zero active cases in Claremont. However, a review of the COVID-19 dashboard hosted by the NH Department of Health and Human Services depicts an increase in COVID-19 cases statewide. As people move in and around the state, our goal is to reverse that trend and keep our transmission rate in Claremont and the County at a minimal level.

Now that October has arrived, we are officially in the flu season. Ensuring that people are vaccinated against the flu is especially important during a pandemic. By doing so, people are reducing their risk of contracting the flu or minimizing its severity. Not only does this help protect an individual's health, but it also helps reduce the potential demand on our healthcare system in a pandemic.

For several weeks, local pharmacies and healthcare providers have been advertising the availability of flu vaccinations. They are free with most insurances. Often, people can schedule an appointment online or walk in. For those who prefer the walk-in option, you may want to call ahead to confirm vaccine availability.

In addition to the above, there are two free drive-thru vaccination clinics scheduled in-

Claremont. On Saturday, October 17, Valley Regional Hospital will be hosting a drive-thru vaccination clinic for adults, 18 and older, from 8am to 2pm. If participants have insurance, the insurance will be charged for the vaccination. If participants do not have insurance, the vaccination is free. Registration will take place at the Associates in Medicine at 241 Elm Street. Once registration is completed, participants will be asked to drive to the Dunning Street entrance of the hospital to be vaccinated and then move to the parking lot for 15 minutes to confirm there is no reaction to the shot. For more information, please visit [www.vrh.org](http://www.vrh.org)

On Sunday, October 18, there will be a school based free drive-thru clinic at the Claremont

Middle School from 10am to 3pm. The clinic is open to any student, age 4-19, and no insurance is necessary.

Anyone may bring children to the clinic; however, a parental consent form must be completed. To assist those administering the vaccine, please consider having the child/children wear short sleeved shirt(s). All people in vehicles participating in the drive-thru clinic will be asked to wear masks.

For a copy of the parental consent form or more information on school based free drive thru clinics, please visit <https://>

[greaterullivanstrong.org/resources/newhampshireschoolfluclinics/](http://greaterullivanstrong.org/resources/newhampshireschoolfluclinics/).

Flu vaccinations are just one of the preventive measures available to help people stay healthy during this pandemic. The City of Claremont continues to strongly encourage people to follow CDC guidelines by wearing masks, practicing social distancing and frequently washing hands. Our efforts to incorporate these measures in our daily lives helps protect those who are vulnerable, keep our numbers low and maintain a functioning economy.

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



## Claremont Trick or Treating Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 6-8 PM



The City of Claremont is working to maintain our Halloween traditions while still adhering to guidance provided by State of NH. In order to maintain Trick or Treating in the safest way possible during the pandemic, The City of Claremont is offering the following guidance:

### Homes who are participating in Trick or Treating should...



- Only give out wrapped/pre-packaged items.
- Give out items outside, spreading them out on a table, leaving a 6-foot distance between you and the trick or treaters.
- Refrain from handing out treats directly to the trick or treaters.
- Refrain from allowing trick or treaters to get candy from a container filled with candy that will go to others.
- Wear a cloth face mask.
- Use a disinfectant to routinely sanitize commonly touched surfaces.



If you wish not to participate, please keep your entry lights off during trick or treating times.

### Trick or Treaters who are participating should...

- Trick or Treat in small groups, preferably with family members only, and within your own neighborhood.
- Avoid large groups and going inside any homes.
- Use social distancing and wait patiently for a turn to get candy (*i.e. Do not congregate together in the same place.*)
- Carry hand sanitizer.
- Wear a protective mask. (*Costume masks are not a substitute for a cloth mask and a cloth mask should not be worn under a costume mask.*)
- Only go to houses that choose to participate in Trick or Treating. These will be houses with the entry lights on.



These guidelines may be adjusted at any time based on updated recommendations from the CDC and/or State of NH.



The Claremont Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a modified Hallowesta event on Halloween at Monadnock Park from 3-6 PM. Keep an eye out for the details coming soon!

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### The Following Sullivan County Transportation Bus Routes Are Now Open:

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

### West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts to Help Mark Indigenous Peoples' Day

To mark Indigenous Peoples' Day, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts joins forces with NEFA, Hopkins Center for the Arts, Dartmouth College, and West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts to present a celebration of Indigenous and immigrant heritage with bassist, songwriter, scholar and Lula Wiles band member Mali Obomsawin and twice Grammy-nominated

guitarist and composer Jose Lezcano. Arts Across America is brought to you by Facebook.

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## Avoid Financial Mistakes During Retirement

When you retire, you've learned a lot about all sorts of things, helping you avoid some of the mistakes you made earlier in life. However, you may still be susceptible to financial missteps specifically related to your retirement years. How can you dodge these errors?

Consider these suggestions:

- **Manage your withdrawal rate carefully.** You will likely need to tap into your retirement accounts – your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan. But you should establish an annual withdrawal rate that's appropriate for your situation. By withdrawing too much each year, especially in the early years of your retirement, you risk outliving your resources. You may want to consult with a financial professional to determine the withdrawal amount that's right for you. (Keep in mind, though, that once you turn 72, you will be required to take out at least a certain amount each year – based on your age and account balance – from your traditional IRA and 401(k) or similar plan.)

- **Don't underestimate health care costs.** Once you turn 65, you will be eligible for Medicare, but you may still need a Medicare supplement plan and will probably also incur other expenses. In fact, A healthy 65-year-old couple who retired in 2019 will need nearly \$390,000 over their remaining years just to pay for health care, according to HealthView Services, which produces health-care cost projection software. Other estimates show different amounts, but they all amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. So, when calculating your expenses during your retirement years, reserve a big space for health care.

- **Don't take Social Security too early.** You can start receiving monthly Social Security checks when you reach age 62, but your payments will generally be significantly larger if you wait until your "full" retirement age, which will probably be between 66 and 67. (The size of your payments will "max out" at age 70.) Of course, if you need the money at 62, you may have to take it, but if you believe you have longevity working in your favor, and you can afford to wait, you may be better off by delaying Social Security as long as possible.)

- **Don't invest too conservatively.** Once you're retired, you might think that you should take as few chances as possible with your investments – after all, you simply have less time for them to bounce back from a downturn than you did during your working years. Nonetheless, it's important to own a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented investments to help keep you ahead of inflation. Even at a low rate, which we've experience recently, inflation can erode your purchasing power over time.

- **Don't be more generous than you can afford.** If you have grown children who need financial help, or grandchildren heading to college someday, you'd no doubt like to do whatever you can to provide assistance. However, the hard truth is they simply have more time than you do to find workable financial solutions, whereas if you deplete your funds through your generosity, you could put yourself in a precarious position. So, be as giving as you can afford – but don't go beyond that. By preserving your financial independence, you'll end up benefiting your family, as well.

Retirement can be a wonderful time of your life – and you may enjoy it more by doing what you can to avoid costly financial mistakes.

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## Arrowhead Upcoming Work Sessions and Other News

CLAREMONT, NH—The Arrowhead Recreation Area has announced that “As of now, we are planning on a winter season. There will probably be some changes in procedures and capacity restrictions. We have not finalized guidelines yet.”

Chuck Allen of the Arrowhead Recreation Club, said that “In the meantime, we have tasks to do to prepare for the upcoming season, most are individual tasks.”

Work sessions will be: Saturday October 17th and 24th, starting at 9:30 a.m., whatever hours volunteers can give. They would like to clean up and start inflating tubes, continue with brush sawing, put up fences, put up signs, install lift handles and put out picnic tables. Work sessions will be held every Saturday going forward, except for Saturday, Oct. 31st.

“As for winter operational help, we had some experienced help move out of the area so we desperately need help on the lifts, in the ski shop, ski and snowboard instructors, and in concessions,” said Allen. “Arrowhead also needs organizational people both up-front and behind the scenes, for club officers, board of director positions, public relations, marketing, grant research / writing and other areas. If interested please contact us.” Email: [arrowhead@arrowheadnh.com](mailto:arrowhead@arrowheadnh.com) - best contact method. Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/arrowheadnh>; (603) 542-7016 - Leave a message.

### Twenty Years of Cleaning the Black River

Celebrating the group's 20th anniversary, the Black River Action Team chalks up another successful year of cleaning trash from the bed and banks of our local waterways. Dozens of volunteers worked at various locations over the course of several months, in targeted cleanups of specific sites.

Among the season's "finds" were 90 tires, a pair of wading boots, a camp chair, an entire picnic camp (including a charcoal grill), and dozens of bags of food wrappers, cigarette trash, bottles, cans, personal items, and face masks.

Volunteers in Springfield traversed the entire Toonerville Trail recreation path, removed a stash of tires from the water in two separate locations, tidied up Hoyt's Landing every weekend, and scoured the river banks for several miles throughout the summer.

Public school students and home learners in Cavendish and Ludlow organized into "quaran-teams" with teachers and adult volunteers to tackle several river sites in those communities. In addition to several bags of trash, these intrepid kids removed an enormous amount of the invasive plant Japanese knotweed, known to take over entire streambanks and crowd out all native vegetation as well as increase erosion.

The Springfield volunteers were graciously fed on RiverSweep Day by volunteers with the Calvary Baptist Church, who brought a grill and all the works to cook up hot dogs for everyone, which were purchased with a generous donation from Heritage Engineering, along with chips from Deep River Snacks. The student volunteers enjoyed pizza donated by Goodman's American Pie of Ludlow. BRAT Director Kelly Stettner wishes to thank each and every donor

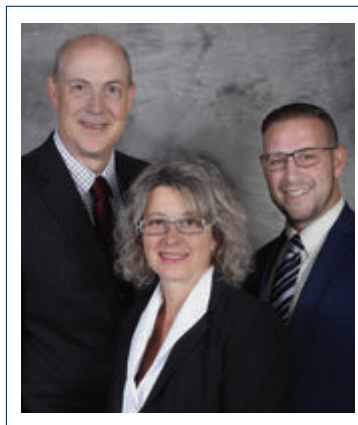
for their generous support of the River-Sweep and all the BRAT's programs; additionally, the cleanup crews who really got down 'n' dirty this year to help keep the Black River clean and healthy.

Learn more about BRAT at [www.BlackRiverActionTeam.org](http://www.BlackRiverActionTeam.org) or by sending a message to Kelly at [blackrivercleanup@gmail.com](mailto:blackrivercleanup@gmail.com) or (802) 738-0456.



**Husband and wife team Steve and Maura Anderson, posing with a tub of trash they collected from the lowest mile of the Black River; tires and other trash were gathered by other volunteers and represent just the tip of the proverbial iceberg cleanup (Kelly Stettner photo).**

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# e-Ticker Sports

## 20th Annual Springfield Hospital Golf Challenge Raises \$12,000

SPRINGFIELD, VT– Springfield Hospital hosted its 20th Annual Springfield Hospital Golf Challenge on September 16th at Okemo Valley Golf Club in Ludlow, Vermont and raised over \$12,000 for its Operating Room Equipment Fund.

Sixty-eight tournament participants enjoyed a variety of competitions in addition to 18 holes of scramble golf tournament play. A new GMC Sierra Double Cab was up for grabs for a hole-in-one on hole 8, thanks to Springfield GMC Buick Cadillac and ten thousand dollars was available on hole 17 for a hole-in-one, thanks to Ludlow Insurance Agency. No money or truck were awarded this year, but the day was still spectacular for golf. “With COVID-19 in mind, we put into place all the precautions necessary to have a safe, yet enjoyable day of golf for the players and volunteers. We were all ready for a bit of normalcy and everyone understood the importance of being safe and following the current guidelines,” said Sandy Peplau, Tournament Organizer.

Winners in the A and B Flights were as follows: A Flight 1st Gross: Andy Courchesne, Jody Perkins, Matt Oscadel and Ted Stryhas. A Flight 2nd Gross: Rick Marasa, Chris Garvey, Brian Perkins and Greg Birsky. A Flight 1st Net: Curtis Lindamood, Deke Dexter, Steve Ankuda and Mike Martin. A Flight 2nd Net: Steve Currie, Eric Warren, Bruce Bentley and Robert Cornell.

B Flight 1st Gross: Greg White, Guy Alderdice, Tim Mello and Dave Muller. B Flight 2nd Gross: Steve Wierzbicki, Walter Oaks, Vic Baskivich and Mike Pinney. B Flight 1st Net: Peter Andrews, Jeff Perkins, Greg Goodrich and Jim Stokes. B Flight 2nd Net: Scott Kelley, Karl Wentworth, Mike Matulonis and Brett Jasinski.

The straightest drive was won by Bob Mahoney and longest putt went to Pat Moore. Many thanks go to over 40 sponsors that made this a fundraising success. “It is obviously necessary to have people that are willing



Back, L to R: Mike Pinney, Steve Wierzbicki. Front: Vic Baskivich (Courtesy photo).

to play in the tournament, and for that we are very grateful. However, sponsors and raffle prize donors are key to how successful the event will be,” commented Peplau.

Tournament sponsors this year at the \$1000 level were: Connecticut Valley Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine, SunSoil and The Richards Group. The entire list can be found at [www.springfieldhospitalgiving.org/golf](http://www.springfieldhospitalgiving.org/golf).

## SHS Field Hockey Team Wins Squeaker, 5-4

The Stevens Cardinal Field Hockey team played Kearsarge under the lights on Tuesday, October 6th. The Cards had 5 players score, which was enough to take the win with a 5-4 final score. Freshman Hannah Geil scored her first goal of her career - assisted Junior Bri Frisbee. Senior Emily Herbert claimed her first goal of the season early in the second quarter.

Bri Frisbee scored midway 3rd quarter - her 6th goal of the season. Seniors Abbie Thurber and Zoey Foote scored goals unassisted in the 4th quarter.

“It was a good game, back and forth goals between the two teams,” said SHS Coach Patty Deschaine. “The Cardinals led the duration of the game and were happy to get the win!”

The Cardinals will play at Kearsarge on Monday, October 12th.

### SHS Football

09/25/20	at Lebanon		07:00 PM
10/02/20	Hanover	L 13 - 32	
10/16/20	Fall Mountain		07:00 PM
10/24/20	at Newport		01:30 PM
10/31/20	at Mascoma Valley		01:00 PM

### 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	L 1 - 2	
10/09/20	Sunapee	L 2 - 6	
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	L 1 - 4	
10/07/20	Sunapee		06:30 PM
10/10/20	at Sunapee	L 0 - 2	
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

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# Re-elect Mike Cryans for Executive Council

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## Duties of the Executive Council:

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  - Votes on all Judicial nominations
- Responsible for the 10-Year Highway Plan that includes projects for roads, bridges and airports
  - Councilors each represent 20% of the population; District 1 is comprised of the upper 2/3 of the state and includes 4 cities and 109 towns

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# Unidentified Mailers Containing Absentee Ballot Application Forms Distributed

CONCORD, NH -- Attorney General Gordon J. MacDonald issued the following alert Thursday to New Hampshire voters.

The Attorney General's Office has been notified that some New Hampshire residents have received unidentified mailers containing an absentee ballot application form with an allegedly hand written note. The message on the note states, "You are needed please fill this out and mail it in." The mailer also contains a return envelope with the recipient's town or city clerk in the address block.

State law requires that a mailing such as this contain the identity of the entity mailing and distributing the form. No such identification accompanies the attached mailer.

The Attorney General's Office has received inquiries from election officials and voters regarding this mailer. Voters should be aware that these unidentified mailers have not been sent by New Hampshire town or city clerks. These unidentified mailers have not been sent by any State agency.

Voters receiving this unidentified mailer who have already requested and/or submitted an absentee ballot need not complete another absentee ballot application form. Voters can check the status of their absentee ballot here: <https://app.sos.nh.gov/Public/AbsenteeBallot.aspx>.

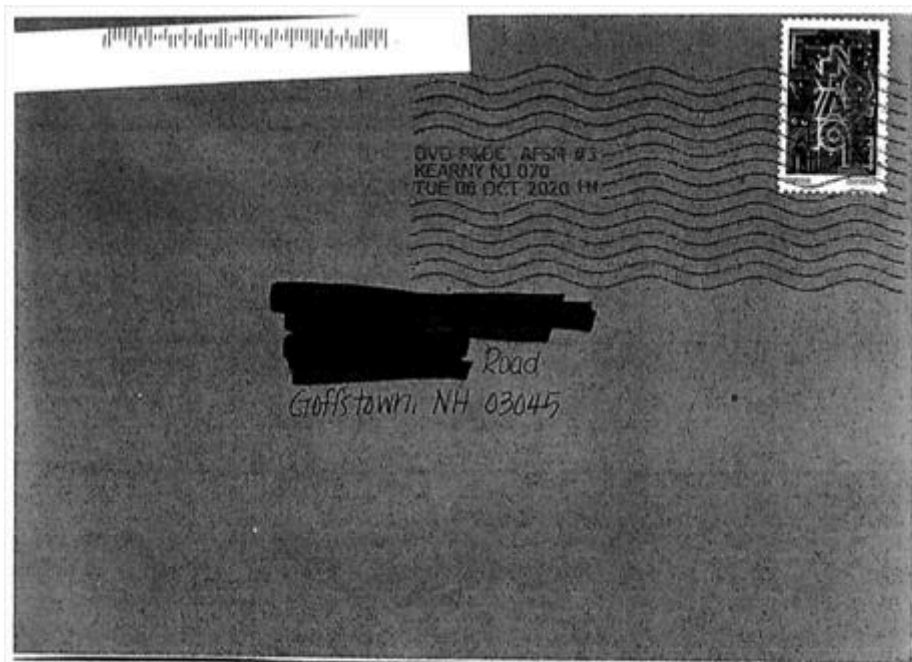
Voters can find the contact information for their local town or city clerk here: <https://app.sos.nh.gov/Public/Reports.aspx>.

Information about absentee ballots can be found here: <https://sos.nh.gov/elections/voters/absentee-ballots/>

Voters are reminded that the Attorney General's Office and Secretary of State's Office are the official resources available to all

New Hampshire voters and election officials for guidance and assistance regarding election related issues or concerns ahead of the General Election on November 3, 2020.

Voters with questions or concerns are urged to contact the Attorney General's Election hotline: 1-866-868-3703 (1-866-VOTER03). In the event a caller receives voicemail, the caller should leave a message. Attorneys in the office will address each message received. Inquiries and complaints may also be submitted via email at [electionlaw@doj.nh.gov](mailto:electionlaw@doj.nh.gov).



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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Application for State Election Absentee Ballot-RSA 657:4	
Absence (Excluding Absence Due to Residence Outside the United States), Religious Observance, Concern for the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), and Disability	
2020 COVID-19 Application	
For Official Use Only Voter Not registered <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>I. I hereby declare that (check one):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> I am a duly qualified voter who is currently registered to vote in this town/ward. <input type="checkbox"/> I am absent from the election, or I am unable to appear in person because of a concern for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). <input type="checkbox"/> I am unable to vote because of a disability. <input type="checkbox"/> I am unable to vote because of a religious observance. <input type="checkbox"/> I am unable to vote because of an employment obligation. (Include the care of children and infirm adults, with or without compensation.)
Voter ID # _____  Date Returned: _____  Date Mailed: _____  Date Requested: _____	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>YOU ARE NEEDED PLEASE fill this out &amp; mail it in</i></p> <b>II. I will be entitled to vote (check one):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> I plan to be absent or where I am domiciled. <input type="checkbox"/> I cannot appear in person because of a religious observance of a religious commitment. <input type="checkbox"/> I am unable to vote because of a disability. <input type="checkbox"/> I am unable to vote because of an employment obligation. (Include the care of children and infirm adults, with or without compensation.)
Any person who votes or attempts to vote using an absentee ballot who is not entitled to vote by absentee ballot shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. RSA 657:24	
<b>III. I am requesting an official absentee ballot for the following election(s):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> *State Primary Election to be held on September 8, 2020. <input type="checkbox"/> State General Election to be held on November 3, 2020 *For primary elections, I am a member of or I am now declaring my affiliation with the (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Republican Party <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic Party and am requesting a ballot for that party's primary.	
<b>Turn Over – You Must Complete Page 2</b>	
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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____	



## Feltes, from A1

table, held in The Common Man Restaurant, Feltes not only stated his positions but also listened to the insights, issues and complaints of some of Claremont's small-business owners.

### Budget Stabilization

David Putnam, owner of Claremont Custom Framing, noted that disproportionate downshifting has made Claremont's share of State revenue drop by \$1 million in each of the past 10 years. The economic downturn brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, he added, only worsened the situation.

Feltes replied that all of New Hampshire's federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act funds — \$1.25 billion — could stabilize the State's budget. But, he pointed out, Gov. Sununu has not earmarked any funds for public education, instead distributing money to private schools (unlike Maine, he said, which provided \$165 million to public schools). Further, he noted, Sununu has directed a lot of CARES money to corporations "that just happen to be major donors to his campaign." If elected governor, Feltes would use CARES funds to provide financial assistance to public education, promote sustainable jobs, and fund a \$50 million initiative to ensure broadband access in rural areas like Claremont.

### Social Justice

Ben Nelson, owner of Claremont Spice & Dry Goods, said that as a person of multi-racial background, he is disappointed that Sununu has not acknowledged the State's systemic racism. "Injustice has to be recognized and dealt with from the top down. As far as I'm concerned, the Confederate flags appearing in Claremont mean I should still be in chains."

Feltes encountered many cases of discrimination during his years with the Legal Aid Society and while working on fair-housing issues at the State level. "New Hampshire's communities of color face words, actions and policies that rob certain people of the American dream." As governor, he would create an Office of Racial Equality, headed by a person of color. And, because he believes that "the words matter," he would harness and support the energy of the struggle for social justice so that "it's not a moment but a movement."

### Education and Job Creation

Putnam, who served 17 years on the Claremont School Board, believes in a "cradle to career approach" to education. He estimated

that 40% of the students in SAU6 were not prepared to join the workforce when they graduated high school. "You have to be a visionary," he remarked, "and promote ideas that are sustainable."

Feltes noted that New Hampshire is one of only six States that do not have a state-funded pre-K system. He added that he had cosponsored the Granite State Jobs Act (Senate Bill 2, 2019), which among other things would have supported apprenticeship in the trades, matched persons to appropriate jobs and prioritized job creation for seniors and people in recovery. Sununu vetoed that bill, as he vetoed other bills for family medical leave, clean energy and a stabilized budget. That all these bills had — but lost — bipartisan support was the "disheartening" factor that made Feltes decide to run for governor.

State representative Gary Merchant (Claremont District 4/Ward 2), who was at the roundtable, confirmed Feltes's observation that "in the last session, when the House gathered to vote on overriding the vetoes, Sununu met with the Republican caucus and convinced them to support him — not the issues — by sustaining the vetoes." Said Feltes, "Chris Su-

nunu is the single biggest obstacle to bipartisan progress in New Hampshire."

### Statewide Coalition

Andy Lafreniere, president of FreniereEnergy Advisors, appreciated that Feltes had included the City on his tour. "Sometimes, it seems that Claremont and western New Hampshire don't exist for the rest of the State," he said. "And if all politics is local, so is gridlock. Voting along party lines in Concord means nothing gets done in Claremont."

"I believe that we're all in this together," responded Feltes. "I'm proud of my working-class background, and those are the people I will always represent. I've been working with Gary [Merchant], especially on school funding issues, and on lessening the disparity in State aid. But Sununu wants to take \$140 million out of the next budget." That move would bring the State back to 2019 spending levels, and "erase any gains made by local communities."

Putnam offered these parting words before Feltes left for his last event of the day, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Hanover: "You need to articulate a vision, and then support the people who make it happen."



**A solo duck takes a quiet autumn swim on Crescent Lake in Acworth, NH (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo).**



# Inspiration

## Look Skyward!

By Priscilla Hull

Look up! Look up!  
See what is there  
Look up!  
See the clouds they tell us the weather  
Rain in the summer  
Snow in the winter  
storms come and wind blows.

Look up! Look up!  
Don't miss the majesty of the Eagle on the wing.  
There are two,  
no, now there's a third  
a mom and a dad gliding on the wing  
What holds them there?  
Their wings aren't moving  
yet there they float!

Look up! Look up!  
Look through the changing leaves  
the sky is so blue and it looks deep  
and unending,  
Wait till tomorrow  
it'll change again  
It will rain or snow  
or fog will settle in.

Look up! Look up!  
It's dark and the stars are shining  
I see Orion and his faithful Bull  
I see the dippers, large and small  
I see the stars in the Milky Way  
too many to count.  
Galaxies we can't imagine  
Are there people out there.

Look up! Look up!  
Maybe you'll see the most amazing of all  
you hear them first  
the moon is full  
here they are flying across the moon  
a perfect V made up of the geese flying to their  
Alternative home!



*The heavens declare the glory of God; the sky displays his handiwork.  
Day after day it speaks out; night after night it reveals his greatness.  
There is no actual speech or word, nor is its voice literally heard.  
Yet its voice echoes throughout the earth; its words carry to the distant horizon.*

Psalm 19:1-4a

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

## Calendar Of Events

### 2020 Upper Valley Employment Fair Goes Virtual

With the safety of exhibitors, job seekers, and volunteers in mind, this year's Upper Valley Employment fair will be offered virtually to connect our local jobseekers with area employers who are currently hiring for lots of open positions. This virtual event utilizes a new website comprised of current job listings, career exploration information, live virtual event listings via Zoom, job seeker resources and tutorials, and more. You can even submit your resume for review by any of our participating businesses.

Visit our website [www.uppervalleyemploymentfair.org](http://www.uppervalleyemploymentfair.org) to explore great opportunities with some of the top companies in our area; if you are not currently working, want additional employment, or are eager to try something different and explore different career options, the 2020 Virtual Upper Valley Employment Fair is for you! This two-month-long event is free and open to the public. You can also follow us on Facebook for live virtual event details and reminders, job seeker tips, and more, at [www.facebook.com/uppervalleyemploymentfair](https://www.facebook.com/uppervalleyemploymentfair).

The 2020 Virtual Upper Valley Employment Fair is brought to you by Creative Workforce Solutions in partnership with Vermont Department of Labor, Vermont Association of Business Industry and Rehabilitation, Vermont's Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Upper Valley Services, and Pathways of NH, and is generously sponsored by Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont, Hypertherm, Kendal at Hanover, King Arthur Baking, The River Valley Club, and TargettHRB.

Please join us online now through the end of November at [www.uppervalleyemploymentfair.org](http://www.uppervalleyemploymentfair.org) and follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/uppervalleyemploymentfair](https://www.facebook.com/uppervalleyemploymentfair) for updates and more.

### COH Oktoberfest Concert

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Opera House presents an Oktoberfest concert on October 16th, featuring the COH Orchestra with Director Gerry Grimo on the hillside of Arrowhead. Come enjoy traditional music, food and drinks in a beautiful outdoor setting. Doors open at 5pm for food/beverages and music starts at 6pm.

Music Director Gerry Grimo will lead a 5-piece orchestra featuring members of the East Bay Jazz ensemble, and include clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, bass, accordion, bass, drums and a vocalist. They will play polkas and Oktoberfest classics. Traditional food favorites provided by Epic Food Truck, and beer/wine service provided by Sweet Fire BBQ. Don't forget lawn chairs and a Fall blanket for the cool evening. Seating areas will be divided into wet and dry, with 10 feet of social distancing between each seating area. Masks are required except when in assigned seating area.

Tickets are \$15.00 for adults (21+), \$5.00 for students (ages 5-20 seated in the dry area), and free for COH Gold Members. Seating is limited so tickets should be purchased in advance at [www.claremontoperahouse.org](http://www.claremontoperahouse.org), or by phone at 603-542-4433. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll move inside to the COH stage. This event is supported by the 2020 Membership Program with the objective of bringing other genres of music to the COH stage.

### 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 operating 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](http://lakesunapeevna.org/calendar).

### 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 14, 21, and 28 VFW Bingo 5 p.m.



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

### Area Grocery Store Hours Reserved for High Risk Population

HANNAFORD - Most stores reserve 7 AM – 8 AM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. In Massachusetts, those special hours are 7 AM – 8 AM daily

MARKET BASKET 6 AM - 7 AM EVERY DAY  
Claremont

CO-OP FOOD STORES 7AM - 8 AM EVERYDAY  
WRJCT, Lebanon & Hanover

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

SHAWS 7AM - 9AM TUES & THURS West  
Lebanon

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

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

### 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/>.

## 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.

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 [lchute@sullivancountynh.gov](mailto:lchute@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

#### Free Fruits and Veggies In Windsor

VeggieVanGo has been relocated to the Goodyear Property, Windsor, VT, October 13, from 10 –11am. Enter at River Street, right into the Goodyear Property, exit through the gate onto McCarty Avenue.

VeggieVanGo is a program of the Vermont Food Bank (VFB) to provide fresh produce, perishable products and shelf stable food to Vermonters facing hunger.

Several Vermont hospitals, including Mt. Ascutney Hospital, work in partnership with the VFB to promote better health for Vermont families. The aim of the program is to provide produce at no cost to people who cannot afford to buy enough fruit and vegetables to sustain a healthy lifestyle.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

#### ATTENTION CORNISH VOTERS REGISTERING TO VOTE

Supervisors of the Checklist will be at the Town Office to register new voters  
October 16th 6-7:00 PM  
October 24th 9-10:00 AM

and will have a normal meeting 7-7:30 on October 27 for additions and corrections to the list of legal voters.

Please bring photo IDs and proof of domicile.

A mask is required.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

#### HARTLAND UU TAKE-OUT TURKEY SUPPERS

Saturdays, October 17, 24

Drive Thru at the UU Church,

Hartland 4 Corners from 4:30 - 6:30

Roast Turkey with gravy, Stuffing, Mashed

Potatoes, Squash, Cole Slaw,

Pickles , Cranberry Sauce, Apple Crisp

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*This course is being taught by Licensed Master Plumber,  
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Plumbing and HVAC field as an experienced basic apprentice.  
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***October 13th - December 8<sup>th</sup> 2020***

***Tuesday & Thursday nights from 5:30pm-8:30pm***

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***To register or for further information please contact us:***

***TPI Staffing Group  
Attention: Amanda Brosseau  
claremontoffice@tpistaffing.net  
11 Dunning Street, Suite 6  
Claremont, NH 03743  
(603) 543-4155***



**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.



Remembering Loved Ones...

Life Tributes **Obituaries May Be Found On Our Website**

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

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**Wayne G. Kennett, 72**

Wayne Gordon Kennett, 72, of Charlestown, NH, passed away at home on Thursday, October 8, 2020, after a period of failing health.

He was born in Barre, VT, on October 17, 1947, the son of Gordon and Irene (Lamphere) Kennett.

Wayne enjoyed hunting, fishing, watching wildlife and spending time with his twin brother, whom he lovingly called “Wink”. He married the love of his life, Barbara (Bobbi) Thayer on December 28, 1980 in Langdon, NH.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years; a daughter, Valerie Coburn of Bellows Falls, VT; a son, Richard Peck of Hernando, FL; his twin brother, Wendell and brother, James; his sisters, Ramona Sweat and Dale McGivern; nine grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; also many nieces, nephews, cousins and sisters and brothers-in-law.

He was predeceased by his parents, brothers, Terry and Donald; sisters, Gloria Coburn, Bonnie Dalley, Judy Colburn and Elaine Labounty; a son, A. Michael Peck and grandson, Kevin Peck.

A graveside service will be held in Pine Crest Cemetery in Charlestown on Saturday October 24th at 2 PM.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Jeanne M. Magoon, 87**

Jeanne Marie Magoon nee Ferry, 87, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Monday, October 5, 2020, after a long illness.

She leaves behind a brother Francis Ferry of Belchertown MA, daughters Gail Oster of Milford, and Nancy Morrison of Claremont; 8 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and 15 great great grandchildren.

Fiercely loyal to her family, she adored her Pekingese dog, Rocco, and Maine Coon cat, Sassy.

She adored audio books and keeping up with current events.

She would want to be remembered as an animal lover and a devout Catholic who has moved on to join her husband, children, and siblings in heaven. In lieu of flowers, family ask that donations be made to Sullivan County Humane Society in Claremont.

A graveside service was held Friday October 9th in Hillside Cemetery in Hancock, NH.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Ethel V. Jarvis, 88**

Ethel Verna Jarvis, 88, also known as “The Commish” and advocate for all less fortunate, passed away peacefully on Sept. 28, 2020, at Woodlawn Care Center in Newport, NH.

She was born and raised in Unity, NH, and resided in East Unity for most of her life. Her final four years were spent at Woodlawn Care Center where she received excellent care. Ethel attended Unity Elementary School, Stevens High School, and graduated from Keene State College in 1970 with a BA in Education. While she cherished her years of teaching, her biggest passion was for politics. She proudly served as the Sullivan County Commissioner for many years and even had a license plate that read “Comish3.” She served faithfully as the vice-president of the Sullivan County Democrats and was the quintessential Democrat who loved her country wholeheartedly. As a member of the Zoning Board and Conservation Commission in Unity, she was able to play an active role in helping to protect the environment, a cause that was extremely important to her. Ethel established a 4-H Club

“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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in East Unity and exhibited her leadership by teaching life skills to the youth of her community. Her commitment to helping those in need led her to become an integral part of the Claremont Soup Kitchen where she served on the Board of Directors. Ethel's love for books and reading resulted in her becoming a volunteer as a trustee of the Unity Library where she spearheaded numerous book sale events to help support the library. Highlights of her working career included serving as the administrative assistant for the Town of Unity, and tax mapping for the Town of Newport where she was able to showcase her exceptional budgeting skills. Ethel was also a staunch advocate for women's rights and a constant voice for the less fortunate. She was small in stature, but more than made up for it with her huge personality.

Ethel was predeceased by the love of her life for 58 years, James "Larry" Jarvis. She was also predeceased by her infant son, Lawrence Jarvis; her parents, Roger and Marie Clough; three brothers, Clarence, Robert and Donald Clough; and her stepfather, Clifford Stone.

She is survived by her three daughters, Aprille Jarvis of Charlestown, NH, Susan Hastings and husband Milton of Newport, NH, Nancy Clairmont and husband Michael of Gilford, NH; four grandchildren, Jeffrey Hastings and fiancée Rebecca Roy of Manchester, NH, Shannon Hastings-Smith and husband Michael of Armonk, NY, Kyle Jarvis of Walpole, NH, and Hillary Clairmont-Fontaine and husband Michael of Jackson Hole, WY; five great-grandchildren, Skye and Cashlyn Smith, Jayden and Tristan Hastings and Grady Roy. She is also survived by two brothers, Ronald and Fred Clough of Newport, NH, and many nieces and nephews.

The family received friends and family at a reception format at the Unity, NH, Town Hall on Saturday, Oct. 10.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Claremont Soup Kitchen, P.O. Box 957, Claremont, NH 03743. Cards and flowers may be sent to Susan J. Hastings, 575 Bradford Road, Newport, NH 03773.

### Harvest Festival Supper at Union Church Saturday, October 24th

**Pick up curbside: 4:30pm - 6pm**

Individual meal(s): \$15.00/per person

Family Meal (feeds 4+ people): \$60.00

A tradition for over 60 years. Enjoy homemade Norwegian meatballs from our secret recipe, and homemade pies, served with

homemade mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, beets, and coleslaw.

Choice of pies (to ensure you get your choice you must reserve by October 19th): Pumpkin, Apple, Chocolate, Butterscotch, Lemon Meringue or Surprise!

This year will be a little different, but we're grateful to be able to share this food and tradition that we know and love with everyone safely. Due to COVID19 this year it will be a take out meal with advanced reservations and payment required. We'll be offering individual and family meals through curbside take out. Please reserve your meal asap, by Monday October 19th is preferred so we can order enough ingredients for everyone. There will be limited meals available after that date (we sold out at our meal in June), but please contact us to see if there's still food available to reserve.

Register at [harvestfestival.eventbrite.com](https://harvestfestival.eventbrite.com) (preferred) or [unionchurchnh@gmail.com](mailto:unionchurchnh@gmail.com), ph 802.738.0678. You may pay through Eventbrite, via check or via PayPal payment: Union Church, PO Box 902 Claremont, NH 03743; PayPal: [unionchurchnh@gmail.com](mailto:unionchurchnh@gmail.com) or 802-738-0678

If this is a challenging time for you financially and you would like to have a sponsored meal, or if you need help making your reservation please contact us at [unionchurchnh@gmail.com](mailto:unionchurchnh@gmail.com) or 802.738.0678 and we'll be happy to help you. If you are in the immediate Claremont/Charlestown area and do not have transportation, contact us to see if we can deliver to you.

For more information visit: <https://www.facebook.com/UnionEpiscopalChurch/>

### Basic Acting with Mary Gaetz Tuesday October 13, from 4pm - 5pm. Free, live Zoom workshop

In this monthly workshop, participants will learn to bring stories to life through movement and vocal techniques. Students will be led through physical and vocal warmups, play theater games, and learn acting techniques for using their bodies, faces, and voices to create characters. The workshop will end with a time for group connection, reflection, and feedback. The ArtEx Basic Acting Workshops are geared for beginners -- no experience necessary -- all ages welcome, best for ages 8 - 12.

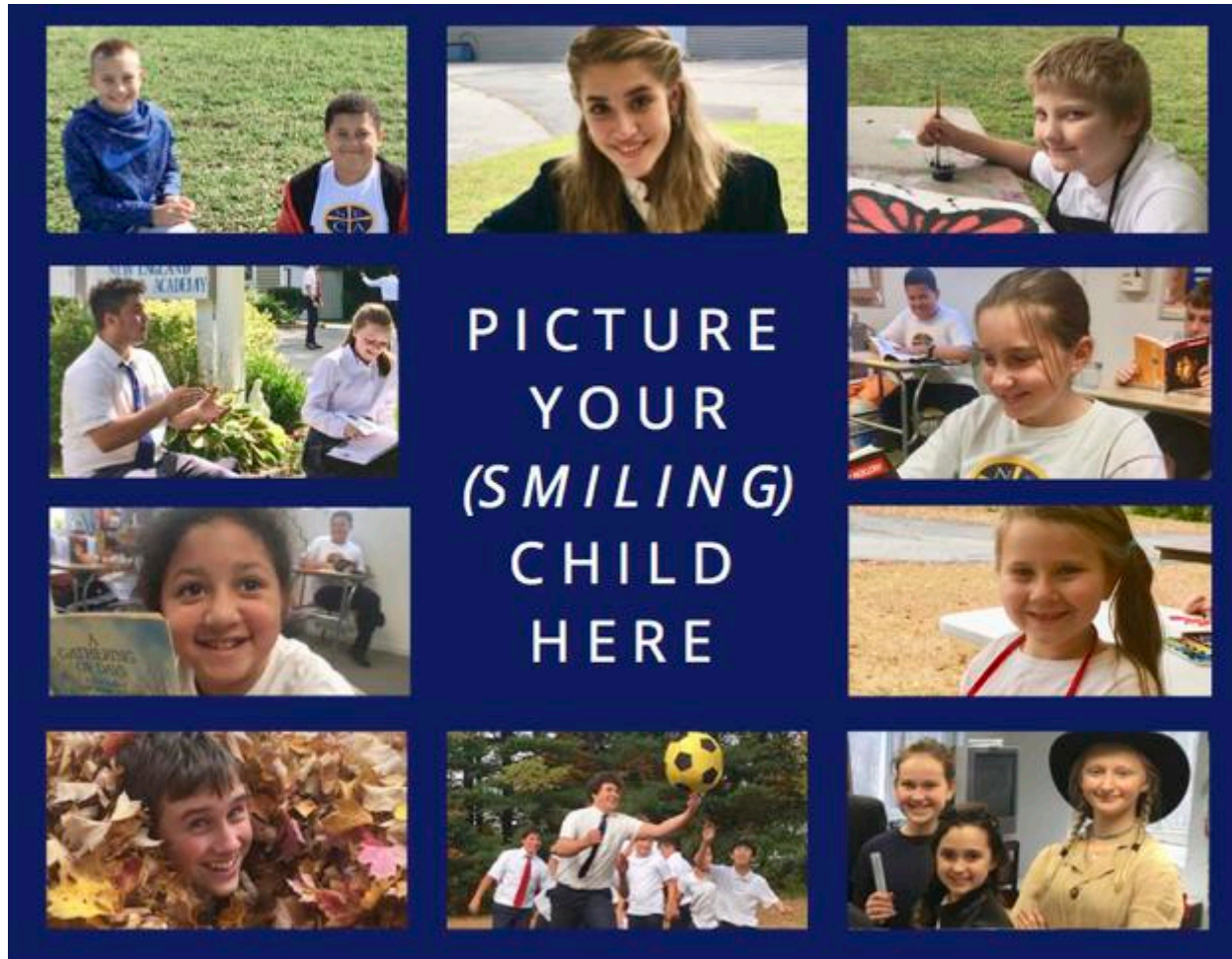
This ArtEx Workshop is free to all, but registration is necessary. Sign up by visiting <https://basicacting2.eventbrite.com>.

This program is generously supported by grants from the Our Kids Commission of the NH Episcopal Diocese and the NH State Council on the Arts.

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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**

Nolin-Murray Center  
Holy Spirit Parish, Springfield, VT

*"We've heard about your school but have so many questions...what exactly is classical education? Do the students learn skills that are needed for success in the 21st century? Can we afford private school? What makes NECA unique?"*

Join us for a socially distanced hour of information and learn more about NECA....and why those kids on the front are smiling!

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SCIENCE \* DRAMA \* MUSIC  
GRAMMAR \* CHARACTER STUDIES  
\* LOGIC & RHETORIC \* PHYSICAL  
EDUCATION



**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=NjNmdzBEYi9XcmJNbXVWQ3ZkcUx6dz09>

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 (Revised)***

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| 6:30 PM | 1.  | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE   |
| 6:32 PM | 2.  | ROLL CALL  |
| 6:34 PM | 3.  | AGENDA CHANGES   |
| 6:35 PM | 4.  | 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  |
| 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 (Council/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 (Council/City Manager)  |
| 9:25 PM |     | F. NHMA Funding for Councilors (Councilor Contois)   |
| 9:30 PM | 11. | COMMITTEE REPORTS  |
| 9:35 PM | 12. | FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES   |
| 9:40 PM | 13. | CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  |
| 9:45 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

## 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 14, 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.

Turkey Dinner, October 17, serving 5 – 6:30pm. The dinner will be a drive through. Call to reserve a meal, 543-5998.

VNA foot clinic: October 14, 21 and 28. Call for an appointment, 603-526-4077.

American Red Cross Blood Drive, Monday, October 19, 2020, 12 – 5pm. Appointments online or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Weekly drive-up meals, check it out, our food is great: Tuesday, Oct 13: Homemade Split Pea Soup, Ham Sandwich, Dessert Thursday, Oct 15: Soup, Boneless Pork Chop, Applesauce, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie, Birthday Cake.

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.

Cancelled, Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020, Winter Craft Fair. Questions? 542-5798. With the uncertainty in the world and for the health and safety of everybody, the Senior Center Board has decided that it is in the best interest for everyone that we cancel the Winter Craft Fair. The Penny Sale, May 8, 2021, is still in need of items, call ahead for donation times, we need your stuff.

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

Thought for the week: Pray, cry, repeat, but don't give up.

## Claremont Fire Dept. Log

### **Sunday, 10/4:**

4:18 AM: Engine 3 responded to Heritage Drive for a medical call.

3:59 PM: Engine 3 responded to Manor Drive for Box Alarm 0346.

### **Monday, 10/5:**

3:24 PM: Engine 3 responded to South St. for a medical call.

6:47 PM: Engine 3 responded to Juniper Hill for an illegal burn.

### **Tuesday, 10/6:**

4:40 PM: Engine 3 responded to Prospect St. for a possible transformer problem.

4:55 PM: Engine 3 responded to Prospect St. for an illegal burn.

6:13 PM: Engine 3 responded to Winter St. for an illegal burn.

### **Wednesday, 10/7:**

6:26 AM: Engine 3 responded to Cedar St. for a carbon monoxide alarm sounding.

12:45 PM: Engine 3 responded to Cook Place for a report of a low hanging wire.

### **Thursday, 10/8:**

6:15 AM: Engine 3 responded to Maple Ave. for a report of wires down.

6:49 AM: Engine 3 responded to Freedom St. for a report of an alarm sounding.

7:45 AM: Engine 3 responded to Harmony Lane for a carbon monoxide alarm sounding.

8:55 AM: Engine 3 responded to Ellery St. for a tree on wires.

### **Friday, 10/9:**

6:07 AM: Engine 3 responded to North St. for a car fire.

3:29 PM: Engine 3 responded to Charlestown Rd. for a motor vehicle accident.

6:18 PM: Engine 3 responded to Camden Ave. for an alarm sounding.

9:46 PM: Engine 3 responded to Wayne Ave. for a medical call.

### **Saturday 10/10:**

2:24 PM: Engine 3 responded to Washington St. for a medical call.

3:10 PM: Engine 3 responded to Hanover St. for a possible transformer problem.

## **North Woods Law New Hampshire Returns for an All-New Season**

CONCORD, NH – With more bears and rescues than ever before, it's all hands-on-deck for a new season of North Woods Law New Hampshire which premiered on Animal Planet Sunday, October 11, at 9:00 p.m. From heart-stopping animal encounters to harrowing pursuits of dangerous offenders, the only thing the Conservation Officers of New Hampshire Fish and Game can expect is the unexpected.

New Hampshire is a premiere outdoors destination, and because of its wild and rugged landscape, the work of its Conservation Officers is diverse and demanding. The Granite State's wardens are tasked with enforcing all laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to the state's fish, wildlife, recreational vehicles, and marine resources. Search and rescue is a big part of their mission as well.

This season the Conservation Officers join forces with the National Guard to execute a dangerous mountain rescue, while other all-new stories include the relocation of a moose from downtown Nashua, the rescue of baby snapping turtles that have hatched throughout a busy schoolyard, an attempt to chase off a black bear that has decided that a car is the optimal location for its winter den, as well as fugitive chases, surprising hunter confessions, and much more!

"We are very pleased with how the last season was received and that Animal Planet continues to be excited about working with us here in New Hampshire," said Colonel Kevin Jordan, Chief of NH Fish and Game Law Enforcement. "Our constituents seem to only have positive feedback for this real-life look at the work of the state's Conservation Officers, biologists, and volunteers and we are grateful for their enthusiasm."

Earlier seasons of North Woods Law are available in their entirety on the Animal Planet GO app, which allows Animal Planet audiences to catch up on full episodes of their favorite series and specials anytime, anywhere.





## CITY OF CLAREMONT

### FALL CLEAN-UP

The Fall Clean-up Program in the City of Claremont will operate for one week beginning Monday, November 2, 2020 through Friday, November 6, 2020.

Leaves and grass rakings must be placed in **COMPOSTABLE PAPER BAGS AND LEFT AT THE CURBSIDE BY 7:00 AM ON MONDAY, November 2, 2020.** THERE WILL BE NO CALL BACKS. Leaves in plastic bags will not be picked up; nor will garbage, brush or household items be collected.

After November 6th, Claremont citizens may bring leaves, bagged in compostable biodegradable bags, to the Transfer Station on Tuesdays & Saturdays at no cost.

Per City Council policy adopted on May 12, 2004, the Public Works Department will no longer accept or pick up leaves that are not in paper, biodegradable bags. Paper Compostable (30) gallon bags are available at various local hardware, grocery, and department stores.

Jeremy Clay  
Assistant Director of Public Works



# 'Our Democracy Is on the Ballot'

Today, Monday, Oct. 12, Congresswoman Annie Kuster was in Claremont for a multi-purpose visit. Addressing the upcoming election, Kuster reminded the public that there are three ways to vote: Absentee ballot by mail, absentee in person, or at polls on the day of the general election, Nov. 3. She said she voted in Hopkinton, "because it's so important and to see how easy and quick the process is."

Also joining Kuster was District 1 Executive Councilor Mike Cryans, also running for re-election. They toured the Claremont Fire Station to discuss operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Following the visit to the Fire Station and speaking in Broad St. Park about voting, the entourage continued with a visit to the Ink Factory to hear about how COVID-19 has impacted business operations and to discuss federal support programs for small businesses in New Hampshire. Owner Jeff Barrette said that they had "lost about one-third of their business due to the

pandemic"; they received a PPE loan that "saved us" and brought back employees. Kuster is sponsoring the Heroes Act, which essentially will forgive all COVID-19 related loans, turning them into grants. She said NH's highest unemployment rate was 16%, now down to 7%.

The tour added a stop to Claremont MakerSpace as well, following the visit to the Ink Factory.

Photos by Eric Zengota

