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## A Rehabbed Building for Reclaimed Lives

### Transitional Housing Will Aid Former Inmates

By Eric Zengota  
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CLAREMONT, NH—"I don't want to be a jailer."

This declaration by David Berry, superintendent of the Sullivan County Department of Corrections, shows his commitment to helping not only men and women who are incarcerated but also those re-entering the community following their release.

Former inmates will benefit from a supportive environment when they move into Sullivan House, the former Eagle-Times building on Central Street in downtown Claremont. The DOC identified the need for such sober or recovery housing to bridge the gap between the department's structured treatment programs and an unsupervised, unregulated life back in the community.

Currently, said Berry, "as many as 35 to 40 percent of newly released inmates go to live in inadequate housing. Either they're couch-

**The sandblasted exterior will be repointed, repaired and sealed to preserve and showcase its design history (Courtesy photo).**

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## Showing 'Love for an Amazing Woman'

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News

CHARLESTOWN, NH—It was rainy. It was cold. There was the threat of a Nor'Easter snowstorm hanging over the region. It was,

simply put, a miserable day weatherwise.

But none of that mattered. Not at all. Rather, the focus of hundreds of local people Saturday morning was expressing their love for one of the most beloved people in the Valley, Carol Thebarga. Fondly known as "Mrs. T" well be-

yond the Twin State Valley borders, a parade of hundreds of people—in about 175 cars—formed Satur-

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## 'Untimely Death' Under Investigation in Unity

UNITY, NH—The New Hampshire State Police, Troop C, announced that it was investigating an untimely death last week on Quaker City Road in Unity; the NHSP released a preliminary report late Tuesday night. Troopers received information that a body had been buried on residential property on that road. The investigation, including review by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, is ongoing. Based on the preliminary facts known at this time, foul play is not suspected, said law enforcement.

The New Hampshire State Police were assisted on scene by the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office and the Unity Fire Department.

Anyone with information regarding this death is urged to contact Detective William Neilsen via Troop C dispatch at 603-223-8494 or via email at William.G.Neilsen@dos.nh.gov. No further information regarding this investigation had been released at press time.

## Claremont Man Charged with Sexual Assault

LEBANON, NH—The Lebanon Police Department reported last week that in July of 2020, the Lebanon Police Department Detective Bureau, working jointly with the Canaan and Enfield Police Departments, began a criminal investigation after receiving reports of three juvenile females allegedly being sexually assaulted in Lebanon in the Spring and Summer of 2020. Additional assaults are alleged to have taken place in both Enfield and Canaan. The three victims range in age is from 11 – 15.



**Tori Bonner**

Canaan Police Department arrested Tori Bonner, age 20, of Claremont, NH, on November 26, 2020, after the Lebanon Police Department issued a Felonious Sexual Assault warrant.

Bonner was taken into custody and charged with Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault (with the victims being less than 13 years of age) and two counts of Felonious Sexual Assault (with the victims being between 13 and 15 years of age), all Class B Felony charges. Bonner was held on preventative detention at the Grafton County House of Corrections on

\$10,000 cash bail, pending his arraignment in the Grafton County Superior Court.

## The Holiday Giving Tree at CSBCC

**Help a child in need this holiday season**

CLAREMONT, NH—For the third year, Claremont Parks and Recreation Department is partnering with the Division for Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) to help local children who are in need. In the past, DCYF has provided the center with anonymous information about children within the community who are in need of support at this time.

This year due to the pandemic, DCYF is accepting gift cards to give to the families they support. If interested, you can drop off a gift card to go to this program at the Community Center before December 16th.

For more information, please feel free to call the CSBCC at 542-7019 or stop in.

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# Commentary

## NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

### New Term Starts in Unusual Manner



I began my new term in New Hampshire's House of Representatives last week, but not in the usual manner.

On Dec. 3 I was sworn in as a state representative over the landline telephone in my Claremont home by Gov. Christopher Sununu and the five-member Executive Council as part of a special Executive Council meeting. At the same meeting approximately 130 other fellow representatives—including Claremont's Gary Merchant and Andrew O'Hearne—were also sworn into office. We were all sworn in this special meeting, after declining to attend the New Hampshire's House Organization Day Meeting the previous day, Dec. 2, at UNH's Wildcat Stadium in Durham, required by our state Constitution in which the entire House is sworn in by the Governor and Council, and up until this year has always been held at the State House in Concord. But as with any other meetings, this year's COVID-19 pandemic changed where the meeting was held.

Many of my fellow representatives, mainly Democrats, and I declined to attend the Dec. 2 meeting because of concerns about being possibly exposed to COVID-19, which is infecting more people in New Hampshire than just a few months ago. But most of us, including myself, decided to decline attending this meeting, only the day before on Dec. 1st. The joint decision was made after we learned from the news media that approximately five unknown Republican representatives had tested positive for COVID-19, most likely after attending a House Republican Caucus Nov. 20 held at Manchester's McIntyre Ski Area, in which many of our Republican colleagues reportedly wore no masks and didn't practice social distancing. Furthermore, many of us were upset that House Republican Leadership, now headed by new Speaker Richard Hinch of Merrimack, had failed to inform House Democratic Leadership, now headed by Hampton Rep. Renny Cushing, of the five positive tests in advance of the media reports being released. Rep. Cushing, who is now in remission from prostate cancer, announced at our Dec. 1st Zoom Caucus that he would not attend the Dec. 2 meeting so as to protect his health, and would be sworn in remotely Dec. 3. But he added that it was up to each Democratic representative to decide at which meeting to be sworn into office.

Both the Dec. 2 and 3 swearing-in meetings followed four crucial events that have occurred within the last three months. First, as a result of the Nov. 3 General Election, Republicans regained control of the House from the Democrats for the next two years, with a final total of 213 Republicans to 187 Democrats. Second, on Nov. 17, the New Hampshire Supreme Court released a unanimous advisory opinion on

whether the House could meet remotely, rather than in person, without violating Part II, Article 20 of our state's Constitution. The advisory opinion was requested by then House Speaker Stephen Shurtleff and approved by a majority of us representatives on Sept. 16; it was released after an Oct. 29 Public Hearing in which the Supreme Court heard arguments on both sides of the issue of being allowed to meet remotely. Among those arguing in favor of meeting remotely was Plainfield's Evan Oxenham, the husband of Rep. Lee Oxenham. The Court agreed with Mr. Oxenham, and declared that holding "a House session either remotely or in part, whereby a quorum could be determined electronically would not violate Part II, Article 20." Third, the number of reported cases of Granite Staters being infected with COVID-19 has drastically risen within the last month—a number likely to continue rising for at least the next few months. Finally, because several representatives within the last few weeks had already indicated that they were skipping the Dec. 2 swearing-in meeting, Gov. Sununu, the Executive Council, Secretary of State William Gardner, and House Clerk Paul Smith all agreed to hold a telephonic Dec. 3 ceremony as part of the Council's special meeting. This accommodation was to help representatives, like myself, to more quickly begin their duties without endangering their health or the health of others.

Now just speaking for myself, the decision to forego the Dec. 2 Organization Day Meeting, and instead be sworn telephonically on Dec. 3, was not an easy one. Like many of my fellow representatives, my decision was only made the night before, after I had attended a two-hour House Democratic Zoom Caucus. In the past terms, I've always been sworn in on Organization Day. Also I had wanted to vote on such offices as House Speaker and Clerk as well as Secretary of State and State Treasurer, whose elections are decided on Organization Day. But I was so angry to learn at this caucus that five unknown Republican colleagues had tested positive for COVID-19, and that House Republican Leadership had declined to inform Democratic Leadership in advance of the media's release of these positive tests. My colleagues could have unknowingly infected myself and other representatives in advance of and at the Dec. 2 meeting because many of them refuse to wear masks and practice social distancing. Also, I believed that with the COVID-19 infection rate now exploding in New Hampshire, we representatives should be setting a good example for our constituents by meeting virtually, rather than in person, especially since such meetings are now constitutionally sanctioned by the Supreme Court. Finally, I was concerned that had I attended the Dec. 2 meeting, I would then be obliged to voluntarily quarantine myself in my home for at least a week afterwards so as to not possibly expose any of my constituents, including people with whom I work at my two other jobs as a private security officer and substitute teacher, to COVID-19.

In conclusion, I want to thank Gov. Sununu, the Executive Council, Secretary of State Gardner, and Clerk Smith for setting up the Dec. 3 swearing-in ceremony as part of the special Council meeting. I also want to thank fellow Claremont Representative Andrew O'Hearne for

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## **Rep. Cloutier, from 4**

personally picking up my required oath form, which I had signed after being telephonically sworn in that day. Rep. O’Hearne then immediately drove to the Secretary of State’s Office in Concord with both our forms as well as those of several other Sullivan County representatives so that we could all officially begin our new terms. **Email: [jocloutier@comcast.net](mailto:jocloutier@comcast.net)**

## **As COVID-19 Vaccine Nears FDA Approval and Distribution, Shaheen Receives Virtual Briefing on Lonza’s Vaccine Manufacturing Efforts**

PORTSMOUTH, NH—Friday, U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) participated in a virtual briefing with Lonza, a Portsmouth-based pharmaceutical company, on the firm’s efforts to manufacture Moderna’s mRNA-1273 COVID-19 vaccine candidate. The vaccine is nearing approval from the Food and Drug Administration, following the release of studies highlighting its efficacy in protecting against the COVID-19 virus. During the briefing, Shaheen received an update from Lonza leadership on the status of the vaccine production and discussed the work being done in Portsmouth to ramp up manufacturing capacity in anticipation of the hundreds of millions of doses that will be needed by the American people. Following the event, Shaheen also received a virtual update from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services on the state’s draft vaccine plan.

“The development, approval, manufacturing and distribution of a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine is critical to putting an end to this pandemic, reopening our economy and restoring normalcy to our society,” said Senator Shaheen. “I applaud Lonza’s tireless and remarkable efforts to help ensure that this vaccine is available and ready for distribution as soon as possible. As it approaches regulatory approval by the Food and Drug Administration, I’m committed to working with Lonza, Moderna and state officials to ensure they have the resources they need to ramp up vaccine production and create a robust, well-prepared distribution chain...”

## **Kuster Calls for Immediate Passage of Bipartisan COVID-19 Relief Legislation**

WASHINGTON, DC—Friday, Rep. Annie Kuster (NH-02) spoke on the House floor calling for Congress to immediately pass bipartisan coronavirus relief to support struggling Granite State communities. Kuster has been a strong advocate for more federal relief and recently renewed her call for the passage of a comprehensive COVID-19 response package following the announcement of a bipartisan, bicameral proposal which would include funding for the Paycheck Protection Program to support small businesses, state and local funding to help first responders, extended unemployment benefits for Granite Staters out of work, critical funding to help with the distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine, and \$5 billion to combat the opioid epidemic, which has persisted amidst the coronavirus pandemic.

Kuster has been a strong advocate for additional support from the federal government as the country continues to combat the coronavirus pandemic. An original co-sponsor of H.R.748, the CARES Act, which responded to the COVID-19 outbreak and its impact on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses, Kuster also supported H.R. 6800, the HEROES Act in May, and advocated for an updated version of the legislation in October. New Hampshire has not been immune to the economic impact of COVID-19, and if the federal government does not act, the legislature will be forced to make dramatic cuts in the state budget to account for millions of dollars of lost revenue due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Speaking on the House floor, Kuster said, “Families, businesses and workers in New Hampshire are feeling the continued pain and impact of this pandemic, as cases reach record highs in my state and hospitals and frontline health workers brace for the expected surge. This week, I was pleased to see Democrats and Republicans...come together to find common ground and release a promising framework that we should consider immediately. This legislation would bolster our public health and economic response to COVID-19 to help us get through the long, cold, dark winter ahead.”



## Board Votes Down Recommendation for 2 Weeks of Remote Instruction Following Holiday Break

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont School Board narrowly voted down a recommendation by the administration to hold two weeks of remote instruction following the upcoming holiday break. The administration had asked the board for a vote Wednesday night on the issue to give families enough time to plan for the winter holiday break. To optimize physical distance and quarantine for students and staff following the break, “we are asking that the board approve a two-week remote period for all classes in the Claremont Schools,” said the administration. The two-week period would have run from Jan. 4 to the 15th, with students returning after Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 19.

Superintendent Mike Tempesta said the proposal was based on the fact that not everyone is consistently following the CDC guidelines when it comes to mask wearing, social distancing and staying put rather than traveling over the holidays. The ramifications of just what the impact of Christmas travel will be on the country and the community are unknown at this time; indeed, data is yet to be fully realized from activity over the Thanksgiving holiday. “We feel it would be safer for the whole school community to go two weeks remote after that...”

The first to speak in opposition to the recommendation was board member Jason Benware who said in part, “I have a problem making plans for people who won’t do what they’re supposed to do....we’re punishing the wrong people.” Board vice chair Heather Whitney commented, “People who are not compliant won’t limit it to the holiday weeks ...a break to protect from noncompliant families is not protecting us from noncompliant families.” She suggested taking a “real break” without even remote learning, and making up the time during the February and April vacations instead.

Tempesta, using a slide presentation, said that staff absences had reached 8-9% last week, and recent COVID cases contact tracing (beginning before Thanksgiving) has re-

sulted in 38 14-day quarantine situations. Tempesta guessed that in a normal year, the rate of staff absences is about 3%. Principals and support staff have been teaching when other staff is out, and the district only has 3-4 substitute teachers available.

Those voting in favor not to have the two-week remote session were Benware, Whitney,

Mike Petrin and Rob Lovett; those voting against the motion were Carolyn Towle, Rebecca Zullo and chair Frank Sprague. Sprague called for a second meeting this month—Dec. 16—to take a further look at what will be new COVID data from the Thanksgiving holiday and to start shaping instruction models for the second semester.

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## COVID-19 Hotline

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

## NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – December 6, 2020

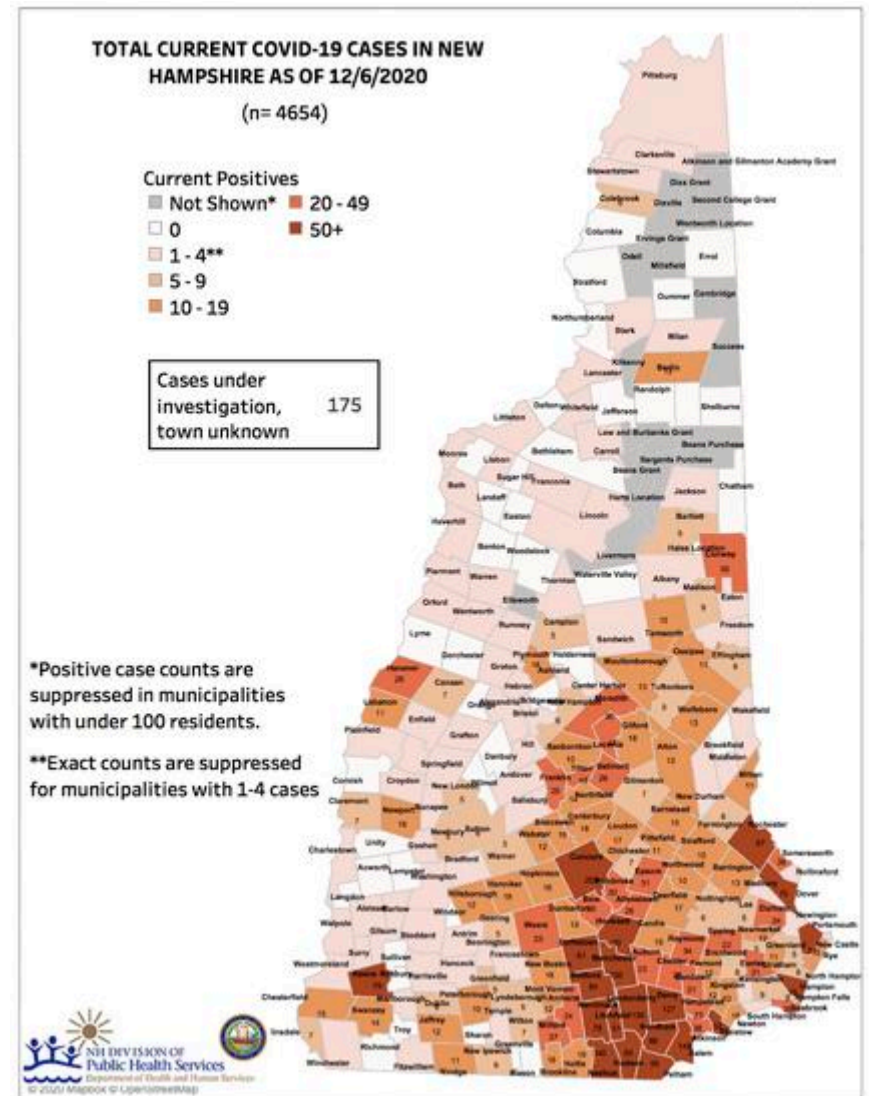
CONCORD, NH –On Sunday, December 6, 2020, DHHS announced 656 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a daily PCR test positivity rate of 7.0%. Today’s results include 402 people who tested positive by PCR test and 254 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 4,654 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today, 296 new positive test results are from Wednesday, 12/2 (for a new daily total of 1,079), 3 new positive test results are from Thursday, 12/3 (for a new daily total of 554), 295 new positive test results are from Friday,

12/4 (for a new daily total of 630), and 62 new positive results are from Saturday 12/5. Test results for previous days are still being processed and the total number of new positives is not yet complete.

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are seventy-one individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 48% being female and 52% being male.

The new cases reside in Rockingham (180), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (107), Merrimack (84), Belknap (42), Strafford (23), Cheshire (17), Carroll (15), Grafton (12), and Coos (6) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (77) and Nashua (42). The county of residence is being determined for fifty-one new cases.

DHHS has also announced five additional deaths related to COVID-19. We offer our sympa-



Geographic Distribution* of COVID-19		Infections		Hospitalizations		Deaths	
		Persons	% of T..	Persons	% of T..	Persons	% of To..
Belknap	Total	934	3.8%	20	2.4%	27	4.8%
Carroll	Total	500	2.0%	17	2.0%	2	0.4%
Cheshire	Total	682	2.8%	14	1.6%	4	0.7%
Coos	Total	347	1.4%	5	0.6%	9	1.6%
Grafton	Total	650	2.6%	12	1.4%	2	0.4%
Hillsborough	Manchester	4,455	18.0%	226	26.6%	143	25.4%
	Nashua	2,338	9.4%	95	11.2%	41	7.3%
	Outside Manchester and Nashua	3,946	15.9%	157	18.5%	162	28.7%
	Total	10,739	43.4%	478	56.3%	346	61.3%
Merrimack	Total	2,413	9.7%	62	7.3%	37	6.6%
Rockingham	Total	6,005	24.2%	205	24.1%	115	20.4%
Strafford	Total	1,830	7.4%	30	3.5%	17	3.0%
Sullivan	Total	265	1.1%	6	0.7%	5	0.9%
Unknown	Total	406	1.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>24,771</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Data as of: 12/6/2020

thies to the family and friends:

- 1 male resident of Belknap County, 60 years of age and older
- 2 male resident of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Strafford County, 60 years of age and older

There are currently 169 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 24,771 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 849 (3%) of those having been hospitalized.

Hanover Terrace Health and Rehabilitation Center reported multiple cases this past week, including 46 resident cases and 20 staff cases Sunday night. As of Nov. 30, Woodlawn Care Center in Newport had not reported a new case of COVID-19 in a resident for more than two weeks.

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



# Sullivan County Grand Jury Indictments Released

NEWPORT, NH—The Sullivan County Grand Jury released the following indictments last week:

Nathaniel M. Kennett, 30, Claremont, NH, indicted for Reckless Conduct Deadly Weapon (motor vehicle), Oct. 13, 2020.

Brad Young, 27, Claremont, NH, indicted for Attempted First Degree Murder, allegedly striking the victim multiple times about the head with a certain metal baseball bat, Nov. 16, 2020; First Degree Assault, Nov. 16, 2020; Second Degree Assault, Nov. 16, 2020; Criminal Threatening with a deadly weapon, Nov. 16, 2020; First Degree Assault, Nov. 16, 2020; Second Degree Assault, Nov. 16, 2020.

Richard Gingras, Jr., 22, Claremont, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited-Possession of Buprenorphine, April 29, 2020; Acts Prohibited-Possession of Fentanyl, April 29, 2020.

Moniqua L. Jolly, 29, Claremont, NH, indicted for Attempted Burglary (Sugar River Pharmacy Building) Aug. 30, 2020.

Sage Sundell, 25, Claremont, NH, indicted for Second Degree Assault, between 28, 2014, and Dec. 31, 2014; Second Degree Assault, between Jan. 1, 2015, and June 30, 2015; Second Degree Assault, between July 1, 2019, and July 31, 2020; Second Degree Assault, between July 2019, and July 31, 2020.

Joshua Partlow, 25, Newport, NH, indicted for Falsifying Physical Evidence, Sept. 18, 2020; Falsifying Physical Evidence, Sept. 18, 2020.

Shauna Hicks, 32, White River Junction, VT, indicted for Theft by Unauthorized Taking-Criminal Liability for the Conduct of Another; Attempt, Jan. 23, 2019 New Hampshire State Liquor Store-Claremont; Theft by Unauthorized Taking-Criminal Liability for the Conduct of Another, Jan. 23, 2019.

Justin Butler, 29, Goshen, NH, indicted for Possession, controlled drug, alpha-pyrrolidinohehexiophenone (alpha-PHP), Oct. 10, 2019; Possession, controlled drug, alpha-pyrrolidinohehexiophenone (alpha-PHP), Oct. 10, 2019.

Donald Lemelin, 52, Newport, NH, indicted for Habitual Offender, Oct. 18, 2020.

Brandy Habets, 31, Newport, NH, indicted for Acts Prohibited, Sale of Substance Represented to be Oxycodone (Percocet), Oct. 22, 2020; Acts Prohibited, Sale of Substance Represented to be Oxycodone (Percocet) Conspiracy, Oct. 22, 2020.

Mason Matthews, 22, Newport, NH, indicted for Sale of Substance Represented to be the Controlled Drug Marijuana (Conspiracy), on or between July 29, 2020 and July 30, 2020; First Degree Assault-Knife-Criminal Liability for the Conduct of Another, on or between July 29, 2020, and July 30, 2020; First Degree Assault-Baseball Bat-Criminal Liability for the Conduct of Another, on or between July 29, 2020 and July 30, 2020; Falsifying Physical Evidence, Marijuana (Conspiracy), on or between July 29, 2020, and July 30, 2020; Falsifying Physical Evidence, Knife, on or between July 29, 2020, and July 30, 2020; Falsifying Physical Evidence, Blood, on or between July 29, 2020, and July 30, 2020; Robbery-Conspiracy, on or between July 29, 2020 and July 30, 2020; Robbery-Criminal Liability for the Conduct of An-

other, on or between July 29, 2020, and July 30, 2020.

Eric Brown, 32, Lempster, NH, indicted for Aggravated DUI with serious bodily injury, June 25, 2020.

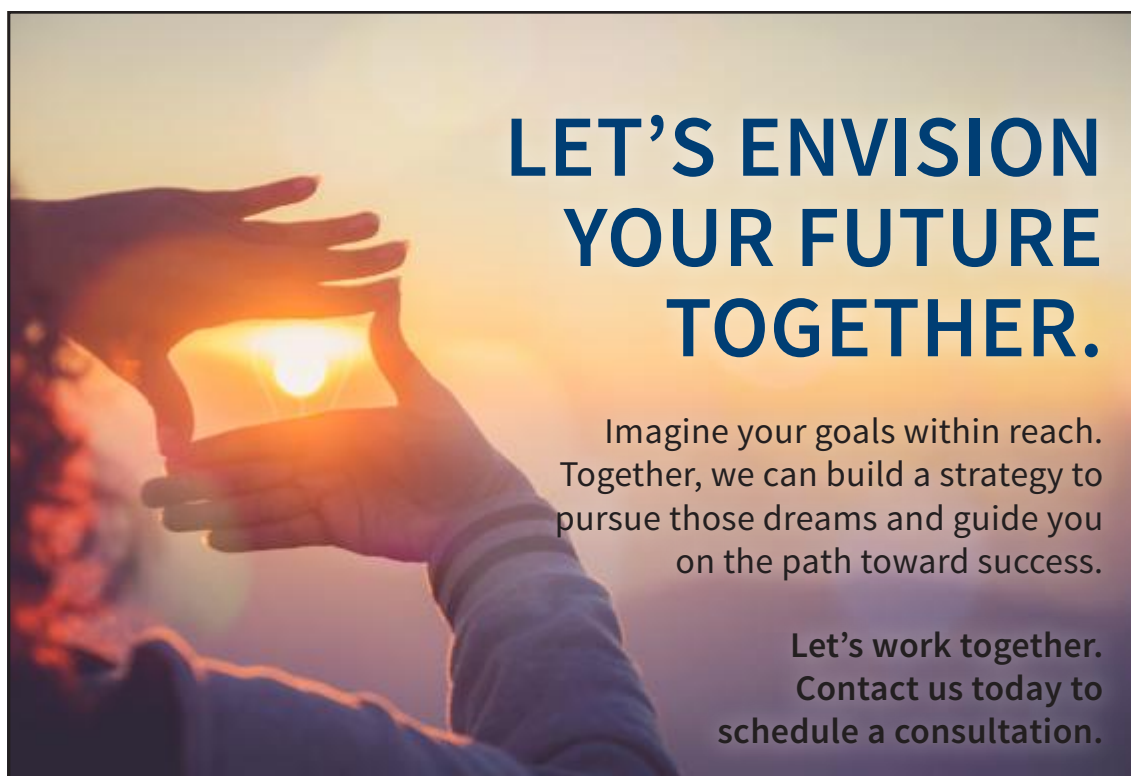
Christopher Stanhope, 47, Claremont, NH, indicted for Receiving Stolen Property, between or about Jan. 1, 2016, and Nov. 5, 2019.

Mark J. Crowder, 39, Youngsville, NC, indicted for Aggravated DUI with serious bodily Injury, Oct. 3, 2019.

Steven J. Corbett, 18, Barre, VT, indicted for Computer Use Prohibited, Aug. 21, 2020; Indecent Exposure, Aug. 21, 2020.

## Harbor Boat Launch Project Update

SUNAPEE, NH—Sunapee town officials reported last week that the Harbor Boat Launch Project is complete and the boat launch is open for public use. A few minor items—reinstalling the signs & putting in railings—were the last remaining items to be finished. Town officials thanked local residents for their “patience and support during this infrastructure improvement project.”



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day for a procession to pass her house in Charlestown. Participants gathered at Patch Park to organize. Some cars had “We love you Mrs. T!” posters on them, some even had Christmas lights. Emotions were running high as Mrs. T sat bundled in a car in her driveway, family nearby, poised to take in the pure love that so many feel for this woman. The barge has touched the lives of thousands, through her work as a substitute teacher, her spiritual teachings, especially through her Facebook page, Polishing Halos, and serving as a justice of the peace. She has touched, in particular, the lives of students who were often marginalized by life and society, and as The Wedding Planner, welcomed the opportunity to perform Civil Rights services amongst her other offerings. Love and the “divine” have been steady talking points that she has shared with countless friends and followers, and Saturday, those who love her took the time to show her that love back. She has entertained her FB friends with the antics of her cats, Tink and Emma over the years, and more recently, how she befriended a stray and got him, later named Bebe, to learn to trust and become a valued member of her family.

The barge, who has battled serious illness in recent years, shared on her Facebook page on Nov. 27 that “Following the results of the last MRI, it was determined by the Neurosurgeon and Radiologist at Dartmouth that I would have 6 to 12 weeks before my transition. It was this week when I was placed in the loving care of The Hospice Program, and the gratitude and praise I feel goes beyond words, knowing this sense of Divine Love is descending from the Light of the Holy Spirit. By now, all of you know of the faith and conviction I carry each and every day of the embrace of Christ.

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She also wrote, “To my students: The Divine embraces you, every one of you, the thousands I have enjoyed over a 36 year period..., 32 schools K through graduation Claremont, Springfield Bellows Falls, Fall Mountain and full circle back to Claremont, Stevens for 11 years under the complete professionalism, guidance and expertise of Principal Paul Cou-

ture...(shhh) my favorite throughout my entire career...”

Saturday’s event included the parade of cars passing her house and bagpiper K.C. Hill who provided the background sound for “the Irish daughter of Molly Malloy”. Thanks were later extended to Mrs. T’s family, “who embraced this idea at inception”, by event organizer Kipp Ryan. Lots of tears were evident as raw emotion filled the air Saturday. The Charlestown PD led the cars initially; they dropped off and then the Charlestown Ambulance “led the love of many through the park”, said Debbie Hemingway, one of the participants. They were, as she said, showing “love for an amazing woman.”

Ryan said following the event, “[Her] lessons and her love will live on for all eternity. The most beautiful golden halo to you, Mrs. T, we thank our lucky stars for your time with us - our very own earth angel.”



The parade of cars lined up at Patch Park; organizer Kipp Ryan affixes a poster to his car; Mrs. T views the cars as they pass by her house in Charlestown (Photos by Debbie Hemingway and Neil P. Allen).





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a function hall at 183 Plains Road. Tax Map 93, Lot 4. Zoning District R1 (Cont. from 11/2/2020)  
**B. (ZO 2020-00026) Katherine Pongratz, Elkins NH** – Application for a variance from sect. 22-389 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to reduce the maximum residential density from 5,000 SF to 3,920 SF to allow a second residential dwelling unit at 23 Stevens Street. Tax Map 107, Lot 113. Zoning District: CR-2.  
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Interested parties may review these applications at the City of Claremont's Planning and Development Department, 14 North Street during normal business hours.

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## Sullivan, from page 1

surfing with friends or families or, worse, returning to the places where they first got into trouble. Worst of all, some end up homeless.”

In addition to finding better living arrangements, these inmates are further challenged to avoid repeating criminal behaviors. “The DOC’s community corrections program is trauma-informed education,” notes Ferland.

## A 100-Year-Old Building Enters Its Second Century

Blanc & Bailey Construction, of Charlestown, was hired by Sullivan County in April to be the construction manager for the Sullivan House project. The first few months involved detailed discussions with the architect and design consultants to complete the design and produce drawings in order to obtain subcontractor bids.

In order to see the condition of the brick and exterior envelope, the paint was removed. Once sandblasted, the brickwork was unanimously recognized as representing a great story of history and preservation. The bricks will receive repointing and repairs as needed. A seal will be put on next spring to continue to showcase a historic building and provide longevity.

Blanc & Bailey determined that the building has “strong bones.” No shoring was needed on any level, impressive findings for a century-old building.

There are three floors. The lowest level will house the kitchen and larger common area spaces. The middle floor will contain 13 beds for female residents, an office for the community corrections officer and a conference room. The top floor will have 15 beds for male residents and a small apartment for an on-site recovery coach. Each living floor will host a dorm-style bathroom and laundry room.

Blanc & Bailey expressed their pride, as a local contractor, to be part of the project. “The Eagle-Times building has a long history in Claremont. We are excited that Sullivan County wanted us to be part of a historical rehabilitation that will help those who reside in Sullivan House have a fresh start.”

—Eric Zengota



“Inmates receive therapy during their treatment program.”

They also take part in TRAILS (Transitional Re-entry and Inmate Life Skills), a program directed by Donna Magee. Weekly classes based on cognitive behavioral treatment address such issues as criminal behaviors, parenting, healthy relationships, and relapse prevention. Participation is mandatory for anyone dealing with alcohol and substance abuse. Says Sullivan County manager Derek Ferland, “The program has succeeded beyond our wildest expectations. We’ve heard so many people say, ‘It’s changed my life,’ or even, ‘It’s saved my life.’”

This kind of success is what Berry wants to see carried over to Sullivan House. As he explained, residents will not be just moving in and hanging out. “We have contractual requirements. There will be rules and standards. They will have to manage a 40-hour week, with some combination of work, education and community-service hours.”

Residents will pay rent on a weekly basis. They must provide their own food, which they can prepare in the communal kitchen. As with anyone on parole, they will periodically check in with a community corrections officer. A recovery coach will live in an on-premises apartment, providing a sense of stability as well as access to counseling.

Both Berry and Ferland are banking on the benefits of this structured, oversight-oriented

project to counteract any negative reaction from residents. “The thought of former inmates living in downtown Claremont has provoked fear of the unknown,” said Berry. “It’s conjured up images of everyone just sitting around, smoking cigarettes all day. We’ve spent considerable time in public meetings having to change local perception.”

Berry is eager for Sullivan House to open, but all sides need to be patient. According to Ferland, it won’t be ready for occupancy until summer 2021. “Phase 1 included exterior sandblasting, hazardous materials abatement and interior demolition. Plus the roof was insulated and the EPDM (rubber membrane) installed, all while the weather was still on our side,” he said. “Work has paused while the county closes on financing from New Hampshire Housing and the Community Loan fund. Work will restart in late January once we obtain final approval of the construction loans.”

Berry maintains that “90 percent of the inmates are great people who have made mistakes. But at Sullivan House, they’ll be sharing a home with others who have traveled the same path. They’ll have a new family. They will be incredible citizens.”

**Top: The building’s “strong bones” meant that no shoring up was needed on any of its three floors. Bottom: Caseworker Chad Perron teaches a Thinking for Change class at the House of Corrections. At Sullivan House, residents will have “after care” 1-on-1 sessions with a clinician to help them transition to life after incarceration (Courtesy photos).**





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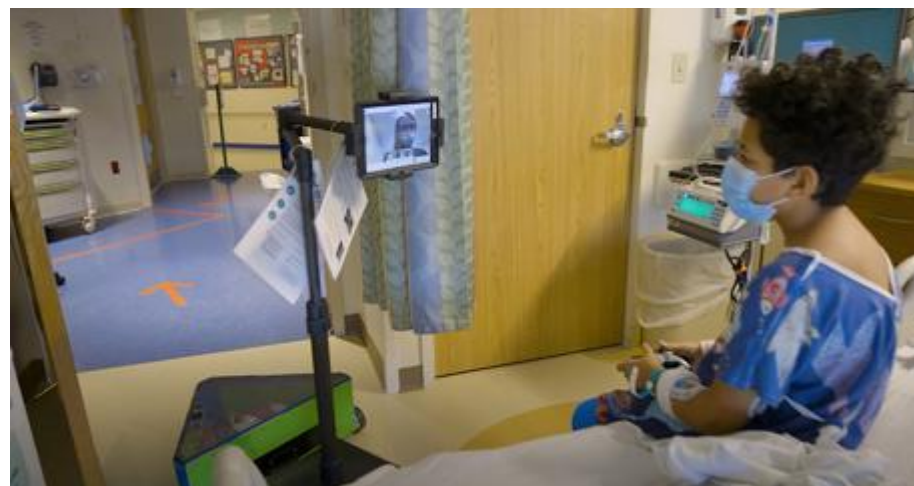
## Robots Help Patients Stay Connected at Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock

LEBANON, NH –At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in spring 2020, Meredith MacMartin, MD, MS, Medical Director at the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative & Hospice Care at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (D-H), worried about COVID-19 patients struggling with isolation from loved ones. Concurrently, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC), like hospitals nationwide, was working to preserve Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and sought creative ways of doing so while protecting patients and providers from exposure to the virus. Patients were already provided iPads on mobile stands to visit with family members virtually or to meet with their care team, but bringing these tablets into patient rooms required at least one staff member to enter the room in PPE. This gave MacMartin the idea to develop a robot that could deliver the iPads-on-stands to patients' rooms on its own, greatly reducing the risk for exposure and preserving PPE.

"As we were preparing for a possible surge in COVID-19 patients in palliative care, we kept coming back to how we could protect the ability of patients, families, and care teams to communicate with one another," said MacMartin. "Keeping lines of communication open is critical to the emotional support for sick patients, but also to help the people caring for them to know and understand the patient,

what's important to them, and what their life is like outside the hospital – information that is especially important during discharge planning or when medical decisions must be made. I wanted to find a way to use technology to keep these lines of communication open."

MacMartin contacted an engineer friend, Rich Kaszeta, who is involved in robotics competitions. Kaszeta introduced her to James Cole-Henry, a mechanical engineer at Fujifilm Dimatix in Lebanon, and coach of the Hartford Area Career and Technology Center (HACTC) FIRST Robotics Team #95. Kaszeta, Cole-Henry, and the HACTC Robotics Team, known as the "Grasshoppers," comprising a dozen students from Hartford (VT) High School, Hanover High School, Lebanon High School, Mascoma Regional High School and home schools, helped to design and create the robot. The team developed and tested several prototypes, ultimately resulting in the final robot, which is 26 inches wide and about 19 inches long, and triangular-shaped to easily maneuver around tight spaces in patient rooms. Operated by a



**Noah Robinson, a patient at CHaD, visits with a doctor via an iPad that was delivered to his bedside via robot (Courtesy photo).**

remote-control device that resembles a video game controller, the robot can move up to five feet per second depending, and features a strong magnetic "target" that can grab and release the metal stand holding the iPad once it's positioned at the patient's bedside. The battery-powered robot features flat surfaces and can be charged and powered on or off without opening it, minimizing surfaces that must be cleaned and disinfected between uses. The robot's design, bill of materials, and code are all open-source so that others may access the work done by this team.



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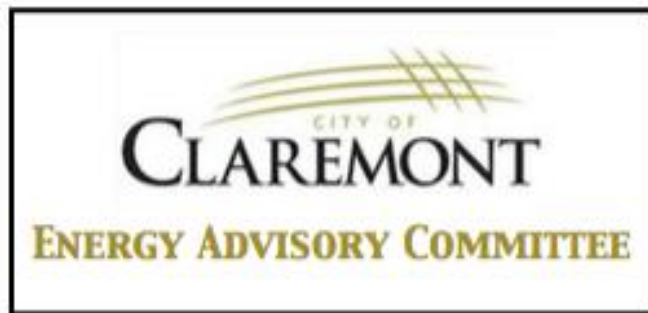
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The City of Claremont, through its Energy Advisory Committee (EAC), is interested in pursuing this initiative and develop an Electric Aggregation Plan.

This plan will be developed by a sub-committee to the EAC to allow for increased citizen participation. This newly formed Electric Aggregation Committee will be comprised of five members: Two from the EAC, two citizens at large, and a city councilor. The sooner all five seats are filled the sooner the committee can get to work.

Citizens interested in volunteering do not need to be experts in the field. They simply need to be willing to learn about the topic of Municipal Aggregation and able to attend virtual meetings. Several nearby communities are already moving forward with Municipal Aggregation so there are many local sources of information for the committee to consult with.

To volunteer to serve on this committee, please contact deForest Bearse (603-504-0341) at the city's Planning & Development Office, 14 North St, Claremont.

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## Consider These Year-end Financial Moves

We're nearing the end of 2020 – and for many of us, it will be a relief to turn the calendar page on this challenging year. However, we've still got a few weeks left, which means you have time to make some year-end financial moves that may work in your favor.

Here are a few suggestions:

- **Add to your IRA.** For the 2020 tax year, you can put in up to \$6,000 to your traditional or Roth IRA, or \$7,000 if you're 50 or older. If you haven't reached this limit, consider adding some money. You actually have until April 15, 2021, to contribute to your IRA for 2020, but the sooner you put the money in, the quicker it can go to work for you. Plus, if you have to pay taxes in April, you'll be less likely to contribute to your IRA then.
- **Make an extra 401(k) payment.** If it's allowed by your employer, put in a little extra to your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. And if your salary goes up next year, increase your regular contributions.
- **See your tax advisor.** It's possible that you could improve your tax situation by making some investment-related moves. For example, if you sold some investments whose value has increased, you could incur capital gains taxes. To offset these gains, you could sell other investments that have lost value, assuming these investments are no longer essential to your financial strategy. Your tax advisor can evaluate this type of move, along with others, to determine those that may be appropriate for your situation.
- **Review your investment mix.** As you consider your portfolio, think about the events of these past 12 months and how you responded to them. When COVID-19 hit early in the year, and the financial markets plunged, did you find yourself worrying constantly about the losses you were taking, even though they were just on "paper" at that point? Did you even sell investments to "cut your losses" without waiting for a market recovery? If so, you might want to consult with a financial professional to determine if your investment mix is still appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance, or if you need to make some changes.
- **Evaluate your need for retirement plan withdrawals.** If you are 72 or older, you must start taking withdrawals – technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs – from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. Typically, you must take these RMDs by December 31 every year. However, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stimulus (CARES) Act suspended, or waived, all RMDs due in 2020. If you're in this age group, but you don't need the money, you can let your retirement accounts continue growing on a tax-deferred basis.
- **Think about the future.** Are you saving enough for your children's college education? Are you still on track toward the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned? Or have your retirement plans changed as a result of the pandemic? All of these issues can affect your investment strategies, so you'll want to think carefully about what decisions you may need to make.

Looking back – and ahead – can help you make the moves to end 2020 on a positive note and start 2021 on the right foot.

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## Listen to the Lights

*On a rainy December morning, Mitchell's Magic Christmas gives only a hint of its evening transformation*

CLAREMONT, NH—After 25 years, Brian and Joyce Mitchell have illuminated their annual display for the last time. At this wonderland on Francis Street in Claremont, families wander through hundreds of displays amid thousands of lights synchronized to seasonal music. Best of all, they leave donations for David's House at CHaD. The lights are on through at least Christmas Night, with an extension, weather permitting, through New Year's Day.

—Text and photos by Eric Zengota

## Arrowhead Lift Training - Need Volunteers and a Few Updates

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Arrowhead Recreation Club is inviting anyone who will or thinks they might volunteer this season on the lifts or helping out in the tubing area to attend lift training this coming weekend. Attend either Saturday, Dec. 12th, or Sunday, Dec. 13th, at 10AM. The training will first discuss procedures and general operational functions. The training will then go outside for hands-on operational procedures and familiarization of operations.

The club is also looking for help in other areas this winter. "Please think about volunteering this winter," said Chuck Allen, of the Arrowhead Recreation Club. "As for winter operational help, we had some experienced help move out of the area so we desperately need help on the lifts, on the tubing area, in the ski shop, ski and snowboard instructors, first-aid and in concessions. We also need help on equipment and lifts for maintenance and repairs."

Gift cards and season passes are available for sale; those interested are invited to go to the site's website, at [www.arrowheadnh.com](http://www.arrowheadnh.com) to access the online store.

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## Mayoral Notes by Charlene Lovett



### Resources That Will Help

Since the onset of the pandemic, communities across the nation have been faced with numerous challenges. The human and economic impact of the virus has been felt by everyone to some degree. As we enter the colder months, it is likely that people will face additional hardships. The good news is that through the efforts of many people, there are resources to help. Here are just a few examples:

**Food Assistance** - Earlier this year, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) implemented a program to distribute produce to communities through state Food Banks. The NH Food Bank, in collaboration with the Claremont Soup Kitchen, visited Claremont for the first time in early November. The response was so overwhelming that the NH Food Bank scheduled additional visits through the rest of the year.

Each Tuesday, throughout December, the NH Food Bank will distribute USDA produce in Claremont via a mobile site at the Runnings parking lot from 10am to 12pm. Anyone in the region needing food is welcome to participate. Community volunteers will direct traffic through the mobile site and deliver boxes to vehicles. Each box contains 30.5 pounds of dairy, meat and fresh produce.

**Housing Relief** - Southwestern Community Services (SCS), serving both Cheshire and Sullivan County, is one of five Community Action Programs (CAP) that administers the New Hampshire Housing Relief Program. The program, designed to keep people from losing their housing or secure/maintain permanent housing, has two components: one-time assistance grants; and a short-term rental assistance.

The program will pay past-due rent and utilities, from April 1, 2020 forward, for households that lost income or experienced an increase of expenses due to COVID-19. There is no income limit, but applicants for this program are asked to provide some documentation to determine eligibility. Those who are eligible will

be required to work with a case manager.

Those eligible for this program can receive a one-time grant of up to \$2500 if no other assistance is necessary to keep your home. If the one-time grant is not enough to maintain housing, then participants can receive assistance over the course of a few months. Assistance will gradually decrease as the participant becomes more financially stable. The program also assists those leaving a shelter situation with finding and maintaining permanent housing. Such assistance will also decrease over time as participants become financially stable.

**Energy Assistance** - SCS Energy Services is comprised of the Fuel Assistance Program, the Electric Assistance Program, Neighbor Helping Neighbor and the Senior Energy Assistance Program.

The Fuel Assistance Program provides financial assistance for heating and utility expenses to the elderly, handicapped and low-income residents. The program opens on December 1 and closes on April 30 of each year. The Electric Assistance Program provides eligible utility customers with a discount on monthly electric bills. The discount is based on the household's gross income and type of space heating used in the home. Applications are taken throughout the year. Both the Fuel and Electric Assistance Programs are income based.

The Neighbor Helping Neighbor Program provides funds for utility energy assistance, either electric or natural gas, to indi-

viduals who are experiencing hardships, have disconnects pending, and are ineligible for help from the Fuel Assistance Program. This non-profit charitable funding is supported by corporate matching contributions from customers and employees of area utility companies. The Senior Energy Assistance Program provides energy assistance funds of up to \$270 per elderly household for individuals, 60 years or older, who are ineligible for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

For more information on housing relief or energy assistance, please visit the SCS website at [scshelps.org](http://scshelps.org).

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

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# Inspiration

## Getting Rid of Stuff!

By Priscilla Hull

When I was a kid, during this time of Advent, getting ready for Christmas, my Dad always told us that we had to clean out our closets and toys. You see, his theory was that there is just so much space and we couldn't clutter up that space with unused toys and clothes. When we were little, this cleaning out of stuff was important, because Santa wouldn't bring new toys if we didn't have space for them. It never occurred to us that we had a big attic which we used as a play room. That attic was a special place. It was always warm and had an odd smell, maybe a little dusty, maybe just all the wonderful smells of family fun that just got trapped up there. If I concentrate really hard, I can conjure up that smell today. There was lots of space and a subdued light because there were just two small windows at each end. It was a special place where we could gather, just us four girls or we'd take our friends up there, or we could go when we wanted to read or just get away!

The attic was full of memories of fun. On a rainy day we could hear the rain pounding on the roof. It was easy to fall asleep on the cushions and quilts up there.

As for being full of stuff? Well, I think Dad exaggerated a little because we had a big house! However, once a year we'd separate stuff to keep and stuff we could give away, or throw away. We would look for toys for kids who didn't have as many things as we did. When it came to dolls, there probably weren't many homes with more dolls. After all, four girls adds up to lots of dolls. So we dutifully went upstairs and cleaned out dolls, giving the less used away to those other kids we didn't know.

When it comes to cleaning out excess stuff (sometimes called excess baggage), don't forget that which we carry around in our heart and soul and mind. We all have lots of miscellaneous stuff that we carry with us. Often it is in the form of grudges, supposed wrongs done to us, misunderstandings and things said. We harbor these negative feelings and hold onto them as if we were to let them go, we'd lose a part of ourselves. Well, yes, we would lose some of our selves. We'd lose bitterness. We'd lose anger. We'd lose disappointment. We could then replace all that negativity with joy; with peace, with graciousness. Our lives would be lighter. We'd have more joy, peace and grace in our lives. We would not have to remember all those supposed wrongs done to us. We would have time to enjoy life, to help others enjoy life.

I think my father cleaned out his own house every year. I think he always had room for joy, peace and grace in his heart because he didn't harbor that bitterness, anger and disappointment. So, maybe, while what he taught us was to get rid of the old material stuff in our house, what he was really teaching us was to get rid of the old stuff in our lives. Clean out the boxes of our mind and keep only the good!

During this special time of the year, I'll clear away those negative things floating around in my heart and soul and mind. I'll make room for new wonderful things, to keep my mind clear and to keep my heart ready to accept new happiness!

*"Anxiety weighs down the heart of a man, but a good word cheers it up."*  
Proverbs 12:25

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





## Calendar Of Events

### Bach Tree: 6 Essentials for Creativity in Music Masterclass LIVE on Zoom Dec 7, 2020 at 7pm ET

Included: Bach Tree Meet and Greet LIVE on Thursday  
December 10, 2020 at 7pm ET  
Online @ West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts via zoom  
Recorded content available through Dec 12, 11:30pm  
Register at Eventbrite for access to content links: <https://essentialsforcreativity.eventbrite.com>

Bach Tree info: <http://www.wcc-ma.org/Bach-Tree>

Step far beyond the musical page to develop your creative voice with internationally acclaimed musicians Dinuk Wijeratne and Nick Halley.

#### About this Event

Bach Tree is for curious, ingenious learners who love to think in a cross-disciplinary way and want to expand and diversify their skill set. It is best for students with a solid music foundation under their belt (Advanced High School and University level students) through professional musicians and educators. We'll have groups and offerings tailored to the skills of most interest to you. This is a great opportunity for teachers to get professional development hours, for professionals to explore new/ex-

panded areas of musicianship, and for students to leap off the written page.

The Bach Tree takes a new form for pandemic times and invites musicians from far and wide to connect digitally to explore the basic essentials for creativity. In this session Dinuk Wijeratne and Nick Halley will introduce you to the Bach Tree program and give you insights on ways you can approach your creative process as a musician. During this free session you'll also learn more about the full 2020/21 Bach Tree Online Academy.

Questions? contact [melissa@wcc-ma.org](mailto:melissa@wcc-ma.org).

### Need Some Extra Space for Your Next Project/Business/Creative Experiment?

CLAREMONT, NH—Need some extra space for your next project/business/creative experiment?

The Claremont Makerspace has Personal Studio Spaces that provide personal work areas for dedicated users to call their own. Personal studio spaces are made up of 48" dividers and come in sizes of 60 sq/ft and 100 sq/ft, with each studio including 2 power outlets and an Ethernet jack.

Learn more about CMS Personal Studio Spaces at <https://claremontmakerspace.org/studio-space/>.

As well, they are currently offering tours of CMS. Tours are scheduled in advance and participants must follow our COVID-19 policies. To schedule a tour, please email [info@twinstatemakerspaces.org](mailto:info@twinstatemakerspaces.org).

### Exploring Business Resources With The SBA

CLAREMONT, NH—Are you part of a small business and want to learn more about resources available? Are you interested in starting a business or an entrepreneur in the exploration stage? Join us at MakerSpace for a presentation from the U.S. Small Business Administration to learn about resources and tools to become better prepared.

This event is free and presented via Zoom. Upon registration you will receive the connection link.

Visit: <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event/2020/12/16/exploring-business-resources-with-the-sba>.

This event is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 16, at noon.

### Make A Coptic Notebook (Free Virtual Learning)

CLAREMONT, NH—With help from Claremont MakerSpace, create a notebook as adventurous as you. This traveler's notebook uses the Coptic binding method. This unique binding method is one of the oldest in human history, dating back as early as the second century. It allows the book to lay flat when opened to any page, making it great for sketchbooks. Notebook measures 5.75" x 8.75" when done. You can have a name or phrase laser etched on the cover. Follow along virtually as you construct the notebook!

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[sullivancountyhumanesociety.org](http://sullivancountyhumanesociety.org)

Drawing to be held on

**December 28, 2019 @ 9AM**

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Skill level: Super Beginner!

This class will be presented virtually via Zoom and class connection information will be sent out prior to the class.

Upon registration, you will be asked for the line of text which you would like to have personalized on the book as well as a font selection from a select number of choices. You must purchase supplies for this class (supply list can be found here: <https://wunder-kammer.com/class-supplies/> )

CMS members can take this class in person for free, as long as they use CMS tools and are on site the night of the class.

Recommended age range: 10 & up (Adult Supervision Suggested)

This class is presented free & registration is required.

Registration closes 12/5/2020. Class takes place on Thursday, Dec. 10, 6:00 p.m.

Visit: <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event/2020/12/10/make-a-coptic-notebook-free-virtual-learning>.

### Holiday Wreaths

#### Plainfield Elementary School 8th Grade Class Fundraiser

The 8th grade class will once again be selling holiday wreaths.

If you would like to order a wreath reach out to any Plainfield School 8th grader or email the class at [pesclass2021@gmail.com](mailto:pesclass2021@gmail.com).

Wreaths are 22" and double sided balsam. Wreaths can be plain for \$15 or fully decorated with your choice of ribbon, pinecone & berries for \$20.

## Our Stuff Our Stories (Free Virtual Class)

CLAREMONT, NH—Remember show & tell from elementary school? Whether it was your favorite day or not.... Let's experience it again in a warm and welcoming community.

What's your favorite photo or object? Why do you keep it? How did it come into your life? What story does it tell?

Let's gather together to share the stories of the things we keep. Each week in this Claremont MakerSpace class, you'll be asked to bring a photo or object related to different themes. This is not a writing workshop but your stories will be recorded (with your permission) & you can use them to map out a mini memoir...aka My Stuff, My Stories. We'll be inspiring each other by sharing the stories of

our things, and providing motivation to continue to share your stories with the world. Our 3rd session will focus on different ways to keep these stories going & growing.

This class is free and will be presented via Zoom. You will receive the connection information after registration.

This class will run December 9, 16 and 23rd at 2 PM. Register for each event separately.

For more information, please visit <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event/2020/12/9/our-stuff-our-stories>.

### Gallery of Gifts: Handmade for the Holidays Through Dec. 23

**Saturdays: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Tuesday-Friday: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Library Arts Center

58 N. Main St.

Newport, NH 03773

Admission: Free

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, ornaments, and so much more. The show is open for in-person shopping in the gallery with health safeguards in place. \*\*Please note that a limited number of shoppers will be allowed in the gallery at a time, and masks are required inside the Arts Center at all times.

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

Individual private shopping appointments are available after the opening for anyone who is considered vulnerable or at-risk, or who would feel more comfortable with a little more space when shopping. See [libraryartscenter.org](http://libraryartscenter.org) for more details, or for updates throughout the duration of the show.

### Virtual Grief Support Available Through Lake Sunapee VNA

NEW LONDON, NH – Lake Sunapee VNA is now offering two virtual grief support groups, since its in-person support groups are still on hold. To help anyone grieving during this pandemic and time of social distancing, a Virtual Bereavement Check-in is available on Wednesdays every three weeks from 4:00-5:00pm.

In addition, a Virtual Widow to Widow group is held on the first Monday of every month from 3:30-5:00pm. Anyone interested in participating in these free groups should email their contact information to Lori O'Connor at [loconnor@lakesunapeevna.org](mailto:loconnor@lakesunapeevna.org) and a member of the bereavement team will call with further details.

## Charlestown VFW Bingo Holiday Schedule

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown VFW Bingo will be back for fun and games in December on the 9th and 16th before taking two weeks off for Christmas. At this moment in time we plan on bingo as usual in 2021. If plans change, we will update you here in the *e-Ticker* and through our Facebook page. To all our patrons, thank you for your patronage and we wish you a happy, safe holiday season.

Tom St.Pierre, Commander, Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497

## A Message from ServiceLink

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

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

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

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

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



## Area Grocery Store Hours Reserved for High Risk Population

HANNAFORD - Most stores reserve 7 AM – 8 AM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. In Massachusetts, those special hours are 7 AM – 8 AM daily  
 MARKET BASKET 6 AM - 7 AM EVERY DAY Claremont  
 CO-OP FOOD STORES 7AM - 8 AM EVERYDAY WRJCT, Lebanon & Hanover  
 PRICE CHOPPER 6AM - 7AM EVERYDAY-Windsor & West Lebanon  
 SHAWS 7AM - 9AM TUES & THURS West Lebanon  
 WALMART 6 AM - 7 AM TUESDAYS ONLY Claremont & West Lebanon  
 PLAINFIELD COUNTRY STORE Call ahead for curb side pickup, 709-7055. Prepared meals, grocery items.

## PUBLIC NOTICE PLANNING BOARD HEARING Monday, December 14, 2020 7:00 PM

\*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting will be conducted via Zoom.  
 Join the Zoom Webinar Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86070699369?pwd=QzJSV0lxQmd-QYXFEnZJRmc4YnZnQT09>  
 Passcode: 638273 By Phone: 1-646-558-8656 US (New York) Webinar ID: 860 7069 9369  
 If there is a problem getting through to this number, please call 603-504-0341.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held concerning the following application:

A. (PL 2020-00019) Katherine Pongratz, Elkins NH – Application for a Conditional Use Permit for the conversion of a single-family home to a duplex at 23 Stevens Street. Tax Map 107, Lot 113. Zoning District: CR-2

Interested parties may review the applications at the City of Claremont's Planning and Development Department, 14 North Street during normal business hours. Comments may be submitted in person at the hearing, or in writing at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or by email at [cityplanner@claremontnh.com](mailto:cityplanner@claremontnh.com).  
 Richard Wahrlich, Chair

## PUBLIC NOTICE Claremont Development Authority Full Board Meeting Thursday, December 17, 2020 7:30 AM

\*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City is suggesting citizens participate in this meeting by Zoom.

Join online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85295527381?pwd=TzdNQ3hMZlRxEZx-VWN5alpQNE0vUT09>

Passcode: 702642 Or Telephone: 1 646 558 8656  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE Conservation Commission MEETING

### Thursday, December 17, 2020 6:00 PM Gary Dickerman, Chair

\*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City is suggesting citizens participate in this meeting by Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting Online at:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85052654141?pwd=dzdBUjdYcVU1SnRGLzkwWFgyV0Vz-QT09>

Passcode: 767874 Or by Telephone: +1 646 558 8656  
 Webinar ID: 850 5265 4141

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

## Claremont Senior Center News

The Center is open. Masks are mandatory and social distancing observed. Hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 9am-3pm, and Tuesday game night, 6pm-9pm. Everyone must sign in for CDC tracking, answer COVID questions and sign a form before participating in any activity. We are now closed on Wednesdays.

Holiday Celebration Turkey Dinner for December is a drive through special lunch on Tuesday, December 22, \$10.00 pp. Roast Turkey w/Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Squash and Pie.

Special, Special, Special. The Ugly Sweater Cookie Contest at the Center. We will provide a cookie and decorating kit, order at 543-5998 or [seniorctr5@comcast.net](mailto:seniorctr5@comcast.net). Pick up will be 12/8 and 10. All contest details will be in your kit.

VNA foot clinic: December 9, 16 and 23. Call for an appointment, 603-526-4077.

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

Weekly drive-up meals:  
 Tuesday, 12/8, Salad, Spaghetti W/Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Dessert  
 Thursday 12/10, Soup, Baked Beans, Hot Dogs, Veggie, Dessert

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

The Penny Sale, May 8, 2021 is no longer taking items.

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

Thought for the week: "Yesterday, December 7, 1941 — a date which will live in infamy — the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan" (President Franklin D. Roosevelt). God Bless those who sacrificed that we may live in freedom.

## Claremont Fire Dept. Log

### Sunday, 11/29:

2:51 PM: Engine 3 responded to Chestnut St. for a medical call.

7:20 PM: Engine 3 responded to Manor Drive for a medical call.

### Monday, 11/30:

1:14 AM: Engine 3 responded to Redwater Brook Rd. for a 911 hang up call.

11:34 AM: Engine 3 responded to School St. for a public assist.

1:20 PM: Engine 3 responded to Washington St. for an odor investigation.

2:15 PM: Engine 3 responded to the area of Whitewater Brook Rd. and Route 120 for a report of an alarm sounding.

### Tuesday, 12/1:

2:49 AM: Engine 3 responded to Box Alarm 0014.



3:05 AM: Engine 1 responded to Myrtle St. for an alarm sounding.

1:58 PM: Engine 3 responded to Winter St. for a report of a tree on power lines.

10:41 PM: Engine 3 responded to Heritage Drive for a medical call.

**Wednesday, 12/2:**

2:17 AM: Engine 3 responded to Box Alarm 0121.

8:18 AM: Engine 3 responded to Sugar River Drive for a medical call.

11:49 AM: Engine 3 responded to Pleasant St. for a medical call.

12:47 PM: Engine 3 responded to Piper Hill for a Lifeline activation.

4:00 PM: Engine 3 responded to West Terrace St. for an alarm sounding.

4:37 PM: Engine 3 responded to Washington St. for a motor vehicle accident.

8:06 PM: Engine 3 responded to East St. for a medical call.

8:37 PM: Engine 3 responded to Elm St. for a medical call.

**Thursday, 12/3:**

3:35 AM: Engine 3 responded to Pearl St. for an alarm sounding.

9:21 PM: Engine 3 responded to Pleasant St. for a medical call.

10:26 PM: Engine 3 responded to Nelmar Heights for an alarm sounding.

**Friday, 12/4:**

4:19 PM: Engine 3 responded to the are of Elm St. and Spring St. for a motor vehicle accident.

10:39 PM: Engine 3 responded to Main St. for a medical call.

**Saturday 12/5:**

2:35 PM: Engine 3 responded to 42nd St. for a medical call.

6:28 PM: Engine 3 responded to Clover St. for a medical call.

7:44 PM: Utility 1 responded to Whitewater Brook Rd. for a report of a tree on power lines.

8:00 PM: Utility 1 responded to Hanover St. for a report of a tree on power lines.

**Plumbers' License Renewal**

CLAREMONT, NH—The next class for the Plumbers' License Renewal is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 16th, at 6:00 p.m. in Clare-

mont. Class size is limited due to COVID. Register now at: <https://rvcc.coursestorm.com/course/plumbers-license-renewal>.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9  
Cornish Conservation Commission Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Dec. 9 at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the Cornish Town Office. Participation will be available via Zoom. Meetings are open to the public. All are welcome. Zoom link: <https://dartmouth.zoom.us/j/95386898824?pwd=Vmx2SVUrK28xSDZCS-GswOVZtRXhidz09#success>.



**Sullivan County Transportation will be offering a  
Holiday Light Tour in Claremont.**

**Monday, December 14, 2020 starting at 5 pm  
Tuesday, December 15, 2020 starting at 5 pm  
Thursday, December 17, 2020 starting at 5 pm**

**Tours are by appointment only. If interested, please call in advance  
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## Life Tributes

### Obituaries May Be Found On Our Website

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### Steven L. Meyette Sr., 68

Steven L. Meyette Sr., age 68, of Cornish, NH, passed away on Nov. 5, 2020, at his home, after a long illness.

Steven was born in Claremont, NH, on Oct. 24, 1952, to the late David and Maxine Meyette. He was predeceased by his parents, David R. Meyette, Maxine J. Meyette; and a brother, David Meyette. Steven grew up in Claremont and went to Stevens High School. He retired as a grinder from Sturm Ruger where he worked for over 20 years. Steven loved racing. He owned modified cars and raced at Claremont Speedway. He was a mechanic at heart and spent many weekends in his garage working on his cars with his family. Steven loved to fish and hunt, but his love was racing and his family.

Steven is survived by his brother, Larry Meyette of Claremont; his sister, Vickie Judkins of Tennessee; his son, Steven L. Meyette Jr. of Claremont; and his daughter, Melissa L. Hall and husband John Hall of Claremont; his eight grandchildren, Ethan Meyette, Desirea Meyette-Porter, Taylor Meyette, Dawson Meyette, Jadon Hutchinson, Rebecca and Kaylee Meyette and Emilee Hall; two great-grandchildren, Gaike and Kinsley.

Steven was cremated and there will be no calling hours.

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### Patricia E. Parent, 90

Patricia Ellen Parent, 90, formerly of 3 Maple Street, Claremont, NH, passed away November 22, 2020, at Harvest Hill assisted living in Lebanon with her son Gary and daughter-in-law Sharon by her side. She was born on May 30, 1930, to Ray and Mary (Clough) Smith. Her husband Robert predeceased her in 2007; they were married on Sept. 16, 1950 and were married for 57 years.

Pat retired in 1989 from N.C. Marro Plumbing & Heating after 32 years as a bookkeeper; she previously worked for Joy Mfg. Co and Hebert Dry Cleaning.

Pat was an engaged member of the local community of Claremont and had an interest in many different activities through the years.

She was a communicant of St Joseph's Parish, participated in the St. Joseph's sports night committee for 15 years and St. Joseph's Altar Society. She was a member of Court Virgil H. Barber #892 Catholic Daughters of America; a member and treasurer of the Ladies Union Aid Society; a member and past chairman of the Sullivan County Extension

Program, Supervisor and Board Chairperson for the N.H. Community Federal Credit Union for 15 years and a member, past president, secretary, treasurer and program director of the Claremont Garden Club. Pat was a member of the Garden Club for 50 years and was recognized for this at the state convention. She was also the N.H. Federation of Garden Clubs Committee Chairperson and State Garden Club District Director for the Monadnock District.

Pat was predeceased by her brothers Philip, Ray Jr, Ronald and Kenneth. She is survived by her sister in law Beryl Smith of Claremont.

She is survived by her children: Gary & Sharon Parent of Lebanon; Lynn Parent & Edie Hernandez of San Juan Capistrano, CA. Her grandchildren: Jill Chastenay of Claremont; Jennifer & Matt McConkey of San Juan Capistrano, CA; Julie Parent & Ojan Vafai of San Francisco, CA; Elisabeth Parent and Christopher Walton of Andover, NH. And her great grandchildren: Dylan McConkey, Evelyn & Emila Walton. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren gave her tremendous joy and she was so proud of all their accomplishments.

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There will be a graveside service at a later date.

The family would like to thank the staff at Harvest Hill for their loving care of Pat over the last 2 ½ years, and appreciate the staff of Bayada for their assistance and guidance during the past year.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## E Curtis Hall

E Curtis Hall, (Curt) of Sunapee, NH, passed away Sunday, November 29, 2020, with his wife by his side.

Curt was born in Malden, MA, April 1, 1927, to Evarts Curtis Hall and Marion (Flanders) Hall. They moved to Auburn, MA, where he attended elementary school, and met the love of his life, Helenmarie Peterson, when they were just 11 years old. He attended Auburn High School where he excelled in athletics, especially basketball. Family lore has him spending countless hours playing basketball in Worcester, where he was touted as the best basketball player in Worcester. He organized a basketball team that played games before each Holy Cross Home game.

Curt enlisted in the Coast Guard at the age of 17. He fulfilled his Coast Guard duties as Seaman First Class Helmsman in World War II's Pacific theater, transporting soldiers to and from the USS Mitchell. After the war ended Curt then worked on Coast Guard weather ships in the Bering Sea. Upon discharge Curt and a buddy explored the US west coast before heading home to Massachusetts.

Curt was accepted at Springfield College, but due to large number of soldiers going to school under the GI bill, he had to wait two years before enrollment. While waiting to go to college, Curt moved to Warner, NH, where he stayed with his grandmother Fannie Hall and attended Simons High School.

Curt married the love of his life in 1948, then headed off to college. Curt graduated, with a degree in education from Springfield College in 1952, later receiving a Master's Degree from Worcester State College and entered the doctorate program at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He began his lifetime career as an educator in a one-room schoolhouse in South Sutton, NH. Throughout his career as a teacher, he taught at Simons High School in Warner, NH, and Oxford Junior High in Oxford, MA. He then began moving up through the ranks to become a principal in

Charlton, MA, then Weare, NH and then Hillsborough, NH. He then rose to Superintendent of the Hadley, MA School district, finishing his career as the Director of the Massachusetts Southeastern Regional School District in Lakeville, MA.

He retired in 1988. In retirement he enjoyed golf, picking up twigs, and accompanying his brother-in-law, Jerry Peterson, to get "Lavalley's wood". He also enjoyed spending time with family and friends including the "Friday Night Gang". During retirement he continued his life as a teacher and mentor to two more generations of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Curt was predeceased by his father Evarts Curtis Hall, mother Marion (Flanders) Hall, sister Natalie Hall Stewart, brother-in-law, Colonel John Stewart, mother-in-law Alice Veronica (McMenemy) Peterson.

He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Helenmarie (Peterson) Hall of Sunapee, NH; a sister-in-law Claire (Peterson) Leach of Hampton, NH; children, son E Curtis Hall and his wife Pam of Onset, MA; son Keith Hall of Goshen, NH; daughter Judy Hall and her partner Steve Parsons of Middleboro, MA; five grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Following Covid-19 protocol, funeral services will be private. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the: Newport Scholarship Fund, c/o Paul Brown-Trustee, 15 Sunapee St, Newport, NH 03773.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Randolph D. Root Sr., 72

Randolph David Root Sr., 72, died unexpectedly in his home on November 26, 2020. Born and raised in Claremont, NH, he graduated from Stevens High School and spent a large part of his machinist career at Sullivan Co. in Claremont.

Randy Sr. was a quiet and well-liked man that enjoyed being out in nature and was a gun enthusiast, an interest that he shared with his three sons that he leaves behind: Randy Jr., Spencer and Michael Root.

He is loved and will be missed.

There are no public services, only a private burial.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Make a Chain Maille Bracelet (Virtual Learning)

CLAREMONT, NH—In this virtual Claremont MakerSpace class, we'll create a Byzantine bracelet by weaving links of chain. Byzantine is an ancient pattern for weaving chain and is an excellent starting point for learning chain maille. The finished chain features an intricate appearance and great flexibility.

Upon registration, you will be emailed to coordinate how to purchase the required class materials (~\$15).

This class will be presented via Zoom. A connection link will be sent prior to the class start.

Thursday, Dec. 17, 06:00pm

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event/2020/12/17/make-a-chain-maille-bracelet>.

## Wagon Rides, Candle Dipping & A Cup of Wassail At Billings Farm & Museum

WOODSTOCK, VT—The spirit of Wassail Weekend is alive at Billings Farm & Museum, December 11, 12 & 13, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tractor-drawn wagon rides are offered on Saturday & Sunday, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Take in the gorgeous Vermont winter views by the fire pit while warming up with a cup of Wassail and cider donuts served at the Dairy Bar. Step back in time to a festive Victorian Christmas with our authentically decorated farmhouse parlor exhibit. Enjoy holiday stories and cooking demonstrations of holiday foods and gingerbread ornaments. Make your own candle to take home at our candle dipping station!

Christmas at the Farm continues Dec. 19-Jan. 3 (excluding Christmas Day). The Farm & Museum is open weekends and vacation weeks through February, from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm or online anytime at [billingsfarm.org/billings-farm-at-home/](http://billingsfarm.org/billings-farm-at-home/).

Note that as of July 1, the Billings Farm & Museum site is limited to a maximum capacity of 225 people at one time, per State of Vermont guidance, and face coverings must be worn by all guests over the age of 2 everywhere on the site, including the outdoors. For more about visiting Billings Farm safely, updates on our site capacity, and to learn which spaces are open, visit [billingsfarm.org/safety/](http://billingsfarm.org/safety/).

The Billings Farm & Museum is owned and operated by The Woodstock Foundation Inc., a charitable non-profit institution.



**The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall and via Zoom.**

To join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88238233399?pwd=NjNmZDZBEYi9XcmJNbXVWQ3ZkcUx6dz09>

Passcode: 376500

Or by telephone: 1-646-558-8656; Webinar ID: 882 3823 3399 Passcode: 376500

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

***AGENDA (Revised)***

- 6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
 6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL  
 6:34 PM 3. AGENDA CHANGES  
 6:35 PM 4. *REPORT OF THE SECRETARY*  
*Minutes of November 4 and 12, 2020, City Council Meetings*
- 6:37 PM 5. MAYOR'S NOTES
- 6:42 PM 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
- 6:55 PM 7. *APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES*
- 7:00 PM 8. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))
9. OLD BUSINESS
- 7:10 PM A. Proposed Council Rule Change (Citizen Letters)  
 7:20 PM B. License Agreement for Use of City Land – Map 133-57, Map 133-58, and Map 133-59  
 7:35 PM C. Legislative Update  
 7:50 PM D. Funds Transfer (Compensation)
- BREAK
10. NEW BUSINESS
- 8:15 PM A. Accept Police Vehicle from Claremont Ford (City Manager)  
 8:20 PM B. Accept \$11,435 NH Highway Enforcement Grant (City Manager)  
 8:25 PM C. Accept \$12,000 Grant from NH Charitable Foundation for Shop with a Cop, and for Safety Equipment for Claremont Police Department (City Manager)  
 8:30 PM D. Shugah Valley Snow Riders Annual Permission (City Manager)  
 8:40 PM E. Elderly and Disabled Tax Exemptions; and Veterans Tax Credit Discussion (Finance Committee)
- 8:55 PM 11. *COMMITTEE REPORTS*
- 9:05 PM 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES  
 9:10 PM 13. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
 9:15 PM 14. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall and via Zoom.