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STEAM Heat

Firing Up Art, Computer and Technical Education at CMS

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CLAREMONT, NH—On Dec. 1, representatives of the Red River Charitable Foundation and the Boston Bruins Foundation led the ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the new STEAM Lab at Claremont Middle School.

Dan McGee, COO of Red River, acknowledged that adding the A — for Arts — to the now-familiar STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) program was the inspiration of Rob Lovett Jr. A member of the Claremont School Board and a Red River employee, Lovett wrote the application for the grant. Forty-nine other schools also applied.

Bob Sweeney (left) of the Boston Bruins Foundation and Dan McGee, of Red River, prepare to cut the ribbon, formally opening the STEAM lab at Claremont Middle School.

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11 Arrested in Newport Investigation of Alleged Property Crimes, Drug Trafficking

NEWPORT, NH—On December 2 in response to citizen complaints and tips from the public, the Newport Police Department partnered with New Hampshire Probation and Parole and the New London Police K9 Unit to conduct a joint patrol targeting property crimes and suspected drug trafficking activity in the

town of Newport. As a result of the patrol, the following subjects were arrested:

Jeffrey Ellison, age 43, of Newport, NH, was charged with Burglary. It is alleged that Ellison broke into a residential garage on Summer Street earlier that morning and stole a snow-blower. It is further alleged that Ellison commit-

ted this crime while released on bail from the Sullivan Superior Court for a previous Burglary arrest. Ellison was also taken into custody on a Sullivan Superior Court *capias* for failure to appear in court on that previous Burglary charge. Suspected Methamphetamine alleged-

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Season of Giving

CLAREMONT, NH—For the fourth year, Claremont Parks and Recreation Department is partnering with the Division for Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) to help local children who are in need.

DCYF has provided Parks & Rec with anonymous information about children in our community who are in need of support during the holidays. A Giving Tree in the lobby of the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center is decorated with ornaments. Each ornament has information specific to a child. Anyone who would like to help with this project can take the ornament from the tree and purchase the item listed on the back. For those who would like to give but are trying to limit interactions in crowded shopping areas due to the pandemic, DCYF is also accepting gift cards, which can be dropped off at the Community Center.

The CSBCC is accepting gifts and donations through December 15th.

—Eric Zengota

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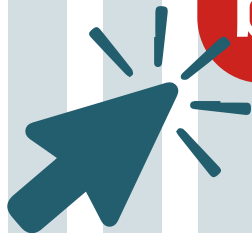
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NH Delegation Applauds \$426K Heading to NH to Support Rural Infrastructure Projects Amid COVID-19 Recovery

MANCHESTER, NH—U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Representatives Annie Kuster (NH-02) and Chris Pappas (NH-01) welcomed \$426,453 for New Hampshire from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The funding will support rural infrastructure projects around emergency response services, food security and energy efficiency. Funding for these projects comes from the Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program, which is an annual appropriations priority for Senator Shaheen.

“As we work to put the pandemic behind us, investing in rural infrastructure is key to making sure no community is left behind. I’m pleased to welcome nearly half a million dollars to New Hampshire to invest in key parts of our recovery efforts, from emergency response services to food security and energy efficiency,” said Senator Shaheen. “I’ll continue using my voice on the Senate Appropriations Committee to ensure our rural communities have dedicated resources to boost resilience and economic development.”

“I am very pleased that New Hampshire communities will receive these critical grants to help strengthen their infrastructure. These projects will improve public safety, help families put food on the table, and increase energy efficiency,” said Senator Hassan. “These awards exemplify why investing in infrastructure can be so important to help communities thrive, and I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle and the administration on many more projects throughout our state thanks to the bipartisan infrastructure package that we passed into law.”

“I’m thrilled to see the Town of Stratford and the Taproot Farm and Environmental Education Center in Coos County receive this critical USDA funding to support local community projects,” said Rep. Kuster, a senior member of the House Agriculture Committee. “From bolstering the energy efficiency and safety of public buildings to expanding access to local food during the pandemic, these federal dollars will support efforts to lift up our rural communities and help ensure New Hampshire remains a wonderful place for everyone to live and raise a family.”

“I’m pleased that New Hampshire will receive these funds to support our rural infrastructure, public safety, and the well-being of our families,” said Rep. Pappas. “These investments will help strengthen our communities as we continue to recover from this pandemic...”

Shaheen Leads NH Delegation in Announcing Nearly \$9 Million to Support Early Childhood Education in NH

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, led the New Hampshire delegation in welcoming \$8,942,186 to the University System of New Hampshire from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The Every Student Succeeds Act/Preschool Development Grant is part of a three-year (2020-2022) \$26.8 million grant package and will strengthen New Hampshire’s early childhood education system – improving outcomes for children, families, schools and communities.

In the funding legislation announced by the Senate Appropriations Committee last month, Shaheen fought to secure \$450 million for Preschool Development Grants – which would mark a \$175 million increase from last year.

“Access to comprehensive early education paves the way for success for children – especially those from low-income families. That’s why I’m pleased to welcome nearly \$9 million to New Hampshire to support our state’s early childhood education,” said Senator Shaheen. “This funding is key to helping students overcome learning loss and easing the unprecedented pressures faced by parents during the pandemic...”

“Every child deserves the opportunity to learn and grow in a supportive environment that will help set them up for future success,” Senator Maggie Hassan said. “This funding to New Hampshire will help our state better meet the needs of our youngest Granite Staters and ensure that we can provide the best care and learning experience to our children, which in turn will help our state and country thrive.”

Arrests, from page 1

ly located on his person will be sent to the New Hampshire State Police Forensic Lab for testing, and additional charges are anticipated. Ellison was transported to the Sullivan County House of Corrections without bail pending arraignment in Sullivan Superior Court.

Seth Edson, age 23, of Hartford, VT, was arrested on a warrant for Possession of Controlled Drugs with Intent to Sell. It is alleged that in August 2021, Edson possessed more than 10 g of Crack Cocaine as well as quantities of Methamphetamine and Fentanyl. When he was arrested on the warrant, Edson was allegedly found to be in possession of more than 6 g of suspected Methamphetamine, and he was charged with an additional count of Possession of Controlled Drugs with Intent to Sell. He was transported to the Sullivan County House of Corrections without bail pending arraignment in Sullivan Superior Court.

Kayla Brown, age 31, of Newport, NH, was arrested on a warrant for Driving After Revocation or Suspension, subsequent offense, and Contempt of Court (breach of bail). It is alleged that at the time of these offenses, Brown had been released on bail from the 5th Circuit Court for multiple previous arrests for Driving After Suspension, Disobeying an Officer and Contempt of Court (breach of bail). While being taken into custody on the warrant, Brown allegedly resisted arrest and will face an additional charge for that offense. Suspected Methamphetamine allegedly located on her person will be sent to the New Hampshire State Police Forensic Lab for testing, and additional charges are anticipated. She was transported to the Sullivan County House of Corrections without bail pending arraignment in the 5th Circuit Court.

Chad Tenpas, age 44, of Newport, NH, was arrested on a warrant for Possession of Controlled Drugs. It is alleged that in February 2021, Tenpas possessed a quantity of Methamphetamine. Suspected Fentanyl allegedly located on his person at the time of his arrest will be sent to the New Hampshire State Police Forensic Lab for testing, and additional charges are anticipated. Approximately \$1,400 in cash located in his possession will be referred to the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office for possible forfeiture proceedings. Tenpas was released on personal recognizance bail pending arraignment in Sullivan Superior Court.

Seth Boardman, age 33, of Newport, NH,

was arrested on a warrant for Possession of Controlled Drugs with Intent to Sell. It is alleged that in September 2021, Boardman possessed more than 3 g of Methamphetamine and items consistent with drug distribution. While being taken into custody on the warrant, Boardman allegedly resisted arrest and will face an additional charge for that offense. He was released on personal recognizance bail pending arraignment in Sullivan superior Court.

Nicholas Ayotte, age 24, of Newport, NH, was arrested on a warrant for Possession of Controlled Drugs. It is alleged that in April 2021, Ayotte possessed a quantity of Fentanyl. Suspected Fentanyl or Heroin allegedly located on his person at the time of his arrest will be sent to the New Hampshire State Police Forensic Lab for testing, and additional charges are anticipated. Ayotte was released on personal recognizance bail pending arraignment in Sullivan Superior Court.

Katherine Benson, age 31, of Newport, NH, was arrested on a warrant for Transporting Drugs in a Motor Vehicle. It is alleged that in November 2021, Benson drove a motor vehicle which she knew contained the controlled drug Fentanyl. During a search of the residence where Benson was located, additional suspected controlled drugs were allegedly found, and additional charges are anticipated. She was released on personal recognizance bail pending arraignment in Sullivan Superior Court.

William Bussino, age 50, of Newport, NH, was arrested on a warrant for Possession of Controlled Drugs. It is alleged that in November 2021 Bussino possessed a quantity of the controlled drug Fentanyl. During a search of the residence where Bussino was located, additional suspected controlled drugs were allegedly found, and additional charges are anticipated. He was released on personal recognizance bail pending arraignment in Sullivan Superior Court.

Lisa Giannotti, age 33, of Newport, NH, was arrested on a warrant for Possession of Controlled Drugs. It is alleged that in September 2021, Giannotti possessed a quantity of the controlled drug Methamphetamine. During a search of the residence where Giannotti was located, additional suspected controlled drugs were allegedly found, and additional charges are anticipated.

Kenneth Kuhns, age 57, of Newport, NH, was arrested for possession of Alprazolam. It is alleged that at the time of this offense,

Kuhns was on probation for a prior conviction of Transporting Drugs in a Motor Vehicle. He was released on personal recognizance bail pending arraignment and Sullivan Superior Court, and the matter was referred to New Hampshire Probation and Parole for additional enforcement action.

Jake Ayotte, age 22, of Newport, NH, was arrested on a warrant for Possession of Controlled Drugs. It is alleged that in July 2021 Ayotte possessed a quantity of Fentanyl. Suspected Methamphetamine allegedly located on his person at the time of his arrest will be sent to the New Hampshire State Police Forensic Lab for testing, and additional charges are anticipated. Ayotte was released on personal recognizance bail pending arrangement in Sullivan Superior Court.

In addition to these arrests, the Newport Police Department is currently seeking Krystee Ward, age 35, of Newport, NH. Ward has an active warrant for her arrest for Possession of Controlled Drugs with Intent to Sell. It is alleged that in November 2021, acting in concert with Dezi Patten, age 37, of Newport NH, Ward possessed more than 100 g of suspected Fentanyl as well as quantities of Methamphetamine and Crack Cocaine. Patten was previously arrested and is currently held without bail on charges of Possession of Controlled Drugs with Intent to Sell and Armed Career Criminal. Anyone with information about Ward's whereabouts is encouraged to contact Newport PD or their local police department.

"The Newport Police Department would like to thank the members of our community that have called in complaints and tips resulting in these arrests as well as our law-enforcement partners at New Hampshire Probation and Parole and the New London Police K9 Unit," said Newport Police Chief Brent Wilmot.

Anyone with additional information about these investigations is encouraged to call Detective Sergeant Stephen A. Lee at 603-863-3232 or email slee@newportnh.gov.

Spirits of Claremont on CCTV

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Historical Society and Off Broad Street Players have a new episode of Spirits of Claremont. It is now available on the CCTV website:

<https://reflect-claremont.cablecast.tv/Cable-castPublicSite/show/12061?channel=2>

Look for Episodes 1 & 2 by Searching "Spirits of Claremont" on the website <http://claremontv.org/>.

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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update December 3, 2021

NH Leading Country in Rate of New COVID-19 Cases

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

On Friday, December 3, 2021, DHHS announced 1,450 new positive test results for COVID-19 for Thursday, December 2. Those results included 1,109 people who tested positive by PCR test and 341 who tested positive by antigen test. DHHS also announced an additional 8 new cases from Monday, November 29 (2 by PCR and 6 by antigen test) for a new total of 1,198; an additional 150 new cases from Tuesday, November 30 (80 by PCR and 70 by antigen test) for a new total of 1,389; and an additional 12 new cases from Wednesday, December 1 (5 by PCR and 7 by antigen test) for a new total of 1,416. 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 were 8,496 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 were four hundred and seventy-six individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 54% being female and 46% being male. The new cases resided in

Rockingham (297), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (221), Merrimack (170), Strafford (136), Cheshire (114), Grafton (98), Carroll (89), Sullivan (76), Belknap (48), and Coos (39) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (146) and Nashua (94). The county of residence is being determined for ninety-two new cases.

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

- 1 female resident of Coos County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Grafton County, 60 years of age and older
- 2 female residents of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older
- 2 female residents of Strafford County, 60 years of age and older

There were currently 399 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire, since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 165,574 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

As of Friday, the 3rd, there were 125 current positively identified cases in Claremont, 39 in Charlestown, and 103 in New-

port, with additional cases identified in other county communities, including 16 in Lempster; 5, Cornish; 13, Grantham; 27, Sunapee; 13, Goshen; 8, Plainfield; 11, Croydon; and 1-4 in other Sullivan County communities. DHHS reported 369 currently positively identified cases in Sullivan County.

COVID-19 Hotline

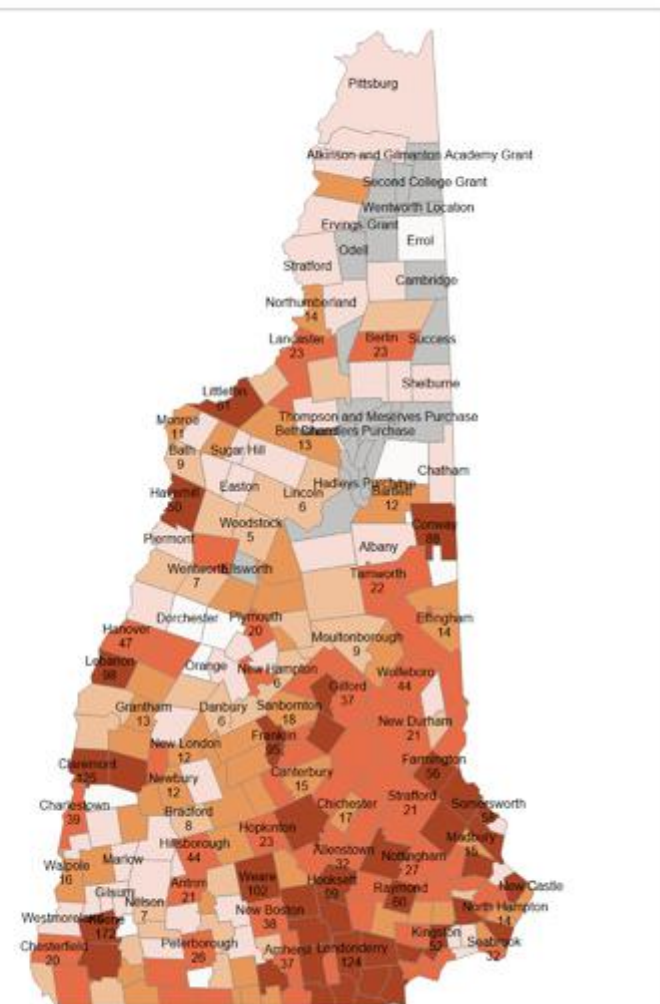
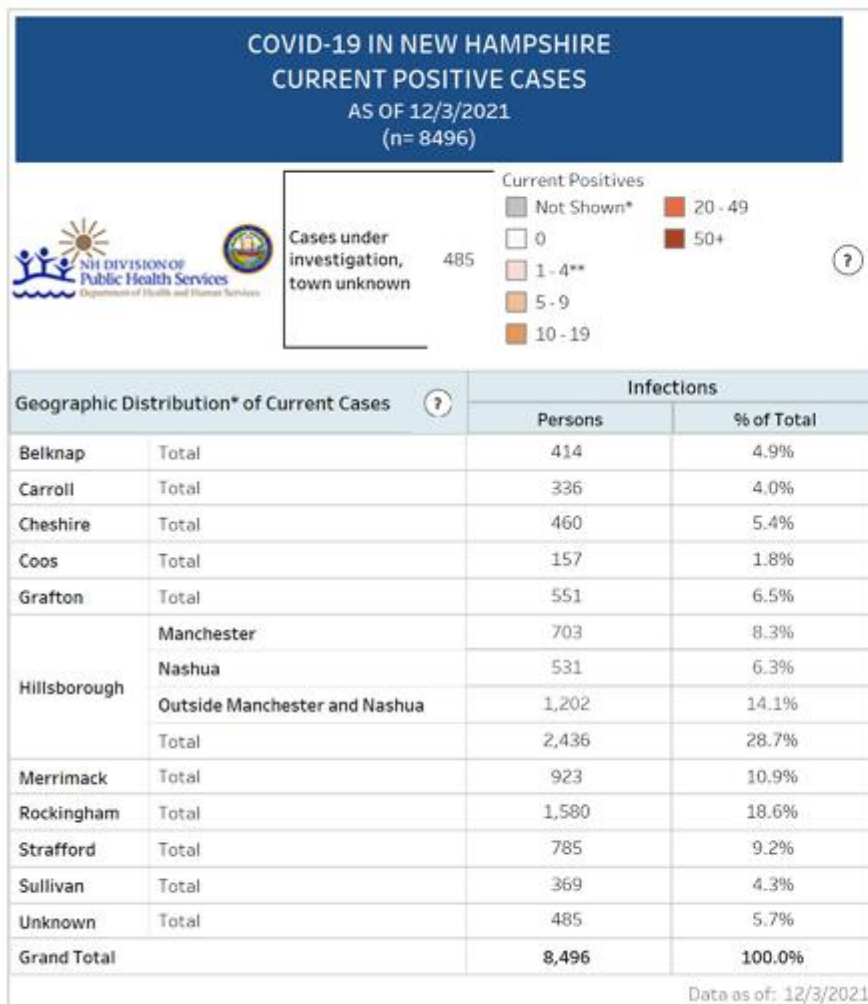
211NH has been mobilized to handle all COVID-19 related calls from New Hampshire residents. All residents with questions or concerns regarding COVID-19 can call 2-1-1.

Vaccine Information in NH

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

Claremont School Cases

On Nov. 29th, 4 new positive cases at SHS were reported. On Dec. 3, 17 new CMS families reported positive COVID-19 cases in their homes.



NH Department of Safety Urges Citizens to Shop Safely This Holiday Season

CONCORD, NH—The holiday season is upon us and The New Hampshire Department of Safety would like to urge all of its residents and visitors to follow these simple steps to protect yourself when shopping in-person or online.

“This time of year is filled with festivities, busy shopping malls, and selecting the right gift for our friends and family. While shopping at your favorite retail store or from your iPad, let’s focus on the important steps that can keep us safe and secure.” said Colonel Nathan A. Noyes of the NH State Police. “Individuals are encouraged to remain vigilant both in-person and online, be aware of their surroundings and report any suspicious activity to law enforcement authorities.”

Business Retail Shopping Safety:

- Never leave personal items unattended.
- Secure your valuables or purchases in the trunk of your vehicle where they are not visible.
- Lock your vehicle as soon as you exit or enter it.
- Park in a well-lit area and use business entrances/exits closest to your vehicle.
- Do not carry large amounts of cash.
- When possible, do not shop alone.
- Be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious activity.

Online shopping is one of the easiest ways to complete your holiday gift list, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“People have the tendency to let their guard down when shopping online or from home,” said Noyes. “However, being observant and taking precautions to protect yourself can help eliminate the chance of being a victim of a cyber crime.”

Online Shopping Safety:

- Verify the website before purchasing; web browsers should display a closed padlock or a URL beginning with https.
- Only shop through trusted networks and do not share personal or financial information over a public Wi-Fi network.
- Avoid clicking on links in unsolicited or suspicious emails and be wary of email attachments.
- If it sounds too good to be true, it likely is. Verify all ads by going directly to the

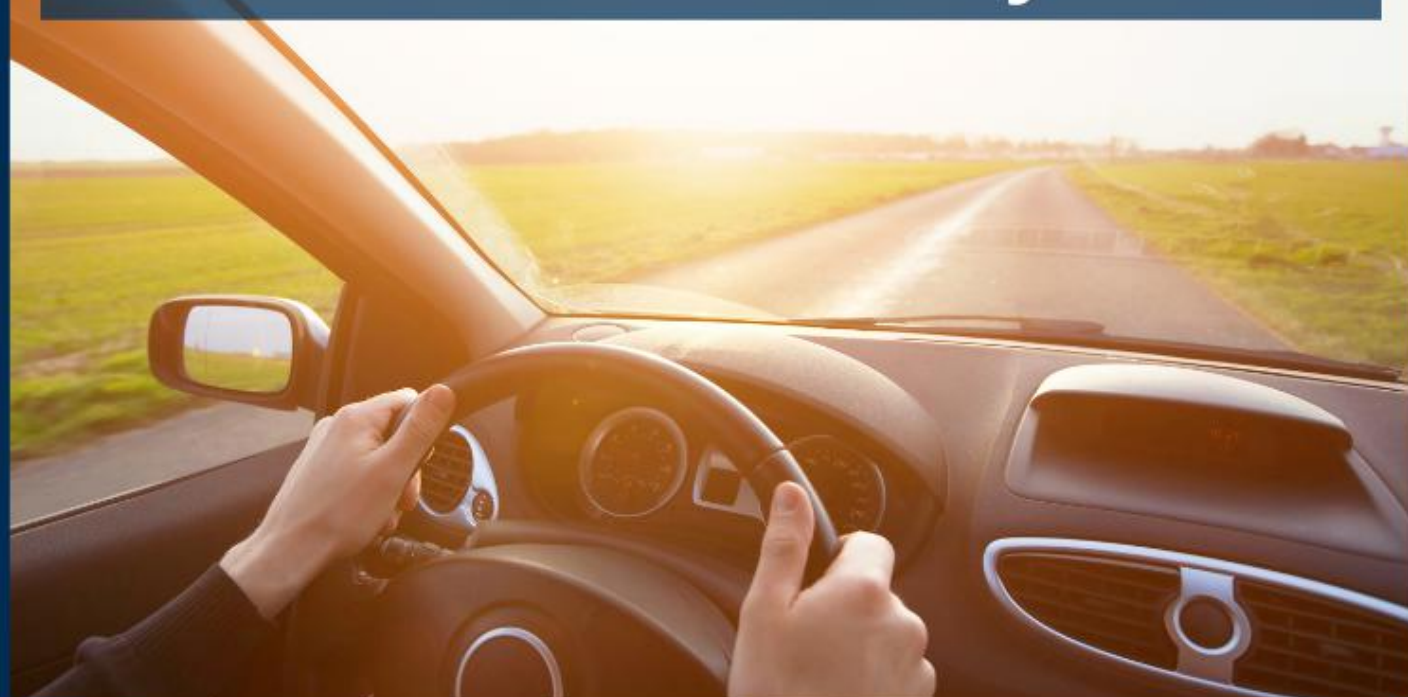
known, trusted website.

- Don’t overshare your information. Most retailers do not need your Date of Birth or Social Security Number to simply purchase a gift or gift card.
- Check your online statements frequently. This will aid in early detection of fraudulent purchases/ID theft.
- Track online purchases and remove

packages from your front porch as soon as possible to avoid theft. Request delivery companies to place packages in a secure location.

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“Highlighting the Arts,” said McGee, “was the determining factor in the grant being awarded right here in Claremont, where Red River is headquartered. We’re proud to be entrenched in this community.”

Bob Sweeney, of the Boston Bruins Foundation, noted that he was pleased that “with this grant, we’re ‘getting out’ of the Boston area, extending our philanthropic services and support into New Hampshire. All of our work is focused on enhancing the quality of children’s lives.”

Both foundations have a mission to bring more STEM — and now STEAM — opportunities to New England. They had partnered once before on a lab at Spark Academy in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

CMS principal Frank Romeo said, “When I first came to Claremont a few years ago, I believed in the district’s vision. Today, we’re a step closer to fulfilling that vision. Throughout the challenges of the past year and a half, CMS students and faculty have certainly lived up to our school’s motto: We’ve got this.”

Michael Tempesta, SAU6 superintendent, who had already toured the lab, said “the students are all fired up.” He thanked the many Red River employees who “rolled up their sleeves and went to work to literally build the lab. They even created designs for the dividers and tables.” He echoed McGee’s praise for the Red River volunteers, who re-did the entire allied arts wing of the school, painting, cleaning, and at times building furniture through the summer months.

Claremont mayor Charlene Lovett was pleased that “we’re finally getting the right technologies to prepare students for their future. We always had the desire to bring something like this to the city. But there was the problem of funding. Our partnership with Red River and the Boston Bruins means that the financial impediments have gone away.”

U.S. Senator Jeanne

Shaheen sent a letter that read, in part, “This is a wonderful new resource that will earn the attention of students and give them hands-on opportunities that encourage further study.” Work-based, career-building education “helps children grow socially, analytically and creatively.”

The enthusiasm of the students was boundless. After the ribbon was cut — to their cheers and applause — they became eager tour guides to the lab’s three work spaces. They showed off their work to the visitors and explained what projects they were now concentrating on. Not only was each

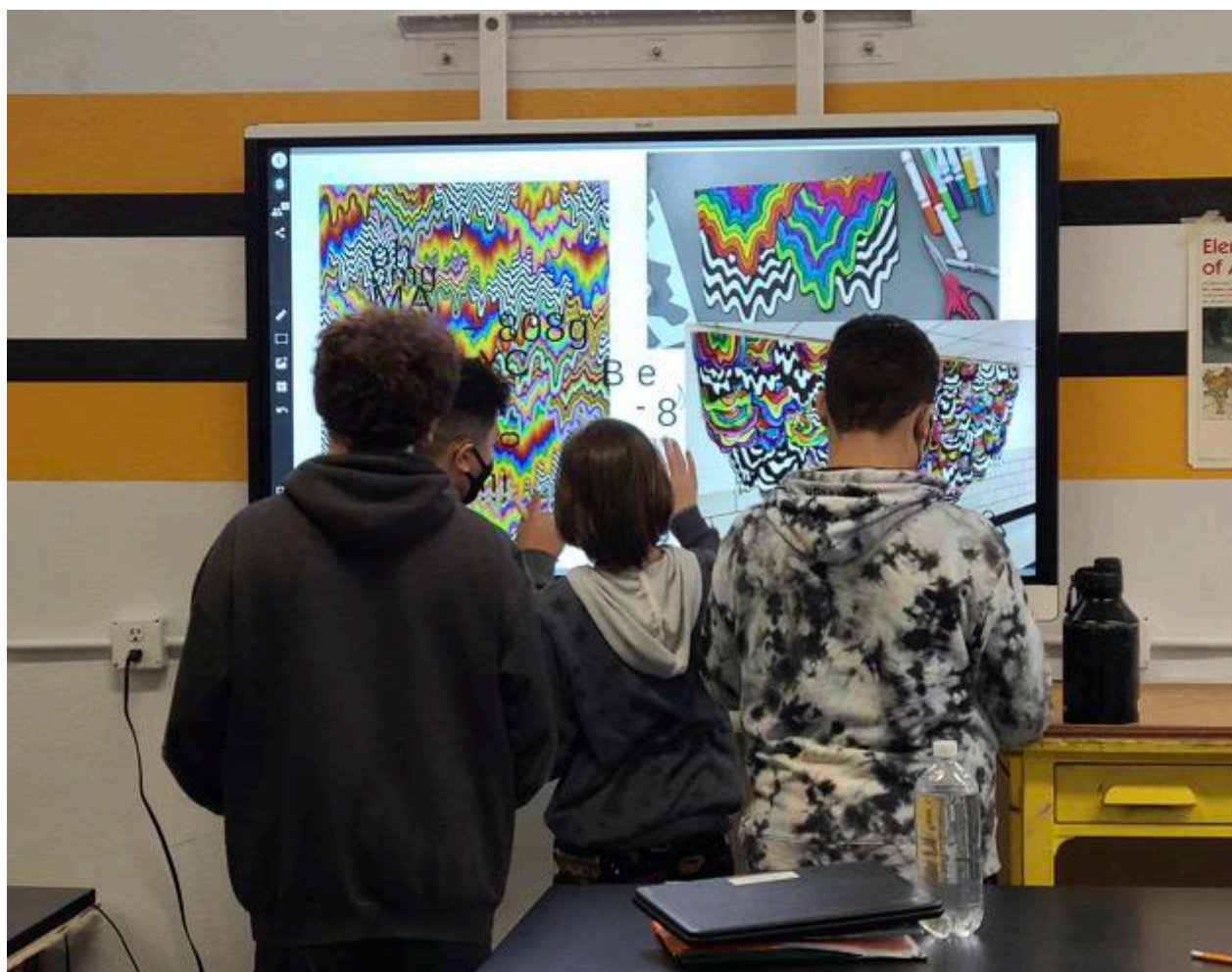


student developing individual skills. They also were learning about teamwork, encouraging one another, creating a colorful wall hanging together, and sharing ideas.

When a student finishes their art, technical or computer project, they join one of the other classes, so that every student gains experience in three fields.

The students’ interest and application give proof to McGee’s words: “The STEAM lab provides an educational uplift to Claremont. It’s a critical addition to this city’s economic revitalization, a part of its rising tide.”

Top: Jean Gagnon, 12, a 7th grader, discusses a woodworking project, as Blades, the Boston Bruins mascot, listens in. Jean also plans to modify a CO2 canister that propels a model car into a cartridge for launching an Estes B6-4 rocket. Left: Many hands on the touchscreen contribute to the design of a vibrant wall hanging.



Classified Ads

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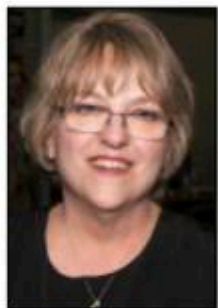
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FINANCIAL TIPS

Financial Traps to Avoid

There's a good reason so many athletes, entertainers and business people who made seven figures and higher suddenly find themselves filing for bankruptcy. Money mismanagement can eat through even the biggest bankrolls.

Here are some specific threats to financial stability that people can avoid to help effectively manage their wealth.

NO BUDGET

In 2019, CNBC reported that even though 93% of Americans¹ believe everyone should have a budget, only one in three actually does. Budgeting does not have to mean skipping coffee and driving a jalopy for the rest of your life. It does mean paying close attention to how much money comes in and where it all goes. Use your financial goals to guide you in steering your money in the right direction.

TOO MUCH DEBT

If you have a lot of debt to pay off, a budget is all the more important. It helps reduce the likelihood of relying on more credit to fill the gaps. A budget also helps you to collect all those extra dollars and cents that you could put toward paying more than the bare minimum on debt. When paying off debt, start with the higher-interest accounts first and work your way through to save money.

NO PROTECTION

Insurance can be expensive, but going without insurance can be even more so. Renters, homeowners, auto, health, disability and life insurance policies are the main ones you should consider. If you have a business — especially if it is your main or only source of income — getting business insurance can protect your livelihood in the event of a mishap with a client or customer.

NO RETIREMENT PLANNING

Forbes estimates that roughly 25% of Americans have nothing saved for retirement². This may be forcing some people to continue to hold stressful,

low-paying jobs well into their retirement years. It is never too early to start planning for retirement, no matter how small your contributions are. Remember to take advantage of matched contributions from employers whenever possible.

TOO MUCH RISK

There is no investment that is 100% without risk. If there were, the returns on that investment would be negligible. Even so, taking on too much risk at the wrong time can lead to big financial problems. Taking on high levels of risk is appropriate for young people who have more time to recover and is not advised for people nearing retirement.

SHADY INVESTMENTS

Even worse is when risky investments turn out to be fraudulent or shady. In fact, the more risk-free an investment sounds, the more you should do some digging. This holds true whether the business or individual you plan to invest in is a stranger or your brother. People who miscalculate or fail to do enough research can cause you just as much financial damage as fraudsters.

POOR TAX MANAGEMENT

No matter how much or how little money you make, tax management is a great way to help keep money in your pockets. This is especially important after a large windfall, such as an inheritance. For instance, if you inherit an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and choose to cash out, you may lose a portion of this in taxes. Divorce is another time of life when tax management is key.

MISMANAGED ASSETS

Stocks are often traded frequently, making them active investments, but you still need to ensure your portfolio stays balanced. Similarly, if you have a home, keeping up with repairs and improvements maintains and grows its value. Unmanaged assets also pose a problem, such as when people allow large sums of money to sit in accounts with low to no interest rates and high fees.

For some people, money management is a talent and financial literacy is almost an inborn skill. Many other people, however, could use a little help making financial decisions.



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Pleasant Street Ready for Winter Traffic, Parking

CLAREMONT, NH—Last Friday, Dec. 3, was the last day of the 2021 construction season for the Rethink Pleasant Street project. Sticking to the schedule, stripes were laid down for angled parking spaces on the east side, as well as outlines where new curbs and bump outs will be built next year.

Ryan St.Pierre of BUR Construction pointed out a worker who was applying a blowtorch to the asphalt. “There was still some moisture on the road,” he explained, “and paint won’t adhere to a wet surface. The blowtorch dries it out.”

A pair of workers from L&D Safety Marking

Corp. handled all the striping in one day. One carefully applied the paint, while the other right behind him scattered finely ground glass on the fresh paint. The glass will provide reflectivity.

The 2022 construction season is scheduled to start up in April, weather permitting.

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Officer-Involved Shooting in Walpole Remains Under Investigation

CONCORD, NH—Attorney General John M. Formella announced that an investigation remains ongoing into the officer-involved shooting incident that occurred on Saturday, December 4, in Walpole, NH.

According to the NH Attorney General's Office, "Initial reports are that at approximately 3:09 a.m., an officer from the New Hampshire State Police and an officer from the Walpole Police Department responded to 800 County Road in Walpole for a reported suicidal adult male. A brief confrontation occurred outside of the residence between [the man] and the responding officers. During that confrontation, the trooper discharged his weapon and wounded the [individual]. The Walpole officer did not discharge his weapon. The injured man was taken to a hospital and is being treated for his injuries. The shots were fired at approximately 3:12 a.m."

No law enforcement officers or other private citizens were physically injured during the incident.

The circumstances surrounding the trooper's discharge of his weapon remains actively under investigation by the Attorney General's Office and the New Hampshire State Police Major Crime Unit. "Per protocol, the names of the officers involved in this incident are being withheld pending each officer's formal interview. It is anticipated that the interviews will be completed during the coming week. Once the interviews are complete, the names of the officers will be released," said the AG's Office.

Neither of the officers were equipped with body cameras. There is no known video of this incident at this time.

"The Attorney General's role in an officer deadly force investigation is to determine if the officer's use of deadly force was justified under the law," said Formella. "Whether [the injured man] will face any criminal liability for his [alleged] conduct is within the Cheshire County Attorney's purview. Thus, the Cheshire County Attorney's Office will also be reviewing the circumstances of this incident to determine if criminal charges will be

brought against [him] in connection with the incident."

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 - SANTA COMES TO CLAREMONT

Santa is coming to town! He will be at the Claremont Runnings on Washington St. on Sunday, Dec. 12th, from 11-3. Kids, families and pets welcome to visit with Santa and get their picture taken. Photos will only be available digitally and e-mailed to you for only \$5 an image. Yummy treats will also be available. To benefit Sullivan County Humane Society.

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Business News

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health Sees Marked Increase in Active COVID-19 Cases

LEBANON, NH—The situation with the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve rapidly, and all members of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health (D-HH) system are seeing marked increases in active COVID-19 cases in their organizations.

As of the morning, Wednesday, December 1, D-HH members were treating a total of 62 COVID-19 patients, including 33 patients at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, 15 at Cheshire Medical Center in Keene, 1 at Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital (APD) in Lebanon, 4 at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center in Windsor, VT, 2 at New London Hospital, and 7 being followed by Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire.

D-HH member hospitals are also prepared to take steps as they become necessary, to reduce or delay non-emergent surgeries, among other strategies to make bed space available for COVID-19 admissions.

At this writing, the state of New Hampshire had 400 people hospitalized with active COVID-19 infections.

As of November 23, 2021, New Hampshire had the third highest per capita daily average of new COVID-19 cases out of the 50 U.S. states plus the District of Columbia (That data has since been updated to reflect the highest numbers in the country). New Hampshire is also surging in terms of hospitalizations, in comparison with other U.S. states that have seen at least a 40% rise in the past 14 days. At present, around 18% of hospital inpatients in New Hampshire have COVID-19 (39% in ICUs).

Overall, 65% of the NH population is fully vaccinated, with many having also

received or signed up to receive a booster dose. Unfortunately, this is still insufficient to stop the spread of the virus, with lower rates of vaccination in younger age groups who have had less social distancing and mask use in public (<50% fully vaccinated under the age of 30).

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health continues to strongly advocate for COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters, as well as continued mask wearing, physical distancing, and thorough hand washing.

Employee Milestones Celebrated by Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center

WINDSOR, VT – Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) commemorated employment milestones for 32 employees at its annual Employee Service Awards, and held a catered event at the the Silo in Windsor on November 4th. Dr. Joseph Perras, President and CEO, Chief Medical Officer, gave welcoming remarks congratulating the staff members on their service and dedication to community health over the course of many years.

Recipients celebrating 10 years of employment included: Amber Bedi, Hannah Bianchi, Cara Goodenough, Lori LaPlante, Cynthia

Magrath, Courtney McKaig, Theresa Tabor, and Wendy Tetrault.

Recipients marking 15 years at MAHHC included: Sarah Agnoli, Kitty Benson, Robert Cowles, Susan Falzarano, John Frisbee, Dr. Alden Hall, Brenna Heighes, Christie Leary, Terri-Lynn Picard, Dr. David Podell, and Katherine Sawyer.

MAHHC employees celebrating 20 years included: Rosemary Atwood, Terrilee Dana, Candace Hingston, Barbra Howard, Judith Hunt, Mark Linkiewicz, Maureen Reed, Melanie Sheehan, and Gwen Spaulding.

Reaching the 25-year milestone were Amanda Allen, Vickie Day, and Heather Rumrill.

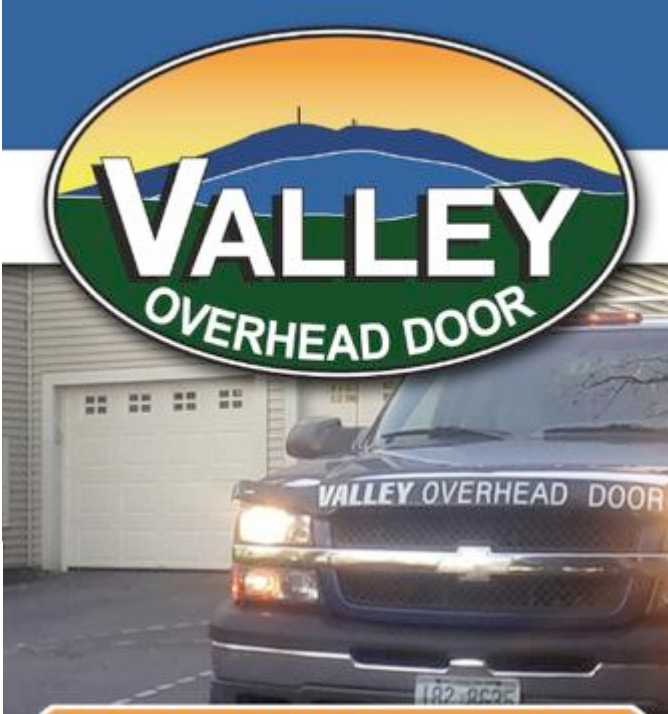
Finally, Tamra Howe celebrated 30 years as a Hospital employee in 2021.

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Retirees Fear Becoming a Burden

It's human nature to want to make things easier for our loved ones – and to have great concern about adding any stress to their lives. In fact, 72% of retirees say that one of their biggest fears is becoming a burden on their families, according to the Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study. How can you address this fear?

First, don't panic. In all the years leading up to your retirement, there's a lot you can do to help maintain your financial independence and avoid burdening your grown children or other family members. Consider these suggestions:

- *Increase contributions to your retirement plans and health savings account.* The greater your financial resources, the greater your financial independence – and the less likely you would ever burden your family. So, contribute as much as you can afford to your IRA, your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contributions, if offered, and increase your contributions whenever your salary goes up. You may also want to contribute to a health savings account (HSA), if it's available.

- *Invest for growth potential.* If you start investing early enough, you'll have a long time horizon, which means you'll have the opportunity to take advantage of investments that offer growth potential. So, in all your investment vehicles – IRA, 401(k), HSA and whatever other accounts you may have – try to devote a reasonable percentage of your portfolio to growth-oriented investments, such as stocks and stock-based funds. Of course, there are no guarantees and you will undoubtedly see market fluctuations and downturns, but you can help reduce the impact of volatility by holding a diversified portfolio for the long term and periodically rebalancing it to help ensure it is aligned with your risk tolerance and time horizon. Keep in mind, though, that diversification does not ensure a profit or protect against loss in a declining market.

- *Protect yourself from long-term care costs.* Even if you invest diligently for decades, your accumulated wealth could be jeopardized, and you could even become somewhat dependent on your family, if you ever need some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home or the services of a home health care aide. The likelihood of your needing such assistance is not insignificant, and the care can be quite expensive. In fact, the median cost for home health services is nearly \$55,000 per year, while a private room in a nursing home can exceed \$100,000, according to Genworth, an insurance company. To help protect yourself against these steep and rising costs, you may want to contact a financial professional, who can suggest an appropriate strategy, possibly involving various insurance options.

- *Create your estate plans.* If you were ever to become incapacitated, you could end up imposing various burdens on your family. To guard against this possibility, you'll want to ensure your estate plans contain key documents, such as a financial power of attorney and a health care directive.

It's safe to say that no one ever wants to become a financial burden to their family. But putting appropriate strategies in place can go a long way toward helping avoid this outcome.

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Legal Aid Improves Community Health

A job loss, health crisis, domestic violence or divorce can often be the event that catapults a person into a situation requiring legal assistance. Such events may create financial hardships and make it very difficult to afford hiring a lawyer. In civil matters such as these, individuals who cannot afford legal representation are not assigned a lawyer as is the case in criminal cases. However, legal aid is an option. Working together, 603 Legal Aid and NH Legal Assistance (NHLA) provide residents throughout the state access to legal counsel, benefitting both individuals and the communities in which they reside.

According to the NH Campaign for Legal Services 2020 Annual Report, 603 Legal Aid and NHLA assisted more than 16,000 state residents to stay in their homes, secure child support and access critical benefits and services. Their work impacted children, families, older adults, those with disabilities and veterans. Direct financial impact to the people that 603 Legal Aid and NHLA served totaled \$2.6M, including child support, alimony, unemployment, and disability benefits. By providing financial stability to numerous households, communities also realized numerous benefits. More dollars circulated in local economies, the potential of homelessness decreased, and health outcomes improved.

Dartmouth-Hitchcock (D-H) recognizes the impact that access to legal assistance can have on population health. This year, D-H and NHLA launched a two-year pilot program to provide legal assistance to families with young children in the Upper Valley, including those in Sullivan County. Funded by the NH Charitable Foundation, the Couch Family Foundation and D-H, the program began in September and will run through August 2023.

Families with young children who are patients at certain D-H pilot sites will be eligible to participate in the program. Families may receive help with common "health-harming le-

gal needs" such as unsafe housing or problems accessing Food Stamps. Providing legal assistance to young families that secures benefits, housing and employment creates financial stability, a critical component to good health outcomes in a child during the early years of development. Not only does this equate to better educational outcomes for the child, but also for school districts which are measured by student performance.

The healthiest and most successful communities are those in which people have equitable access to resources when they are needed. The global pandemic has disrupted the job market, contributed to housing insecurity, and created numerous health concerns. Such disruption has only increased the need for legal assistance. The good news is that the legal aid community stands ready to assist people access their legal benefits and services.

Anyone living in NH who has low income and needs legal aid can reach out for help contacting 603 Legal Aid by telephone or online. 603 Legal Aid is the central entry point for anyone looking for legal aid. To apply, visit nhlegalaids.org or call 603-224-3333.

To learn more about 603 Legal Aid, please go to <https://nh-cla.org/announcing-603-legal-aid/>.

To learn more about NHLA, please go to <https://www.nhla.org/>.

Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and welcomes your feedback. Please email questions, comments or con-

cerns to her at clovett.ccc@gmail.com.

COVID-19 Vaccination & Booster Shot Clinic in Plainfield

The Town of Plainfield, with support from the Upper Valley Public Health Council, will be hosting a WALK IN (no appointment necessary) COVID-19 Vaccination & Booster Shot Clinic on Sunday, Dec. 12, in the Plainfield Elementary School Gym from 8 - 11a.m. This clinic will be open to the public and will be offering ALL vaccines to anyone 5 years and older. Adults, please bring ID and COVID-19 vaccination card. Parents of minors, please bring your child's COVID-19 vaccination card if applicable. Contact cr.director@plainfieldnh.org if you have questions.

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Sullivan County Grand Jury Releases Indictments

NEWPORT, NH—The Sullivan County Grand Jury released the following indictments on Thursday:

Perrin L. Burge, 28, Springfield, VT, indicted for Conspiracy to Commit Burglary—Committed on Release, Sept. 1, 2021.

Kristopher M. Royce, 32, Springfield, VT, indicted for Conspiracy to Commit Burglary, Sept. 1, 2021.

Mercedes Campbell, 31, Newport, NH, indicted for Witness Tampering, April 24, 2021.

Charles P. Bunten, 43, Claremont, NH, indicted for Operation After Certification as a Habitual Offender, Oct. 21, 2021.

Jeffery L. Ellison, Newport, NH, Newport, NH, indicted for Possession of Fentanyl, On Release, May 24, 2021.

Christopher Porter, 44, Newport, NH, indicted for Second Degree Assault, DV, Nov. 3, 2021.

William Bussino, 50, Newport, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited, Possession, alpha-PHP (sub offense), Sept. 20, 2020.

Christopher Webb, 26, Wheatley Heights, NY, indicted for Convicted Felons, Felon in Possession, Aug. 12, 2020.

Bradley Nichols, 47, Newport, NH, indicted for Convicted Felons, Felon in Possession (Remington 700), Aug. 23, 2021; Convicted Felons, Felon in Possession, Aug. 23, 2021; Falsifying Physical Evidence (Firearm), Aug. 23, 2021; Armed Career Criminal (Remington Model 700), Aug. 23, 2021; Armed Career Criminal (Remington Model 870), Aug. 23, 2021; Convicted Felons, Felon in Possession (Winchester 30/30), Nov. 6, 2021; Convicted Felons, Felon in Possession (Winchester Model 61), Nov. 6, 2021; Convicted Felons, Felon in Possession (Remington .22), Nov. 6, 2021; Armed Career Criminal (Winchester), Nov. 6, 2021; Armed Career Criminal (Remington), Nov. 6, 2021; Armed Career Criminal (Winchester Model 61), Nov. 6, 2021.

Thomas L Arbuckle, 39, Chester, VT, indicted for Criminal Threatening-Deadly Weapon (by driving a GMC pickup truck in the direction of a Claremont Police Sgt.), Sept. 9, 2021; Reckless Conduct Deadly Weapon Criminal Threatening-Deadly Weapon (placing the GMC pickup truck he was operating in reverse and accelerating rapidly in the direction of a Claremont Police Officer), Sept. 9, 2021; Receiving Stolen Property-Value \$1500+, Sept. 9,

2021; Reckless Conduct Deadly Weapon, Sept. 9, 2021 (driving a GMC truck at a high rate of speed striking a Claremont Police cruiser), Sept. 9, 2021.

Christian Haines, 25, Claremont, NH, indicted for Second Degree Assault-DV, May 4, 2021.

Cody Jennison, 19, Claremont, NH, indicted for Reckless Conduct Deadly Weapon-On Release (operating a VW Jetta motor vehicle, at night, at unsafe speeds and/or manner thereby endangering others), Oct. 30, 2021.

Gabrielle Williams, 24, Claremont, NH, indicted for Burglary-Attempted, Nov. 18, 2021; Acts Prohibited-Possession of Fentanyl, May 28, 2021.

Naomi Robitille-Welch, 41, Claremont, NH, indicted for Second Degree Assault-DV, on or about Aug. 1 and 9, 2021; Second Degree Assault-DV, on or about Aug. 1 and 9, 2021.

Kristopher Henry, 32, Springfield, VT, indicted for Reckless Conduct/Deadly Weapon,

Feb. 13, 2021.

Kristopher Kristl, 33, Perkinsville, VT, indicted for Habitual Offender, Sept. 25, 2021; Falsifying Physical Evidence (Heroin/Fentanyl), Attempt, Sept. 25, 2021.

Angelleea Coleman, 20, Claremont, NH, indicted for Second Degree Assault (Criminal Liability for the Conduct of Another), Aug. 9, 2021; Second Degree Assault, Aug. 9, 2021; Riot, Aug. 9, 2021; First Degree (Criminal Liability for the Conduct of Another), Aug. 9, 2021.

Robert Martin, 36, County Farm Rd., Unity, NH, indicted for Bail Jumping, Nov. 12, 2021; Bail Jumping, May 13, 2021.

Matthew Pickering, 26, County Farm Rd., indicted for Bail Jumping, June 17, 2021.

Lisa Robie, 50, Claremont, NH, indicted for Bail Jumping, April 2, 2018.

Thadius Nye, 36, Claremont, NH, indicted for Bail Jumping, Nov. 18, 2021.

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Claremont Writer's Play Gets Staged Reading

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—In May 2020, Eric Zengota submitted a one-act play to Shaker Bridge Theater in Enfield. The theater had announced a contest for amateur writers. There were only three guidelines: a play could run no longer than 10 minutes, have no more than three characters, and have as its theme some experience of the pandemic.

Producer-director Bill Coons expected “maybe eight submissions from local playwrights. As it turned out, I got 70, not only from across the country but two from New Zealand.” Since then, Coons has been reading each play, deciding which would be part of an evening of staged readings. (Actors would be seated, holding scripts, thus emphasizing their characters’ words and emotions.)

Zengota’s “Drip-n-Drop” was one of the 14 finalists chosen to be presented.

“I imagined what it would be like on the first day that society reopened. I set it in ‘next week’ and 10 miles away,” he said. “Two women ‘of a certain age’ who are lifelong friends visit their local mall. While binge-buying things to kick-start the economy, they see that their hometown Drip-n-Drop franchise has finally opened. They enter the shop, where a smooth-talking host shows them exactly what they can purchase.”

“Drip-n-Drop” had its world premiere last Friday, and was well received by the audience. Zengota also acted in two other plays, one of which he was assigned only the day before opening night.

Sunday, December 19, 4:30 – 6:00
Live Nativity & Christmas Pageant
Brownsville Community Church

Between 4:30 and 6:00, the community will have 3 opportunities to enjoy a narration of the Christmas story complete with Mary, Joseph, angels, wise men, shepherds and more acting in and around the manger at Tribute Park adjacent to the church. The story will be interspersed with beautiful Christmas songs sung by all. All are welcome.

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Public Notice Claremont School Board Regular Meeting December 8, 2021 6:30pm

Location Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center

The Claremont School Board will be holding an in-person regular and non-public meeting following Covid 19 guidelines. Those in attendance may need to adhere to safety rules which include: temperature check, hand sanitizer, wearing a face mask, social distancing, and others deemed necessary.

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Public Notice SAU #6 School Board Meeting Serving Claremont & Unity December 16, 2021 6:30pm

**Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center
Business & Community Room**

The SAU #6 School Board will be holding an in person public hearing and regular meeting following Covid 19 guidelines. Those in attendance may need to adhere to safety rules which include: temperature check, hand sanitizer, wearing a face mask, social distancing, and others deemed necessary.

The meeting will also be available on CCTV Channel 8 and online using one of these links.

You can watch channel 8 at anytime LIVE here:

<https://reflect-claremont.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/watch/1?channel=1>

Or channel 10 here:

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Santa is coming to Town!

**Photos
with
Santa**



**Pets
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**Join us on Sunday, December 12th 2021
from 11-3 @
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Join SCHS and Santa for a fun photo-op! There will also
be some delicious homemade baked goodies!



From all of us at Sullivan County Humane Society, thank you for your support!

All photo and bake sale proceeds to benefit the Sullivan County Humane Society

Sports/Recreation

SHS Announces Winter Sports Protocol for SHS Home Basketball Games

CLAREMONT, NH—Athletic Director Doug Beaupre has announced that the winter sports protocol at Stevens High School home basketball games will be as follows:

-All players/coaches/fans must wear masks at all times UNLESS they are actively participating in the game on the court. There may be a few instances where the opposing school mandates that everyone be masked at all times, including players on the court. In those situations, in an effort to be sure that the game is played, the players on the court will wear masks.

-Each SHS athlete/coach will be allowed FOUR fans per game to attend our home games (each visiting players/coach will be allowed two fans to attend). A list will be generated before each game with the names of each players/coaches invited guests. That list needs to be completed by noon of the day of game. If a spectator is not on the list, they will not be allowed in to view the game.

-All spectators will be required to wear masks at all times!

-At the conclusion of the Junior Varsity game, the gym will need to be cleared before the spectators for the varsity game will be allowed in. The doors will be open for the JV fans at 5:15 and they will be open for the varsity fans as soon as all the JV fans have cleared out.

-We will be livestreaming on our Stevens High School Athletics Facebook page.

-There will be NO concession stand open during the games.



Elks Lodge #879 Hoop Shoot Results

The Lodge held its Annual Lodge Elks Hoop Shoot on December 5th. "The turnout was fantastic," said Lee Miller, Lodge Hoop Shoot Chairman. "We had 17 contestants that participated this year. I would like to thank the parent/guardians for bringing the kids to the shoot. We had 10 lodge members who volunteered their time to make this shoot a success. A huge thank you to Steven's Boys' Basketball coach Ray Curren and 2 students, Jesse Foote and Reeve Wilkinson, for helping us this year. The winners will move on to the District Shoot being held on January 9th, 2022, in Lebanon, NH, sponsored by the Lebanon Elks Lodge #2099." **Winners' Results:** 8-9 Girls Blythe Davis, 10-11 Girls Shawna Morin, 12-13 Girls Gianna Bovell, 10-11 Boys Tatum Lunderville, 2-13 Boys Holden Tallman (Photos: Eric Zengota, courtesy).



Hoops and Dreams

Parks & Rec Introduces the Youngest Athletes to Basketball

Story and Photos by Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Last Saturday morning saw the start of Claremont Parks and Recreation Department's youth basketball program. There was a 45-minute session at 8am for

both Start Smart (3 years to pre-K) and Kindergartners. These categories, explained coach Ray Curren, are designed as purely instructional programs. There are no teams and no formal games. Instead, the youngsters learn the basics, including dribbling, passing and shooting. Curren, a school counselor at Stevens High School, is also the new



varsity boys basketball coach.

On Saturday, 50 "1/2" kids filled the gym with laughs and shouts as they dribbled their way down the length of the court and around the blocking provided by players from the CMS

and SHS basketball teams, who also led the drills. Families watched from the bleachers,



taking photos and videos to be shared on social media.

"sessions last for six weeks," said Curren. "The way the calendar worked out this year, four weeks before the Christmas break and two after."

Coming soon: the start of practices for 3/4 and 5/6 players, who will compete in teams at advanced levels.

Inspiration

LOVE

By Priscilla Hull

Last week we talked about the word HOPE. This week the word, is LOVE. There are many aspects of love. For example; I love the song *Jingle Bells*, or I love the way that hat looks tipped over one eye, or I love the picture you sent, I love that there is fresh snow for skiing! Maybe I love the smell of the woods on a rainy day. Of course, we can't forget the love of a couple for each other, or the love they have for their baby. The love of a parent for a child is a special thing.

It is wonderful to have love as the center of a relationship, whether it is the AGAPE love that includes all people. Yes, even those we haven't met or those whom we don't care for. It is part of life to love others and to love things and to love a pet. There is nothing unusual about love. It is all good when we use it right.

The meaning of LOVE that we're talking about for this, the Second Week of Advent, is all of the above and more. When the shepherds came to worship the baby, they didn't know what they were seeing, they were rough, uneducated men who maybe couldn't read or write. Their lives were spent in the country with their charges, the sheep. They spent days, no months, in the wilderness leading the sheep from one field to the next where ever they could find fresh grass and calm waters. They visited town only to sell the wool which they had sheared and maybe some lamb and older sheep. They were not welcome except for the wool and meat. Yet, these rough, tough men, and maybe some women, were welcome at the manger of the baby who was born to change the course of the world. Indeed they were the first welcomed.

Another aspect of LOVE that we can't leave out is that plants actually grow better when they are loved. My mother always talked to her plants, seeds as she planted, seedlings as she transplanted, potted house and garden plants. I never knew any plants that thrived as well as hers did. She just had a knack and that knack was called LOVE.

What the world needs now is LOVE, sweet LOVE. Let's take advantage of the season and feel and share the LOVE that has the potential to bring us together again into a people who will love without reservation; a people who will make a difference in the world in a good way. To make us aware that when we use LOVE to guide our lives, we are living not for ourselves, but for others.

At Christmas let us give gifts of love – not something to impress, but something that shows our love.

Do everything in love.
1 Corinthians 16:1

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



Calendar Of Events

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.

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.

Gallery of Gifts: Handmade for the Holidays 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-h.org. Tickets and season information are available online at www.cohnh.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.

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

Lake Sunapee VNA Offers Three Grief Support Groups

NEW LONDON, NH – Lake Sunapee VNA offers three virtual grief support groups for the community. The “NewlyBereaved 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.

Claremont Senior Center News

Remember Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Per President Franklin D Roosevelt, “A day which will live in infamy”. There are not many Pearl Harbor Veterans still with us, but there are a few of us who can remember that terrible day.

The days are colder, it gets dark much earlier and we have already seen our first snow of the season. We are open every Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. We are also open Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6pm to 9 pm. As many of us do not like having to drive in the dark, a new game afternoon has started on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 pm to 3 pm.

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, chair exercise, and quilting. Socializing is always an option.

Foot Clinic - You MUST call 603-748-1731 to make an appointment with them. The fee is \$25. December dates are 8th, 15th and 22nd.

Blood Drive – There will be a blood drive at the Center on Decem-

ber 27th. Please call 1-800-REDCROSS to schedule your appointment. We thank all of those who donate.

Men’s Breakfast – Our next men’s breakfast will be on December 13th. Doors open at 8 am and serving starts at 8:15. Open to the public. MEN ONLY. Members \$2.00 and nonmembers \$3.00.

We are still holding our drive-thru meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tuesday Dec 7 – Salad, spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, dessert. Thursday Dec 9 – Soup, baked haddock, rice pilaf, vegetable, dessert. Must call 603-543-5998 by 10:30 to reserve your meal. Member price \$4 and non-member \$5. Drive-thru pickup is from 11:45 am to 12:15 pm. Meals are always subject to change.

Have you seen our 1st Annual Claremont Senior Center Car Show Calendar for 2022? It features winners of this year’s 2021 car show with each month featuring a picture of a different class winning vehicle. Only \$12 when picked up at the center, add \$6 shipping and handling for each calendar if we mail to you. Makes a great gift or get one for yourself.

Our Wild Game Supper scheduled for February has been cancelled.

We have this current policy at the Senior Center, because of Covid, so that we can continue to stay open. 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.

“We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.” Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday, November 28th

1605 E4 responded to a medical call on Cedar St.

2032 E4 responded to a medical call on South St.

2118 E4 responded to a medical call on Summer St.

Monday, November 29th

0024 E4 responded to Block Ave for a public assist.

0736 E4 responded to a medical call on Clay Hill Rd.

0917 E4 responded to Old Newport Rd for a low hanging wire.

1642 E4 responded to Dartmouth St for a pellet stove problem.

1827 E4 responded to Washington St for a smoking motor.

1843 E4 responded to School St for a well-being check.

Tuesday, November 30th

0314 E4 responded to a medical call on Pleasant St.

0840 E4 responded to Maple Ave for a lift assist.

1104 E4 responded to a medical call on North St.

1603 E4 responded to a medical call on Summer St.

1638 E4 responded to Spofford St for an odor investigation.

1858 E4 responded to a medical call on Mulberry St.

2013 E4 responded to Clover St to assist the ambulance.

2033 E3 responded to Mulberry St for a lift assist.

2232 E3 responded to Plains Rd for a motor vehicle accident.

Wednesday, December 1st

0832 E4 responded to Washington St for an alarm sounding.

1711 E3 responded to Washington St for a motor vehicle accident.

2229 E4 responded to a medical call on Wall St.

2351 E4 responded to a medical call on First St.

Thursday, December 2nd

0508 E3 responded to Sugar River Dr for a motor vehicle accident.

Friday, December 3rd

1236 E3 responded to Washington St for a motor vehicle accident.

Saturday, December 4th

0815 E4 responded to Sullivan St for a 9-1-1 hang-up.

1306 E4 responded to Curtis St for an illegal burn.

1347 E4 responded to a medical call on Schmitt St.

1452 E4 responded to Cathole Rd to assist the ambulance.

1735 E4 responded to a medical call on Schmitt St.

Celebrate the Holidays at Billings Farm & Museum

WOODSTOCK, VT—Experience the traditions of a late 19th-century Vermont Christmas with a visit to the Billings Farm & Museum this holiday season. Christmas at the Farm will be featured December 10, 11 & 12, and daily Dec. 18 – Jan. 2, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm (closed Christmas Day).

Festive holiday trees and decorations will fill the Visitor Center and historic barn. Visitors can learn about a Victorian Christmas, experience the authentically decorated parlor of the 1890 Farm Manager's House, and dip candles. Be sure to vote for the best staff-made gingerbread house on display beginning December 10. Don't miss the to-scale 1890 Farm Manager's House recreated in gingerbread in the Visitor Center lobby.

On the farm, guests can meet Jersey cows, draft horses, chickens, sheep, and goats in the barns. Visitors can gather around the fire pits and warm up with hot chocolate, coffee and s'mores, available for purchase. Light adventure can be found on a snowshoe hike along the Ottauquechee River, weather permitting.

Santa is coming to Billings Farm. Santa will visit Billings Farm 10am-3pm on December 12, 18 & 19.

Billings Farm will celebrate Wassail Weekend, Dec. 10-12 as part of the Woodstock festivities. Wassail special programs include:

SUNDAY ONLY: Horse-Drawn Wagon or Sleigh Rides, 11am-2pm. Conditions permitting. Reservations for rides will be taken upon arrival at the Ticket Desk, on a first come, first served basis. The cost is \$5 per person in addition to the purchase of a general admission ticket.

Enjoy these timed activities throughout December (offered daily unless otherwise noted): Victorian Christmas program: 12 and 2pm Meet our Gentle Jerseys: 11am & 1pm

Daily Milking: 3:15-4pm

Dec. 18-Jan 2: Make your own Mini-Mince Pie: 10am-3:30pm

Dec. 27-Jan 2: Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides, 11am-3pm. Conditions permitting. Reservations for rides will be taken upon arrival at the Ticket Desk, on a first come, first served basis.

Visiting safely. For the continued safety of our staff and guests, all guests over the age of 2 are required to wear a face covering in all indoor spaces. All guests must wear masks when around people and unable to maintain 6' physical distances outdoors. No entry is permitted without a face covering. Visit billingsfarm.org/safety for details.

2021 Sunapee Toys for Joy/Giving Tree

SUNAPEE, NH—The 2021 Sunapee Toys for Joy/Giving Tree is at the Safety Services Building and looking for your help.

The tags on the tree are for both children and Senior Citizens of Sunapee. Please stop by to select your gift tag soon. We don't have a lot of time - but do have a lot of wishes.

Gift tags will only be available until Tuesday, December 7th.

Gifts may be dropped off 9am-4pm M-F at the Sunapee Police Station by Friday, December 10th.



Lebanon Police Investigating Residential Burglary

LEBANON, NH—On Tuesday, November 30, Lebanon Police Officers responded to a residence on Tenley Ave in West Lebanon for a report of a burglary.

Investigation showed there was forced entry, and a large amount of cash, jewelry, and a firearm was taken from the residence. Lebanon K-9 Blesk tracked a short distance to the roadway where it is believed the person(s) responsible then left the area in a vehicle. Based on information obtained from neighbors, it is believed a dark colored SUV may be involved.

The Police Department asks anyone who may have seen this type of vehicle in the area around dusk, or other information, to call the Lebanon Police at 603-448-1212.

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Life Tributes

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Steven H. Adams

Steven H. Adams of North Charlestown, NH, fittingly passed while working on his farm on November 29, 2021. He was born on December 7, 1947, to James and Wilda Adams. His life's work was accomplished on the family dairy, established in 1899. He was especially proud of his tall corn and “rocket fuel” hay crops.

Stories were always ready for telling about his adventures in gymkhanas, time with the Sullivan County Mounted Sheriff's Posse, the community members he spent time with, his family, farming, and the outdoors. He surprised many people with his superior dancing steps and ability to keep on working through the toughest times.

Stevie is survived by his wife of 46 years, Catherine; son, Brooke Adams of Sullivan; daughters, Wendy & Curtis King of Langdon, Kelsey Patch & Mike Kercewich of Alstead, Lauren & Dustin Morse of Grantham, Emily Adams-Paquin & Chris Paquin of Charlestown, and Lindsay & Wes Van Velsor of Charlestown; his much loved grandchildren, Hailey, Brian & Marley King; Madison & Clayton Patch; Gabe & Ellery Adams-Paquin; Logan Morse; and the much awaited baby Van Velsor due in March; his brother, Tom of Charlestown, his sister, Lyn Hoskinson and her family of Crewe, VA; his

former wife, Sue of Acworth; and countless extended family members from throughout the community.

He was predeceased by his parents, James & Wilda, and his brother, Perry.

We have all lost a great man that anyone could count on in a time of need. Contributions can be made to help the family farm in Catherine Adams' name to ease the burden of this sudden loss.

Visiting hours will be on Saturday, December 11, 2021, at the Charlestown Memorial Chapel in Charlestown from 1-3 PM. Please wear a mask for everyone's safety. The family asks all attending the visiting hours to wear their favorite flannel shirt in his honor.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Kenneth R. Steinke, 85

Kenneth Roy Steinke, 85, passed away on September 8, 2021, at Cedar Hill Continuing Care Community in Windsor, VT. He was born to Ellen and Norman Steinke in Dayton, OH, on October 8, 1935.

He was a talented musician, having played alto horn, trumpet and drums. In 1960, he met and married his wife Muriel in CA, where they had a daughter, Pamela Jean. They eventually made their way back east and came to Claremont, where they lived happily for 32 years, until Muriel's passing. They belonged to the First Baptist Church in Claremont, where they both played in the handbell choir and sang in the choir.

Kenneth worked for ITT Continental Baking Company and was the Hostess Cake supervisor in Claremont and later worked for the US Postal Service. He also served in the United States Army. After losing his beloved Muriel in 2006, he bought a home in Englewood, FL. He spent winters there and summers on Lake Mascoma with his companion, Beth Griffiths.

Kenneth spent the last three years of his life at Cedar Hill Continuing Care Community in Windsor, VT, where the kind, compassionate staff made sure he was comfortable and content in his daily life. For that, his daughter, Pam, will be forever grateful, especially since there were many months when her daily visits were no longer possible.

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Kenneth was predeceased by his brother, Norman Steinke, his parents, Norman and Ellen (Strong) Steinke, and his wife Muriel. He was a wonderful son, husband, and according to his daughter, Pam, the best dad in the world.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Tonia L. Dansereau, 48

Tonia Lea Dansereau, 48, of Charlestown, NH, passed away November 17, 2021. Tonia was born in Claremont, NH, and graduated from Fall Mountain Regional High School in 1991.

Tonia was a beautiful, ambient soul from the moment she was born. She loved life and everything it had to offer. New adventures, movies and music were always welcome. She loved to dance and draw in her free time. She had many accomplishments in life, but she described her biggest accomplishment as becoming a mother. From the birthday wishes to the Christmas cards, she always took time to let others know how much she cared. She loved and cherished everyone and everything that crossed her path. She never turned down an opportunity to learn. She would gladly listen to anyone and loved uncovering others' passions along with her own. Tonia was a brilliant, extraordinary person and will be remembered by everyone who knew her.

She is survived by her daughter, Madason Wood and her boyfriend Matthew Gizzi of Charlestown, NH; her parents Gail and Paul Dansereau of Charlestown, NH; her cousin Jessica Alden, and her husband Chester of Springfield, VT; as well as many friends and cousins she cared deeply for.

She is preceded in death by her longtime friend, Holly Wood, her brother Toby Ford and many lifelong friends, including Paul LaFlamme whom she viewed as her brother.

There will be no services per Tonia's wishes. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Wounded Warrior Foundation.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Linda L. Haines

Linda L. Haines passed away on December 1, 2021, at her home after a period of declining health.

She was born in Claremont, NH, on Nov-

ember 9, 1945, the daughter of Howard Seeley and Evelyn (Warren) Seeley. She was a graduate of Stevens High School and Houle's Beauty Academy.

In 1964, She married her high school sweetheart, Daniel Haines, and together they raised two children.

Linda owned and operated Linda's Beauty Salon in Charlestown, NH. In 1978, the family moved to Springfield, VT, and Linda had resided there ever since. She worked at the Springfield Hospital and later retired from Sullivan Nutrition where she was the Site Manager for the Meals on Wheels Program in Charlestown, NH. She was also the Vermont State Coordinator for TOPS program for several years until such time as she was needed at home to care for her ailing husband. Linda was also a volunteer at the Springfield Senior Center, teaching basic computer skills to seniors as well as coordinating the Holiday Bazaar for several years. Additionally, Linda was a member of the local Red Hats Society.

She enjoyed traveling and was able to see much of the United States. Cruising was a favorite past-time, and she took many cruises with her husband while he was in good health. Linda will forever be known for her unselfish and constant care for those that she loved. She will also be remembered for her quick wit and outspoken opinions. And those that sat at her dinner table (or those that simply walked thru her door) never went away hungry; she was a superb cook.

She was predeceased by both of her parents as well as her husband and her beloved Golden Retriever, Lady.

She is survived by her son, Glen Haines and his wife, Brenda of Springfield, VT, and her daughter, Beth Lyons and her husband, Glenn of Pittsburg, NH; her most cherished grandchildren: Anna Haines of Springfield, VT, Danny Haines of Scarborough, ME, and Stephen Snediker of Worcester, MA. She also leaves behind her sister, Donna Reynolds and her husband, Bob of Sunapee, NH, and nephew, Bob Reynolds and his wife, Kristi of Charlestown, NH.

Burial services for immediate family will be held at a later date.

For those who wish to honor Linda's memory, please consider a donation in her name to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaog Trail, Springfield, VT 05156.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

John A. Cram, 70

John A. Cram, 70, entered into God's kingdom November 18, 2021, after a brief period of failing health.

He was born in Newport, NH, the son of Burton and Joanne (Pariseau) Cram; he lived in Newport til the age of 7 and then moved to Arizona where he graduated from Cortez High School. He went on to a 2-year art school where he studied painting. In 1972 he returned home to New Hampshire where he made his home. John was a loving and caring father and very hard dedicated worker. He worked in several grocery stores in the area, lastly being Shaw's in Springfield, VT. He was also employed by the City of Claremont as a custodian at the Fiske Free Library. He met the love of his life, Elizabeth Duplessis, on August 7th 1982; they were married February 19th 1983. John loved painting and sold several pieces of his art work, and that he was very proud of. He also played the guitar and sang, he loved most kinds of music both secular and contemporary Christian music. He was one of the first members of the praise and worship team at Riverstone Church.

Members of his family include his wife Elizabeth Duplessis-Cram of Claremont; his mom, Joanne Cram of West Lebanon; two daughters, Gillian Dodge and husband Dartelle, Andrea Pickering and partner Brad of Bradford, VT; two sons, Matthew Pickering Croydon NH, and Gregory Pickering Newport NH; three brothers Michael Cram, Mexico, Robert Cram AZ, Frank Cram of Thetford, VT, three sisters-in-law Stefanie Barton, Renée Davis and Michelle Howard all of Claremont NH. Three grandchildren, Paige Dodge, Newport, NH, Natasha and husband Chris Herbert, Woodsville, NH, Perley Rich, Orleans, VT, and Clayton Rich, Newport, VT, a great grandson Raiden Herbert, several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his son, Tyler John Jeffrey Cram, his mother and father-in-law, George and Joan Duplessis.

A celebration of life was held Saturday, December 4th, at Riverstone Church, Claremont, NH, with Pastor Joe Gnatek, officiating.

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

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to River Valley Animal Protection League, PO Box 860

Charlestown, NH 03603 or Fiske Free Library
108 Broad Street Claremont, NH 03743.

Elisha H. Pereira, 31

Elisha Helen Pereira, 31, died on Sunday, November 14, 2021, of an accidental overdose. She had been in recovery when a relapse and the availability of a particularly lethal form of street drugs claimed her life.

Elisha was born in Springfield, VT, on November 29, 1989 to Mark Pereira and Linda Tsetsi of Charlestown, NH. She attended Charlestown schools until she moved to Gulfport, FL, in 1998. As a young adult, she moved to Torrington, CT, where she gave birth to her only child, a son, John Thomas Smith. She worked hard to provide for her son, managing a Cumberland Farms Store.

Elisha was predeceased by her mother, Linda Tsetsi in 2019; and by her father, Mark Pereira in 2020. Elisha provided end-of-life care to both of her parents.

Recently, Elisha moved back to Charlestown to live with her brother. She is survived by her 12 year-old son, John Thomas Smith of Torrington, CT; her older brothers Kraig Pereira of Charlestown, NH, and Brandon Pereira of Fall River, MA; her paternal grandmother, Helen Pereira of MA; a nephew Bayne Richardson of ME; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

As a child, Elisha’s teachers always commented about how kind, caring and cooperative she was. Her cousin Chad noted that she would do anything for the people she loved. She was also feisty, “strong-willed, who could always make you laugh.” As the youngest in a family of mostly boys, Elisha could hold her own.

Elisha was easy-going, and always had a lot of friends – she was really easy to love. Her mother referred to her as a ‘social-butterfly’, a fitting description as she flew from one activity to the next, landing on new friends along the way. As a child she was always involved in various activities: gymnastics, dancing, scouts, a church youth group. She loved helping others and always had a willingness to try new adventures. She worked hard, and was deeply loved by her family and friends.

Donations to help with Elisha’s funeral expenses are greatly appreciated and can be made through gofundme: <https://gofund.me/d050809b>

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

At its October 27, 2021, meeting, the City Council voted to end the use of the Zoom platform for Council meetings for both, the governing body and the public.

AGENDA (Revised)

- 6:00 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6:02 PM 2. ROLL CALL
- 6:04 PM 3. *NON-PUBLIC SESSION PURSUANT TO RSA 91-A:3,II(d) – REAL ESTATE*
- 6:30 PM 4. AGENDA CHANGES

- 6:35 PM 5. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
Minutes of November 4 and 10, 2021, City Council Meeting(s)

- 6:37 PM 6. MAYOR’S NOTES
Recognize Deb Mozden
Recognize Outgoing Mayor Lovett, Assistant Mayor Damren, and Councilor Demars

- 6:52 PM 7. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
- 7:00 PM 8. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
- 7:10 PM 9. CITIZEN’S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))

- 10. OLD BUSINESS
- 7:20 PM A. Legislative Update
- 7:35 PM B. Claremont Country Club Discretionary Easement – Public Hearing
- 7:45 PM C. Opioid Lawsuit Settlement
- BREAK

- 11. NEW BUSINESS
- 8:10 PM A. Shugah Valley Snow Riders Annual Permission (City Manager)
- 8:20 PM B. Pleasant Street Easements (City Manager)
- 8:30 PM C. Resolution 2022-13, 111 & 119 Main Street Demolition Funding – Public Hearing (City Manager)
- 8:45 PM D. Tax Collector Warrant 24 Schmitt Street (City Manager)
- 8:55 PM E. Police *Employee Retention Contract* Discussion (City Manager)
- 9:05 PM F. Good Governance Class Discussion (City Manager)
- 9:10 PM G. COVID-19 Discussion (Councilor Contois)
- 9:20 PM H. *Transition Planning Discussion (Mayor Lovett)*

- 9:35 PM 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Community Power Update

- 9:40 PM 13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 9:45 PM 14. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 9:50 PM 15. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council’s next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.



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Frosty Finds at CSBCC

Snowman Scavenger Hunt Kicks Off the Holiday Season

CLAREMONT, NH—The winter solstice is fast approaching — long dark nights, frigid temperatures, the inevitable snow.

But instead of avoiding winter’s challenges, the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center embraced its themes on its monthly Members Apprecia-



tion Day, Dec. 1.

Staff hid 200 snowmen all around the building. Anyone who found one — actually, 173 did — brought it to the reception desk, where they filled out a raffle ticket. Kristi Delgado won the Commit to Be Fit gym bag, which contained a yoga mat, two water bottles and a workout journal.

Members also took home packets of ready-to-make hot cocoa to enjoy on a chilly, late-sunset evening.



CSBCC Member Spotlight Zack & Kiley Bundy



“We’re a very outdoorsy, athletic family. We’ve been members here since 2012.”

“Having access to all the facilities the CSBCC offers is awesome.”

Both have helped with the Center’s Start Smart programs for young kids: Kiley with basketball, Zack with baseball.

Zack, 18, a Stevens senior, is a pitcher/shortstop on the baseball team and a quarterback on the football team.

“I lift every day for about an hour, alternating chest, legs and so on. I’ve been gaining strength for five years, and doing footwork which helps me in my other sports. I’m also improving my form, because form is huge.”



Kiley, 16, a Stevens sophomore, plays point guard for basketball, midfield for soccer, and pitcher/shortstop for softball.

“Zack and I lift weights together. We’re always encouraging each other. I also swim here. The Center is a great place to hang out with friends.”



“Our dad, Bill, has been lifting all his life. He put together our routines.”

Shots in Arms

Actually in Hundreds of Arms in Just One Week

CLAREMONT, NH—The lines were long at the four vaccination clinics set up last week, three in Claremont and one in Newport.

The Nov. 29 clinic in Claremont was the latest in a series organized by the Greater Sullivan County Public Health Network in partnership with Dartmouth-Hitchcock. It was held at the Claremont Fire Station on Broad Street and lasted three hours. No appointment was necessary, and vaccines were available for anyone age 5 and up.

End-of-day reports provided encouraging news in the battle against the virus.

There were 245 adults who were vaccinated: 109 Pfizer, 10 Johnson & Johnson, and 126 Moderna. Three vaccinations were first dose, two the second, and the rest booster shots.

The pediatric Pfizer vaccine (for ages 5 to 11) was administered to 28 children, 27 first dose and one second dose.

A now-familiar sight. The line started on Broad Street, continued down the fire station driveway and ended at the rear entrance. The clinic was inside, a welcome warm spot after waiting in the cold.



Sunday morning queue. People patiently wait to enter the pop-up clinic in Claremont Middle School. Several hundred people were expected to attend, and there was at least an hour wait for some seeking vaccinations. Four stations were set up inside to vaccinate the public. According to the NH DHHS COVID dashboard as of Friday, 22,146 residents of Sullivan County had been fully vaccinated; the county population is listed at 42,146. In Claremont, there were 5,880 fully vaccinated individuals out of a population of 12,992.

Mutual aid. Fire captain Jim Chamberlain administers a booster shot to police officer Justin Vivian. Chamberlain has vaccinated an estimated 2,000 people since the beginning of the year, in clinics at the fire station and River Valley Community College.

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