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November 22, 2021

Filling In — Paving Over — Shutting Down

Pleasant Street Project to Take a Winter Break

Story and Photos By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The Rethink Pleasant Street project will close out its 2021 construction season on Friday, December 3. Kevin McMahon, of McFarland Johnson and the project's resident engineer, provided a timeline of activities from last week through the next two weeks.

Last Tuesday through Friday, workers from BUR Construction, the general contractor out of Newport, finished laying and burying the pipes for the new, permanent drainage system.

Following right behind was a crew from Twin State Utilities Corp., who laid and buried more than 1,000 feet of conduit for the Consolidated Communications lines.

Tomorrow and Wednesday, gravel will be laid over the dirt and the entire stretch of roadway will get temporary paving, allowing vehicular traffic to resume.

After Thanksgiving, Pleasant Street will be given temporary painting, including

angled parking spaces.

The 2022 construction season will

likely start in April. In any case, as McMahon said, "As soon as the snow melts, we'll be back."

Above: The BUR crew lays the last pieces of the drainage system. The TSUC crew laid more than 1,000 feet of blue conduit lines, which connect from manhole to manhole along Pleasant Street and to buildings. All the trunk lines lead back to the Consolidated Communications office on Broad Street. The new 4" plastic lines replace 3.5" wooden ones, which were installed in 1917 and many of which were rotted.

Left: Q: "What time does your work day end?"

A: "When the work is done."

The excavator is illuminated following an early sunset.



Fatal Vehicular Accident in Charlestown Claims 2 Lives

CHARLESTOWN, NH—On November 18 at approximately 1436 hours, the Charlestown Police Department received a report of a motor vehicle crash on Claremont Road near Old Springfield Road. Upon arrival, a single vehicle crash was located. A 2016 Toyota Rav 4 had been driven off the west side of the road and struck a tree. As a result, the driver, Ginger King, 73, from Claremont, NH, was pronounced dead at the scene. Her passenger, Sally Michaud, 70, Unity, NH, was transported to the Springfield Hospital then transferred to the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center where she passed away.

The Charlestown Fire Department, Golden Cross Ambulance and the Springfield Fire Department responded to the scene.

Anyone who may have witnessed the accident is asked to contact Lt. Graham at 603-826-5747 or by email at jgraham@charlestown-nh.gov.

Arrest Made on Outstanding Warrant

CLAREMONT, NH—On November 17, the Claremont Police Department, along with the U.S. Marshals – New Hampshire Joint Fugitive Task Force, located and apprehended Thomas L. Arbuckle, date of birth 08/31/1982, who was wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant. Arbuckle was found hiding in a residence on Princeton Street in Claremont. He was taken into custody and transported to the Claremont Police Department where he was charged with the following:



**Thomas L. Arbuckle
(Claremont Police Dept).**

- 1) Reckless Conduct With a Deadly Weapon (2 counts)
- 2) Resisting Arrest
- 3) Conduct After an Accident
- 4) Receiving Stolen Property
- 5) Multiple Motor Vehicle charges

Vermont Man Pleads Guilty to Bank Robbery

CONCORD, NH—Trevor Allen, 29, of Belows Falls, VT, pleaded guilty in federal court to bank robbery, Acting United States Attorney John J. Farley announced.

court documents and statements made in court, on June 28, 2018, Allen walked into a bank in Charlestown, NH, and handed a teller a note demanding him to empty the money in his drawer. Allen claimed he was armed. Allen was given a total of \$2,485 in cash by the teller. Investigators later found Allen's fingerprint on the note.

Allen is scheduled to be sentenced on February 22, 2022.

“Bank robberies are violent crimes that can present a real risk of danger to anyone inside or near the bank,” said Farley. “As part of our effort to combat violent crime in New Hampshire, we work closely with the FBI and our law enforcement partners to identify and prosecute those who commit bank robberies and other violent offenses in the Granite State.”

“When anyone enters a bank intent on robbing it, even if a weapon isn't shown, there is always a chance someone could get hurt, or worse. Trevor Allen instilled fear in innocent employees and bystanders while committing armed robbery, and today, he has finally accepted responsibility for his actions,” said Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Boston Division.

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

Recommended Redistricting Plan Would Mean Changes for Sullivan County



If a recommended redistricting plan for the New Hampshire House's Sullivan County Delegation becomes law next year, then Claremont will get one more state representative than the city has now, but will have to share these representatives with eight other towns.

In a surprise move, the House Special Redistricting Committee Nov. 16 recommended, to the full House, an amended version of House Bill 50, which is the measure officially redistricting all of New Hampshire's 400 House seats. The amended version didn't make any changes to the redistricting of House seats in 9 out of the 10 of our state's counties as originally proposed by the committee's Republican majority, which consists of eight Republicans representatives, and seven Democratic representatives. But the one exception was Sullivan County, where Committee Republicans agreed to a proposal by the Democrats in regard to redrawing the districts for the 13 House seats to which Sullivan County is entitled as a result of the 2020 U.S. Census.

House Bill 50 as recommended with the agreed upon proposal for Sullivan County will now proceed to the full House for a vote along with the remaining 190 retained House measures between Jan. 5-7, 2022, after all the gubernatorial vetoes from 2021 are considered. If approved by the House, the bill will then go to the New Hampshire Senate for further examination. The Redistricting is chaired by Goffstown Rep. Barbara Griffin, with Charlestown Rep. Steven Smith as vice chair.

More specifically in regard to the Sullivan County Delegation, House Bill 50's recommended version would allocate the county's 13 House seats in the following ways. First, the Town of Grantham would get a one-seat House district, the only Sullivan County municipality to have its own exclusive district. Second, the Towns of Cornish and Plainfield combined would have a one-seat district. Third, Springfield and Sunapee combined would form another one-seat district. Fourth, the three Towns of Charlestown, Newport, and Unity would together be in a three-seat district. Fifth, the same just-listed three towns as well as Cornish and Plainfield would get a one-seat district. Sixth, the five Towns of Acworth, Goshen, Langdon, Lempster, and Washington combined would form another one-seat district. Seventh, the entire City of Claremont would get a three-seat district that it would share with the Town of Croydon. Eighth, Claremont would also be a part of a two-seat district which it would also share with the eight Towns of Acworth, Croydon, Goshen, Langdon, Lempster, Springfield, and Washington. In summary, the county would be split into eight different House districts of various sizes under this recommended bill.

Readers may be wondering why the Sullivan County redistricting plan originally proposed by the Democratic representatives on the Redistricting Committee and eventually agreed to by the Republicans is now recommended by the entire committee for adoption by the full House. Frankly, I have not talked with any Redistricting Committee members since Nov. 16, but I have communicated with a few Sullivan County Democratic activists since then. I think that the entire committee is now recommending the Democratic proposal for a few reasons. First, the Democrats' overall deviation rate for meeting the U.S. Supreme Court's "one person, one vote" ideal for state legislative redistricting was lower at 3.73 percent than the Republican proposal for Sullivan County of 7.47 percent. Such a lower deviation rate of 3.73 will make it more likely that Democratic redistricting proposal would survive a constitutional challenge in the federal courts, if people are dissatisfied with it. Second, there was a huge outcry from Cornish and Plainfield residents who either wanted their own one-seat district, or at least wanted to remain in their current two-seat district which also includes Grantham and Springfield. My understanding is that these residents heavily lobbied the committee via email, phone calls, letters to the editor in local newspapers, as well as public testimony at its hearings held Nov. 9 and 10 in Concord. Third, both Democratic and Republican proposals had already agreed that Grantham deserved a one-seat district because its total population of 3,404 came the closest to meeting the ideal ratio of 3,444 residents per representative. This proposal was strongly backed by Grantham Rep. Brian Sullivan and Sullivan County Democratic Vice Chair Ellis Robinson, a Grantham resident, at the Oct. 13 Input Session held by the committee in Claremont.

Also on Nov. 16, the Redistricting Committee approved recommendations for five other retained House redistricting bills. In the case of House Bill 54, which as amended would redraw the district lines for all the county commissioner districts in New Hampshire's 10 counties, there was another surprise move by committee Republicans affecting Sullivan County. In the case of our county, the Republicans agreed to the amended version of the bill which would keep Sullivan County's three County Commissioner Districts the same as they are now. In other words, Claremont would remain in District One along with the Town of Cornish. As for District Two, it would continue with five towns—Croydon, Grantham, Newport, Plainfield, and Springfield. Finally, District Three would remain with eight towns—Acworth, Charlestown, Goshen, Langdon, Lempster, Sunapee, Unity, and Washington. As of today under current state law, while all three County Commissioners have to live in their separate districts, they all need to be elected to their positions by voters in the entire county.

However, the most controversial redistricting recommendation by a majority of the committee on an 8-7 party line vote was an amended version of House Bill 52, which would redraw our state's two Congressional Districts. The amended version of the bill as recommended by the Republicans would transfer four large Democratic-leaning municipalities from the First to the Second District as well as five Republican-

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Rep. Cloutier, from page 4

leaning municipalities from the Second to the First. Most political pundits tend to agree that the net effect of these two transfers would be to make the First District more favorable to Republican Congressional candidates in future general elections, while the Second District would be more favorable to Democratic candidates. For readers’ information, Sullivan County would not be affected by this recommended version of House Bill 52, and would stay in the Second District.

As for the three remaining redistricting measures, the committee recommended just a minor revision to House Bill 55, which only applies to the districts of registered Republicans running to be Republican State Convention Delegates. This sole application to Republicans is because the Democratic Party selects its state convention delegates in a different manner. The committee made no recommended changes to House Bill 51, which would redraw the 24 State Senate districts, or House Bill 53, that would redraw the five Executive Council districts. An informed source told me that these two bills keep the district lines for both bodies the same as they are now, though it is expected the Senate will make changes in the district lines of both that the House would probably concur with next year, in exchange for the Senate not making major changes in four other redistricting bills recommended by the committee according to the same source.

For the record, I was pleased that the Redistricting Committee made no changes to Sullivan County Commissioner Districts as recommended in House Bill 54. But I was displeased that a majority of the committee succumbed to gerrymandering when it came to our Congressional Districts in House Bill 52. As for the committee’s recommendations regarding Sullivan County’s House seats, I am pleased for the Towns of Grantham as well as Cornish and Plainfield. But I am not so sure about Claremont having to share five representatives spread over two different districts with eight other communities. I would like to know what constituents think.

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Senator Hassan-Backed Bill to Improve How Disabled Officers & Their Families Receive Benefits Signed into Law

WASHINGTON, DC—On Thursday, the President signed into law the bipartisan Protecting America’s First Responders Act, legislation that Senator Maggie Hassan cosponsored to better ensure that law enforcement officers and first responders who become disabled in the line of duty, as well as the families of those who died in the line of duty, have prompt access to the benefits that they deserve.

“New Hampshire’s law enforcement officers protect our communities with dedication and bravery, and we have a responsibility to ensure that they and their families are supported in the heartbreaking event of injury or death in the line of duty,” said Hassan.

The Protecting America’s First Responders Act of 2021, introduced by Senators Chuck Grassley (R-IA) and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), makes important updates to the Public Safety Officers Benefits Program (PSOB).

Over the years, the law has been amended to provide disability and education benefits, and to expand the pool of officers who are eligible for these benefits. However, a number of first responders and law enforcement officers who should qualify have not received benefits under this program due to gaps in coverage.

The Protecting America’s First Responders Act of 2021:

- Updates the PSOB program’s definition of disability to ensure that disabled officers and first responders whose work is for therapeutic purposes, involves simple tasks, or provides special accommodations are eligible for benefits.
- Would clarify that off-duty officers responding to an emergency, trainees, and volunteer fire fighters performing scene security and traffic management can receive benefits through the PSOB program.
- Mandates that the Justice Department provide back pay to children who qualify for benefits but failed to receive a payout in time due to processing delays, and allows children born after the death of the public safety officer parent to be included in the educational benefits.



MEET THE TEAM

(L to R) Broghan Eaton, Adam Pippin, Allison Childs, Megan Herschel, and Ryan Tremblay

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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update November 19, 2021

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

On Friday, November 19, 2021, DHHS announced 896 new positive test results for COVID-19 for Thursday, November 18. Those results include 630 people who tested positive by PCR test and 266 who tested positive by antigen test. DHHS also announced an additional 47 new cases from Monday, November 15 (29 by PCR and 18 by antigen test) for a new total of 897; an additional 79 new cases from Tuesday, November 16 (56 by PCR and 23 by antigen test) for a new total of 1,016; and an additional 4 new cases from Wednesday, November 17 (2 by PCR and 2 by antigen test) for a new total of 989. Test results for previous days are still being processed and updated case counts for prior days will be reflected on the COVID-19 interactive dashboard. There are now 7,604 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire.

Several cases were still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there were two hundred ninety-nine individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 51% being female and 49% being male. The new cases resided in Rockingham (176), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (161), Merrimack (118), Strafford (87), Sullivan (62),

Grafton (52), Carroll (50), Belknap (48), Cheshire (48), and Coos (14) counties, and in the cities of Nashua (92) and Manchester (72). The county of residence is being determined for forty-six new cases.

DHHS has also announced six additional deaths related to COVID-19.

- 1 female resident of Belknap County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Carroll County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Carroll County, fewer than 60 years of age
- 1 female resident of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older

There were currently 326 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire, since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 150,813 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

As of Friday, the 19th, there were 162 current positively identified cases in Claremont, 35 in Charlestown, and 73 in Newport, with additional cases identified in other county communities, including 19 in

Lempster; 12, Cornish; 7, Grantham; 32 Sunapee; 7, Goshen; 6, Plainfield; 10, Croydon; and 1-4 in other Sullivan County communities. DHHS reported 378 currently positively identified cases in Sullivan County, up from 336 last Friday.

COVID-19 Hotline

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

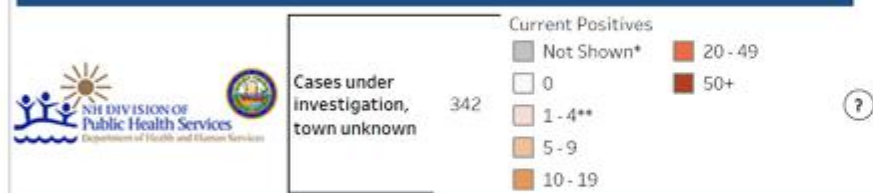
Vaccine Information in NH

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

Claremont School Cases

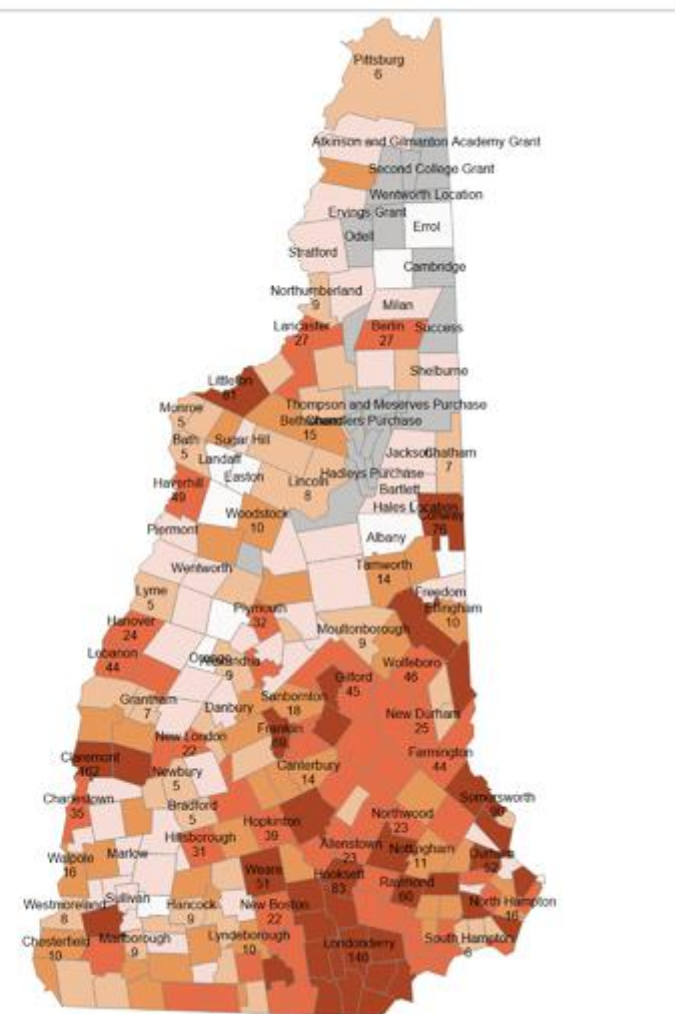
Maple Avenue School reported 2 staff/1 student cases on Nov. 15, 1 case on Nov. 16 and 2 cases on Nov. 17. CMS reported 10 new cases (students) on Nov. 17; SHS reported on Nov. 18 that since Monday there had been 5 positive cases.

COVID-19 IN NEW HAMPSHIRE CURRENT POSITIVE CASES AS OF 11/19/2021 (n= 7604)



| Geographic Distribution* of Current Cases | | Infections | |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | Persons | % of Total |
| Belknap | Total | 361 | 4.7% |
| Carroll | Total | 321 | 4.2% |
| Cheshire | Total | 301 | 4.0% |
| Coos | Total | 147 | 1.9% |
| Grafton | Total | 438 | 5.8% |
| Hillsborough | Manchester | 631 | 8.3% |
| | Nashua | 575 | 7.6% |
| | Outside Manchester and Nashua | 1,162 | 15.3% |
| | Total | 2,368 | 31.1% |
| Merrimack | Total | 846 | 11.1% |
| Rockingham | Total | 1,386 | 18.2% |
| Strafford | Total | 716 | 9.4% |
| Sullivan | Total | 378 | 5.0% |
| Unknown | Total | 342 | 4.5% |
| Grand Total | | 7,604 | 100.0% |

Data as of: 11/19/2021



Keep Your Thanksgiving Full of Turkey and Free From Foodborne Illness

WASHINGTON, DC—This week, Americans will enjoy Thanksgiving with family and friends. While the COVID-19 pandemic is still top-of-mind, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds us all that it's also important to keep family and friends safe from foodborne illness this Thanksgiving.

By following the tips below, you'll lessen the chances of having a visit from foodborne illness at your table this Thanksgiving.

Clean and Sanitize

Always wash your hands before preparing and handling food. Handwashing helps to prevent the spread of germs. Recent USDA observational research showed that 95 percent of participants failed to properly wash their hands before handling food. Make sure to follow the steps to wash your hands properly.

Clean and sanitize any surfaces that will touch food such as tabletops, kitchen counters, stoves, sinks, etc.

Avoid Cross-Contamination

In a recent study (PDF, 1.7 MB), USDA found 60 percent of kitchen sinks were contaminated with germs after participants washed or rinsed poultry. USDA advises against washing your turkey; however, if you do wash your turkey in the sink, it must be fully cleaned and sanitized afterwards.

Thaw the Turkey Safely

Never thaw a turkey on a counter or in hot water. USDA recommends thawing a turkey in a refrigerator since this allows for slow and safe thawing. The turkey will need about 24 hours for every four to five pounds of turkey. After thawing, it is safe to store in the refrigerator for one to two days. Turkey can also be thawed in a cold-water bath or microwave; however, it must be cooked immediately after it has thawed using these methods.

Cook Thoroughly

Make sure your turkey reaches an internal temperature of 165 F. Use a food thermometer to measure the internal temperature in three parts: the thickest part of the breast, the innermost part of the wing and the innermost part of the thigh. USDA recommends using a food thermometer even if the turkey has a pop-up temperature indicator to ensure it has reached 165 F in the three previously stated places.

Stuffing Your Turkey

USDA does not recommend stuffing your turkey because it can be a breeding ground for

bacteria if not prepared carefully. However, if you plan to stuff your turkey, please keep the following in mind: The wet and dry ingredients for the stuffing should be prepared separately from each other and refrigerated until ready to use; stuff the turkey loosely — about 3/4 cup of stuffing per pound; immediately place the

stuffed, raw turkey in an oven set no lower than 325 F.

The Two-Hour Rule

All perishable foods must be refrigerated within two hours of being cooked, one hour if temp is higher than 90F.

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Around and About Claremont

Fiske Library Introduces Literary Tour Guide

Story and Photos By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The Fiske Free Library has just put out “Claremont Literary Tours,” a booklet with walking and driving tours featuring Claremont authors as well as books about the City.

a brief or a long time,” said Sanborn. “A notable Claremont author appears in two historical novels.”

The free booklets are available at the Fiske.

Also available on request are two bibliographies. Reading My Neighbors lists 98 Claremont authors

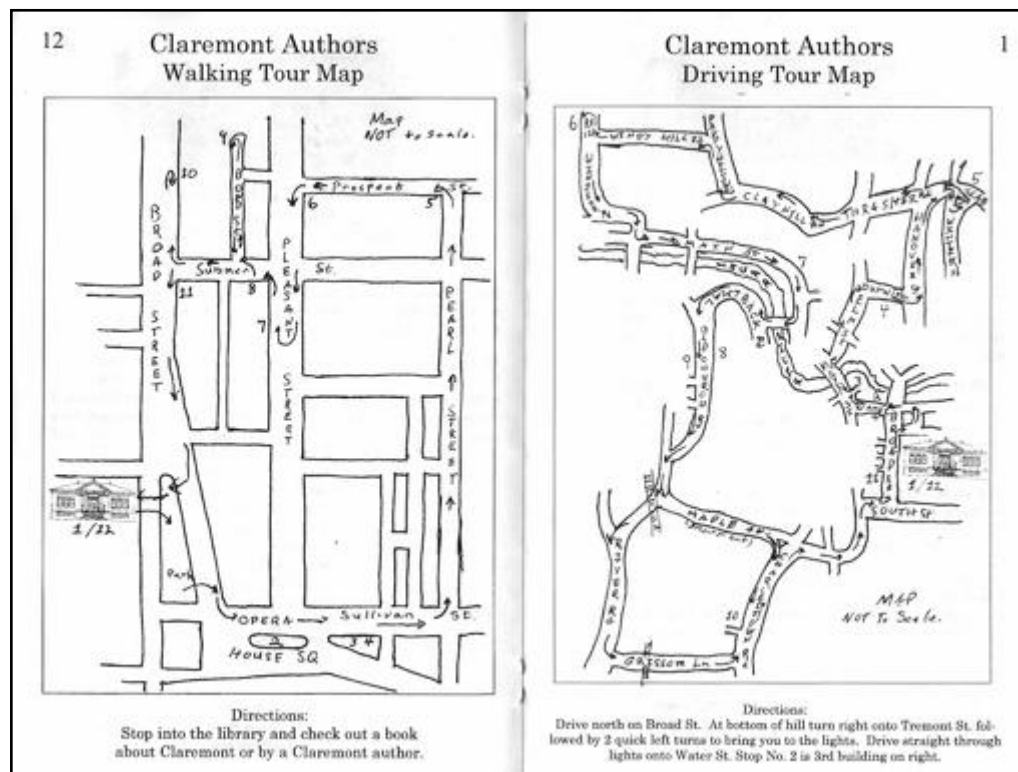
(369 books) and three musicians and performers (nine albums).

Reading Claremont lists seven fiction authors (12 books), 55 non-fiction authors (58 books), and 49 audio-visual items.

Colin Sanborn and the stacks of books that he read and researched for the tour



guide, “Claremont Literary Tours,” available now at the Fiske Free Library. Opera House Square, walking tour stop 2. “Ellery Queen’s Wrightsville IS Claremont, the fictitious town in Calamity Town and other Queen mystery novels and short stories.”



Circulation librarian Colin Sanborn said that the idea for this guide came about in the past year. “[City librarian] Mike Grace and I were talking about what the library could do with COVID going on and our not being able to hold as many in-person programs as we usually do.

“I had given a talk on Claremont authors during the 250th anniversary celebrations in 2014. At first I thought I was going to just reprint the map from the talk. But I realized the map couldn’t stand on its own and needed fleshing out.”

The result is an illustrated guide describing 12 stops on a walking tour of downtown Claremont, beginning and ending at the Fiske; and a driving tour with 12 stops on the outskirts of town. Maps help the walker, driver or biker easily follow each tour.

“Claremont authors include individuals born here as well as those who have lived here for



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Consumer Alert – Attorney General and Labor Commissioner Warn About Scammers Purporting to be from Department of Labor and United States District Court

CONCORD, NH—Attorney General John M. Formella and Labor Commissioner Ken Merrifield have issued a Consumer Alert warning New Hampshire residents about a recent report of scammers sending a fraudulent email purporting to be from the New Hampshire Department of Labor and the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire.

The email in question targeted a New Hampshire business. The sender purported to be “legal counsel and associate to the NH US district court.” The sender alleged that the target business was engaged in illegal employment practices and said that “I do not want to pursue this legally but kindly ask you to comply with all laws relevant to this general topic.”

The sender identified themselves as “Esq. J Wilson” and had a signature block stating “New Hampshire Department of Labor” and listing the contact information for that agency. The sender did not ask for money, but presented a long list of federal laws that the sender alleged were being violated and warned that a “physical viewing may follow.”

Formella and Merrifield offer the following tips to avoid falling victim to scams involving false impersonations of state or federal officials:

State agencies will never contact a business or individual through an email address that does not have a “nh.gov” ending. For any email from the Department of Labor, that ending will read “@dol.nh.gov.”

Federal courts and their employees do not investigate or prosecute violations of federal law. Be wary of any communications alleging violations of law from a person purporting to be a court employee.

Confirm the legitimacy of any person claiming to be a representative of a state agency by contacting the particular state agency through its official contact email or phone number. A listing of every state agency, and links to each agency’s website and contact information, can be found at <https://www.nh.gov/government/agencies.htm>.

Confirm the legitimacy of any person claiming to be a United States District Court employee or representative by contacting the court at 603-225-1423 or 1-855-333-2052 (toll free).

Confirm the legitimacy of any person claiming to be an attorney by contacting the NH Bar Association at (603) 224-6942.

This matter is currently being investigated by the Consumer Protection and Antitrust Bureau of the Attorney General’s Office.

HOME OF THE WEEK



Lovely Executive Ranch offers one-level living in a desirable location. This well-maintained home offers a formal living room, formal dining room with beautiful built-ins and hardwood floors; a very large family room with a fireplace and more built-ins. Sliding glass doors lead off of the family room to a cozy sunroom. The Master Bedroom has an air conditioning unit, 3-door closet

and a beautifully updated bath with a large walk-in tile shower, a Quartz vanity and tiled radiant floor. Additionally, the other two bedrooms are spacious, with plenty of closet space. The full bath has been completely remodeled, including tiled shower/tub walls, a Granite vanity, and radiant floor. The kitchen has a double corned sink, a lot of cabinet storage and an eat-in area. Do you need an office? The formal living room offers versatility for use, especially also having a large family room centrally located in the home. The full basement is a large space that could be finished off for even more living area. The direct entry two-car garage enters the home into the kitchen; a half bath and the laundry room are also conveniently located in this area. New carpeting has been installed throughout the family room, hallway and bedrooms. Meticulously cared for, this home is move-in ready. The owner has had a pre-sale home inspection performed and it is available for review by potential buyers. Close to Downtown Claremont, Claremont Golf Course/Country Club, Moody Park, and the Amtrak Station. Call today!!

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Retail Services Director – Springfield, VT

One Credit Union is currently seeking a **Full-Time Retail Services Director** to join our team in Springfield. This position directs all retail aspects for the branch network, contact center, and facilities to ensure effective and efficient operations.

The IDEAL CANDIDATE will:

- Provide unparalleled member service internally and externally.
- Participate in the Credit Union's long and short-term strategic planning as it relates to Retail and Facilities.
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- Provide mentoring and coaching to support and develop branch managers.
- Develop and oversee retail performance standards for all branches and contact center.
- Communicate goals and direction with branch managers to ensure clear understanding of rules regulations, requirements, and expectations.
- Monitor key products, services, and sales to ensure profitable and sound business practices.
- Create, promote, and maintain a cross-selling environment within the branch system.
- Monitor deposit and loan levels, cost of funds, and OCU's dividend and loan rate competitiveness. Makes dividend and loan rate recommendations that align with the Credit Union's strategic initiatives.
- Monitor and act on both deposit and loan decisions that require Sr. level authority.
- Keep abreast of changes in the industry. React to changes in a way that maintains competitiveness.
- Ensure the branches are active participants in the community
- Be responsible for recommending retail budgets and operating within approved budget.
- Coordinate with Security Officer and Branch Managers to ensure security & safety at each location.
- Ensure direct reports follow all applicable federal and state regulations, as well as credit union policies and procedures.

Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in finance or a related field, or an equivalent combination of formal training and experience.
- Wages commensurate with experience and skillsets
- Benefits offered: Health Care, HRA, FSA, Dental, Vision, Life & Disability, 401k plan, Holidays (11), Paid Time Off (PTO)

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TELLER Full - Time (Float) Claremont, NH & Newport, NH

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The ideal candidate will have:

- Minimum of (1-2) years TELLER experience: IDEAL
- Prior cash handling experience
- Particularly strong experience in branch operations and customer service.
- Strong math and computer skills.
- Strong oral and written communications.
- Ability to work branch hours.
- Demonstrated skills as a team player.
- Demonstrated organizational skills while managing multiple tasks.
- Organizational, time management and prioritization skills.

The Full-Time (Float) Teller reports to the Branch Manager and performs the duties of Teller. Will be required to travel from Branch to Branch as assigned by Branch Manager.

Requirements:

- Education Requirements: High School Diploma or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Wages commensurate with experience and skillsets.
- Benefits include Health Care, HRA, FSA, Dental, Vision, Life & Disability, 401k plan, Holidays (11), Paid Time Off (PTO)

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American Legion Oratorical Competition and Scholarships

The 2022 American Legion Oratorical Competition is offering up to \$32,500 in scholarship awards for high school students under the age of 20.

The 2022 National Finals are scheduled to be held April 22-24 in Indianapolis at the Wyndham Indianapolis West Hotel.

The overall national contest winner is awarded a \$25,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$22,500, and third gets \$20,000. Each department (state) winner who is certified and participates in the national contest's first round receives a \$2,000 scholarship. Those who advance past the first round receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship. The American Legion's National Organization awards the scholarships, which can be used at any college or university in the United States. However, last year due to Covid challenges the National competition was cancelled and rather each State winner received a \$5,000 scholarship in addition to the \$2,500 that had been awarded for each state winner.

Competition begins at the post level where winners advance to a district level, then a state competition. Each post winner may receive up to a \$100 scholarship for those that advance to the district level. Each district awards up to \$300 for participants and each district winner then moves to the New Hampshire State competition. New Hampshire competition for district winners will be held March 12th beginning at 9AM at St. Anselm's College. New Hampshire awards \$2,500 to the first place winner who will then participate in the national competition, \$750 for second place, and \$500 for third place.

Speaking subjects must be on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution, with some emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to our government. Speeches are eight to 10 minutes long; additionally, a three- to five-minute speech on an assigned topic is also part of the contest.

Oratorical Contest Assigned Topics

The assigned topic discourse must not consume less than three (3) minutes or more than five (5) minutes for delivery. The purpose of the assigned topic discourse is to test the speaker's knowledge of the subject,

the extent of his or her research, and the ability to discuss the topic as related to the basic principles of government under the Constitution.

The assigned topic shall be drawn by the contest official in full view of the audience immediately before the last speaker begins delivery of his or her prepared oration and will be

made known to the audience and each contestant approximately five (5) minutes prior to the time of delivery.

For additional information please see <https://www.legion.org/oratorical> or contact the District 6 Oratorical Committee chair Liz Hennig at Lhennig878@gmail.com (603-454-8658), or your local American Legion Post.

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FORWARD THINKING

>>>> What to Know Before You Relocate in Retirement

Whatever your reasons for moving, be sure to give thought to what it would mean for your life during retirement.

Relocating in retirement means you can live anywhere you want—you're no longer tied to a specific city just because that's where your office is. But before you uproot your life and depart to a new address, there are some things you should think about—some which may be surprising to you.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO FAR

Most retirees who decide to relocate move to a new home within 20 miles of their previous residence, according to the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College. Many retirees find comfort in staying near the communities they know and close to friends and family.

WEATHER IS NOT THE ONLY FACTOR TO CONSIDER

Some of the best places for retirement aren't in the typical "sunbelt" states like Florida and Arizona. The Milken Institute ranked the top large and small metro areas for successful aging, using a range of criteria including health care, wellness, financial, community and more. Cities in Wisconsin, Nebraska, Utah and Iowa, among others, made their most recent top-cities list.



COST OF LIVING CAN VARY WIDELY

Many people choose to move in retirement so they can enjoy a lower cost of living, especially for essential expenses such as housing. But it's

important to compare a wide range of living expenses among different places, because some lower costs may be offset by higher costs elsewhere. For example, moving to a less expensive locale can allow you to downsize your home and reduce your housing costs. But a lack of public transit can mean higher out-of-pocket costs for transportation.

YOU MAY WANT TO RENT YOUR NEXT HOME

Renting is a great way to try out a new location before committing to it with a home purchase. Plus, the property owner or manager would be responsible for routine maintenance and repairs.

SOME STATES TAX SOCIAL SECURITY

This includes a handful of states—Colorado, Minnesota, Missouri and Utah, among others. Not all of these states tax Social Security benefits the same, and some only for higher-

income residents. But it's good to check this out before you pull down roots in a new state.

YOU MAY NEED FAMILY MEMBERS CLOSE BY.

This may not be as critical in the early years of retirement, because you're likely to be healthy and mobile

enough to travel. But as you get older, getting around becomes more difficult and having family members or friends near at hand may be more important. This may be especially true if you'll require long-term care or living assistance later in life.



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Southwestern Community Services Assists Residents With Fuel and Electricity Bills

Now that we are heading into winter, the concern of higher fuel and electricity costs continues to grow. To help offset energy costs for those with limited incomes, the federal government recently allocated more funding to states for energy assistance programs. As a result, NH now has the funding to better align assistance benefits with rising energy costs. In Claremont, those funds are accessed via Southwestern Community Services (SCS) which manages multiple programs to help eligible residents with their energy bills. Here is an overview of each of the three programs that SCS offers:

The **Fuel Assistance Program (FAP)** provides financial assistance for heating and utility expenses to elderly, handicapped and low-income residents. Eligibility for this program is based on household size, monthly and annual incomes. If you are a household of one person, you would be eligible if you earned less than \$3,098 a month or \$37,696 annually. An increase in household size equates to an increase in monthly and annual income limits. This program opens on December 1 and closes on April 30 each year.

The **Electric Assistance Program (EAP)** provides qualifying utility customers with a discount on their monthly electric bill. The discount can range from 8% to 76%, based on the combined household income, household size and electricity usage. Customers of Eversource, Liberty Utilities, NH Electric Cooperative and Unitel with a qualifying income are eligible for this program. For example, a household of one person earning less than \$3,098 a month would qualify. Income limits increase with the number of people in the home.

The **Neighbor Helping Neighbor Program** provides funds for utility energy assistance, both electric or metered propane, to individuals experiencing hardships, have disconnects pending, and are not eligible for the FAP. Funding for this program is supported by corporate matching contributions from customers and employees of numerous utility companies. For more information on this program, please go to <http://www.nhnfund.org/>.

To learn more about these programs, please go to SCS's website at <https://www.scshelps.org/energy-assistance/> or call SCS at 603-542-9528. Please note SCS receives hundreds of calls a day due to the interest in these programs, and staff is working overtime to meet the demand. SCS has already processed 1700 applications with 1000 more in the pipeline.

Should you receive a voice recording when calling, please leave your name and number. SCS will get back to you within 48 business hours. If you have not previously been enrolled in any of these programs, SCS will schedule a phone appointment with you to go over eligibility. If you have been enrolled before, please call the office to apply. SCS will mail you a personalized application based on your household information which can be returned via the post to PO Box 1338, Claremont NH, 03743.

If you prefer to drop off rather than mail in your paperwork, SCS provides a drop box at its office at 96 Main Street. When using the drop box, please place your documentation in a sealed envelope with your name on it.

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

The next gathering of Living a Sustainable Lifestyle: Tea & Talk is Dec. 5 at 4 pm via ZOOM. All are welcome. Find the Zoom link at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6275609302?pwd=cDd0eDIqYytxa0xKek5FRVVYcJlVUT09#success>.



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Business News

New Hampshire Banks Participate in Statewide #NHBanksGiveBack Month of Service

CONCORD, NH—This year New Hampshire Bankers organized its first month of service event (tagged #NHBanksGiveBack on social media) during the month of October to highlight the collective focus of New Hampshire’s banking industry on supporting local communities through community service and financial support. Twenty-six member banks participated in the month-long volunteer celebration.

“Our bank members deeply support their communities through continued and reliable support of local non-profits and our communities through hours of volunteerism and financial contributions. Our month of service is a coordinated effort where we’ve asked our members to conduct just one or more of their regularly scheduled community service efforts during the month of October. Our bank members did not disappoint, so we are thrilled to present a snapshot of the banking industry’s time and effort spent on charitable giving to local communities in New Hampshire” said Kristy Merrill, President of NH Bankers.

Volunteer activities were diverse and included: collections for winter clothing and food pantries, community shred events, meal prep and serve at shelters, veteran support, animal shelter support, walks for cancer, house painting for homeless to name just a few. The nearly \$275,000 in monetary donations went towards food pantries, boys and girls clubs, VNAs, cancer support, housing coalitions, and several United Way chapters in the state, plus many more.

The volunteer and monetary efforts supported many local communities across the state - in the Upper Valley and Sunapee Regions, Greater Seacoast area, Monadnock Region, Southern NH, Greater Concord, Manchester

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| Number of Banks participated | 20 |
| Total number of volunteer events | 133 |
| Total number of volunteers | 901 |
| Total Hours volunteered | 3534 |
| Total Monetary donations | \$274,096 |

and Nashua areas, as well as the White Mountains and Lakes Regions.

Participating member banks include: Bangor Savings Bank, Bank of America, Bank of New Hampshire, Bar Harbor Bank and Trust, Cambridge Trust, Claremont Savings Bank, Enterprise Bank, First Seacoast Bank, Franklin Savings Bank, Kennebunk Savings Bank, Ledyard Bank, Mascoma Bank, Merrimack County Sav-

ings Bank, NBT Bank, Pentucket Bank, Piscataqua Savings Bank, Salem Co-operative Bank, Sugar River Bank, Union Bank, and Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank.

About New Hampshire Bankers Association: The New Hampshire Bankers Association is a statewide, not-for-profit trade association representing and serving all banking institutions in the State of New Hampshire. The mission of NH Bankers is to foster a banking environment that strengthens our communities. For further information, please visit www.nhbankers.com or call (603) 224-5373.

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Holiday Lighting of Broad Street Park & Santa Parade Friday, Nov. 26

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Parks and Recreation Department has been in communication with the North Pole and, after much discussion, we will be doing the Santa Parade like we did last year as an alternative to the traditional Holiday event, "When Santa Comes to Town", which traditionally takes place at Broad Street Park the Friday after Thanksgiving. This year, our event will begin at 6 PM on November 26th with the tree lighting at Broad Street Park when Santa comes by to help us bring in the Holiday season, throwing the switch to turn on our Holiday light display. Similar to last year, Santa will then spread Holiday cheer while remaining on the fire truck to make sure he stays healthy so he can deliver presents on Christmas Eve.

Due to the large number of people that this event draws and the large line that forms, Santa will not be doing visits this year at Broad Street Park. We have made arrangements for Santa to make a brief appearance at Broad Street Park to help us turn on the lights. From there, Santa will be escorted by the Claremont Fire Department, Claremont Police Department and Golden Cross around Claremont, visiting as many neighborhoods as he can fit in during his busy schedule and while also keeping a safe distance. Please refrain from approaching the vehicles in the procession when it arrives.

Santa will also be bringing his mailbox to Broad Street Park and encourages children to write down their Christmas lists and mail them directly to the North Pole.

Broad Street Park Holiday Lighting, November 26, 2021

Santa Procession

| 6:00PM | | 6:30PM | | 7:00PM | |
|---------|---------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|----------------------|
| Start | Broad Street Park | Right | Tremont Street | Right | West Pleasant Street |
| | Main Street | | Sullivan Street | Right | Maple Ave |
| | Sugar River Mills | Left | Walnut Street | Right | Hardy Ave |
| | Main Street | Right | Myrtle Street | Left | Cardinal Lane |
| | West Terrace Street | Right | Pearl Street | Left | McKenzie Drive |
| Left | Elm Street | Left | Central Street | Right | Maple Ave |
| Through | Elmwood | Left | Union Street | Right | Block Ave (Manor) |
| Right | Hanover Street | | Mulberry Street | Right | Maple Ave |
| Right | Barnes Street | Right | Myrtle Street | Right | Byrd Ave |
| Right | Centennial Street | Right | Summit Road | Left | Martha Street |
| Left | Belding Street | Left | Grove Street | Left | Lindy Ave |
| Left | North Street | Left | Myrtle Street | Right | Pine Grove |
| Right | Broad Street | Right | Woodland Street | Left | Bessie Ave |
| | | Left | Memorial Drive | Right | Maple Ave |
| | | | Wayne Ave | Right | Everett Ave |
| | | Left | Park Ave | Left | Clark Street |
| | | Right | Mulberry Street | Right | Timson Street |
| | | Right | Mann Court (loop) | Left | Curtis Street |
| | | Right | Mulberry Street | Left | Bavier Street |



| 7:45 PM | | 8:15PM | |
|---------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------|
| Right | Charlestown Road | Right | Harmony Lane |
| Right | Arch Road | Left | Hodgkins Terrace |
| Left | Clover Street | Right | Perrotto Ave |
| Left | Highlandview Road | Left | Edwin Ave |
| Right | Charlestown Road | Left | Langseth Ave |
| Left | Glenwood Drive | Right | Durham Ave |
| Left | Fenway Lane | Right | Willow Road |
| Right | Ledgewood Road | Left | Bellevue Ave |
| Right | Cindy Ave (Loop) | Left | Bible Hill |
| Right | Ledgewood Road (Loop) | Right | Pleasant Street |
| Left | Fenway Lane | Right | Cottage Street |
| Right | Glenwood Drive | Left | Severance Street |
| Right | Charlestown Road | Right | East Street |
| | | Right | Baker |
| | | Left | South Street |
| | | Left | Chase Street |
| | | Left | Chestnut Street |
| | | Right | Broad Street |
| | | End | Opera House Square |

Please note these times are estimates and we will do our best to stay on schedule.

Above is the official route Santa will be following as he visits various neighborhoods throughout the City.

Maximize Your Charitable Giving

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving has become known as Giving Tuesday, when people are encouraged to donate to charitable organizations. If you'd like to take part in this special day, you'll want to maximize the effectiveness and benefits of your charitable gifts.

So, consider these questions:

- Is the charity reputable? Does it use its resources wisely? Most charitable organizations are honest and dedicated to helping their specific causes. But sometimes there are a few "bad apples" in the bunch. These groups aren't necessarily fraudulent (though some are), but they may spend an inordinate amount of their donations on administrative expenses, rather than directing this money to where it's most needed. Fortunately, you don't have to guess about the trustworthiness or the efficiency of a particular group, because you can check on it.

To make sure that a charity is an actual charity – one that is tax-exempt and listed as a 501(c)(3) organization – you can go to www.irs.gov, the website of the Internal Revenue Service, and hit the "Charities & Nonprofits" link. An organization called Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org) tracks charitable groups' financial health and accountability, including how much is spent on administrative and fundraising costs. Generally speaking, a charitable group that dedicates more than about 30% to 35% of its total costs to administration and fundraising expenses might be considered somewhat inefficient, though you'd want to evaluate each charity individually, since extenuating circumstances can occur. Keep in mind, though, that smaller charities may not have the same resources as a national organization to provide the reporting necessary for Charity Navigator.

- Will my employer match my contribution? You can make your charitable gift go a lot further if your employer matches it. Typically, companies match donations at a 1:1 ratio, but some will match at 2:1 or even higher. Check with your human resources department about your company's policy on charitable matches.

- Are my charitable gifts tax deductible? A few years ago, Congress significantly raised the standard deduction, which, for the 2021 tax year, is now \$12,550 for single taxpayers, \$25,100 for joint filers and \$18,800 for heads of household. As a result of this increase, many people no longer itemize and thus have less financial incentive to make charitable contributions.

If you still do itemize and you're thinking of making charitable gifts, you generally have a choice between giving cash and another asset such as stocks. Each type of gift could earn you a tax deduction, but a gift of appreciated stocks could be more beneficial because you may also be avoiding the capital gains tax you might incur if you eventually sold the stocks. You should consult with your tax advisor and the charity (not all accept investments) before making the cash-versus-stock decision.

Even if you don't itemize, you could still get a tax benefit from making a charitable contribution. That's because Congress has extended part of the COVID-19-related legislation that allows taxpayers to claim charitable deductions of \$300 (for single filers) or \$600 (for married couples) if they claim the standard deduction. The charitable donations must be made in cash, not stocks.

Giving Tuesday comes just once a year, but your gifts can have lasting benefits. So, be as generous as you can afford – and enjoy the good feelings that follow.

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Vermont State Police Investigate Domestic Altercation in Weathersfield

WEATHERSFIELD, VT—Members of the Vermont State Police are investigating an incident that occurred Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 17, in the town of Weathersfield.

The Weathersfield Police Department received a 911 call at about 3:15 p.m. reporting that a domestic altercation had occurred at a home on Melody Lane in Weathersfield. First responders located one adult man deceased at the scene. A second adult man was located in the home with serious injuries and was transported to the hospital for treatment. He was reported in critical but stable condition at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire.

There was no search for a suspect and no indication of a danger to the public, said authorities.

The Vermont State Police investigation included members of the Bureau of Criminal Investigations, Crime Scene Search Team, Victim Services Unit, and uniformed troopers from the Field Force Division. In addition, VSP is receiving assistance from police departments in Chester, Springfield and Weathersfield, along with the Ascutney Fire Department and Golden Cross Ambulance, Inc.

The identities of those involved were to be released following notification of relatives and continued investigation. The body of the deceased man was brought to the Chief Medical Examiner's Office in Burlington for an autopsy to determine the cause and manner of death.

Lebanon Police Lieutenants Achieve ICMA Certifications

LEBANON, NH—On Friday, November 5, Lebanon Police Department's Lieutenant Richard Norris and Lieutenant Alan Lowe graduated from ICMA (International City/County Management Association) High Performance Leadership Academy. This 12-week online course provides leadership skills in individual and team success, negotiation and teamwork, efficient communication, and how to implement increased val-

ue from high performance management.

After completing the course, Norris stated, "The ICMA Leadership Academy allowed me to learn techniques and strategies to positively influence and inspire team performance as we work together towards achieving the goals set by the Lebanon Police Department."

Along with Norris and Lowe's certifications, the Lebanon Police Department "will continue to strive to provide the highest quality service to the citizens and visitors of the City of Lebanon," said Lebanon Police Chief Phillip Roberts.



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A Bridge Too Far Gone

NHDOT Project Slated to Start in 2023

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Officials from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation and representatives from TranSystems Corp., the project consultant, gave a presentation last Tuesday on Claremont 27691, the project to replace the Route 12A bridge spanning the Sugar River. The public informational meeting was held at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center.

David Scott, the in-house design chief of the NHDOT Bureau of Bridge Design, began by reading a statement that began, “As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other state and federal regulations, the NHDOT must investigate the potential impacts that our projects will have on the surrounding natural, cultural and social environment.”

Regarding environmental resources, the Sugar River is classified as a tier 3 stream crossing and “subject to the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act. Permits will be needed from the NH Department of Environmental Services and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. As the project proceeds, we will continue to coordinate with the appropriate agencies to avoid or minimize impacts to the Sugar River. ... The work is not anticipated to adversely affect water or air quality, contribute to noise pollution, encounter contaminated materials or impact conservation lands.”

Scott further noted that, as part of the environmental review, in 2018 NHDOT sponsored

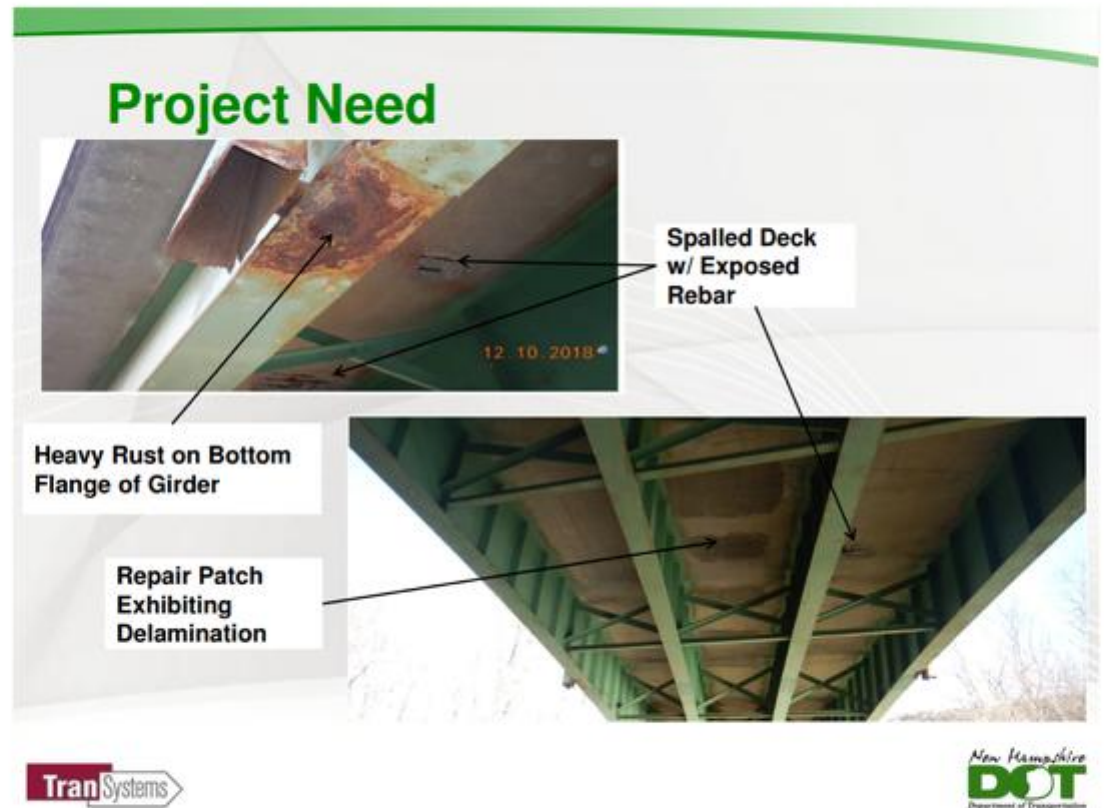
a Phase IA Archaeological Sensitivity Assessment and Phase IB Intensive Archaeological Investigation of the four bridge quadrants and approaches. Although the results of archaeological investigations are treated with confidentiality, they were taken into account, and the project, added Scott, “will continue to take steps to avoid any archaeologically sensitive sites.”

Bridge No. 072/127 is located 130 feet south of the intersection with Route 12, and is the only one in Claremont on the State Bridge Red List (currently no. 86). It’s coded as Scour Critical; its major problems include a spalled deck with exposed rebar, heavy rust on the bottom flange of a girder, and delamination and spalling on the north abutment.

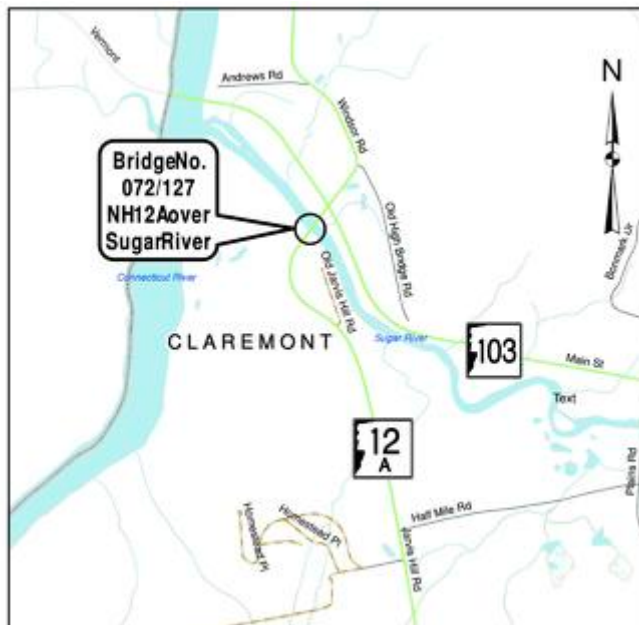
The project scope includes the following replacements: bridge deck, expansion joint, bearings, superstructure, bridge and approach rail. In addition, scour countermeasures will be installed. Rehabilitation will extend the useful life of the bridge and remove it from the Red List.

Two early options for the project included working on the entire bridge at once, completely shutting off traffic and necessitating a detour from River Road, through designated city streets, to Main Street (12A). At their Nov. 13, 2019, meeting, however, the Claremont City Council expressed its desire to have alternating one-way traffic on the bridge so that work would be done first on one side (lane), then the other.

Teresa Sandell of TranSystems discussed the traffic control issues that the second pro-



Photograph from the NHDOT presentation shows the damage and deterioration on the bridge.



posal (the one eventually chosen) engineered, and reviewed the maps showing traffic control measures during the construction phase.

The project is part of the State’s Ten-Year Plan, and is funded through SB 367, a bill to increase the gasoline tax (officially known as the road toll), which was signed into law in 2014.

As for a timeline, Scott said that NHDOT will advertise for bids in 2023. “The contractor may begin in 2023, but work that will affect traffic will be limited to calendar years 2024 and 2025.”

Find the presentation at www.nh.gov/dot/projects/claremont27691/documents/27691-pre-11162021.pdf.

Find the Red List (24-page PDF) at www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/bridgedesign/documents/bridge-state-red-list.pdf.

Item 12 at the top of page 9 explains that a rating of 4 or lower is the benchmark for what puts a bridge on the Red List.

The actual list begins on page 11, sorted by priority, and is repeated beginning on page 18, sorted alphabetically.

National Diabetes Month

November is National Diabetes Month, a time to bring attention to diabetes. This year's focus is on prediabetes and preventing diabetes. Prediabetes is a serious health condition where blood sugar levels are higher than normal, but not high enough to be diagnosed as type 2.

According to the CDC more than 1 in 3 U.S. adults have prediabetes - that's 88 million people - but a majority don't know they have it.

Nurses at VNH can help you manage chronic conditions. If you have been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes talk to your provider on how home health can help.



Preventing Diabetes is within your reach

- Take small steps
- Choose healthier foods and drinks
- Maintain a healthy diet
- Move more
- Lose weight, track it, and keep it off
- Try something new

For more information about preventing diabetes visit [diabetes.org](https://www.diabetes.org).

Sports/Recreation

Claremont Parks & Rec News

Claremont Adult Winter Basketball League

This league is for Adults 18+ and out of high school. Games will be played Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday evenings at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM, starting December 1. The team fee this year is \$250.00 per team. Team fee covers 1 ref, a score keeper/clock manager, and end of year championship long sleeve shirts.

Individual player reg. fees - Player fees this year are \$10.00 Resident / \$20.00 Non-Resident.

Contact the Superintendent of Recreation Programs at cccprograms@claremontnh.com or by phone at 603.542.7019 for more information. The deadline to enter a team for this winter's league is Friday, November 26.

Claremont Youth Basketball

The Claremont Parks and Recreation Department will be offering the following youth basketball programs this winter.

Start Smart

Kindergarten

1st & 2nd Grade Instructional

3/4 Girls

3/4 Boys

5/6 Girls

5/6 Boys

The registration deadline to sign up is Friday, November 26th

Evaluations for grades 3/4 & 5/6 are as follows:

(there is no eval. for Start Smart, Kindergarten or 1st and 2nd grade instructional)

5/6 Girls - Thursday, December 2nd at 5:15 PM

5/6 Boys - Thursday, December 2nd at 6:15 PM

3/4 Girls - Friday, December 3rd at 5:15 PM

3/4 Boys - Friday, December 3rd at 6:15 PM

Register at claremontparks.com.

No. 20 Dartmouth Finishes Off 20th Ivy League Title

Courtesy Dartmouth Sports

PROVIDENCE, RI— The 20th-ranked Dart

mouth football team successfully defended its Ivy League title and clinched a share of the conference championship Saturday, defeating Brown on the road, 52-31. The Big Green (9-1, 6-1 Ivy) shares the crown with Princeton, which defeated Penn this afternoon, 34-14, to finish with an identical record.

Dartmouth has won back-to-back titles for the first time since winning three in a row from 1990-92 and now owns 20 league crowns, more than any other Ancient Eight team.

Fifth-year senior quarterback Derek Kyler completed 18-of-24 passes for 215 yards and three touchdowns, plus ran for a career-high 79 yards on just six carries with another score to lead the Dartmouth offense to its highest output of the season. His tandem partner behind center, junior Nick Howard, ran for 80 yards and two more scores, giving him 15 rushing touchdowns on the season to tie a Big Green record that was set 92 years ago.

Dartmouth piled up 539 yards of offense, including a season-high 324 on the ground, averaging 9.8 yards per carry, the highest mark in the last 50 years. Junior Noah Roper amassed 66 yards on four carries and senior Keegan McHugh breaking free for a 65-yard touchdown run.

The Big Green jumped out to an early 7-0 lead by stopping Brown on three plays before marching 61 yards in 10 plays, ending on a Howard 1-yard bull run through a Brown defender.

But Brown answered with a methodical, 17-play, 75-yard drive that featured conversions on third down four times and another on fourth down. Allen Smith matched Howard's score with a 1-yard run as he bounced off the middle of the pile and found the left side wide open, tying the game at 7-7 late in the first quarter.

After three straight possessions without a first down for either team, the Bears gambled on 4th-and-4 at their own 46. E.J. Perry — who ended the day 35-of-48 for 258 yards and a score — completed a 20-yard pass to Graham Walker, one of his 11 catches for 103 yards on the afternoon. Four plays later, Perry connected with Walker again for a 13-yard touchdown and a 14-7 lead with 10:01 on the clock in the second quarter.

That lead was short-lived, however, thanks to a 60-yard scoring strike from Kyler to a wide-open Roper downfield less than a minute later, the longest completion of the season.

And when Brown gambled again on 4th-and-1 at its 34, Dartmouth proved up to the challenge, stuffing the run at the line to take over on downs. Following three rushes and a first down, Kyler

went to the air again, scrambling to his right before finding junior Jonny Barrett in the back corner of the end zone, putting the Big Green back on top, 21-14, with 5:43 still to play in the half.

Brown threatened to tie the score again, but was forced to settle for a 36-yard field goal with 3:24 still to go to the intermission. A Howard pass was picked off, but the Bears could not gain a first down and punted away. The Big Green had just one minute without any timeouts to try and add to their lead, and they managed to drive to the Bears 22 before senior Connor Davis split the uprights on a 39-yard field goal as the horn sounded, giving the Green a 24-17 lead going into the locker room.

Dartmouth hit even more quickly in the second half than it did to start the game. A Howard run of 11 yards was followed by a 29-yard sneak by Kyler, matching a career long for the quarterback. On the very next play, Kyler zipped a pass across the middle to fifth-year senior tight end J.J. Jones III for a 24-yard touchdown toss and a 31-17 lead less than three minutes into the third quarter.

The Big Green offense continued to roll, covering 89 yards in 10 plays, one of which was a 46-yard gallop by Roper. Kyler finished off the drive with his legs, faking a handoff and running 7 yards across the goal line, breaking a tackle along the way. Then after pushing down to the Bears 1-yard line by the end of the third quarter, Howard finished off another scoring drive with his second touchdown run of the day, tying the Dartmouth single-season record set by Al Marsters in 1929 and ballooning the bulge to 45-17.

Twice in the fourth quarter, Brown was able to cover 75 yards in 14 plays for touchdowns. But it took the Big Green just two plays to cover that distance in-between thanks to McHugh's 65-yard run, the longest Dartmouth scoring scamper of the season.



Inspiration

Tis the Season III

By Priscilla Hull

In three days, many, most I hope, of us will sit down to, or be served a meal that is loved or tolerated. I'm hoping that most love it. I always have, from the early memories of family from far away, to high school football games, to HOME FROM COLLEGE! Then the delight and nerves of cooking dinner for "the pros"— my mother and my mother-in-law! And now to being a guest in my own children's homes. Time marches on and so do many of the traditions of years gone by. Who remembers Mom putting the turkey in the oven at midnight and cooking it for 11 hours at 250°? We never got ptomaine from it, either. It was juicy and tender.

We don't cook our turkeys like that any more, but truthfully as low and slow as is safe will make a juicy, tender turkey. I never cooked a turkey above 350° and frequently would turn it down to 325° after a couple of hours. How long? Until it's done! Usually that is 6-8 hours. While cook-books and online instructions give specific time, I've found that it is not always reliable, so I'd count on eight hours and if it's done early, keep it warm while the rest of the dinner is prepared.

What was your biggest dinner, and the most fun? Mine happens to be the same. We had 26 people around the table. (We lived in a mansion that belonged to the state where we were working). The dining room was 15 feet wide and 28 feet long. The table was huge and, yes, we had 26 matching chairs, although the little one was in a high chair. Cousins, grandparents, friends gathered to feast on a 28- pound turkey, a big ham, and an eight-pound stuffed bluefish! It was a commercial oven so plenty of room for all this. Whatever people brought was gladly added to the menu, including a banana pudding which the friends from South Carolina brought. If anyone left the table hungry, it would have been their choice.

There were other memorable dinners, but that one stands out as a real accomplishment. The dishwasher ran all afternoon. The cousins played with the teenagers looking after the little ones. The adults cleaned up, laughed, sat around the table and told stories with the kids, big and little stopping by to listen and then moving on to their own pursuits.

It seems to me that this picture is what Thanksgiving is about. There was enough of everything and enough variety so that everyone was satisfied. On that day who cared if all the eight-year-old had was cranberry sauce and Mac and cheese? Or the four-year-old had mashed potatoes and bread? Or the fourteen-year-old had ham and turkey? Balanced diet? Sure, why not? Tomorrow is a new day. Today is a day to remember and make new memories.

While we're remembering, though, let's remember the images we have of the cold, starving refugees, underclothed and underfed, who had just fled their own country and traditions and who sailed across the sea, buried some of their own at sea, and landed in a hostile world where they had to gather food, late in the season, to last them until spring. Were they frightened? I'm sure they were. Did they think they'd die? Many already had. We have the image of the Native Americans coming out of the woods one day and bringing a feast of turkey, corn, squash, potatoes, beans and late growing greens. It's a beautiful dream. The fact is, more probably, that the Indigenous people probably watched the ships run aground and these strangely clad people get off and the felt sorry for them and started from that first landing, to bring food, medicine and other things to help them. In 1863 with encouragement from Sarah Josepha Hale, from next door in Newport, President Lincoln encouraged Americans to observe the last Thursday of November as Thanksgiving.

It is appropriate at the end of the harvest season to take time to give thanks both publicly and privately for the bounty of the earth. We should celebrate, also, our roots, those who came into this wilderness and founded this wonderful country of ours. Time to look forward to better justice and peace for all. It can happen. It takes all working together for this to happen.

The earth yields its crops. May God, our God, bless us! May God bless us! Then all the ends of the earth will give him the honor he deserves.
Psalm 67:6-7

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



Calendar Of Events

Live Outdoor Christmas Concert

NEWPORT, NH—The Area Choir will present a live outdoor Christmas concert as our gift to the community from 3:00 – 4:00 PM, Sunday, Dec. 5, at the picnic pavilion at Meadow Park (also known as Horsey Park) on Meadow Road in Newport, NH. Enter from Belknap Avenue opposite the Newport Recreation Center. Listen to us on your car radio tuned to FM 93.1 as you reach the pavilion. You can park or drive through as you listen, and we encourage you to sing along! We will repeat our concert of familiar Christmas music and carols several times during the hour. Stay and listen from your car for one or more sessions!

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Senior Center Wild Game Supper Announced

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Senior Center is having a wild game supper February 19, 2022, to help pay for our additional Covid expenses. We would appreciate

donations of deer and bear meat. Last year's harvest is fine if you are making space in your freezer. Please contact Lloyd Mann at 603-542-5774 to arrange donations.

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Through Dec. 23**Library Arts Center Gallery**

Gallery Hours:

Tues.-Fri. 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sat. 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Admission: Free

Library Arts Center Gallery

58 N. Main St., Newport, NH This annual favorite show features the work of more than 100 artists and crafters from the region, and is a perfect place to find unique handmade gifts like pottery, woodworking, artisan baskets, metalworking, stained glass, wool applique, soaps, local honey & syrup, and so much more. The show is open for in-person shopping in the gallery with health safeguards in place.

No appointments are necessary any time during the normal gallery hours.

Individual private shopping appointments are available outside of gallery hours for anyone who would like to have a little more space when shopping, or to gather with small groups of friends/family to shop. See libraryartscenter.org for more details, or for updates throughout the duration of the show.

COH 2021 Offerings

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Opera House has kicked off its 2021 season with a diverse offering of events this fall, including music, theatre and comedy. Ticket prices remain competitive for the area, and many shows are eligible for membership benefits.

- December 10 Rock This Town Orchestra Holiday Spectacular - Music swing band

For more information about the COH, please contact Andrew Pinard ajp@cohn.org. Tickets and season information are available online at www.cohn.org.

**Croydon Ladies Auxiliary
Bingo**

The Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo is back. Doors open at 4pm and games start at 6pm. Bingo every Thursday except on Thanksgiving day. Six people to a table, hand sanitizer every table, if sick stay home, or have or exposed to COVID. Drinks, snacks and sandwiches for sale. Reservations are required due to limited seats—first 84 people that call. If you can't make it for any reason, call to

cancel so someone else can go. Call 603-543-7118.

183 Plains Road in Claremont
Open to anyone 18 and older.

Sunday Bingo: Doors open at 11am and games start at 1pm. Bingo every Sunday, big money Bingo, pays out \$100 a game and \$500 for coverall. 2-50/50 games pay out half of take. Only \$25 a person to play up to 30 cards.

Lots of raffles and drinks, snacks and sandwiches for sale. Reservations required due to limited seats—first 84 people that call 603-543-7118. If sick or exposed to COVID, please stay home. Six people per table and hand sanitizer on every table. If you can't make it, call to cancel so someone else can go.

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**Lake Sunapee VNA Offers
Three Grief Support Groups**

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

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

**Charlestown VFW
Bingo Schedule**

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown VFW Bingo is offering a weekly opportunity for some

entertainment and socializing while helping us to raise funds for our many Veterans programs. Wednesday nights at 5:00 p.m. for early birds and 6:30 p.m. for regular fun and games. Currently, we play 12 regular and two 2 part games, as well as a 50/50 game, Winner-take-all game, Carry Over Coverall game and a Jackpot game. The Governor's emergency order concerning COVID has expired.

It is now time to take the lessons we have learned over the past year plus and act accordingly. If you're sick – stay home. Cover your nose / mouth when you cough, wash and / or sanitize your hands frequently, and we'll all be healthier. The attendance limitation has also ended. In keeping with the state CDC recommendations, if you have a compromised immune system you may still wear a mask for your own protection. We still have masks and hand sanitizer for anyone that may desire either product.

The Charlestown VFW Post is located at 365 Lover's Lane Rd, Charlestown, NH.

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

Holiday Concert: 'Tidings of Joy'

The Center for the Arts is pleased to announce a special holiday concert this year featuring the Munholand String Quartet and The Lowe Profiles. Come and enjoy the sounds of the season at the Black Box Theatre (located adjacent to Ivy Hall) on the campus of Colby-Sawyer College. Scheduled as a December First Friday event and on December 3rd. The evening starts with an opening reception at 6:30 pm followed by the concert.

The Munholand String Quartet consisting of siblings Ezra, Noah, Anya, and Petra Munholand have been playing together since Petra was five years old. All four began their study of music very young, with Ezra and Noah playing the violin, Anya playing the cello and Petra playing the viola. The group, now in high school and college, has received praise from many regional groups and are excited to perform this Holiday Concert for the community.

The Lowe Profiles, made up of sisters Susie Lowe-Stockwell, Kathy Lowe-Bloch, and Kim Lowe-Beaton, have been singing together since childhood. Growing up in a family of Vaudeville and circus performers, they have fine-tuned their craft to the delight of all. Kathy pursued a career as a singer-songwriter giving

the sisters several original Christmas songs to perform along with many traditional holiday classics. Their ability to draw the audience into their music is treat for all!

Please note the seating at the Black Box Theater is limited so please come early. Covid protocols will be in place. Donations at the door will be greatly accepted.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact info@centerfortheaart-snh.org.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday, November 14th

0529 E4 responded to Main St for a motor vehicle accident.

1053 E3 responded to North St for a motor vehicle accident.

1723 E4 responded to an untimely on Sugar River Dr.

Monday, November 15th

1126 E4 responded for the ambulance on Pleasant St.

1734 E3 responded to Broad St for fluids leaking.

Tuesday, November 16th

0229 E4 responded to a medical call on Donald St.

1039 E4 responded to Trinity St for a box alarm.

1427 E4 responded to Plains Rd to assist the PD.

2040 E4 responded to a medical call on Mill Rd.

Wednesday, November 17th

0207 E4 responded to a medical call on Maple Ave.

0645 E4 responded to Washington St for an alarm sounding.

1101 E4 responded to Opera House Sq for a box alarm.

1711 E4 responded to East Green Mountain Rd for an illegal burn.

Thursday, November 18th

0943 E4 responded to a medical call on Maple Ave.

1712 E4 responded to Charlestown Rd for a tree on wires.

2134 E4 responded to a medical call on Pearl St.

Friday, November 19th

0153 E4 responded to a medical call on Central St.

1125 E3 responded to Broad St for a motor vehicle accident.

1407 E4 responded to Emily Pl for an alarm sounding.

1650 E4 responded to Walnut St for a tree across the road.

1715 E4 responded to Maple Ave for an illegal burn.

1728 E3 responded to Washington St for a motor vehicle accident.

Saturday, November 20th

0023 E4 responded to Belding St for an outlet on fire.

1632 E4 responded to Winter St for an illegal burn.

1756 E4 responded to a medical call on Pleasant St.

Claremont Senior Center News

Please note - hours changed through November 27th. We are open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 am to 3 pm. We are also open Tuesday from 6 pm to 9 pm. CLOSED Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. NO BINGO on this Wednesday, Nov 24th. The following week we will return to our regular schedule.

We have many activities. There are sign-up sheets at the reception desk and the calendar in the lobby. Activities can be done anytime, including pool, knitting, hand and foot, mahjong, corn hole, and quilting. Socializing is always an option.

Foot Clinic – Nov 26th the Lake Sunapee Regional VNA & Hospice will hold another foot clinic. You MUST call 603-748-1731 to make an appointment with them. The fee is \$25.

Blood Drive – There will be another Red Cross Blood Drive at the center on Nov 29th. You must make an appointment at 800-RED-CROSS.

On Tuesday, Nov. 23, our drive-thru meal will be turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, cranberry sauce, roll, vegetable and pie. This will cost \$10 per meal. MUST call 603-543-5998 BEFORE 10:30 to reserve your meal. Meals must be picked up between 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Some people buy one for Tuesday and then buy another one for

Thanksgiving Day. Saves cooking on Thanksgiving Day.

Ken Simoneau has resigned as Kitchen Manager but will still be cooking and working in the kitchen. He said that the duties of kitchen manager need to be passed to a successor. If anyone is interested in this volunteer no pay job, please come and talk to us. Ken will still be involved with the center's Policy Committee, do catering and concessions.

We are also seeking an Executive Director. If anyone is interested in this paid position, please contact us at the center.


We are taking orders for our 1st Annual 2022 Claremont Senior Center Car Show Calendar! Each month features a different picture of a class winning car. Only \$12.00 when picked up at the center, add \$6 for shipping and handling if mailed.

New policy at the Senior Center. When entering the building, show your vaccine card at the desk to receive a dot. If no vaccine verification you get an orange dot, vaccine verified gets a different color dot. If you have an orange dot or no dot, you must wear a mask.

"The best portion of a good man's life is his little, nameless unremembered acts of kindness and of love." William Wordsworth

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Gail C. Poland, 81

Gail C. Poland, 81, of Charlestown, NH, passed away on November 18, 2021, at her home with her family by her side.

She was born in Bellows Falls, VT, on July 31, 1940, the daughter of Herman and Myrtle Clark.

She was a graduate of Charlestown High School.

Gail had worked for Jennifer Baker, owner/operator of Wee Haven Day Care for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Leonard Poland; their children, Sonny and Sue Poland and their children, LT and Jessica Call and Miranda Poland, Devin and Tammy Poland, their children, Marc and Nikita, LuAnn and Brent Allard and their child, Luke and Calvin and Julie Poland and their children, Ben and Kyle; eight great grandchildren; a brother, Steven Clark and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents and her sister, Nancy Nelson.

Visiting hours will be held at the Charlestown Memorial Chapel, 34 Main Street in Charlestown on Sunday, November 28th, from 1 to 2 PM. A memorial service will follow at 2PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sullivan County Health Care, 5 Nursing Home, Unity, NH 03743 or the

Alzheimer's Association, Massachusetts/NH Chapter, 480 Pleasant Street, Watertown, NH 02472.

Paul W. Smith, 80

Paul “Pud” Wendell Smith, 80, Charlestown, NH, passed away peacefully on November 15, 2021, at Valley Regional Hospital, with his wife, Sylvia Smith, and his loving family by his side. Paul was born on June 26, 1941, in Proctor, VT, to Wendell and Elizabeth “Betty” Smith. He was the oldest of three sons.

Paul had three children with his first wife, Joan Smith, who predeceased him in 1996. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia M. Smith, of Charlestown, NH; a younger brother, Roger Smith and his wife Barb of Proctor, VT; sister-in-law Shelley Smith Lawrence, of Chittenden, VT; daughter, Elaine Tobias and her husband Chris of Charlestown, NH; daughter Paula Miller and her husband Terry of Unity, NH; son Timothy Smith and his wife Patty of Paso Robles, CA; step-daughter Linda Simpson of Claremont, NH; step-son Donald Simpson of Bradenton, FL; six grandchildren – Anthony,

Kimmy, Curtis, Meagan, Jessy, and Casey; six step-grandchildren – Michelle, Dotty, Bruce, Brian, Megan, and Danielle. He also is survived by eighteen great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, and nephews. Paul was predeceased by his father and mother, and a younger brother, Wendell “Stub” Smith.

Paul was a mechanic early on in life and quickly transitioned to driving trucks. He owned P & J Trucking along with his wife Sylvia and was in the trucking industry for over 50 years. He received the Golden Achievement Award from American Truck Historical Society. Paul retired from his life behind the wheel when he was 76 years old. Paul enjoyed spending time with his family, riding his Harley-Davidson, and watching NASCAR. Paul will be missed.

A memorial service for Paul will be held on Dec. 4, 2021, with calling hours between 12:00 – 1:00 PM with the service starting at 1:00 PM at Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad Street, Claremont, NH. A reception will be immediately following the service at Charlestown VFW, 365 Lovers Lane Rd, Charlestown, NH. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be

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of "Suzi" with the family or leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at

www.royfuneralhome.com.

Suzanne T. Boucher, 72

Suzanne T. "Suzi" Boucher, 72, of Epsom, NH, and formerly Claremont, NH, died Monday (November 15, 2021) at Concord Hospital in Concord, NH.

She was born in Claremont, NH, on September 13, 1949, the daughter of Omer and Cleophee (Couture) Thibault and had been a longtime Claremont resident. Suzanne spent 46 years in banking, attaining Officer Status and worked in various positions at BankEast, Fleet Bank, Mascoma Savings Bank and Claremont Savings Bank. She served 40 years as Clerk/Trustee of Trust Funds. Suzanne served in various positions for Financial Women International, Claremont Business & Professional Women's Club, Quota International, Incorporator of Valley Regional Healthcare, St. Mary's School Board and PTO, United Way of Sullivan County and Claremont Visiting Nurses Association. Suzi was an area instructor for the American Institute of Banking.

Members of her family include a son, David and his wife Tricia (Adams) Boucher, Pembroke, NH; two grandchildren, Xander Boucher, Tabitha Boucher; three sisters, Marie Hurd and her husband, Maurice, Jeannine Perry and her husband, David, Jeanette Seymour, and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a sister, Arline Griggs and six brothers, Paul Thibault, Hercule Thibault, Lucien Thibault, Bertrand Thibault, Normand Thibault and Ronald "Nedo" Thibault. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday (Nov. 20) at St. Mary's Church with the Rev. Arockia Antony, officiating. Interment followed in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Greater New England Multiple Sclerosis Association, 101A First Ave., Waltham, MA 02451.

You are invited to share a memory



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<https://ccmdcenters.com/state-of-nh-covid-19-testing>

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Arrest Made in Newport in Connection with Murder Case in Orford, NH

CONCORD, NH -- Attorney General John M. Formella and State Police Colonel Nathan Noyes announced very late Saturday night that an arrest had been made in connection with the suspicious death investigation in Orford, NH.

On November 20, at approximately 12:27 p.m., officers from the Hanover Police Department responded to 329 Route 10 in Orford, NH, for a reported homicide at the residence. The deceased female resident has been identified by authorities as Brooke Goodrich, age 25. It was anticipated that an autopsy was to be conducted on Brooke Goodrich on Sunday, November 21.

Lance Goodrich, age 35, of Lyme, NH, has been arrested and charged with one count of second-degree murder for knowingly causing the death of Brooke Goodrich by shooting her, and one count of second-degree murder for recklessly causing the death of Brooke Goodrich under circumstances manifesting an extreme indifference to the value of human life, by shooting her. Brooke Goodrich was Lance Goodrich's cousin. Lance Goodrich was taken into custody at approximately 4:30 p.m. on November 20 at 95 Barton Whitney Road in Newport, NH.

It was anticipated that Lance Goodrich's arraignment would be conducted on Monday, November 22, at Grafton County Superior Court in North Haverhill.

"The charges and allegations contained therein are merely accusations, and Mr. Goodrich is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty," said Formella in a statement.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

A Charlie Brown Christmas with the Heather Pierson Jazz Trio Visit <https://heatherpierson.com/>.

Sunday, December 5th at 2:00 P.M.
Plainfield Community Church
1094 Route 12A
Tickets \$10 at the door.

For more information, contact: Helen Davidson, 603-709-7777.

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Food Comes In, Food Goes Out

Students and Volunteers Deliver the Goods to Soup Kitchen

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH —The Claremont Soup Kitchen was the grateful recipient of hundreds of pounds of food and generous cash donations over the past few days, the result of several food drives held around the City.

Courtney Porter, SAU6 school social worker, spoke with e-Ticker News about how busy Friday was for some students.

"Members of the Claremont Middle School Builders Club hosted their annual non-perishable food drive last week. On Friday morning, they presented their donation to the Claremont Soup Kitchen. In the afternoon, members of the Stevens High School Key Club purchased 34 turkeys and 16 hams for the Claremont Soup Kitchen. The students increased their usual donation of \$700 to \$800 this year to better support families in need. This year members of the Stevens High School Student Council joined their peers and hosted a non-perishable food drive at Stevens High School as well."



Members of the CMS Builders Club ready to stuff CSK's truck with food donations.



Stevens High School Student Council members delivered the donations from their food drive to CSK.

On Saturday, volunteers spent six hours at
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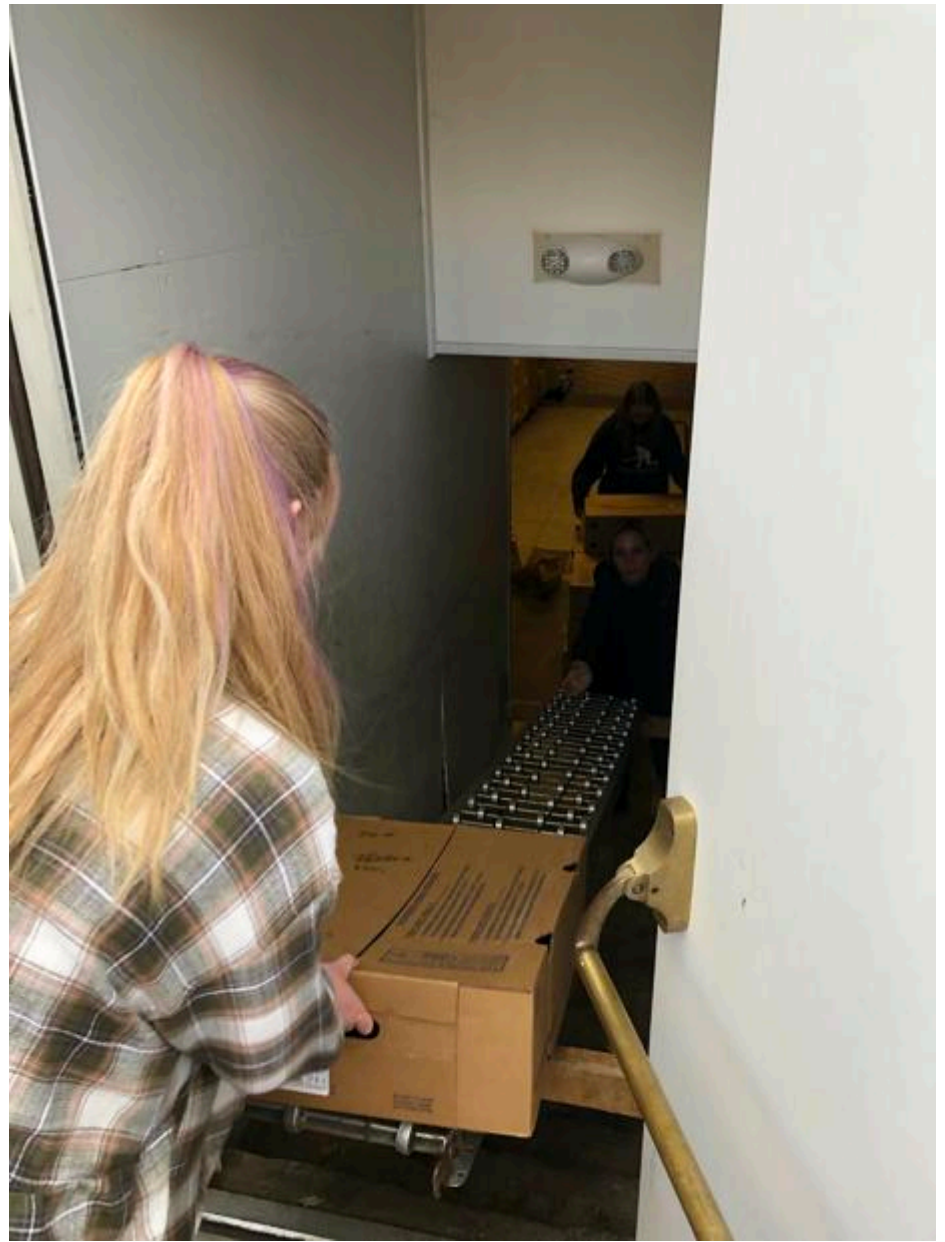
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Volunteers were Chamber members, Verizon employees, Evergreen Property Services employees, and community members at large.

Also on Saturday, volunteers at CSK distributed 250 meal kits to those individuals and families who had registered through CSK or SAU6. On the menu: a turkey and all the fixin's — cranberry sauce, onions, carrots and 5 lbs. of potatoes.

Above: Volunteers of all ages who had helped at the food drive at Hannaford hand over the food donations, which were sent down the ramp to CSK's storage area. Volunteers load one of the 250 meal kits distributed at the Claremont Soup Kitchen on Saturday.



Photos by Courtney Porter and Eric Zengota

