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Safety First for Full Return

Claremont Schools Reconfigure Spaces, Adjust Policies, Follow Guidelines

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont School Board mandated that classes through middle school do a “full return” starting October 19. (Stevens High School will do so on November 9.) Yet even during hybrid mode, which started in September and had only half the students in on alternating school days, SAU6 had been planning, building and preparing for the day everyone would be back in the buildings.

“Our top priority is to protect everyone,” said superintendent Michael Tempesta. “Not only ‘the littles’ but all students, teachers, staff, parents and visitors.”

The district distributed 150 table-top and mobile safety shields that inmates from the Sullivan County House of Corrections had built last summer. STEM instructors launched several projects in the workshop on the lower level of Claremont Middle School. These included designing and cutting plexiglass panels to “clearly” separate kids at school cafeteria tables, as well as 3-D printing of the connectors to latch the panels together and secure them to a surface.

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Clear panels enable students to share lunch tables, as shown at Maple Avenue School. Similar set-ups cost \$800 on the open market. Claremont instructors and students had a hand in constructing these, bringing the cost of each down to \$350. Superintendent Michael Tempesta estimated overall savings to the district at \$60,000 (Eric Zengota photo).

An 8-Day Auction Will Benefit Local Children’s Charities

The Kiwanis Club of Claremont Goes Online This Year

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The Kiwanis Club of Claremont won’t let COVID-19 stop them from supporting local kids through charities and service projects. Their Big Auction — usually

held in April as a live CCTV and radio event — as well as October’s Battle of the Brews Brewfest were both cancelled this year in the face of pandemic restrictions and logistics.

Cancelled, yes. But really, said Joan Bailargeon, “rescheduled. The committee had identified Bidding for Good, an online auction

platform, and voted to set up ours there.”

She and committee co-chair Tina Coburn led the members in assembling more than 240 items on which to bid. They range from a gallon of organic Vermont maple syrup to area rugs to gift certificates from Hannaford, Market

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Kiwanis, from A1

Basket and Walmart, and a 4-hour ride-along with the Claremont Police Department.

The club also welcomed 28 sponsors including Claremont Savings Bank, Sol-Air and McGee Toyota. Their financial support enabled the Kiwanis to use the Bidding for Good platform.

Online bidding started Saturday, Oct. 24 at 8am, and will run non-stop until 6pm Saturday, Oct. 31. On the first day alone, 21 bidders placed 187 bids. "We always had 'the boards' of items," noted Baillargeon, "but folks had only one hour to bid on each board. Now they can bid all day, every day, on every item, right till the moment we stop."

The auction raises money for a wide range of Kiwanis activities. Special Olympics, Turning Points and many other organizations are the beneficiaries of charitable donations. The club will also uphold a 25-year tradition in June by providing



Luke Avery will not be on CCTV this year to ask for your bids. But he'll be very glad to see them come through on the Kiwanis' online auction site (File photo).

13 \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors from Sullivan County's public high schools.

Anyone who wants to bid should go to: ourkiwanisauction.com to get started <https://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/auctionhome.action?vhost=claremontnhkiwanis> to view all the items and select the Register to Bid button to access <https://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/user/register.action?auctionId=341696832&showingBilling=true> to register (contact and credit card information required).

Still have questions on any facet of the auction? Email kiwanisauction@gmail.com.

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Correction and Update

When an absentee ballot comes into the Claremont City Clerk's office, the voter's application is attached to the outer envelope, the ballot is recorded as received in the State system, and is then filed in the appropriate ward box. The outer envelope is not opened until the pre-processing of absentee ballots session on Nov. 2.

This sequence was incorrectly reported in the Oct. 19 story.

Updated numbers for Claremont as of Oct. 23 (compared to those of Oct. 16): 1,087 (945) ballots have been issued, and 873 (650) have been returned.

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The Chambers in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region are working together, in cooperation with the State of New Hampshire's GOFERR committee, to bring products and services to our communities that will help us all continue the journey of recovery and prosperity as we start to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic.

We welcome you to complete the Safety Supplies application if you are in need of Personal Protective Equipment, Sanitation Supplies, Customer Service Dividers or other products to keep your employees and customers safe. We welcome you to complete Business Support Services application if you are in need of any Business Support services including, but not limited to, assistance with e-commerce or social media management.

Both applications can be found on our website
<https://www.greaterclaremontnh.org/COVID-19-Information/>

All applications will be reviewed and applicants notified of their application status no later than October 30, 2020

**Please contact Elyse with any questions you may have at
603-558-4539 or director@greaterclaremontnh.org**

Letters To The Editor

Please Support Gagnon for County Commissioner Seat

To The Editor:

For over 20 years I have been privileged to call Ray Gagnon a friend, and for over ten of those years we worked together in local, state, and federal government settings while we were both Sullivan County residents.

In each leadership role, I found Ray to be an effective consensus-builder, an energetic advocate for his constituents, and someone who looked forward to serving all the public every day.

I hope you will consider supporting him in his offer to serve again, this time as Sullivan County Commissioner.

Stuart Arnett
Concord, NH

Let's Get Concord Moving in the Right Direction: For Claremont

To The Editor:

Claremont's local leaders are succeeding in effectively moving Claremont forward. But in Concord, gridlock and inaction – especially when along party lines – has ongoing negative effects here at home.

In considering your votes for state representation this year, maybe some reflection is in order. For example, why has more than ten million dollars in municipal costs over the last ten years – formerly supported by our state and now at nearly one million dollars annually – fallen on Claremont tax payers? Not a simple answer. But that's ten million dollars our community has fought over, still frets over, and that ultimately comes from just one of two places: reduced local service, or higher local taxes.

Or this one: With local industries struggling to acquire local workers, why was the Granite State Jobs Act supported by only three of our four House reps? That act would have funded job training and services helping to provide a trained local workforce. Isn't that one of the most important factors for economic development in our region? The act went on to defeat due to failure to overturn a Governor's veto, despite overwhelming majority of 216-146 in the NH House.

The same can be said for HB365 - which would have assisted our city in exploring expansion of renewable energy. All four Claremont reps voted in support initially. But on veto, only three of our four supported an override. It was also defeated.

Or maybe this one: Why is school funding parity – a problem that disproportionately affects Claremont – STILL not solved? Not solved despite a 1997 court decision – the SECOND one – that found the New Hampshire school funding system unconstitutional. Four governors and their legislatures refused to comply with the Court's original orders, leading the Supreme Court to AGAIN find the New Hampshire school funding system unconstitutional. We're still fighting about it today - every year - in the hard choices around school budgets. Why?

These and indeed lots of important state issues affect us here in Claremont. And while no one goes to Concord without good intentions, solutions to these issues come from representatives who have the best intentions for Claremont, forward thinking, and independence and steadfastness needed to follow through. In these regards, I urge you to support Liza Draper in Ward 3.

Liza is a fiercely independent Claremonter who's demonstrated time and again her commitment in standing up for things that matter in our community. She has unfaltering energy and loyalty to ideals that benefit Claremont such as: Education quality and funding parity that's fair instead of untenable; a background in business finance that can help identify education funding and economic development opportunities, and that can help in the fight against further cost downshifting. She has a commitment to developing a more capable work force in our region; support for racial equality, woman's rights, and for access to mental health & recovery services – one of the most pressing needs outlined in recent annual Valley Regional Hospital Health Surveys.

To move Claremont forward, these and other issues must be addressed, and to do that there has never been a more pressing need for smart and independent forward thinking, a willingness for bipartisan effort, and steadfastness to stay the course in hard decisions. For Claremont, you'll find these qualities in Liza Draper.

Please consider giving Liza, along with our other Claremont state representatives, John Cloutier, Gary Merchant and Andrew O'Hearne, and district 5 State Senate candidate Suzanne Prentiss, your support this November.

Andy Lafreniere
Claremont, NH, Ward 3

Endorsement for Liza Draper

To The Editor:

If the past 9 months has shown us anything it's that we rely upon our schools for a lot. That's one reason I support Liza Draper for State Rep. I was on the Claremont School Board for 8 years, so I have an understanding of what is expected of our schools. Quality teachers and staff are the backbone of the district. Liza was on the front lines as a teacher, so I know that she'll fight for what our district and kids need. There's a drive to divert our tax dollars from our district and to give it to religious and private schools. Funding for a quality education from the state is already too limited. Liza was an admired teacher in the district, I can't think of a better advocate for our kids and our schools at the Statehouse. I hope you join me in supporting her in November.

Brian Rapp
Claremont, NH

Raymond Gagnon for County Commissioner

To The Editor:

I fully support the election of Raymond Gagnon for Sullivan County Commissioner because I feel that he is the best qualified candidate for this job.

His past experiences as a NH State legislature for twelve years, Mayor and member of the Claremont City Council, Chairman of the Sullivan County Delegation, a former U.S. Marshal and many more life experiences have made him the best qualified person to help lead Sullivan County forward through some challenging times particularly when it comes to the proposed renovations or construction at the Sullivan County Nursing Home.

Ray is a dedicated public servant who has
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dedicated 40 plus years of his life as a manager for the local community, county and the state as well as the federal level.

For these reasons my vote on November Third will be for Raymond Gagnon for Sullivan County Commissioner.

Stanley Woodman
Unity, NH

Representing Claremont

To The Editor:

We are running to represent the city of Claremont in the New Hampshire House of Representatives. Three of us are political veterans; one is a newcomer. All four of us are committed to serving the best interests of Claremont's citizens. We may not always agree on every issue, but we all believe in putting our community and state before our party.

Together, we will work for policies that support Claremonters — like improving health-care, funding K-12 education equitably and reducing regressive property taxes. We will back legislation that protects our precious environment by combating pollution, reducing solid waste and promoting production of cleaner energy. Finally, we pledge to uphold the democratic principle that we are all equal — and to oppose discrimination on any basis — for every Granite Stater.

If these principles are important to you, help us get to Concord. Whether you plan to vote absentee or in person on November 3rd, please mark our names where they appear on your ballot.

Thank you.

John Cloutier – Candidate in Sullivan County District 10, representing Claremont citywide

Andrew O’Hearne – Candidate in Sullivan County District 3, representing Ward 1

Gary Merchant – Candidate in Sullivan County District 4 representing Ward 2

Liza Draper - Candidate in Sullivan County District 5, representing Ward 3

Vote for Claremont This Election

To The Editor:

As of writing this, we are just two weeks away from the general election and *e-Ticker News of Claremont* has reported that there

have already been 650 absentee ballots returned to the City Clerk’s office. In this election, there is a lot more on the ballot than just the president. We are electing a Governor, United States Senator, and Representatives to Congress. There are also candidates for State Rep, State Senate, County Commissioner, and County Attorney -- just to name a few. As I said, there is a lot on the ballot this year, and we need to make sure Claremont gets the representation we deserve.

You may have heard the saying “all politics are local,” and it’s true. Each position we vote for plays a unique role in our community. From fighting for federal funding, to judge appointments here at the state level, to creating county budgets -- the people we elect make decisions that we will feel the impact of. So it is important to elect people that represent our values and have a commitment to Claremont.

For my fellow Claremonters, we have some amazing candidates on the ballot this year who will fight to keep Claremont moving forward. I encourage you all to vote for Michael Cryans for Executive Council, Sue Prentiss for State Senate, John Cloutier for flatorial State Rep, Gary Merchant for Ward 2 State Rep, Liza Draper for Ward 3 State Rep, and Ray Gagnon for County Commissioner. We have a chance to ensure change for Claremont starts at the top of the ballot and goes all the way down. We have the power to elect people who will work to keep Claremont moving forward. Whether you’re voting by mail or in person, vote for Claremont!

Matt Mooshian
Claremont, NH

Make Your Plan to Vote, Supports Draper for Rep.

To the Editor:

This letter is in support of Liza Draper, who is running for election to the NH State Legislature for Sullivan County District #5, Ward 3. We Claremonters would be lucky to have Liza represent us.

I know her to be thoughtful, hard-working and creative. She tackles challenges with energy and vitality. She has been a champion for Claremont for many years, including her work on Claremont Main Street and her successful efforts to launch the Claremont Farmers’ Market. Liza has always been focused on improving the education of others, including a wide variety of students.

In closing I want to emphasize how important it is for all of us to vote in every race, especially the many crucial down-ballot races in New Hampshire. Please make your plan to vote NOW. Contact your friends and make sure they have a plan in place, too.

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE!

Candace Crawford
Claremont, NH

Shaheen Highlights Drug Court Pilot Program in Sullivan County

On Friday, U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), the Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that funds the Department of Justice (DOJ), hosted a virtual roundtable discussion on the \$1.75 million federal grant awarded through DOJ to the New Hampshire Judicial Branch to establish a new family treatment court program in Sullivan County. The event follows Shaheen and the New Hampshire Congressional delegation’s announcement of this funding, which will fund a Family Treatment Court (FTC) pilot project in Sullivan County to help enhance access to services for children and families experiencing abuse and neglect, and those impacted by substance use disorder (SUD) and/or mental illness. This will be the state’s first FTC and serve as a pilot program for potential additional FTCs in other counties throughout the state. Senator Shaheen has encouraged DOJ to expand this program in recent years.

During the event, Shaheen was joined by Claremont Mayor Charlene Lovett, mental health providers, local stakeholders involved in developing the FTC pilot program and members of the New Hampshire Judicial Branch, who highlighted the positive impact the new program will have on Sullivan County families. Judge John Yazinski of the state’s 5th Circuit Court in Claremont underscored the widespread prevalence of substance use disorder in the abuse and neglect cases he oversees and emphasized how the FTC will allow more families impacted by substance abuse and mental illness to get connected with the help they need.

“By increasing early, effective interventions and expanding access to critical services that parents and their children need to heal from substance misuse and mental illness, the Family Treatment Court program will provide second chances for Sullivan County families,” said Shaheen.



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.

Return, from A1

Teachers and para-professionals coach students on basic, now-familiar health practices such as frequent handwashing, wearing masks and social distancing. Temperatures are routinely checked. Buses run at half-capacity. Traffic patterns — for buses and parental pick-ups — are clearly marked at parking lot entrances and exits. Arrows establish one-way foot-traffic routes through hallways.

Last week went as smoothly as hoped.

The students' enthusiasm at full return was evident. "Monday was like Christmas morning," said Maple Avenue principal Kathleen Bunnell. "The kids were practically jumping out of cars and buses, excited to see all their friends." And at lunch — served in classrooms, socially distanced by spread-out seating or separated by clear panels — students filled the air with 30 minutes of welcome chatter.

Coming back — catching up — moving on. "Socializing is a vital part of everyone's education," noted Tempesta. "The students are happy to be here, and we're certainly glad to see them."

To see how *The Tech* is reopening, go to page A46.



To minimize student movement through the hallways, teachers often bring work to the classrooms. Bluff School media specialist Tod Guilford delivers books from his rolling cart to 4th graders.



Even the "littlest littles" — pre-schoolers in the Early Childhood Program — learn the importance of wearing masks. Their teachers reinforce health measures by staying behind safety shields for most indoor activities.

Photos by Eric Zengota



Above: SAU6's food service director, Willy Walker of Abbey Group, subbing in Disnard School's kitchen, adds sweet potato fries to students' covered lunch trays. Disnard's gym will be a polling site on Election Day; after that, students will have lunch there instead of in their classrooms. Right: After each seating at Maple Avenue lunches, building technician Henry Chrislip deep cleans the area with a spray that kills the coronavirus. Other technicians deep clean classrooms, desks, chairs and even door knobs throughout the building at the end of every school day.



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- Vote on all State Civil Commissions
- Work with State, Local, Civic and Non-profits Leaders

Priorities

- Constituent Service
- Work with state office officials to stabilize pandemic and continue to Fight Opioid Crisis
- Support our Law Enforcement and Veterans in our communities
- Stop a broad base tax in NH
- Reduce business regulation to assist small businesses
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Former longtime County Commissioner Don Clarke has endorsed Joe Osgood



- Lifelong business owner, retired
- Cornish Police Chief, retired
- Former State Representative
- Member of the Delegation during construction of jail improvements
- Chair of Finance Committee during Biomass Plant planning at County Complex

I ask you for your vote on November 3rd.

**Thank You,
Joe Osgood**

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

The public is invited to join the Zoom meeting online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83673232073?pwd=MWRw-YVNUUmxxbkxzQ25qeXFCUGpCdz09>

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

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

- A. (ZO 2020-00022) **Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Inc., Newport NH** – Application for a Special Exception to permit a change of use from a church to a function hall at 183 Plains Road. Tax Map 93, Lot 4. Zoning District R1
- B. (ZO 2020-00023) **Morello Family Trust, Charlestown, NH** – Application for a Special Exception to permit construction of a single dwelling unit on the same lot as an existing industrial building at 20 Wentworth Place. Tax Map 186, Lot 12. Zoning District II
- C. (ZO 2020-00024) **Jeff & Sarah Barrette, 14 Bailey Ave** – Application for a variance to permit light manufacturing and mercantile use of the existing building at 45 School Street. Tax Map 119, Lot 274. Zoning District CR2
- D. (ZO 2020-00025) **Ronald Landry, 186 Main Street** – Application for a variance to permit 35.1% lot coverage on a lot to be created by lot line adjustment at 186 Main Street and 3 Briggs Street. Tax Map 107, Lot 58. Zoning District CR2

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

Michael Hurd,
Chair

NECA Murder Mystery Theater Event

CLAREMONT, NH—New England Classical Academy (NECA) invites you to their 8th annual Murder Mystery Fundraiser event “Par for the Corpse” by Craig Sodaro on Nov. 6 & 7th. NECA is striving to present this live theater production with safety precautions for both audience and cast. The production will be held in a large open performance barn with tables distanced from each other. The cast will perform on a raised stage at a distance from the audience. No dinner will be offered, but guests are encouraged to bring their own snacks/dinner/non-alcoholic drinks picnic style (tables are available.) Hot beverages such as coffee, tea and hot chocolate, along with individually packaged desserts will be offered with admission, donated by the Red Barn Cafe and Uptown Bakery. The barn offers fresh air and will have some heating, but guests are encouraged to dress warmly. Since seating will be limited to seventy people per show, a Saturday matinee has been added.

The school covid coordinator is overseeing the safety of the cast, crew and audience. It's all new territory, and a challenge to produce a show with distancing, but the students are excited to perform again. They're also learning whole new ways to rehearse, as they have to practice distancing onstage and off and sanitize furniture and props diligently. Students at NECA are symptom screened daily and practice social distancing and good hygiene during the school day. Classrooms and bathrooms are sanitized throughout the day and the school is cleaned daily.

“Par for the Corpse” is set at the Links, an exclusive golf club and resort, owned by Glen Pearce, (Carter Buckley) where pro golfer Teddy Masters (Ben) is ready to help guests perfect their swings. When Joy Draper (Corinne Lindberg) of dating service Harmony-sity takes a crew of singles to the resort, one of her clients, Rita Sullivan (Janessa Walck), turns up dead with a chip shot to the temple. It's a good thing Joy's assistant, Sybil (Lanie Goodwin), studies criminology at the local college (she already has two classes under her belt!). She begins an investigation of the suspects, including: the owner's niece Lily (Emily King) who isn't too interested in hard work, a

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washed-up fashion model Shauna Wilson (Athena Steele) a scientist, Henry Hingle, (Hudson Buckley) obsessed with chaos theory, a Montana cowgirl, Sissy Culpepper (Madison Barney), a stuffy professor of literature Derrick Purcell (Joseph Cota), a lawyer looking for a case, Alvin Hart (Jakobie Edwards), a Star Wars geek, Bobby (Camden Fagan) and a hypochondriac Claire Smith (Maria Cota). In Rita's purse, Sybil finds old newspaper clippings about an unresolved murder five years ago that lead her to believe Masters is the culprit of both old and recent murders. When a second death confirms her suspicions, Sybil

finds that the scorecard of murders just doesn't add up!

“Par for the Corpse” will perform Friday, November 7 at 6:00 PM and Saturday, November 8 at 2:00 and 6:00 PM at 79 Sunrise Hill, Cornish, NH. Doors open one half hour before the start of each performance. Tickets for this fundraiser are \$20 each and reservations must be made by Nov. 3 by calling (603) 543-3400 or emailing neca_yahoo.com. All proceeds benefit NECA, a 501(c)(3) private school for K-12.

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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – October 25, 2020

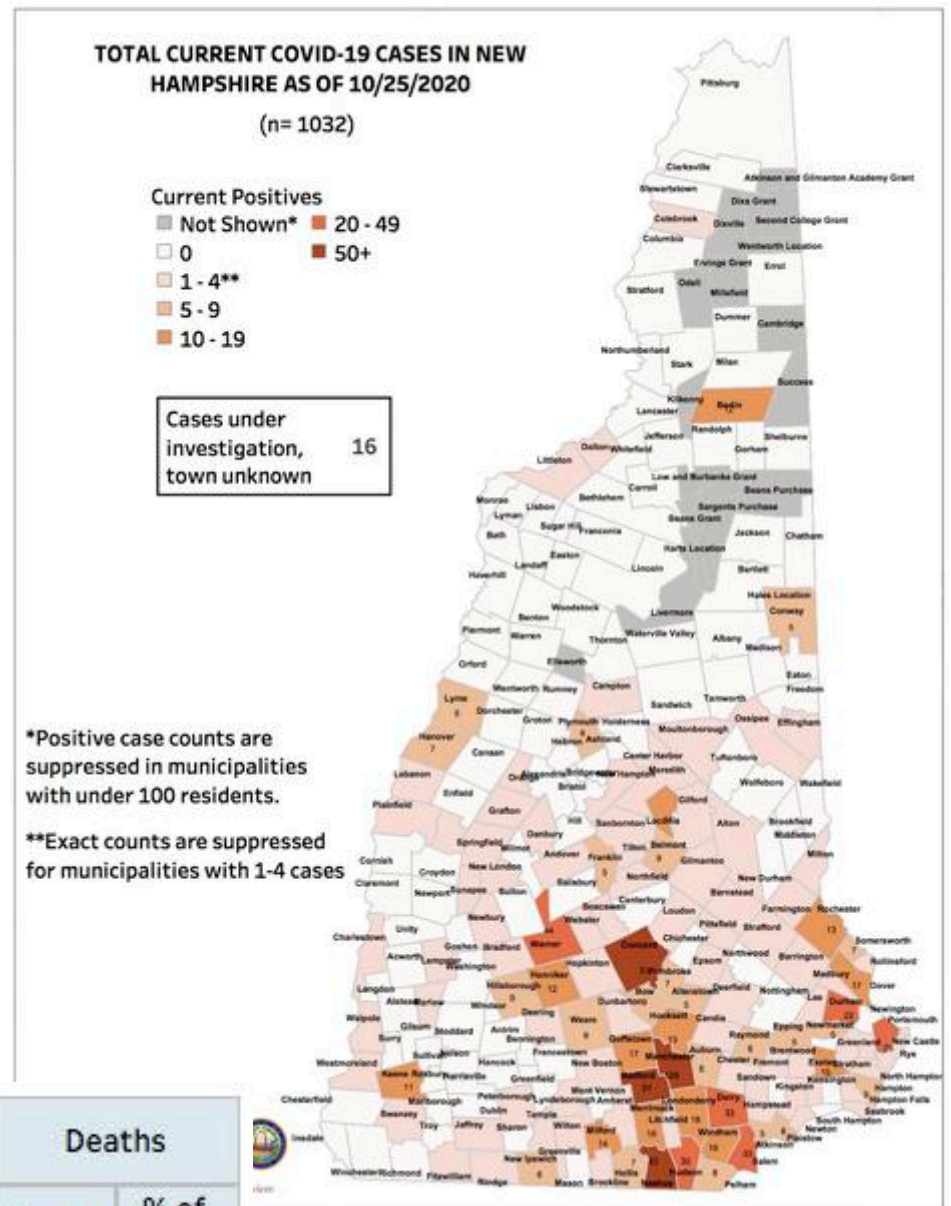
CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Sunday, October 25, 2020, DHHS announced 92 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a daily PCR test positivity rate of 0.8%. Today's results include 69 people who tested positive by PCR test and 23 who tested

positive by antigen test. There are now 1,032 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 twelve individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 49% being female and 51% being male.

The new cases reside in Rockingham (23), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (20), Merrimack (10), Strafford (7), Belknap (5), Carroll (2), Coos (2), Grafton (2), Cheshire (1), and Sullivan (1) counties, and in the cities of Nashua (9) and Manchester (5). The county of residence is being determined for five new cases.



Geographic Distribution* of COVID-19		Infections		Hospitalizations		Deaths	
		Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total
Belknap	Total	223	2.2%	14	1.8%	5	1.1%
Carroll	Total	142	1.4%	14	1.8%	2	0.4%
Cheshire	Total	182	1.8%	12	1.6%	3	0.6%
Coos	Total	39	0.4%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Grafton	Total	196	1.9%	8	1.0%	1	0.2%
Hillsborough	Manchester	2,367	22.9%	218	28.5%	122	25.8%
	Nashua	1,162	11.3%	85	11.1%	40	8.5%
	Outside Manchester and Nashua	1,838	17.8%	149	19.5%	153	32.3%
	Total	5,367	52.0%	452	59.0%	315	66.6%
Merrimack	Total	852	8.2%	49	6.4%	27	5.7%
Rockingham	Total	2,534	24.5%	181	23.6%	105	22.2%
Strafford	Total	699	6.8%	31	4.0%	14	3.0%
Sullivan	Total	76	0.7%	4	0.5%	1	0.2%
Unknown	Total	18	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Grand Total		10,328	100.0%	766	100.0%	473	100.0%

Data as of: 10/25/2020

One new hospitalized case was reported. There are currently 23 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. Five 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, are associated with an outbreak setting, or have recently traveled.

DHHS had no additional deaths to report. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 10,328 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 766 (7%) of those having been hospitalized.

For those not familiar with our Facebook page, we post the DHHS daily COVID update every evening when it becomes available. That feed is also available on our website.

FORWARD THINKING

>>>>>>>> Beyond Retirement: What About Your Other Goals?

In addition to saving for retirement, there may be several other major financial goals you'll need to juggle in a lifetime.

Let's say that at the age of 25, you earned \$35,000. If your salary increased at the average historical rate, you'd have earned nearly \$2 million in total by the time you were 65.^{1,2} That might sound like a lot -- until you begin thinking about all the financial goals you'll need to juggle in a lifetime, including buying a home and paying for your child's education, while funding your own retirement.

even if you can only invest a little each month. The same goes for college savings and other goals. Even a \$100 a month investment for college could potentially leave you with about \$16,470 in 10 years, assuming an average annual return of 6% -- a good start that you can build on as your income grows.¹

SET ASIDE A SLICE OF PAY HIKES

As your income rises over the course of your career, it's easy to slip into a pattern of "living up" to your means; that is, spending that extra pay you didn't have before on daily living expenses. Instead, consider setting a quota for yourself: Earmark a predetermined portion of every pay hike for your savings goals. You may want to apply the same rule to other windfalls, like an unexpected bonus or tax return.

USE THE RIGHT TOOLS FOR THE JOB

Just as your employer-sponsored retirement plan offers a tax-advantaged opportunity to set aside money for your later years, certain vehicles, such as 529 college savings plans, provide potentially attractive tax breaks for college savers. Minimizing the taxes you have to pay up front on investments and earnings gives you the chance to make the most of compounding over time.

Finally, whatever your particular financial goals may be, keep in mind that minimizing debt is a timeless, indispensable strategy for establishing personal financial balance.

If managed wisely, your money could potentially go a long way. It's really all about putting a plan in place and sticking to it. These tips may help get you started.

GET A JUMP ON ALL YOUR GOALS

You've read in these pages before about the value of starting early on retirement savings,

¹Hypothetical example is for illustrative purposes only. Does not represent the return of any actual investment.

²Assumes inflation-adjusted 1.5% annual wage hikes, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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e-Ticker Business News

Santaniello Joins Palliative Team at Lake Sunapee VNA

NEW LONDON, NH – Alyson Santaniello, APRN, AGPCNP-BC, Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner, has joined the palliative care team at Lake Sunapee VNA, bringing with her 22 years of nursing experience. With a BSN from the University of Rhode Island and an APRN from UMASS Lowell, Santaniello has worked in inpatient and outpatient oncology, done research in neuro-oncology, and for the last five years worked at the Community Hospice House in Merrimack, NH.



Alyson Santaniello

“The palliative care program at Lake Sunapee VNA is unique to our region of New Hampshire because we are providing palliative care to people in their homes,” said Jen Taylor, APRN, Hospice and Palliative Care Program Director. “We are providing access to in-home visits from trained palliative care providers, who usually work in inpatient or clinic settings at large hospitals. It is rewarding to bring a knowledgeable, experienced and compassionate team directly into the homes of our rural community.”

Palliative care is specialty medical care that focuses on providing an extra layer of support to those facing serious

illness (e.g., cancer, kidney disease, lung disease, Alzheimer’s, ALS), especially if they are experiencing a decline in health and/or frequent trips to the hospital. It helps people better understand and navigate their illness with an emphasis on personal goals and symptom management. Palliative care does not replace primary care or any other treatment the person may be receiving. It can be utilized as a stand-alone service or work with other treatments and services to improve quality of life.

Santaniello joins Lori Richer, MD, Board Certified Palliative Care Physician, in providing this service at Lake Sunapee VNA. “I am so excited to be a part of Lake Sunapee VNA’s developing palliative care program,” said Santaniello. “I am looking forward to teaching providers, patients and families more about this medical specialty and how it can be beneficial to those facing a serious illness..”

Springfield Hospital Welcomes Two Urology Physicians

SPRINGFIELD, VT— Springfield Hospital has welcomed two urology physicians who recently joined Leanne Alexander, PA-C, and the urology staff at Springfield Urology.

Amichai D. Kilchevsky, MD, received his medical degree from The George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, DC and completed his urology residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital, in New Haven, CT. Dr. Kilchevsky is board certified

by the American Board of Urology.

Ramiro Madden-Fuentes, MD, received his medical degree, with honors, from Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX and completed his residency in Urologic Surgery at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC. Dr. Madden-Fuentes is board certified by the American Board of Urology.

Alexander, PA-C, joined the Urology practice in January 2019. She received her Master of Science in Physician Assistant studies from the University of New England, Portland, ME, and is certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

Leanne currently holds ACLS, PALS, ATLS and BLS certifications from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.



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In the Spirit of Giving

CPD Food Drive Collects Food and Donations for Claremont Soup Kitchen

CLAREMONT, NH—"Claremont is such a generous community," remarked Cindy Stevens at the close of last Saturday's food



Iris Houdyshel, of Claremont, donated several bags of food items to the Claremont Police Food Drive. Captain Stan Andrews, who organized Saturday's drive, added Houdyshel's contribution to the 997 lbs of food collected in only six hours (Eric Zengota photo).

drive. "No matter what we're all going through these days, people drive up and donate what they can to help needy families."

Stevens, the director of Claremont Soup Kitchen, is always on the lookout for ways to keep CSK's pantry well-stocked. One of her biggest boosters this year has been Stan Andrews, a captain in the Claremont Police Department. He'd organized a record-setting food drive in June and decided a second was in order.

"Times are tough enough," he said. "But now with winter and the holidays coming, folks have more difficulty finding nutritious meals for themselves and their families. I knew the people of Sullivan County would step up to the plate, and they did. We collected 997 lbs. of food and \$1,755 in cash, checks and gift cards."

Those pounds of food have a value of \$1,665 and translate into 830 meals.

Donations and volunteer help are always welcome at CSK. Phone 603-543-3290 or email info@claremontsoupkitchen.com.

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Do you need CPR for a job or school, or just want to know CPR? RVCC is offering a Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR class that is geared

towards medical professionals such as Emergency Medical Service providers, MDs, Nurses, LPNs, LNAs, and other professionals working in Allied Health Sciences, but all are welcome.

The next class is November 4th. Class sizes are limited due to COVID, so sign up now: <https://rvcc.coursetorm.com/category/health-and-safety1>.

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Apply Now: Main Street Relief Fund 2.0

CONCORD, NH – Following Governor Chris Sununu’s recent announcement that \$100 million of the state’s CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds would be allocated to a second round of the Main Street Relief Fund, the application period for Main Street Relief Fund 2.0 (MSRF 2.0) has opened for new and returning applicants. The application is available on the GOFERR grants management portal until 4:00 PM on October 30, 2020.

MSRF 2.0 provides continued economic support to New Hampshire small businesses suffering from business interruptions as a result of COVID-19. Specifically, it supports both (1) new applicants, businesses that did not receive grants from the initial round of MSRF or the General Assistance & Preservation (GAP) Fund, and (2) returning applicants, businesses that received grants of less than the maximum \$350,000 from the initial round of MSRF or the GAP Fund. Eligibility is simi-

larly defined as under the initial round of the Main Street Relief Fund; those with questions are encouraged to consult the eligibility criteria available at www.goferr.nh.gov/mainstreet.

New Hampshire small businesses seeking assistance are encouraged to contact GOFERR utilizing the inquiry portal or contact the Main Street Relief Fund 2.0 call center by calling (603) 271-7840. The call center is provid-

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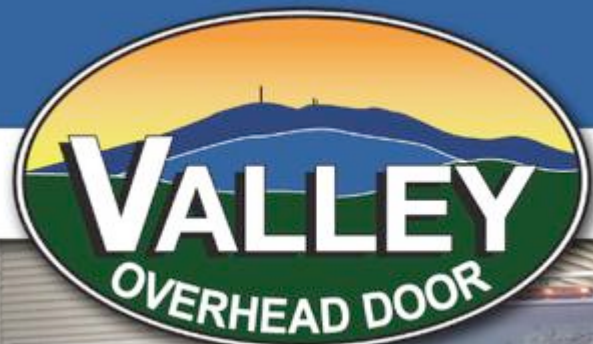
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Vote for a Solid Investment Strategy

Election Day is little more than a week away. As a citizen, you may feel the results will affect many aspects of life in this country. But as an investor, your situation probably won't change after the votes are counted.

No matter who wins, the financial markets may well show some politically driven volatility, but that often happens around elections, and it typically doesn't last long. But what about the longer term? How might changes in policy and new legislation affect your investment outlook?

To begin, keep in mind that many campaign promises remain just that – promises. And even when some of them are enacted, any ultimate legislation may be quite different from what was proposed on the campaign trail.

Still, sometime in the future, we could see election-related changes that could affect your investment strategy. For example, over the years, we've seen many adjustments in the tax rates of capital gains and stock dividends, and it's likely these rates will change again one day. When that happens, you may need to look at the equities portion of your portfolio to see if you want to make some adjustments.

Many other changes, though, are hard to predict. It's possible that future legislation could affect specific industries, either positively or negatively. Such moves could also influence the way you look at certain investments, but if you have a diversified portfolio that contains a broad mix of stocks, bonds and other securities, any actions affecting one particular industry probably won't cause you to significantly adjust holdings invested in other sectors.

In any case, while it may be a good idea to keep an eye open for things like tax rate changes or how new policies may affect different market segments, your main emphasis, in terms of your investment decisions, should remain on your goals and what you need to do to achieve them.

At least once each year, review your portfolio carefully to make sure your investments are aligned with your goals, whether they are short-term (a new car, a long vacation and so on) or long-term (such as college for your children or a comfortable retirement). Periodically, depending on what's happening in your life and the progress of your investment portfolio, you may need to evaluate your goals to ensure they're prioritized appropriately to help keep you on track toward achieving what's most important to you.

Over time, your goals may change, too. Perhaps you've decided that instead of retiring early and traveling around the world, you now want to turn your hobby into a business. Changing this goal may require a different investment strategy. Or you might change your mind about where you want to live – instead of staying in your home, as originally planned, you might downsize and move to a different area. Your goals may change in many ways, all of which may warrant updating your investment strategies.

Here's the key point: You're the one electing to make these changes. No matter what happens in this or any other election, be sure to "vote" for the strategies that have the potential for a winning outcome.

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Darkening the Mood in Moody Park

Mountain Biking Families Ride a Haunted Trail

Story and Photos by By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—More than 50 mountain bikers — aged 5 to, well, a lot more than 5 — showed up at Claremont's Moody Park last Saturday afternoon for the first-ever Spooky Ride. The Parks and Recreation Department presented the event in partnership with Claremont Cycle Depot. Rob Walker, the Depot's general manager and a Parks and Rec commissioner, along with his band of ghoulish volunteers turned a 2-mile novice loop into a haunted trail.

Scattered grinning skeletons pointed out the way with bony fingers. Cobwebs draped over broken limbs. The autumn twilight set in quickly, lengthening shadows and enhancing the park's eeriness. Kids and parents maneuvered around stumps and over roots and under branches — only to come face to face with masked and costumed weirdos of every description. The shrieks and groans and jaws of creeps and monsters and a ravenous hammerhead shark, however, didn't deter the bikers from returning to the starting point. There they enjoyed some sweet treats — no tricks involved.



Volunteers decked out in their Halloween best; left: a family out on the trail.



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e-Ticker Sports



It started out as a cold and rainy day Oct. 20 but ended up with a Division 3 State Runner Up plaque for the Stevens golf team (Courtesy photo).

Newport Wins the Chamber Cup Challenge

The Stevens Cardinal football team played their final regular season game on Saturday afternoon as they traveled to Newport to take

on the Tigers for the Chamber Cup Challenge game. The two teams were not scheduled to play this season as Newport had moved to Division IV for the 2020 season, however, with COVID-19 and teams playing a regional schedule the two teams were able to meet.

Despite a close game early on, the Tigers used a potent offensive attack and converted several turnovers into points and retained the Cup with a convincing 53-6 win over the Cardinals.

Newport led 8-0 after a quarter but exploded for 24 second quarter points to take a 32-0 halftime lead. Stevens was held to less than 100 yards of offense by a very physical and fast Tigers defense. Stevens would get on the board in the 4th quarter setup by Clayton Wadsworth's long kickoff return. Senior Luke Forrest scored his first varsity touchdown on a 1 yard run.

The Cardinals finished the regular season at 1-3; however, SHS will host a quarterfinal round playoff game this coming



It was outdoor volleyball against Sunapee High School at Veterans Park for the Cards Friday night. "The volleyball team has not been able to have any fans this year due to the Covid pandemic," said SHS Athletic Director Doug Beaupre. "By having it outside, we were able to allow fans to attend. We were also able to celebrate our seniors' last game with their families." (Courtesy photo).

week. Game time has yet to be determined and the official pairings will be released by the NHIAA Monday morning.

SHS Field Hockey Roundup



The SHS Cardinals defeated Newport Friday evening 3-1 to advance to the next round of the D3 State Playoffs. The next game was held at Mascoma Regional High School on Sunday (10/25) at 2:00 p.m.

It was a tough outcome to an exciting game as the SHS varsity field hockey team lost 1-0 to Mascoma in the NHIAA Division 3 State tournament. It was another season of exciting action with another great team effort by players and coaches alike (Courtesy photo).



Hunter Christian takes the handoff from Owen Taylor and looks for running room as Newport's Devyn Heino closes in (Courtesy photo).

Inspiration

Life's Lessons Learned

By Priscilla Hull

When I got my driver's license 60+ years ago, my father sat me down and explained a few things to be. Mind you he never took me out driving, that was on my mother who was an excellent driver. He was also an excellent driver. He just didn't like driving with his daughters as they were learning. I guess he always wanted to be the one in control. I don't remember everything that he taught me, but one thing I do remember and I still do it. The other day I stopped at a stop sign and thought of him. You see, he told me that as you approach a red light or a stop sign, always look in the rear view mirror and always leave space in front of your car and keep your foot lightly on the brake. I don't know if he had been rear ended, or if this is part of driver's ed these days. "If you do these things," he said, "you'll know if a car is coming behind you. You'll have your foot lightly on the brake so that if you're hit you will move forward and not take the full impact. Finally, there will be space between you and the lead car so that you maybe will not hit the car in front!"

I'm glad I've never had to use this advice, I guess just luck through those years. To this day, that's what I do when I'm approaching a red light or stop sign. He was a wise man and although he has been gone almost 40 years, I still miss him. This isn't about him, it's about Life's Lessons Learned and those who taught us.

We learn to live by the examples provided by many people. Probably many of the people who have taught us these lessons are parents and relatives. The lessons cover a wide variety of subjects. From driving to social mores to how to pick out a watermelon. A favorite Aunt taught me that. We'd go into the field where she would patiently turn the watermelon from side to side. Then she'd lift the end off the ground and tap gently on the exact middle of the melon. "No, not that one," and we'd move to the next. Finally she'd ask if I could hear that this one is ready. We'd wait while she cut it off the stem and then she'd nestle the watermelon in her apron and we'd trudge back to the house for a feast on the best of fruit!

My mother-in-law taught me that patience is the best asset in tough situations. She never rushed, yet she was always on time. A sister taught me that laughter makes all things good. She learned that from our grandmother whom I never knew.

I learned things from my children, too. "Don't worry, Mom, it'll work out!" It would. I even learned from a couple of dogs we had. From them I learned that sometimes just sitting next to a friend or family member without saying anything is the best comfort one can give. Words just complicate the situation.

Life can be hard and another great lesson a friend's father taught her, and that we all could learn, is to be compassionate to those who have less. Even though you might not be wealthy in material things, you can be wealthy in love and compassion. She learned this from her father. He never had much, but worked hard to provide for his family and anyone who needed help. What a great lesson from a father who gave of himself for others.

All this and more are Life's Lessons Learned. They don't come with books and tests. The greatest university can't teach them. They are the things that life is made of. They are the things that stay with us and remind us of those wonderful people who taught us.

Remember those who have made you who you are. Remember them and rejoice that you knew them and be grateful that they are always a part of your life!

How much better it is to acquire wisdom than gold; to acquire understanding is more desirable than silver.

Proverbs 16:16

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



Organizations Join Forces for 'Invasive Plant Management Day'

SPRINGFIELD, VT—Members of the all-volunteer Black River Action Team (BRAT) joined forces with the Springfield Rotary Club and the Springfield Trails Advisory Committee recently on an "invasive plant management day". While the bulk of the crew worked on plants along Paddock Road, which runs parallel with the Black River, several volunteers tackled the trails of Hartness Town Forest off Dell Road in Springfield. The target: Japanese barberry plants.

Japanese barberry was introduced to the US as an ornamental, because, well, it's so darn pretty. Unfortunately, the berries it produces are attractive to birds, which gobble them up and excrete the undigested seeds out in the woods. The plants grow in the wild, unmanaged and in dense thickets. The spine-like thorns make a great habitat for mice and chipmunks, since predators are unlikely to pursue into the sharp thicket. These small mammals are a haven for ticks, which carry diseases such as Lyme Disease from the rodents to humans.

The goals of pulling Japanese barberry plants are to remove them from the forest, teach the community to recognize them on private property, and to replace the barberry plants with berry-bearing native plants that will provide food for the birds but not add habitat for ticks.

"Many thanks to Jeff Mobus, Jeff Semprebon, and John Bond for their elbow grease," said BRAT director Kelly Stetner, "And also to retired forester Barb Schultz for guidance and to Jim Fog and the Springfield Trails Advisory Committee for handling the logistics. They had a second team working on other invasive plants on Paddock Road."

Learn more about Japanese barberry and other invasive plants here: <https://vtinvasives.org/invasive/barberry-japanese>.

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I am asking for your Vote either by Absentee Ballot or on November 3rd.

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Sue Prentiss' Priorities...

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- * Economic Recovery for All
- Combating Climate Change
- Broadband Expansion
- * Fighting for Social Justice
- * Fair Funding for Education
- * Access to Affordable Healthcare

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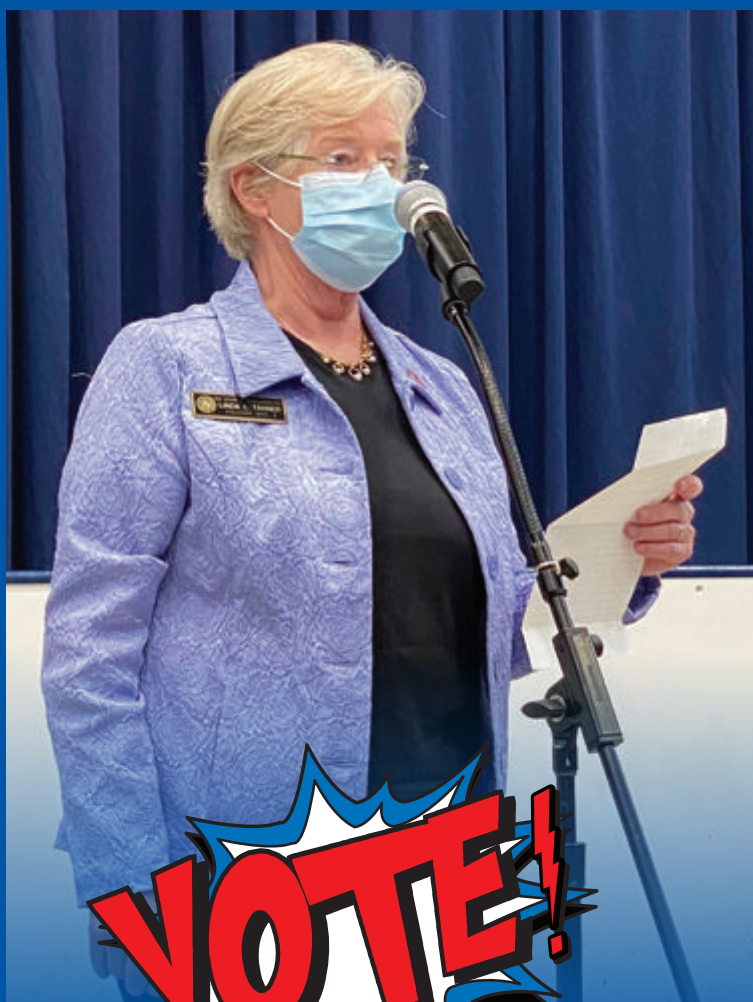
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Linda Tanner for State Rep Dist 9



“We will need legislators with courage, commitment, and common sense to work together to meet the challenges we are facing in the coming year. I will be your strong, honest, and hardworking voice in Concord.”

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Andrew O'Hearne
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Ward 1

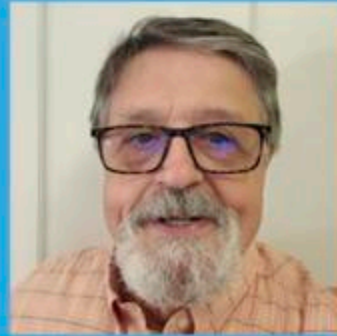


Virginia "Biddy" Irwin
Candidate for Sullivan County
Commissioner District 2

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Liza Draper
Candidate for State Representative
Ward 3



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Commissioner District 1

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- Improving Healthcare
- Reducing Property Tax
- Funding Public Education
- Protecting the Environment
- Fighting Inequality



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Candidate for State Representative
Ward 2



John Cloutier
Candidate for State Representative
Citywide

Andrew O'Hearne *Liza Draper*
John Cloutier *Gary Merchant*
Virginia "Biddy" Irwin *Ray Gagnon*

Vote by or on November 3

**Voting Absentee?
Please sign and submit
your ballot ASAP!**

Remember to use
1st class postage
for mailing.

Calendar Of Events

Online Tuition-Free WorkReadyNH Professional Career Training Program

Build skills, build confidence, build your career in the new online tuition-free WorkReadyNH professional development program through River Valley Community College, Nov. 2nd – 20th, Monday - Friday from 9am – 1:30 pm. Practice the skills that employers want most: communication, problem solving, conflict resolution, team building, and so much more. Upgrade your resume and interview skills and test your reading, math and critical thinking skills. Earn 2 certificates including a National Career Readiness Certificate.

Register now by emailing workreadyrvcc@ccsnh.edu or calling 603-543-4585. For other scheduling options or to attend a Zoom Information Session, go to www.ccsnh.edu/workready or www.facebook.com/workreadynh.

2020 UV Employment Fair Goes Virtual

With the safety of exhibitors, job seekers, and volunteers in mind, this year's Upper Valley Employment fair is being offered virtually to connect 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 to explore great opportunities with some of the top companies in our area. 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/upper-valleyemploymentfair.

The 2020 Virtual Upper Valley Employment Fair is presented 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.uppervalleyemployment-fair.org and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/uppervalleyemploymentfair for updates and more.

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.

A Message from ServiceLink

NH ServiceLink offices across the state are open

via phone and email during the COVID-19 pandemic. In this time of social distancing it's easy to feel alone and isolated. ServiceLink is a phone call away! Trained, nationally and state certified staff is available via phone during normal working hours.

ServiceLink staff is here to listen, answer questions, problem solve, and link you to resources and services.

In addition, ServiceLink helps individuals connect to long term services and supports, access family caregiver information and supports, explore options and understand and access Medicare and Medicaid. We are, as always, confidential, unbiased, and free to the public.

Call 1-866-634-9412 toll free or find us online.

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

St. Mary Parish Fundraiser Raffle

CLAREMONT, NH—St. Mary Parish is holding a fundraiser raffle to benefit its fuel fund.

Grand prize \$1,500

heating fuel: \$300

Additional prizes announced on day of drawing; \$5.00/ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.00.

Drawings to be held live on parish Facebook on Dec. 12, at 6:00 pm.

Please contact St. Mary Rectory for tickets at (603) 542-9518 or

stmarysclaremont@comcast.net.



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REFLECTIONS OF FIFTY YEARS

Giving Challenge Makes History!



2020

As part of its 50th Anniversary celebrations this year, Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice successfully met the

50th Year Giving Challenge

by securing \$50,000+ in new/increased annual gifts this year. By doing so, an additional \$50,000 matching gift was awarded to us by the extraordinary anonymous donor who issued "the challenge"!



1970

A very different giving challenge was underway during our 1st anniversary year: In 1970 a fund drive took place to raise the \$2,625 needed for the Town of New London to participate in the newly founded "Association": Kearsarge Visiting Nurse Association.

What a difference 50 years makes!

For information about our 50th Anniversary activities contact Cathy Raymond @ 603-526-4077 x231; craymond@lakesunapeevna.org...or visit LakeSunapeeVNA.org

Sincere thanks to



for its generous support of our 50th!

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.

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 EVERY-DAY
 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.

The Lightness of Painting with Jamie Townsend (Free Virtual Learning)

Join artist Jamie Townsend as he shares his process of painting layers and color in this free Claremont MakerSpace virtual class. He will demonstrate his craft while talking about his technique and answering questions from the virtual audience.

Starts: Tuesday, Nov 10, 2:00pm.

This class is presented free and a link to the Zoom connection information will be sent after registration.

On Jamie Townsend:

Influenced by the rich and fearless colors of his youth in the 1970's, Townsend's palette is balanced with pastels that came into his work after attending the Ringling College of Art + Design in Florida. Drawing from his life experience it was merging with Eastern Philosophy

that gave him the confidence to develop his own style. He began researching Abstract Expressionists and painting large scale pieces. He embraces the modern street art movement and finds himself doing many murals as canvases.

To register, please go here:

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event/2020/11/10/the-lightness-of-painting-with-jamie-townsend>.



Claremont Trick or Treating Saturday, October 31st 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 filler 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 Treating 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 who choose to participate in Trick or Treating. These will be houses with the entry lights on.

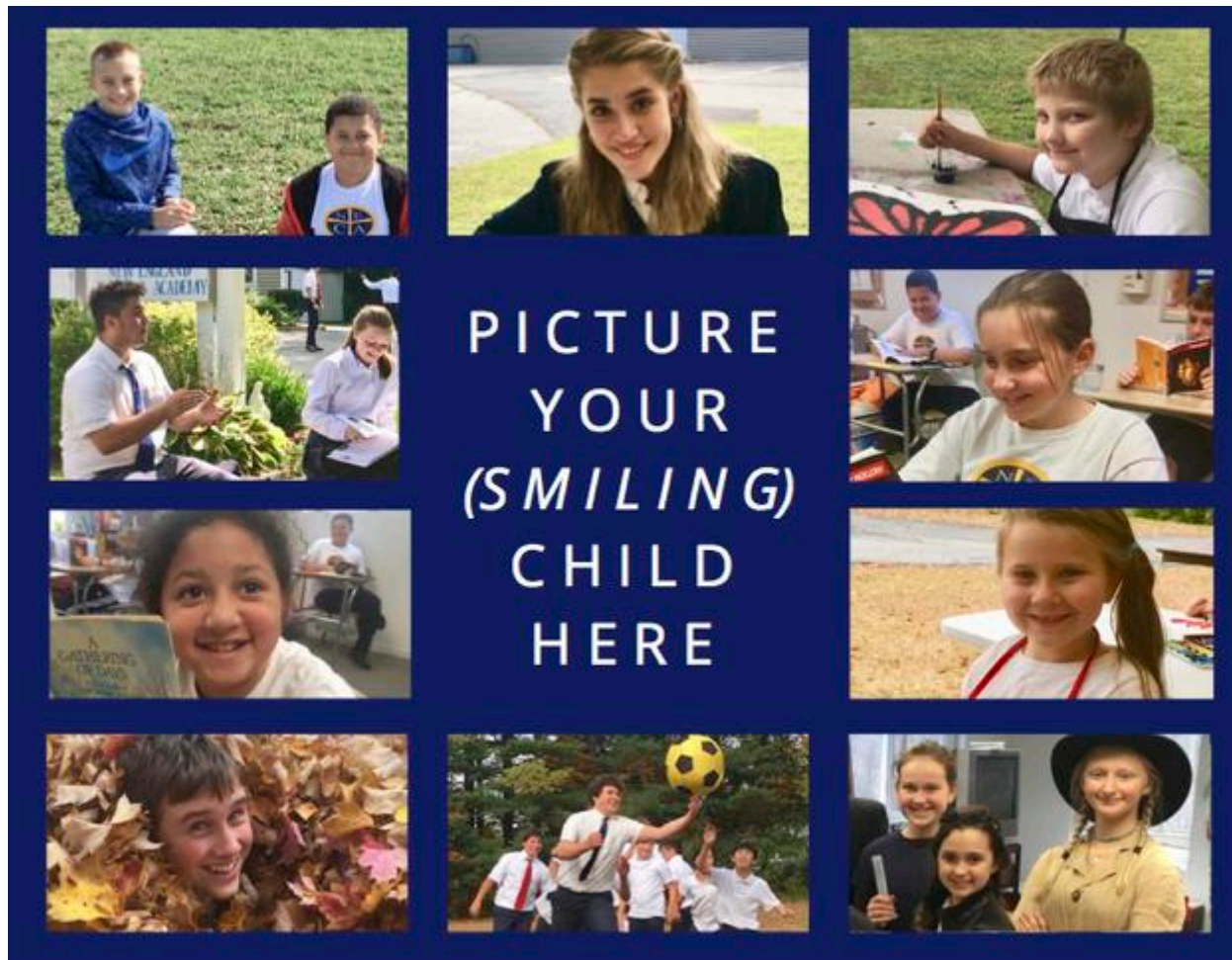


These guidelines may be adjusted at any time based on updated recommendations from the CDC and/or State of NH.



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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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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**Let's keep
working
together!**

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Re-elect Walt for House Rep. Claremont Ward 3

In for the “long haul” and a return to Concord to keep working us out of the COVID pandemic that stopped due-process on a lot of good legislation like PFAS and lead remediation, a basic dental benefit in Medicaid, education adequacy funding, 10-year Transportation Plan, etc.!

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 1st 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, cell 603-995-1034.

Please Vote for me on November 3rd!

Political Ad, Paid for by Republican Candidate Walter Stapleton, Fiscal Agent, 90 Veterans Park Rd. Claremont NH

Remembering Loved Ones...

Life Tributes

Obituaries May Be Found On Our Website

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

www.etickernewsoclaremont.com

Robert B. Courtemanche, Sr, 76

Robert B. Courtemanche, Sr., 76, of Unity, NH, died Friday, October 16, 2020, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Claremont, NH, on November 30, 1943, the son of Henry and Bernice (Davis) Courtemanche and had been a lifetime area resident. Robert had been employed as a supervisor in the finishing room at Dartmouth Woolen Mill for 30 years. He later worked at the Sullivan County Nursing home for 12 years and retired from Sturm Ruger and Company. He enjoyed fishing and woodworking. He was a great husband, father and grandfather. He will be remembered as a dedicated family man and loved his family as well as his wife's family.

Members of his family include his wife, Nancy (Gladue) Courtemanche, Unity, NH; two sons, Robert B. Courtemanche, Jr., and his wife, Lisa, Charlestown, NH; Christopher Courtemanche, Unity, NH; two grandchildren, Zachary Courtemanche, Lexi Rae Courtemanche, three brothers, Henry Courtemanche, Claremont, NH; Lionel Courtemanche, Riverside, CA; Donald Courtemanche, Riverside, CA; a sister, Phyllis Pavlik, Claremont, NH and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Bernice Courtemanche, and a sister, Patricia.

There will be no visiting hours or services at this time.

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

Donat A. Gagne, Jr., 76

Donat A. “Skip” Gagne, Jr., 76, of Claremont, NH, died Monday (October 19, 2020) at Sullivan County Healthcare following a period of failing health.

He was born in Keene, NH, on April 1, 1944, the son of Donat A., Sr. and Lillian (Alexander) Gagne. “Skip” was a veteran of the United States Navy. He had been employed as the Director of Facilities by the Claremont School District and retired after 34 years of employment. He then worked for Golden Cross Ambulance, Competitive Computers and Roy Funeral Home. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Cote Council 1820 and a communicant of St. Joseph Parish. He enjoyed playing golf, also enjoyed music, cribbage, Loon Lake Campground, cruising, being sur-

rounded by friends, most of all his granddaughters and great grandson. “Skip” was a member of the St. Mary Cavaliers Marching Band.

Members of his family include his wife of 54 years, “the love of his life”, Cheryl S. (Cameron) Gagne, two daughters, Lisa Gutierrez, Lynn Anair and her husband, Ray, five grandchildren, Tori Jacques, Whitney Jacques, Marnie Anair, Lyric Gutierrez, Tatum Gutierrez, a great grandchild, Ridley Landry, a brother, Victor Gagne, two sisters, Angeline Barton, Lorraine Woodman, former son in law, Bradley Jacques and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by an infant son, Steven Gagne, his parents, Donat and Lillian Gagne, his in-laws, Alexander and Miona Cameron.

In keeping with his wishes, there will be no visiting hours or services.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Sullivan County Healthcare for their kind and compassionate care of “Skip”.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to either Sullivan County Humane Society, 14 Tremont

“Eyes love dark green. So do I.”

-Dr. Sam Giveen

Dark green, leafy veggies like spinach, collard greens and kale are good for your eyes. Eat a diet rich in dark, leafy greens, and it can go a long way toward preventing macular degeneration. Call it tasty preventive medicine. Just start early. Eat your dark greens.

DOCTOR **SAM'S**
EYE CARE



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9 Dunning St, Claremont
(we're right there by the hospital)

Street, Claremont, NH 03743 or the Activities Department at Sullivan County Healthcare, 5 Nursing Home Drive, Claremont, NH 03743.

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

Philip J. Labrecque

Philip Joseph Labrecque of West Unity, NH, died peacefully in his home on October 19, 2020.

He was born on January 24, 1938 in Limestone, ME, and was the youngest boy of 10 children. In his younger years he farmed with his family, joined the military, and successfully owned his electrical company for many years. Philip settled in New Hampshire in 1979 with his beloved wife Pat and welcomed their daughter in 1981. Philip was passionate about hunting, fishing, politics and provided service to the Kiwanis Club of Claremont for many years. Being a grandfather was a long-awaited dream come true for Philip and for seven wonderful years, he provided care, advice, and complete love for his grandson Declan. His face would truly light up whenever he spoke of Declan and he was proud of Declan's never-ending accomplishments and shenanigans.

Philip is survived by his daughter Christiane, husband Joseph, and beloved grandson Declan. He is also survived by his sisters Carlene Maynard and Sylvia Fortin, both of Maine, and his son.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Kiwanis Club of Claremont PO Box 615 Claremont, NH.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Joseph Church in Claremont on Friday, October 23rd. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Freda M. Hurlburt, 92

Freda May Hurlburt, 92, of Brandon Place in Claremont, NH, died Sunday night, October 18, 2020 at her home.

She was born in Winchendon, MA, on June 9, 1928, the daughter of William A. and Lillian M. (Stevens) Davidson and had resided in Claremont since 1963. Freda was a graduate of Towle High School in the Class of 1946. She retired from Fay's Drug Store in 1990 where she worked for three years as a phar-

macist aide. She had previously worked for Holson Photo Album for five years and at Hampshire Manufacturing for five years. Freda was a member of the First Baptist Church and enjoyed her family, animals, gardening, crafts, reading and taking pictures.

She was the widow of Edward Donald Hurlburt whom she married on Dec. 24, 1990.

The surviving family includes two sons, Chris A. Gobin and Wes L. Cutts of Claremont; three daughters, Bonnie L. Beauregard and Linda L. Currier of Claremont and April J. Jordan of Charlestown; three stepdaughters, Sandra L. Eaton of White River Junction, VT, Kathleen A. Woodward of Lebanon and Marie Cummings of Florida; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by one brother, Dana A. Davidson; a son, Richard N. Gobin, Jr, and a granddaughter, Kristy Lynn Redmond. Her life was her family.

Funeral services and burial will be held privately.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Donald L. Foster, Sr., 77

Donald L Foster, Sr., 77, of 79 Strand Rd. in Claremont, NH, passed peacefully with his wife by his side on the morning of October 17th, 2020, at Pine Rock Manor in Warner, NH. Don was born on January 25th, 1943 in Boston, MA. He was the son of the late Leslie and Priscilla (Kendrick) Foster.

Don grew up in Weston, VT, until 1954, then moved to the "King Elm Farm" in Cornish, NH, until 1961. He then moved to Claremont, NH, where he remained for the rest of his life. He was a Stevens High School graduate of the Class of '61. He was predeceased by his parents and brother, Arthur Foster Sr.

He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Debra (Fortin) Foster, along with his first wife, Rose Marie Pascarelli, and his most cherished possessions – his children: Donald Foster, Jr., & his wife, Angela, of New London, NH; Jennifer Tetrault of Claremont; Michael Foster & his wife, Kristie, of Quechee VT, Alyssa Caggiano & her husband, Matthew, of Otisfield ME, and Joshua Foster & his wife, Hillary, of Newbury, NH.

Don was especially proud of his grandchildren & great-grandchildren, Jamie DeRosa & her husband, Kevin; Cameron Hartwell, Leah

Stone & her husband, Taylor; Emily Foster, Ryan Caggiano, Kayleigh Foster, Olivia Caggiano, Graycee Foster, Isabella Foster, Caleb Foster, Noah Foster, Vaida DeRosa and Harvey Donald DeRosa.

He is also survived by his sister Adele Bohnannon & her husband Glenn of Contoocook, NH, and several nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

Don worked for 33 years with the Eagle Times in Claremont as their Pressroom foreman, three years at the Upper Valley Press in Bradford, VT, and retired following employment at Newmont Vending in Claremont.

Don was a youthful soul; he was always looking for adventure and hunting for treasures. He had many passions, whether it was running, golfing, metal detecting in the islands with his buddies from Streeter's Treasure Hunting in Marlborough, NH, skydiving with his grandson Cameron Hartwell, deer hunting with his sons, catching SCCA races that his brother Art and nephew Art Jr. were racing in, four-wheeling in the Cathole, snowmobiling on the trails around Corbin Park, Wednesday night poker games, horse shoes, taking care of his animals, recycling newspaper, cardboard and aluminum cans, digging in old cellar holes for bottles, fascination with photography, cribbage, pancake Sundays, plus many more. He was always willing to help anyone in need. He had an incredible knack for quick wit and sarcasm some of which wore off on his children and grandchildren.

Don's wishes were to have no funeral as it was not his nature to want anyone to focus on him during this time and rather remember times of happiness spent with him.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Lewy Body Dementia Association 912 Killian Hill Rd S.W. Lilburn, GA 30047.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Robert C. Simms, Jr., 72

Robert Clifton Simms, Jr., 72, of Charlestown, NH, passed away on October 17, 2020, at his home with his family by his side.

He was born in Claremont, NH, on November 7, 1947, the son of Robert and Josephine (Hart) Simms.

Bob was a US Marine serving in Vietnam. He enjoyed going four-wheeling, being outdoors and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his children, Tammy Simms of Alstead, Wendy Leahy of Westmoreland; Christine Scranton of Claremont and Robert Simms III of Charlestown; five grandchildren, Rebecca Scranton, Dalton Hutchinson, Kaleb Hutchinson, Camron Simms and Lexi Simms; two great grandchildren; his sister, Deborah Simms.

He was predeceased by his wife, Gloria (Fisher) Simms whom he married on June 20, 1967; she passed away on August 7, 2011.

A graveside service was held in the West Claremont Burying Ground on Saturday, October 24th, with military honors and Priscilla Hull officiating.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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.

Are you a senior? Please come in for pool, cards, puzzles, computer use, library, visiting, knitting or just to watch TV.

BINGO, Wednesday, October 28, 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.

VNA foot clinic: October 28, November 11, November 18, and November 25. Call for an appointment, 603-526-4077.

American Red Cross Blood Drive, Monday, December 21, 2020, 12 – 5pm. Appointments online or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Weekly drive-up meals, folks love Ken's meals:

Tuesday (10/27) Soup, Open Face Turkey Sandwich w/ Stuffing and Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Veggie, Dessert

Thursday (10/29) Soup, Taco Salad w/fixings,

Refried Beans, Dessert
Call 543-5998 to reserve your meal by 10:30AM. Members-\$4, non-members-\$5. Takeout meals only: Tuesdays and Thursdays. Reservations required. Pick-up-11:45AM-12:15PM.

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

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. Hopefully by May things will return to some sort of normalcy.

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

Thought for the week: It doesn't get easier; you just get stronger.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday 10/18/20

1422- Engine 3 responded on Pleasant St. for a Box Alarm

1511- Engine 3 responded on Main St. for a motor vehicle accident

1853- Engine 3 responded on Green St. to assist the ambulance

Monday 10/19/20

0549- Engine 3 responded on East St. for a medical call

Tuesday 10/20/20

0801- Engine 1 responded on Washington St. for an odor investigation

1059- Engine 3 responded on Union St. for an odor investigation

1543- Engine 3 responded on Washington St. for a Box Alarm

1729- Engine 3 responded to Dennison Ave. for an alarm sounding

Wednesday 10/21/20

0803- Engine 3 responded to Opera House Sq. for a Box Alarm

0950- Engine 3 responded to Central St. for an alarm sounding

0952- Engine 1, Car 2 responded to Winter St. for a Box Alarm

1948- Engine 3 responded on North St. for a public assist

2055- Engine 3 responded on Mulberry St. for a medical call

Thursday 10/22/20

0743- Engine 3 responded to Charlestown Rd. for a motor vehicle accident

1658- Engine 3 responded on Citizen St. for a medical call

Friday 10/23/20

0405- Engine 3, Engine 1 responded on Mulberry St. for a basement fire

0142- Engine 3 responded on Maple Ave. for a medical call

Saturday 10/24/20

0941- Engine 3 responded on Washington St. for a Box Alarm

1732- Engine 3 responded to Goyette Ave. for a medical call

1948- Engine 3 responded to Pleasant St. for an illegal burn

Virtual Instructors Wanted

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont MakerSpace is looking for people with a passion for STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) subjects to offer virtual learning classes to our enthusiastic community of makers including adults, students and children. They have offered a large variety in the past and look to continue and expand these. Pay is \$36 per class hour. If interested, please contact Brendan at brendan@claremontmakerspace.org to learn more.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 ATTN CORNISH VOTERS- REGISTERING TO VOTE

Supervisors of the Checklist will be at the Town Office to register new voters 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.

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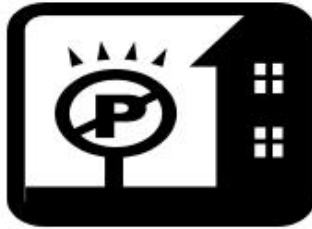


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Track your Ballot

In New Hampshire, you can track your absentee ballot at <https://app.sos.nh.gov/Public/AbsenteeBallot.aspx>. If you don't see your ballot information reflected here, please contact your city or town clerk's office to check the status of your ballot.

WINTER PARKING BAN



PER CLAREMONT CITY ORDINANCE #247, A WINTER PARKING BAN WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2020 THROUGH APRIL 15, 2021.

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING WILL BE ALLOWED ON CITY STREETS BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 7:00 AM.

Jeremy Clay
Assistant Director of Public Works



PUBLIC NOTICE

VOTER REGISTRATION & CORRECTION

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, from 7:00pm 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 register in person or make changes for the election being held on November 3, 2020.

Review Sample Ballots Online

If you haven't voted yet and would like to see sample general election ballots for your NH community, please visit <https://sos.nh.gov/elections/elections/2020-election-information/sample-general-election-ballots/?fbclid=IwAR3bR7FIx8ra5nFcKC2vjKWgOW7JHaMbEy-0t37gqOJ3Jas3BM6IPnCT4TY>.

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Mayoral Notes by Charlene Lovett



Claremont is Prepared for Election Day

Recently I was asked to be a panelist for a webinar, hosted by the National League of Cities, on the preparedness of municipalities in the upcoming election. In preparation for that, I spoke with our City Clerk, Gwen Melcher, who provided an overview of the results of the primary and preparations underway for November 3. Based on that discussion and a conversation with Police Chief Chase, there is no doubt that Claremont is prepared.

The primary election turnout was clear evidence that there is a heightened level of interest in voting this year. Approximately, 34% of the 6326 registered voters cast their ballots in September, including 60 same day registrations. There were 438 absentee ballots, of those 50 were received on election day. All numbers were higher than in previous primaries.

For the first time, pre-processing of absentee ballots was instituted, a process that consists of opening the outer envelope, confirming the signature on the inner envelope and highlighting the name on the voter checklist. Polling sites were reconfigured to accommodate CDC COVID-19 guidelines and election officials followed CDC protocols. All of this was accomplished without incident in large part due to an experienced team of election officials (i.e. moderators, ward clerks, supervisors of the checklist) and a city clerk with over 20 years of experience.

Four years ago, 82% of Claremont's registered voters went to the polls in the general election. It is anticipated that this year's turnout will be even higher. Therefore, preparation, cooperation and communication will be critical to a successful election on November 3.

Leading up to the November election, the City Administration has ensured that information about voting, registration and frequently asked questions are posted on the city web-

site, as well on Facebook and the city e-news blast alerts. For those voting via absentee ballot, a tracker is located on the city website allowing voters to track the status of their ballot.

Since the week after the primary, the City Clerk's office has already registered 278 voters. This includes not only new voters, but also those who have had to register a change in name or address. As of October 22, the City has issued 971 absentee ballots. Pre-processing of these ballots will occur on the Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday before the election.

The week prior, the State's Attorney General's office will host a call with law enforcement and another with city clerks. These calls are done to address any remaining questions or concerns, and provide additional guidance as needed.

To handle the increased traffic at the polling sites, the City will have a dedicated police officer on hand to address any issues (usually parking problems) that may arise and do periodic checks at the polls throughout the day.

By working collaboratively at the local and state level, Claremont is ready for a successful

election day. Whether voting by absentee ballot or at the polls, your ballot will be counted. Thank you for participating in the election process.

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN BROWNSVILLE

Reading, VT, Community and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive.

Site: Holiday Inn, 485 Hotel Drive, Brownsville, VT, 05037, Ballroom

Date: Tue Nov 10, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 6:00 PM

Blood Program Leader Name: Lanie Wadelton

Blood Program Leader Phone Number:
802-484-1226, ext. 119 (weekdays) or
802-376-6676 (evenings and weekends).

Open appointments waiting to be filled. Go to:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

Zip code 05037



PUBLIC NOTICE

City Clerk/Central Collections

Will be **CLOSED** Monday, November 2, 2020, except
between 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., when they will be
OPEN for **ABSENTEE VOTING ONLY**.

Will be **CLOSED** Wednesday, November 4, 2020,
for Elections follow-up.

Payments may be placed in the Drop Box outside Central Collections
or may be made online at:

<https://pay.eb2gov.com/ClaremontNH>



The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 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:

1-646-558-8656

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

AGENDA (Revised)

- 6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL
- 6:34 PM 3. AGENDA CHANGES
- 6:35 PM 4. MAYOR'S NOTES
- 6:40 PM 5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
 - A. COVID-19 Update
- 6:45 PM 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 23))
- 7. OLD BUSINESS
 - 6:55 PM A. Legislative Update
 - 7:00 PM B. Ordinance 579 Disabled Exemption – Second Reading – Public Hearing
 - 7:15 PM C. Ordinance 580 Board of Assessors Membership – Second Reading – Public Hearing
 - 7:30 PM D. Ordinance 581 Purchasing Policy – Second Reading – Public Hearing
 - 7:45 PM E. Resolution 2021-19 Adoption of RSA 79-E, Community Revitalization Tax Relief, 31 Myrtle Street – Public Hearing
 - BREAK
 - 8:15 PM F. Holiday Display Policy
- 8. NEW BUSINESS
 - 8:35PM A. Whitewater Watershed Management Plan (City Manager)
 - 8:55PM B. *Acceptance of Mask Donation from Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club (Mayor Lovett)*
- 9:00 PM 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 9:05 PM 10. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

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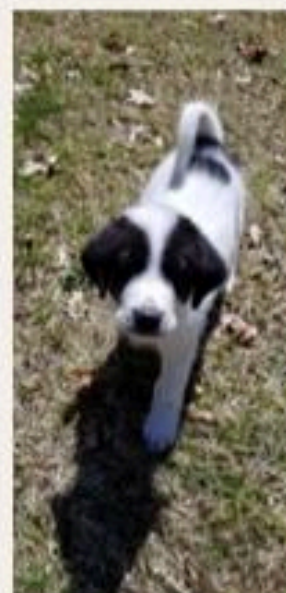
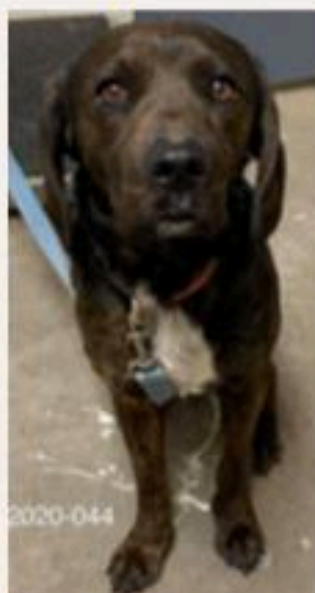
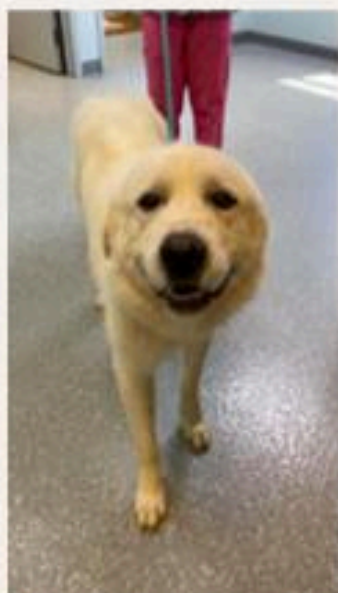
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All Hands on Tech

If there's any place in SAU6 that illustrates the need for "full return," it's the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center. "We have carpentry tools and plumbing fittings and kitchen stoves and huge machines that cannot be used remotely," says Alex Herzog, director of career and technical education. "And you get only so far learning at home via training videos. The Tech, I'm glad to say, is back as part of everyone's evolution in learning." *Story and photos by Eric Zengota*



Left: Building mobile mousetraps in machine tool class has students learn how mechanisms and forces work together. Right: Building trades students create sawhorses using only manual tools.



Left: Whether cooking for five or 50, culinary arts students get to enjoy the meals they've just prepared. Right: A plumbing team hangs a drainage pipe at the proper pitch.

CFD Called to Structure Fire Sunday; House Considered Total Loss

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Fire Department responded to 24 Bellic Street, to a story and a half, single-family structure, for a reported structure fire on October 25 at 5:40 PM, as dispatched by Claremont Safety Services Dispatch Center. The department responded with two engines and a crew of four. At 5:44 PM the first arriving engine found fire conditions on both the first and second floors; the structure had extensive fire, smoke and heat damage throughout. The fire was brought under control at 5:58 PM. “The structure was abnormally dangerous as two exterior weight-bearing walls had bowed outward,” said Claremont Fire Chief Bryan Burr Sunday night. “Due to those safety concerns, crews were limited to three at time entering the structure, slowing the department’s ability to check for extension. The structure is a total loss. Fire crews will remain on scene through Monday morning until the city’s building officials can assess the damage and structural stability.”

Burr said that Ascutney, Charlestown and Newport Fire Departments responded to Claremont, providing both station coverage and on-scene assistance. Claremont Police and Golden Cross Ambulance also assisted on scene.

Burr reported that no one was home at the time of the fire. Several pets did perish and were recovered by fire fighters. At least three pets did survive. All pets were released to the care of Sullivan County Animal Control.

The fire has been deemed accidental with the origin being an overloaded electrical circuit.

“As fire departments across the nation closeout fire prevention activities, it should be noted that working smoke alarms are the only defense we have when a fire starts in a home,” said Burr. “This home did not have working smoke alarms. For more information on smoke alarms, call your local fire department. The Claremont Fire Department has a free smoke alarm program, providing alarms for Claremont residents that are owner/occupants of a single-family home. Please call 542-7012 for more information.”

Animal Control Officer Cathy Sullivan has contacted us to say that “We are asking for (cash) donations to help several animals that were in a house fire on Bellic St. last night. They have been brought to: Claremont Animal Hospital 446 Charlestown Rd. Claremont, NH 03743.

If you can help, please send any donations to this address. Thank you.”

Photos by Debbie Hemingway (top) and Eric Zengota (below).

