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## 'Check' It Out Gov. Presents \$6.2 M Ceremonial Check to City

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Gov. Chris Sununu visited the City on Wednesday, to present a ceremonial check in the amount of \$6.2 million, resulting from the recently approved state budget. He has visited a number of communities around the state to hold check-pre-

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Claremont Mayor Charlene Lovett and Gov. Chris Sununu shake hands during his visit to present a ceremonial check to the City following the recent passage of a compromise budget (Joshua Nelson photos).

## Operation Western Alliance Results in Two Dozen Arrests in Sullivan County

On Thursday, October 10, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, Charlestown Police Department, Claremont Police Department, Croydon Police Department, Grantham Police Department, Newport Police Department, Sunapee Police Department, Vermont State Police,

Windsor County Sheriff's Department (VT), Springfield VT Police Department, National Guard Counter Drug Program, NH Probation and Parole, FBI, Homeland Security Investigations, ATF Attorney General's Drug Task Force, and the New Hampshire State Police (com-

prised of members from the Mobile Enforcement Team (MET), Narcotics Investigations Unit (NIU), Special Weapons and Tactics Unit (SWAT), Special Investigations Unit (SIU), Troop C, Troop G and Troop F) participated in  
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# United Way of Sullivan County Sponsors Coats for the Community Program

United Way of Sullivan County is pleased to be collecting warm clothing again this year for area residents. There are currently drop-off locations throughout Newport, Claremont and Sunapee. They include: Claremont Savings Bank, Broad St. and Washington St. locations; Bar Harbor Bank and Sugar River Bank, Newport and Sunapee locations; Valley Regional Hospital; Sullivan County Homecare; and Sturm Ruger. Hubert's Department Store will be participating by donating again this year. Steve Smith, WCNL, will be doing a live broadcast at each location of Free Coat Friday. Those wishing to donate can also call the SCUW office at 543-0121 and arrange drop-off at its office on 169 Main St in Claremont. Any gently used warm articles of clothing are accepted and appreciated.

"We find the greatest need is for children's clothing from newborn through grade school age and larger adult coats and sweaters," said

Executive Director Dawn Ranney. "This is a community service that SCUW has been pleased to offer those in need of coats, boots, hats, mittens and blankets during the cold winter months. Free Coat Friday will be held in Claremont at Claremont Savings Bank Broad St location on Oct 18th and in Newport on the Town Common on Oct 25th, from 8-2:30. Donations will also be accepted at Free Coat Fridays."

Ranney added, "On behalf of United Way of Sullivan County, I want to extend my thanks to all of those who make this community endeavor possible with their outpouring of support and caring."

## Takin' it to the Streets, a Doobie Brothers Tribute

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Opera House will be presenting *Takin' It to The Streets*, the ultimate Doobie Brothers tribute show; the performance takes the stage on Saturday, Nov. 2, 8:00 p.m. This concert covers all of The Doobie's great hits and an occasional deep track or two with stunning accuracy. You'll hear *Long Train Runnin'*, *China Grove*, *Listen to the Music*, *Takin' It to the Streets*, *What A Fool Believes*, *Rockin' Down The Highway*, *Minute By Minute*, *Black Water* and many more.

Some of the notable reviews were, "The vocals were incredible, the musicianship amazing" - Florida

Today; "Outstanding - The Doobies would definitely approve" - Kansas City Pitch; "One of the best tribute concerts we've seen" - CBS New York.

Tickets are \$29 and can be purchased in advance online at [www.claremontoperahouse.org](http://www.claremontoperahouse.org), by phone at 603-542-4433 or in person at the Opera House Box office in City Hall Complex at 58 Opera House Square. Tickets also available night of show. Beer and wine sales available before the show and during intermission from Sweet Fire BBQ.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Conservation Commission MEETING

Thursday, October 17, 2019, 6:00 PM  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
Gary Dickerman, Chair

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Claremont Development Authority

Full Board Meeting  
Thursday, October 24, 2019 7:30 AM  
Visitor Center, 14 North Street  
Claremont, NH

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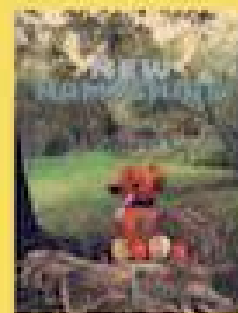
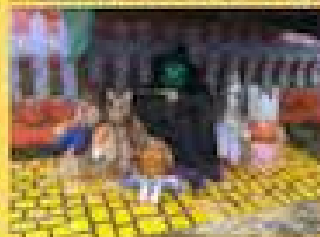
# PLAINFIELD PUMPKIN PEOPLE

9/28 -10/31- 2019



It's October and the Plainfield Pumpkin People are back. If you haven't had a chance, take a drive around Meriden, East Plainfield and Plainfield. Visit Plainfield to experience the magic of the Plainfield Pumpkin People and all of their displays. You never know what kind of silly antics you'll see from these gourd-headed guys! So grab a friend and join in the fun. You can find an online map at <https://www.pumpkinpeople.org/>

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# Commentary

## NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

### Vetoed and Compromise

The number of bills approved by the New Hampshire Legislature and vetoed by Gov. Christopher Sununu during the 2019 Session has reached its final total of 57, with the final two measures just having been vetoed within the last three weeks.

The latest House bills were both vetoed on Sept. 27, and include House Bill 226, which would repeal recently-revised notification procedures for local school districts when such districts decline to rehire teachers, who have taught in for at least one year, revised notification procedures that I believe were enacted a few years ago by the previous Republican Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Christopher Sununu. The bill was adopted with an amendment by the House on Feb. 28 on a 200-128 division vote after being recommended by a majority of the House Education Committee. It was further amended by the New Hampshire Senate and adopted by that body on a voice vote May 23. The House then concurred with the Senate's amendment on June 13. It is sponsored by a group of four Democratic representatives led by Manchester's Constance Van Houten, and including Grantham's Brian Sullivan.

Also vetoed was House Bill 315, which is relative to the Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program as well as the accuracy and effectiveness of voter registration systems. This bill as amended would repeal the authority of New Hampshire's Secretary of State to share voter information and data through the Interstate Crosscheck Program, and instead would authorize the Secretary to enter into an agreement with an alternative program to share such information and data. The bill was originally passed by the House with an amendment on March 7 on a voice vote. The Senate then approved the bill with its own amendment by voice vote on May 30. After a House-Senate Committee of Conference, a compromise version of the legislation was adopted by both bodies on June 27 by separate roll call votes. These votes mainly along partisan party lines were 203-142 in the House and 14-10 in the Senate.

By the way, the reason, Gov. Sununu didn't veto House Bills 226 and 315 until three months later was basically because some of the language and language structure of both measures had numerous drafting errors which had not been caught earlier by my fellow legislators and legislative staff and which could have made for confusing legal interpretations, if the bills became law, but were later challenged in the courts. Usually such errors are caught and corrected by minor revisions to legislation by what we representatives and senators call "enrolled bill" amendments which are approved by a tiny group of representatives and senators as well as the House and Senate Clerks without the full House or Senate not actually having to vote on these minor



revisions.

However, as I learned from House Speaker Stephen Shurtleff, the drafting errors in House Bills 226 and 315 were so major that extra time was needed to do the enrolled bill amendments that normally are done fairly quickly. In the case of House Bill 226, the Speaker and Senate President Donna Soucy, on the advice of the House and Senate Clerks, decided to hold a rare vote by both full bodies on that measure's enrolled bill amendment on Sept. 19, the same date both were at the State House to take up gubernatorial vetoes of Senate Bills. This amendment was approved by the House on a 211-145 roll call vote, while the Senate passed the same amendment by voice vote. As for House Bill 315, its enrolled bill amendment was finally adopted on Sept. 19 after extra scrutiny without a full vote by either House or Senate.

For readers' information, Speaker Shurtleff had announced at the House's Sept. 25 meeting that if the Governor vetoed these last two described bills, which were the last pieces of legislation passed this year by House and Senate, then both bodies would not plan to take up these two vetoes until both returned in early January 2020 to resume their legislative business which will include first taking up all legislation retained for more study by both bodies earlier this year.

Now as I had written in the first paragraph, Gov. Sununu has vetoed a total of 57 bills in 2019. Of these 57 vetoes, the House was only able to override two of them by the necessary two-thirds majority as required by the New Hampshire Constitution. The two overridden vetoes were both on measures related to the issue of therapeutic cannabis or medical marijuana, and were House Bill 364 as well as Senate Bill 88. But of these two vetoes, only the veto of Senate Bill 88 was also overridden by the Senate so as to actually become law because House Bill 364's veto was in the end sustained by the Senate. Likewise, the Senate actually overrode the vetoes of four Senate bills by the necessary two-thirds majority, but three out of the four vetoes were later sustained by the House. In summary, very difficult for both House and Senate to override a gubernatorial veto.

On Sept. 25 the latest vetoes to be officially sustained by the House were those of House Bills 1 and 2, which were respectively the state's operating budget and budget trailer bill. But both of the vetoes, the first on House Bill 1 sustained by a 204-151 roll call vote, and later the second on House Bill 2, which was sustained by a 205-151 roll call, came just after the House had approved compromise versions of the budget (House Bill 3) and trailer bill (House Bill 4) by overwhelming roll call votes, compromise versions that had been agreed to by both House and Senate Democratic Leadership as well as the Governor on Sept. 24. These compromise versions, except for a few sections on spending and business tax rates, were not so drastically different from the vetoed House Bills 1 and 2 in my opinion.

Speaking of the compromise version of the budget and its trailer bill, I was pleased to note that Gov. Sununu visited Claremont on Oct. 10. I was even more pleased to note that he presented a symbolic check of \$6.2 million to Claremont officials during this visit in a public ceremony, a \$6.2 million check which represents the total amount of increased

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## **Happenings, from A4**

education and municipal aid that the city will receive over the next two years from state government as a result of the recently-approved House Bills 3 and 4. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the Oct. 10 ceremony because of previously-scheduled employment as a substitute teacher. I can understand the resentment expressed by some of my fellow Claremonters at the Governor for taking credit for our additional education and municipal aid included in the compromise, after he had vetoed a similar amount of budget aid in June, and hadn't included much aid in his originally-proposed budget in February. But to the Governor's credit, he agreed to compromise on the issue of education aid and business tax rates, so extra state aid could be sent to struggling communities like Claremont. Additionally, New Hampshire was spared the inconvenience and possible pain of a government shutdown, which could have proved harmful for our entire state. Email: [jocloutier@comcast.net](mailto:jocloutier@comcast.net)

## **Shaheen & Bipartisan Group of Senators Spearhead Bill to Bring More Alcohol and Drug Counselors to Communities**

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Jon Tester (D-MT), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Dan Sullivan (R-AK) recently introduced legislation to provide better access to treatment for substance use disorders by recognizing licensed addiction counselors (LACs) under Medicare.

The Senators' Addiction Treatment Access Act would allow health care facilities to bill Medicare for LAC services. LACs are not currently recognized as providers by Medicare, which prevents them from receiving reimbursement and, in turn, hinders the ability of health centers to hire more providers since reliable and adequate reimbursement is critical to informing the size of the workforce.

“Affordable access to the full scope of health care services is paramount in our strategy to turn the tide of this epidemic by helping those struggling with substance use disorder find the path to long-term recovery. Counselors play a critical role in delivering that urgently needed care and support,” said Senator Shaheen. “By allowing licensed drug and alcohol counselors to be reimbursed by Medicare, the Addiction Treatment Access Act will increase access to treatment and reduce costs for individuals, helping to ensure that those who need help will be able to receive it.”

The self-reported rates of alcohol and illicit drug use in all the Senators' home states (New Hampshire, Montana and Alaska) are higher than national averages.

## **Kuster-Pappas Legislation Honoring Christa McAuliffe Signed into Law**

Congresswoman Annie Kuster (D-NH) and Congressman Chris Pappas (D-NH) issued the following statements after their bipartisan legislation, the Christa McAuliffe Commemorative Coin Act of 2019, was signed into law Wednesday by President Trump. The legislation, which Kuster and Pappas introduced with Rep. Fred Upton (R-MI) earlier this year, will create a commemorative coin to honor Christa McAuliffe and reaffirm Congress' commitment to invest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education. The Christa McAuliffe Commemorative Coin is a \$1 coin honoring the Concord educator who died aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger in 1986, with proceeds going toward the FIRST Robotics program, which was founded by Manchester-based inventor Dean Kamen and seeks to inspire young people to pursue an education in the STEM field. The legislation passed the House on September 19th and in the Senate on July 9th.

“Christa McAuliffe was a remarkable person and teacher who inspired her students to shoot for the stars and have a passion for science and exploration,” said Kuster. “This coin is a wonderful way to honor her memory and keep her pioneering spirit alive for generations to come. I was honored to introduce this legislation and am thrilled that it has become law.”

## Memorandum to Guide Holiday Display This Year

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Due to the complexities related to coming up with a new policy governing the holiday display in the City, a memorandum is being written up that will cover this year's display instead. Mayor Charlene Lovett explained at the council meeting Wednesday night that "the policy is not ready at this time; it's very complex and will take time. We are working with legal counsel to create a memorandum that would outline the standards for this year's display."

The annual display includes both secular and religious symbols. New recommendations were recently approved by the council to ensure that no one display is highlighted, say by lights, more than the others. While it was believed that the current display is constitutional, the Policy Committee did say there was room to improve diversity.

Questions about the holiday display came about when Claremont resident, Sam Killay, who describes himself as an atheist, complained that having the creche and menorah as part of the display violated the constitution. The Supreme Court has ruled on the issue a number of times, saying that the practice of religious symbols mixed in with secular ones is constitutional and is not a government endorsement of religion.

The council unanimously approved a project that will bring a solar array to the City; the approval means North Light Energy, which presented the Steel Mill Solar Project, can move forward. The 10 MW proposal involves two City lots, one owned by the CDA and one private one. The vacant land, zoned industrial, is located off Grissom Lane. Nancy Merrill, director of the Planning and Development Office, has said that the topography of the land is "not the best" and that she believes this is a good use for it.

Terms presented in the proposal include a PILOT agreement of \$10,000 per MW per year escalating at 2% per year. The PILOT will also include a one-time payment of \$175,000 to fund an economic development program and reference the lease. The Operations Period Lease includes \$1,000 acre/year for rent with an escalator of 2% per year

for 20 years with options to extend in 5-year options. The lease will also reference a permanent access easement and road to allow access to remaining parcel areas. It will reference restrictions on developing in the wetlands areas, attention to habitat connectivity, drainage, as well as other environmental enhancements. The solar infrastructure will be removed at the end of the lease period, and

the existing snowmobile trail will be rerouted. The Permitting & Design Period includes \$5,000 per year, increasing by \$1,000 per year for an option to lease starting at signing through start of construction or March 2022. The option agreement will also reference the potential of a power purchase agreement with the City.

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## Check, from A1

sentation ceremonies.

On Wednesday, Sununu was greeted by City and school district officials at the Tech Center where a large blue ceremonial check for the \$6.2 million for Claremont, coming over the next two years, was displayed.

"This is an historic moment for Claremont," said Mayor Charlene Lovett, who welcomed Sununu to the community. She went on to thank the governor, the legislature and those "committed to compromise" for working out a budget that was finally passed. Sununu had vetoed the original budget and trailer bills, putting desperately needed funds for communities across the state at risk.

New city manager Ed Morris said that the money "will provide much needed structural and efficiency programs that will have a long lasting impact on the City."

Frank Sprague, chair of the Claremont School Board, thanked everyone involved in the work to get the budget passed, especially all those who had made frequent trips, including mayors and citizens, to Concord to speak on behalf of their communities' needs. The future of the City is tied "to the success of our schools," he said. "Hopefully some of the inequalities will be removed in the future."

SAU 6 superintendent Mike Tempesta said that "all students in New Hampshire are our students. We're really excited by all the programs we're going to be able to bring back... it's a very happy day at SAU 6."

Sununu said it was "a great day for the state", commenting on how hard Claremont had worked to advocate for the budget. "With creativity and ingenuity, we were able to do it without adding to the tax burden. This budget does not make any promises that it cannot keep." He said he did not realize Claremont was slated to get \$6.2 million until he looked at the numbers that morning. "That's awesome."

Not everyone was thrilled with Sununu's take on the process. "Today, Claremont is receiving much needed education funding thanks to Democrats who proposed the largest education funding increase in the state's history - and no thanks to Chris Sununu," said New Hampshire Democratic Party spokesperson Holly Shulman in a written statement. "Sununu tried to slash Claremont's school budget by \$250,000. When he couldn't do that he held education funding hostage for months, because he wanted tax breaks for large corporations. It's only because Granite Staters from

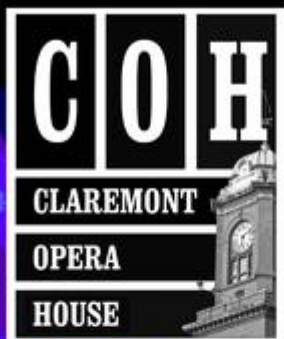


across the state held him accountable and demanded that he start doing his job that he finally gave New Hampshire schools and their students the resources they need."

**Photos: Top: Gov. Chris Sununu poses with Claremont City officials on Wednesday**

**during his visit to the Tech Center. Below: A small group of protesters outside the Tech Center, crediting Democrats with working to get funding in the budget that would aid educational and municipal needs (Joshua Nelson photos).**

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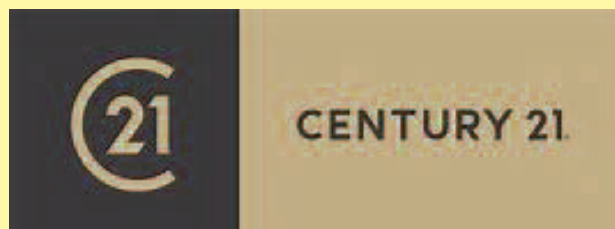
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**ACWORTH**— 8+ acres of open and wooded land with a drilled well and also a dug well, septic, and leach field. Land backs up to walking, snowmobile, and 4-wheeling trails. There is a house on the property which is sold in as-is condition. \$99,000 (MLS#4775991)



**CLAREMONT**—Enjoy easy Condominium living in a peaceful setting in this 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath unit. Lots of fresh paint on the walls, and a private deck off the living room overlooking trees. Full basement for your pool table! \$90,000 (MLS#4776939)



**CLAREMONT** - This gentleman's farm in a country setting abuts an extensive network of snowmobile trails. Kitchen has been remodeled and has French doors to a deck overlooking the fields, pond, barn, and rolling acres. Outside wood boiler and BBHW oil heat. Unique outbuilding with large playroom, wet bar, and a half bath. This building also has an attached greenhouse and lots of storage. \$212,000 (MLS#4778293)



**CLAREMONT** - This is a lovely house of worship in a great country location with lots of parking and close proximity to I-91 for easy access from Vermont. Spacious sanctuary, 2 or 3 bedroom apartment on the second floor with patio over the two car garage, plus a large function room with kitchen and two half baths. Situated on a 2 acre lot with mature trees. \$275,000 (MLS#4778650)



**CLAREMONT** - This home has had tons of updates. You will fall in love with the stainless steel kitchen and granite counters. The bathroom has been remodeled as well. Freshly painted and move-in ready! \$34,999 (MLS#4778767)



**NEWPORT** - 3 unit building near long term tenants paying their own utilities. This one has a coin laundry area with 2 washers and 3 dryers, 4 storage units, and a workshop area. Good-sized level back yard, vinyl siding, and replacement windows throughout. \$122,500 (MLS#4779227)



**NEWPORT**—Good sized family home with bedrooms for all! Large eat-in kitchen, formal dining, living room, and bedroom on the first floor. Full baths on first and second level. Third floor offers additional bedrooms/bonus rooms if needed with some work. Vinyl siding and replacement windows for low maintenance living. \$109,000 (MLS#4779258)

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COST: Free Admission

The Village at Cedar Hill is pleased to announce our Fall Arts and Craft Fair and you are invited! The date is October 19, from 10am - 3pm and admission is free. This year's fair is even more special because we are showcasing the original artwork of our residents who have been participating in a program called "We Love the Arts!" for the past year. Both of our Village neighborhoods, the Assisted Living "We Love the Arts" class upstairs, and the Memory Care Unit downstairs have been busy creating all year and are excited about this upcoming show! We've also created a 2020 calendar, and will be offering signed prints and notecards.

### **More about "We Love the Arts!"**

Our residents have been working with volunteer artist Kathleen Eames and with our Activities Facilitators to create a variety of paintings on canvas and other mediums, along with handcrafted art projects. Collaborative art has brought together a group of Village at Cedar Hill residents who are creating beautiful works of art, enjoying every moment and are thrilled to share their work with others.

Some residents are returning to the joy of painting, while others are experiencing it for the first time. All are amazed at the works being created from choosing their subject to the finished canvases that are framed for display. No matter the level of their expertise, the residents share their ideas, support and encourage each other so that every art session is also a stimulating social event.

The resident artists are excited to present their work in a 2020 12-month calendar along with notecards and reproductions of their original canvas.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**  
**Fall Working Woodlands Workshops at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP**  
Secret Lives of Bats, 10-11am  
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Description: White male, height: 6'5", weight: 265 lbs., eyes: hazel, hair: brown



Reason: Violation of probation

Original charge: Burglary, class b felony

On Jan. 24, 2018, Cody D. Rowan was indicted by the Sullivan County Grand Jury on one count of burglary.

On March 12, 2018, Rowan pled guilty in Sullivan County Superior Court to one count of burglary. As part of his sentence, Rowan was placed on probation.

On Sept. 24, 2019, the New Hampshire Department of Corrections filed a violation of probation. It was alleged that Rowan had violated the terms and conditions of his probation.

On Oct. 9, 2019, the Sullivan County Superior Court issued a warrant for the arrest of Rowan for violation of probation.

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**Arrests, from A1**

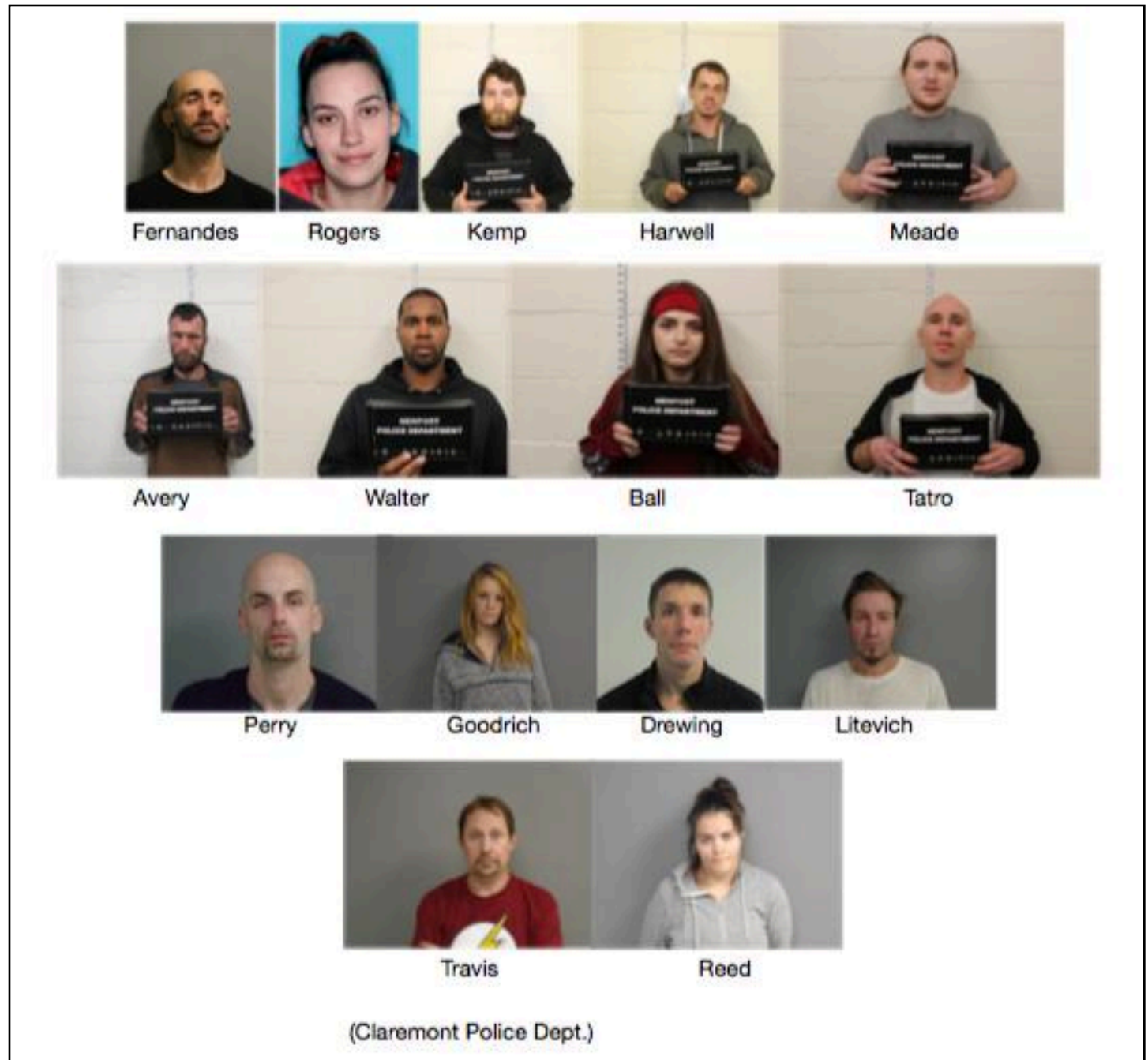
Operation Western Alliance, a collaborative effort within Sullivan County. According to the participating agencies, "The goal of this operation was to investigate and arrest individuals in New Hampshire distributing heroin, fentanyl, bath-salts and opioid-based narcotics along with other illicit drugs."

As a result of this operation, the Claremont Police Department reported that the following individuals have been arrested on the following charges:

Lenni Jo Aiken, Claremont, Warrant; Mark Avery, Enfield, Warrant; Charles Tatro, Newport, Possession of a Controlled Drug; Jordan Ebelt, Springfield, VT, Warrant/Parole Violation/ Possession of Controlled Drug; Jeremy Drawing, Claremont, Warrant/Possession of Controlled Drug; Daniel Walter, Newport, Warrant; Charles Libby, South Lebanon, ME, Warrant; Amanda Rogers, Springfield, VT, Warrant; John Fernandes, Claremont, Warrant/Resisting Arrest; Thomas Meade, Claremont, Possession of a Controlled Drug; Teague Hartwell, Newport, Possession of a Controlled Drug/Breach of Bail/OAS; Lizzy Ball, Newport, Warrant; Andrew Sprague, Claremont, Stalking/Breach of Bail; Albert Wood, Claremont, Warrant; Joulena Hamel, Claremont, Possession of Controlled Drug/Criminal Mischief/Disorderly; Bryan Robie, Claremont, Warrant; Rayhan Atta, Charlestown, Possession of Controlled Drugs/Resisting Arrest; Kalyee Clark, Charlestown, Possession of Controlled Drugs/Resisting Arrest; Nick Kemp, Newport, Warrant; Casey Goodrich, Orford, Hindering Apprehension; Tyler Litevich, Claremont, Breach of Bail; Christina Paquette, Claremont, Warrant/Criminal Trespass; James Perry, Claremont, Criminal Trespass; Nicole Reed, Claremont, Possession of a Controlled Drug; Davis Travis, Claremont, Credit Card Fraud.

According to the press release from the Claremont Police Department, "During this operation, fentanyl, methamphetamine, mushrooms, bath salts and marijuana were seized. Several more arrests are expected as a result of this endeavor. Further joint efforts are planned between Federal, State, Local, and County Law enforcement agencies in Western New Hampshire."

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**Art Class: Pumpkins & Day of the Dead Skulls - Embroidery in 3D**

Wednesday, October 16, 2019  
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Library Arts Center Annex  
15 Main St.  
Newport, NH, 603-863-3040  
Price: \$12.00

**Fall Fiber Arts Series! Pumpkins & Day of the Dead Skulls – Hand Stitching & Embroidery in 3D**

Ages: 12-16  
Wednesday Oct. 16th, 3:00-5:00pm  
Tuition: \$12 Pre-registration required.  
Create lively 3-D decorations with felt in this hand-stitching & embroidery workshop! Find out more and register at [libraryartscenter.org](http://libraryartscenter.org).

**Yoga Class in Newport**

Tuesdays, Oct. 15th, Oct. 22nd, 8:30 am - 9:30 am  
Fridays Oct. 18th, Oct. 25th, 8:30 am - 9:30 am  
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58 N. Main St.  
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603-863-3040  
Price: \$12.00 to \$40.00

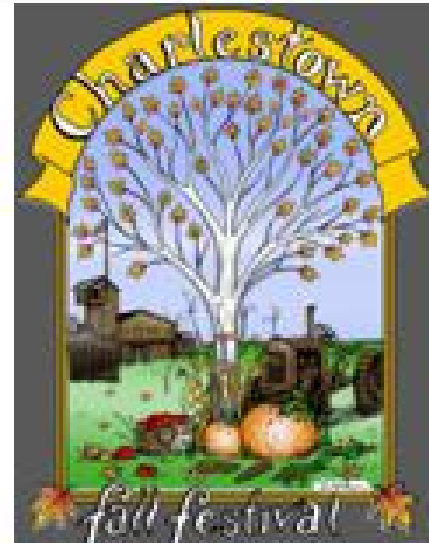
This all-levels class is taught by instructor Brianna Renner, RYT-500. Movement will be linked with breath (as offered by the Hatha and Kripalu traditions of yoga), and participants will focus on alignment and honoring their own organic movement. Students will practice both seated and standing poses. Drop-ins welcome. \$12 for a single session, \$40 for a four-class pass. Learn more at [libraryartscenter.org/yoga](http://libraryartscenter.org/yoga).

## Charlestown Fall Festival 2019

October 18 & 19, 2019  
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# Dylan Tenney Magic



### SCHEDULE

Friday, October 18,  
 6:15 pm - Dodgeball Tournament at Middle School

Saturday, October 19, Swan Common, Charlestown  
 9:00am-3pm Events

- Crafts Fair/Farmers Market
- Build A Scarecrow
- BBQ truck
- Antique Cars
- Lawn Pong
- Raffle – 50/50 - T-shirts

9:15am - Soccer Player Introductions

9:30am - Fun Run - 1mile loop - 12 and under

10:00am - 5K run - starts at Swan Common

10am – 12pm DJ

10am - 1pm Kids Fall arts & crafts at Silsby Library

10am - 2pm Cheryl the Clown will visit the festival

11am – 11:45am]– Dylan Tenney Magic Show

11am – Cornhole Tournament

11:30am Fire Dept Extrication Demonstration at Mascoma Bank parking lot

12noon - 2pm Vinyl Legion Band at the Gazebo

12noon - 3pm River Valley Animal Protection League open house (80 Cummings Ave, Charlestown)

1:00pm - Pie eating contest and Pie tasting

1:30pm Fire Dept Extrication Demonstration

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The Claremont Firefighter's Association held its 134th Annual Fire Prevention Parade Friday night. Communities from both sides of the river participated once again, sending crews and some of their best fire apparatus to participate. From ladder trucks to rescue boats to vintage units, all were on display, lights flashing and sirens filling the air, much to the delight of spectators lining the streets. The parade helps to mark National Fire Prevention Week (Courtesy photos).



# e-Ticker Business News

## Vital Communities Convenes Upper Valley Farmer Climate Network

### Farmer-Directed Gatherings Will Focus on Mitigation and Adaptation in a Changing Climate

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VT—Join Upper Valley farmers for the kickoff of the Upper Valley Farmer Climate Network on Monday, October 21, from 5 pm to 7 pm at Skinny Pancake in Quechee. The gathering will include refreshments, conversation, planning, and an overview from UVM Extension Climate Program Coordinator Joshua Faulkner. The event marks the start of a two-year, farmer-directed series of events to build a more resilient farmer network in the region.

“Upper Valley farmers are already facing the impacts of climate change in our region—and they’re responding with a range of mitigation and adaptation techniques, educational efforts, and political advocacy,” said Nancy LaRowe of Vital Communities. “Vital Communities is bringing people together to share best practices and plan for a strong, resilient local food system in the Upper Valley even as the impacts of climate change continue to unfold.”

With funding from Northeast SARE, Vital Communities will convene monthly climate-focused farmer events beginning this month and wrapping up in 2021. These gatherings will focus on farmer-to-farmer learning, visiting experts, on-farm models and demonstrations, and sharing resources that could improve farm and community resiliency. Farmers will explore together how to mitigate the risks and take advantage of the opportunities that a warming climate will bring.

The Farmer Climate Network is open to all farmers, from aspiring to long-time farmers. It is not necessary to attend every event to be involved. For more information, visit [vitalcommunities.org/valleyfoodfarm/climate](http://vitalcommunities.org/valleyfoodfarm/climate) or contact Nancy LaRowe at 802-291-9100 x106 or [nancy@vitalcommunities.org](mailto:nancy@vitalcommunities.org).

## Lebanon Police Department's K9 Blesk Receives Donation of Body Armor

LEBANON, NH—Lebanon Police Department's K9 Blesk has received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. The vest was embroidered with the sentiment “In honor of Clifford, a loyal companion.”

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c(3) charity located in East Taunton, MA whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. The non-profit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four-legged K9 officers. Since its incep-



tion, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provided over 3,500 U.S. made, custom fitted, NIJ certified protective vests in 50 states, through private and corporate donations, at a value of \$5.7 million dollars.

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## Sunapee VNA Expands Hospice Volunteer Team

NEW LONDON, NH—The volunteer team at Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA) grew substantially on October 2, when 12 area residents graduated from a 16-hour training program that prepared them to be hospice volunteers.

Conducted by Lori O'Connor, Volunteer Manager at LSRVNA, along with several hospice staff participating as guest speakers, the training covered topics such as what is hospice, what does a hospice volunteer do, patient symptoms, boundaries, family dynamics, spirituality, bereavement and self-care. Each graduate received a certificate and pin and joined the group of more than 20 hospice volunteers already providing support and comfort to patients and families throughout LSRVNA's 32-town service area.

"Volunteers are an integral part of our hospice team," says O'Connor. "In addition to the nurses, therapists, medical social workers, home care aides and spiritual counselors that are available to hospice patients and their families, hospice volunteers are the 'warm fuzzies' that walk through the door to help make the last phase of life the best it can be," she says. "Not every patient wants a volunteer, but we strive to make them available whenever a need arises."

In addition to the initial training, hospice volunteers meet monthly for ongoing education and camaraderie.


"We are extremely grateful to all our hospice volunteers for the time they dedicate to this important work," says Jen Taylor, Hospice and Palliative Care Program Director at LSRVNA.

"This is the largest volunteer class we have had, and we are excited that there is so much interest from community members wanting to join our team."



Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA) celebrated 12 new hospice volunteer graduates at a ceremony on October 2. Front row from left: Jen Taylor, LSRVNA Hospice and Palliative Care Program Director, Pam Sanborn, Victoria Nedder, Andrea Wilson, Mary Liz Lynch, Helen Wickham, Margaret Wulff, and Lori O'Connor, LSRVNA Volunteer Manager. Back row from left: Deb Smith, Dereck Johnson, Richard Dwyer, Tom Connair, Catherine O'Brian and Brita Ek (Courtesy photo).

For more information about hospice or volunteer opportunities, call 603-526-4077 or visit [lakesunapeevna.org](http://lakesunapeevna.org).



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**Claremont Benefits from Successful Compromise Efforts in Concord**

The process of building a state budget begins with the Governor’s proposed budget and ends when the Governor signs it into law. In between, the House and Senate each present their own version, eventually working out a compromise that hopefully the Governor will sign. Should the Governor veto the budget and the Legislature cannot override the veto decision, then more compromise is needed. While the lengthening of the state budget process is rarely welcome, the compromise achieved can be beneficial. It certainly was for Claremont.

On Wednesday, October 9, Governor Sununu held a press conference in Claremont to present the City with a check for over \$6.2M. To everyone’s best recollection, it was the largest amount of money that Claremont has received in a state budget. Distributed over the next two years, this amount reflects funds for unrestricted municipal aid, education and school infrastructure. However, this is not the only funding that the City is directly allocated in this budget. Below is a breakdown of funds Claremont will receive.

- Unrestricted Municipal Aid - In both this year and next, the City will be receiving \$333,485. The amount is based on student population and the number of eligible free and reduced lunch students. However, the amount for each year may change slightly if these variables change. It is anticipated that the City will receive this year’s payment on or before October 15.

- Reimbursement of State Aid Grant funding for wastewater projects substantially completed by December 1, 2019 – In 2013, the state placed a moratorium on these grants, and later lifted it in 2017. This budget allows for the reimbursement of those funds to eligible municipalities. Claremont will receive reimbursement for three completed wastewater projects. The City will receive a reimbursement of \$29,241 this year and \$29,240 next year for the Bog Sewer Improvement project. It will also receive a reimbursement of \$73,399 this year and \$73,398 next year for the Washington and Elm Street pump station. Finally, the City will receive a reimbursement of \$10,698 this year and \$10,865 next year for the Main Street Utility project.

- New Ongoing Education Funding – This year, the Claremont School District will receive \$1,184,875. Next year it will receive \$1,436,187.

- One-Time Education Infrastructure Grants – The School District will

receive \$2,905,740 to address long deferred infrastructure needs.

The successful passage of this budget would not have occurred without the commitment of both the Governor and the Legislature to find compromise. Nor would the results have been what they are without the efforts of citizens across NH advocating for their communities. As beneficiaries, we are now better equipped financially to address the needs of our community and continue moving forward.

*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).*

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9:30-10:30AM

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**  
**TURKEY SUPPER IN CLAREMONT**  
**5-7PM**

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To begin with, here's some background: When you turn 70 ½, you need to start withdrawals – called required minimum distributions, or RMDs – from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 457(b) or 403(b). (A Roth IRA is not subject to these rules; you can essentially keep your account intact for as long as you like.) You can take more than the RMD, but if you don't take at least the minimum (which is based on your account balance and your life expectancy), you'll generally be taxed at 50% of the amount you should have taken – so don't forget these withdrawals.

Here, then, is the question: What should you do with the RMDs? If you need the entire amount to help support your lifestyle, there's no issue – you take the money and use it. But what if you don't need it all? Keeping in mind that the withdrawals are generally fully taxable at your personal income tax rate, are there some particularly smart ways in which you can use the money to help your family or, possibly, a charitable organization?

Here are a few suggestions:

- Help your grown children with their retirement accounts. Your grown children may not always be able to afford to "max out" on their IRAs. You might want to help them with any excess funds from your own retirement accounts. You can give \$15,000 per year, per recipient, without incurring any gift taxes – an amount far higher than the current annual IRA contribution limit of \$6,000 (or \$7,000 for individuals 50 or older).
- Help your grandchildren pay for college. You might want to contribute to an investment specifically designed to build assets for college. A financial professional can help you choose which investments might be most appropriate. Of course, if your grandchildren are already in college, you are free to simply write a check to the school to help cover tuition and other expenses.
- Help support a charitable organization. Due to recent changes in tax laws, many individuals now claim a standard deduction, rather than itemizing. As a result, there's less of an incentive, from a tax standpoint, for people to contribute to charitable organizations.

But if you'd still like to support a charitable group and gain potential tax benefits, you might want to consider moving some, or all, of your required distributions from your IRA to a charity. You can transfer up to \$100,000 from your IRA in this type of qualified charitable distribution, thus meeting your RMD requirements without adding to your taxable income. Furthermore, this move might keep you in a lower tax bracket. (Before making this transfer, though, you will need to consult with your tax advisor.)

Your RMDs can contribute greatly to your retirement income, but, as we've seen, they can do even more than that – so use them wisely.

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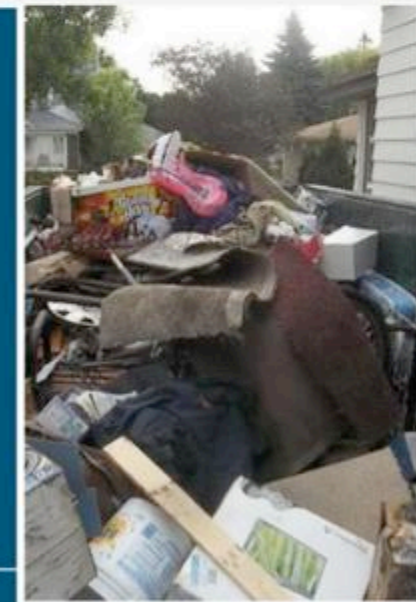
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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21**

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## It's About Food

By **Johnny Navillus**



### Tasty Variations

Every once in a while I'm asked to make an "Everything Omelet" for her breakfast. This consists of a three-egg omelet with bacon crumbled in, some home-fried potato chunks, onions and cheese. Mushrooms in mine but not hers.

I was looking at the skillet I used for the bacon and had an idea. I poured off most of the grease, and went to the refrigerator. I had a leftover chicken breast I was going to use for sandwiches. Took that out, cut it into chunks and put it in the bacon skillet. Let that sit over medium heat for a few minutes and took it off. Later I used it with some mayo and made sandwiches. My other half was not impressed, but I really liked the bacon flavor. I'm going to do this again if the situation presents itself.

French toast are great with the bacon cooked in. Just added crumbled cooked bacon, sprinkling the bacon pieces over the slices while the batter is still raw. You can do the same with pancake batter. Great taste and great variation.

I really enjoy Alfredo Sauce. Yeah, yeah, it's heavy in calorie content but for an occasional dinner, I think we can handle it. I found the following on the *Food Network* site and it is fantastic. You and yours are going to love it.

Be sure you use pumpkin puree and not pie filling.

#### **Tortellini with Pumpkin Alfredo**

Kosher salt

2 9 -ounce packages cheese tortellini

1 tablespoon unsalted butter

1 small shallot, finely chopped

1/2 cup canned pure pumpkin

Pinch of freshly grated nutmeg

1 1/4 cups heavy cream

1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese, plus more for topping freshly ground pepper

Chopped fresh parsley, for topping (optional)

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the tortellini and cook as the label directs. Reserve 1/2 cup cooking water, then drain the pasta.

Meanwhile, heat the butter in a skillet over medium-high heat. Add the shallot and cook, stirring, until slightly soft, about 2 minutes. Add the pumpkin and nutmeg and cook, stirring, 1 minute. Stir in the cream and bring to a low boil. Reduce the heat to medium low; simmer, stirring, until slightly thickened, about 5 minutes. Stir in the cheese and cook until thick, about 1 more minute. Season with salt and pepper.

Add the tortellini to the skillet and toss with the sauce, adding some of the reserved cooking water to loosen, if needed. Divide among bowls and top with more cheese and parsley.

Play with your food. It pays off. And it's delicious.

Write to Johnny at [etickernews@gmail.com](mailto:etickernews@gmail.com).

# Murals Brighten up Children's Room at the Fiske Free Library

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Visitors to the Children's Room at the Fiske Free Library will see some welcomed new additions: colorful murals gracing the walls. The volunteer work is being done by Erica Sweetser and a number of other people who decided to help as well. Sweetser, who painted downtown windows last year for the holidays, said the project came about through a friend, Susan Walker. "She actually set me up with a Christmas painting at Pathways last year. She had been talking with Martha at the library one day and Martha was saying that they were bored with all the white walls and that they wished they could get someone to paint. Susan reached out to me



and I went in and chatted with Martha a few days later." She added, "After my first painting, some people offered to help! I'm planning on probably a month of work, many murals. Of course the more artists the merrier!"

Sweetser shared a bit about those helping. "Sarah Briesch works at TLC. Julie Richardson owns Julie's Eye care. Crystal Deveney does some work with kids in town. Susan is the best cheesecake baker in Claremont, and her 8-year-old granddaughter is an artist." Friday brought a newly graduated teenager to join them, and this week a couple of moms with little kids will be helping. She added that "it's been "nice to see different people paint together."

She also noted that "LaValleys donated a ladder after I showed them the old ladder

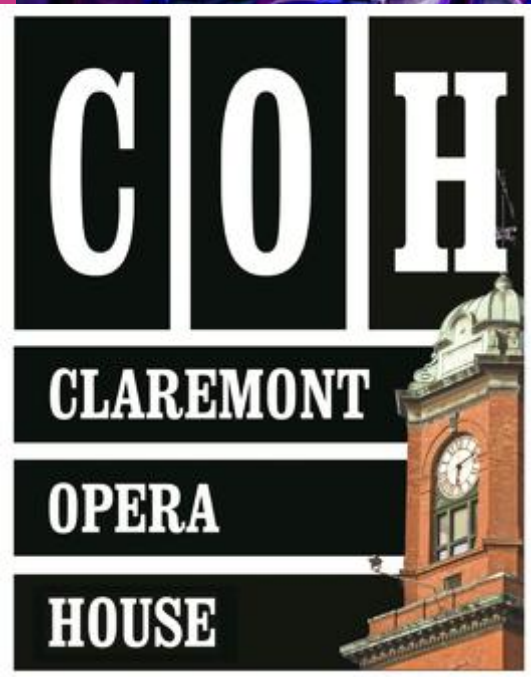


the library was using. Chiefy Desilets, coach, picked up the ladder with his grandson."

As they say, many hands make light work, and donations to a cause help take that effort even further.

**Left: Kainan Pelton carries the new ladder into the library; above: Julie Richardson at work on a new piece (Courtesy photos).**





Saturday  
**NOVEMBER 2**  
**603-542-4433**  
**CLAREMONTOPERAHOUSE.ORG**

**Gallery of Gifts: Handmade Holiday Boutique at the Library Arts Center**

On exhibit: Nov. 9 – Dec. 22, 2019  
 Hours: Tues.-Fri. 11am-4pm, Saturdays, 10am-2pm  
 Opening Reception: Fri. Nov. 8, 5-7pm

Library Arts Center Gallery  
 58 N. Main St.  
 Newport, NH 03773  
 Admission is free.

The Library Arts Center presents its famous annual holiday exhibit of handmade craft—Gallery of Gifts. The event is a great way to find unique, locally handmade gifts for holiday giving, while supporting local artisans. The juried show features unique and carefully curated handmade crafts and art pieces from more than 100 local artisans, and is also an important fundraiser for the Library Arts Center. Special events are planned during the show, such as a Ladies' Night and an After Hours event.

**CITY OF CLAREMONT  
 PUBLIC NOTICE**

**VOTER REGISTRATION & CORRECTION**

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Friday, October 25, 2019, from 7pm to 7:30pm in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, for the purpose of registering new voters and making corrections to the voter checklist. This is the last day to change party affiliation for the upcoming Presidential Primary.

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**Halloween Candy Collection in Sunapee**

SUNAPEE, NH—Many contributions have been made to the Sunapee Halloween Candy Drive, but it seems each year they have more and more families celebrating Halloween in Sunapee on Central Street. Please help support the Central Street homeowners by bringing wrapped/packaged candy to the Sunapee Police Department or to the Sunapee Town Hall by Tuesday, Oct. 29th.



**JOIN THE 2020 CENSUS TEAM**

**Date**

TUESDAY OCTOBER 22

**Time**

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**Location**

FISKE FREE LIBRARY  
108 BROAD STREET  
CLAREMONT, NH



INFORMATION SESSION

You will have the opportunity to learn about the importance of the Census, available job opportunities, and to apply in person.

Representatives from the United States Census Bureau will be at this event to assist you.

APPLY ONLINE!  
2020census.gov/jobs

For more information or help applying, please call **1-855-JOB-2020**

Federal Relay Service:  
1-800-877-8339 TTY/ASCII | www.gsa.gov/fedrelay

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# Polish American Heritage Month 2019

**St. Joseph Church  
58 Elm St. Claremont, NH**



**Saturday Oct 26**

**Dozynki**

**Polish Harvest Festival**

6:30pm, after the 5:30 Mass  
\$10 in advance, \$12 at the door

Golumpki (stuffed cabbage)

Potato, Vegetable,

Rye bread Beverage, Dessert

Advance tickets available at weekend Masses

or by calling

603-542-5933 or 542-2394

# Green and Home Burials Offer Families More Choices

By Neil Allen

CHARLESTOWN, NH—One thing is certain: We are all going to die. As a society, we spend a lot of time and money trying to avoid the inevitable.

Lee Webster, Director of New Hampshire Funeral Resources, Education & Advocacy, spoke to a group of about 30 at the Charlestown public library last Wednesday about green and home burials.

“There were some who had heard me speak before and a cemetery trustee and a few town officers,” Webster said. “They asked about hybrid cemeteries and using existing land. No one could point to the current bylaws.”

This is common, according to Webster. “They were generally created many years ago and no one remembers where they are,” she said during a phone interview.

“There’s been a big uptick in the Upper Valley towards wanting to have green or home burials,” Webster continued. “They want the simplicity and to have their rights preserved.” Webster believes it is important for people to know what their options are.

“Many people think you have to go to a funeral home and be buried in a cemetery in a vault but there’s nothing in New Hampshire law to require that,” she said.

In New Hampshire, you need to check with zoning regulations on where people can be buried, make sure they’re a certain distance from water sources, buildings and roads; and to have a body embalmed if it is exposed to the public for a period in excess of 24 hours.

“I think the word viewing is missing from the law—public viewing,” Webster said. “But if you don’t make an announcement in the newspaper or on social media about the person being available for viewing, you don’t have to embalm the body.”

There is nothing in the state law preventing cemeteries from doing green burials or families from burying family members on property they own. “The only entity that can’t do home burials is in the City of Keene,” Webster said.

“Cemetery commissions can also change the bylaws to not require a vault as there’s nothing in the state law requiring them,” she continued. Conventional, or what is referred to in recent years as ‘traditional,’ burials as we know them today began during the Civil War. Families

wanted the bodies of their dead family member returned to them for burial at home. This required those dealing with the bodies to turn to the ancient Egyptian technique of embalming the dead.

Then, in 1880, a German immigrant named Leo Haase started L.G. Haase Manufacturing Company and created the first concrete burial vault in the U.S. Wilbert Haase bought the business from his uncle. When he visited King Tut’s tomb he got the idea to blend asphalt into the concrete as a preservative to create a waterproof vault, like the ancient Egyptian did.

These “traditional” burials are also not environmentally sound, according to Webster. Concrete is soluble and can release chemicals that are not wanted in the ground, and embalming fluids also release chemicals that are not wanted in the ground. And, cremations, which have increased by more than 50 percent since 2016 because they’re cheap and efficient, are bad for the environment because they create a massive amount of carbon dioxide and release other toxins into the air leaving a huge carbon footprint.

In green burials, there is no embalming as the body is kept at about 40F until the burial, which can allow the body to be stored for a few days to up to three weeks; the casket, if there is one, is made of soft wood that will decompose at a similar rate to the body; there are no grave vaults; and the body is buried at a depth of about 3.5-feet.

For those who are considering a green burial, there are a few steps to take to be prepared before your death including talking to family members about your burial instructions. “While they do not make for comfortable conversations, they’re important conversations to have,” said Webster.

“You need to talk to your family about what you want done—and you need to talk to everyone who may be involved in the decision,” Webster continued. “It is about relationship building. You don’t want one sibling feeling less close to you because you only talked to your other sibling about what you wanted.”

She also recommended putting the funeral planning in the advance directive. “They don’t



look at the will until after the funeral is over. If you have specific things you want, you need them to go into the advance directive.”

Then put them somewhere safe, like your freezer. “It is most likely going to survive a fire, and everyone will remember they’re there because it is an unusual place to store them,” said Webster.

When choosing a home burial, locate an area that meets siting requirements; draw a map to the burial site and record it with the town clerk — you can use GPS coordinates or distances from landmarks; and think about the ease of accessibility. The burial site [or easement] becomes a public right-of-way and anyone who wants to visit the burial site must be allowed to have easy access.

For more information, you can visit [www.nhfuneral.org](http://www.nhfuneral.org).

## Check out these MakerSpace Classes

CLAREMONT—NH—Check out these upcoming classes at the Claremont MakerSpace. For our full calendar, visit the CMS Classes & Events page: <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event-list>.

All of these classes have a limited number of seats, so sign up soon to guarantee yourself a spot.

If you have any questions about this programming, or are interested in proposing a class to be taught at the MakerSpace, please contact us at: [info@twinstatemakerspaces.org](mailto:info@twinstatemakerspaces.org).



**Sunset in the Fall. This Union soldier in Broad Street Park wonders,  
"How many Autumns since Appomattox?"**

**Eric Zengota photo**