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First Night Activities in Claremont Announced

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club is inviting everyone to the last event of the year — Claremont First Night. Come celebrate the New Year with activities all around the City. The evening kicks off at 5 PM on December 31, and will go until midnight. Fun, family-friendly events are scheduled at Arrowhead Lodge, the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center, Claremont Opera House, Monadnock Park and Meyer Maple Lanes. “There will be something for everyone,” said Mark Brislin, Claremont’s Parks and Recreation Director. “Whether you want to go tubing at Arrowhead, take a dip in the pool at the Community Center, or enjoy some of the great entertainment that we have lined up, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.”

At 10 PM, there will be a dazzling fireworks display over the ski area at Arrowhead, which will also be televised live on CCTV Channel 8. After fireworks, the evening is not over! Meyer Maple Lanes will ring in the New Year with bowling until midnight. “Local businesses have been very supportive of this event and are excited to bring a New Year’s Eve celebration back to Claremont,” said Josh Nelson, President of the Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club. “We are thrilled to be able to offer this event to the community of Claremont and are looking for ways to help sustain this event for years to come.”

There will be a live performance of “Mark the Halls” at the Claremont Opera House presented by The Rep theater group. New this year will be snowshoeing at Monadnock Park, where the trail will be illuminated by LED luminaries. “It’s exciting to watch this event grow,”
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Bomb Threat at VRH Shuts Down Campus Friday

***Follows Phone Threats Made Earlier in the Week;
Investigation Continues to Determine if Incidents Are Connected***

**By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH— In a week that was already on edge nationally from a TikTok “threat” calling for violence at the country’s schools (see story, page 5), Valley Regional Hospital was put on lockdown due to several threatening phone calls and later, a bomb threat. The calls were reportedly related to a family unhappy with treatment being given to a COVID patient who is a family member. The investigation is continuing to determine if the bomb threat is related.

On Friday, Valley Regional Hospital released a statement which said, “Valley Regional Hospital received a bomb threat at one of its outpatient facilities today. The Claremont Police Department were notified immediately, and our patients and staff were evacuated from all of our outpatient clinics. Whether this threat is related to phone threats made earlier this week is for the authorities to determine.”

At the time, the incident had not yet been fully resolved and VRH added, “In response to the current situation, we will remain in lockdown at the Valley Regional Hospital so as to ensure the safety of our patients and staff. We will also continue to work with the Claremont Police Department and other authorities as they determine the credibility of the threats.

“Patient care within the hospital has not been impacted.”

Later on Friday, Claremont Deputy Chief of Police Mark Grasso also issued a statement related to the incident: “On 12/17/2021 at approximately 1115 hours, staff at Valley Regional Hospital contacted Claremont Police to report that they had received a threat that an explosive device had been placed somewhere on the hospital campus. Members of the Claremont

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Members of the Claremont Police Department on duty Friday night at the Elm St. entrance to VRH (Eric Zengota photo).

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said Brislin. "When we brought the First Night activities back seven years ago, all of the activities took place at the Community Center and Arrowhead. The community and local businesses are really embracing this event."

Back by popular demand is the Second Annual Claremont-Sugar River Rotary First Night Scavenger Hunt. The hunt will take place over five days, starting on Dec. 25 and ending at 5 PM Dec. 30. It will feature outdoor locations around town for teams to discover and document. Teams can be any size with members of any age. Forms can be downloaded from the Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Facebook Page or picked up at the Fiske Free Library. Up to ten gift certificates will be awarded. Winners will be selected randomly from among the forms submitted with correct answers. Winners will be announced Dec. 31 as part of First Night, on the Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Facebook page.

Food and beverages will be for sale at Arrowhead Lodge, Claremont Savings Bank Community Center and Meyer Maple Lanes. Parking will be available at Arrowhead Lodge, Claremont Savings Bank Community Center, Claremont Middle School, and Claremont Savings Bank.

Due to the anticipated large crowds, face masks will be required for indoor performances at the Claremont Opera House and the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center.

First Night is sponsored by the Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club with assistance from Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, Claremont Savings Bank and Mascoma Bank.

Help sponsor the First Night events by purchasing a Claremont First Night 2022 button, available from any Rotarian or supporting merchant in town for only \$1.00 each. Buttons are required by all members in your family or party to enjoy First Night activities. Children 3 and under are free.

Above is a schedule of events. More may be added, so for

Event	Time	Location
Bowling	Session 1 - 5-7 PM Session 2 - 7:30-9:30 PM Session 3 - 10 PM-12 AM	Meyer Maple Lanes
Tubing/Skiing/Ice Skating (<i>weather permitting</i>)	6-9:45 PM	Arrowhead
Illuminated Snowshoeing (<i>weather permitting</i>)	6-9:45 PM	Monadnock Park
The REP presents "Mark The Halls"	6-7 PM	Opera House
Open Swim	6-9:45 PM	CSBCC Pool
Wunderle's Big Top Adventures — Interactive Circus clinics and tricks	6-10 PM	CSBCC Gym
Wunderle's One Man Circus (Show 1)	6:15-7:15 PM	CSBCC
Family-Friendly Movie (<i>The Incredibles</i>)	7:30-9:30 PM	Opera House
Off Broad Street Players	7:30-8:30 PM	CSBCC
Wunderle's One Man Circus (Show 2)	8:45-9:45 PM	CSBCC
Fireworks	10PM	Arrowhead

up-to-date information, please visit claremont-parks.com or like us on Facebook at Claremont First Night.

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**No Paper Week
of Dec. 27**

With Christmas falling on the weekend this year, we have decided to take a break and not publish for the week of Dec. 27.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and the Happiest of Holidays.

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INVESTMENT TIPS

Begin Investing While Young

You're never too young to begin building an investment portfolio.

There's a simple word that has profound implications for savings and investing: compounding. Like a snowball that grows as it rolls down a hill, compounding provides the potential for your money to grow, reinvesting your investment earnings.

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It is a basic model for growth potential, and the more you invest, the greater the opportunities to create long-term value. Let's take a hypothetical examples¹ to illustrate:

If you invest \$1,000 at age 20 and do not add anything to the principal, relying instead on 7.2% annual earning growth, you would end up with \$32,000 at age 70.



If you wait until you're 30, though, investing that same \$1,000 that earns 7.2% annually, you would end up with \$16,000 at age 70 — a decrease of 50%.

Finally, if you invest the \$1,000 at age 20, earning 7.2% annually while contributing \$83 a month until retirement, you would have \$465,000. (This is a hypothetical example and is

not representative of any specific situation. Your results will vary. The hypothetical rates of return used do not reflect the deduction of fees and charges inherent to investing.)

CALCULATING THE IMPACT OF COMPOUNDING

To estimate how long it will take for compounding to double an investment, use the rule of 72:

Divide 72 by the annual rate of return. The answer is the approximate number of years it would take to double your investment's value, assuming a fixed rate of return.

As an example: If you earn 9% annually, it will take $72/9 = 8$ years to double the value of your investment. Please note: the rule of 72 is a mathematical concept and does not guarantee investment results nor functions as a predictor of how an investment will perform. It is an approximation for the impact of a targeted rate of return. Investments are subject to fluctuating returns and there is no assurance that any investment will double in value.

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¹ From <https://www.hermoney.com/invest/retirement/these-two-examples-illustrate-the-magic-of-compound-interest/>.

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NH Delegation Welcomes Over \$218 Million to Invest in Critical Highway Projects Across Granite State

WASHINGTON, DC—On Thursday, U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Representatives Annie Kuster (NH-02) and Chris Pappas (NH-01) welcomed \$218,888,554 to New Hampshire to support highway investments across the state. The funding is part of a national \$52.5 billion announcement to improve the safety and performance of America’s roads, bridges and highways, with funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act that Shaheen and Hassan negotiated.

“Many of our roads, highways and bridges have been lacking investment for too long, threatening the safety of drivers traveling to work, getting groceries and picking up their kids from childcare. It’s long past time we deliver a once-in-a-generation investment in our highways to boost safety and resilience,” said Shaheen. “I’m pleased to see over \$218 million heading to New Hampshire as part of the largest federal highway investment in decades. As a lead negotiator of the bipartisan infrastructure package, I’m committed to ensuring New Hampshire gets its fair share of federal resources to deliver for working families.”

“New Hampshire’s roads are in desperate need of repairs, and this funding through the bipartisan infrastructure bill will help communities across the state complete urgently needed projects that will make our roads safer and support our economy,” said Hassan. “It has taken our country too long to make the serious investments that are needed to strengthen our crumbling roads and bridges – which is why we made sure that the new infrastructure law finally takes the steps that our country needs to build out a modern transportation system.”

“This federal highway funding bolstered by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will make it safer and easier for Granite Staters to commute to work, school, and see family, as well as encourage visitors to travel to NH to enjoy all that our state has to offer,” said Kuster. “I was proud to vote for this transformative legislation to deliver long-overdue investments in our state’s transportation infrastructure...”

“The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act makes good on decades of promises to invest in our communities, and I’m pleased that we are delivering the federal funds necessary for New Hampshire to reduce congestion and improve safety and quality of life,” said Pappas. Specifically, funding announced today for New Hampshire includes:

- \$118,042,741 from the National Highway Performance
- \$57,426,198 from the Surface Transportation Block Program
- \$12,159,919 from the Highway Safety Improvement Program
- \$1,225,000 from the Railway Highways Crossway Program
- \$11,276,320 from the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program
- \$5,730,028 from the National Highway Freight Program
- \$5,120,503 from the Carbon Reduction Program
- \$2,085,467 for Metropolitan Planning
- \$5,822,378 from the PROTECT Formula Program

Shaheen’s Bipartisan Bill to Open Eligibility for Burial in State Veterans Cemeteries to All Service Members Clears Key Committee Hurdle

WASHINGTON, DC— Legislation introduced by U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and cosponsored by Senators Kevin Cramer (R-ND), Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and John Hoeven (R-ND) to ensure all members of Reserve components and the National Guard are eligible to be buried in state veterans cemeteries – so long as their service was not terminated under dishonorable conditions – passed a key committee hurdle. Senators Hassan and Cramer voted to pass the bill in the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee, on which they serve. The bill will next move onto the Senate floor for consideration.

Currently, only certain service members who meet national eligibility standards are allowed to be buried in veterans cemeteries if the cemeteries receive federal grant funding – including the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen. The Burial Equity for Guards and Reserves Act corrects that by prohibiting the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) from conditioning such grants on a cemetery’s compliance with existing eligibility criteria for burial.

Council Takes Action to Hire Interim City Manager

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—At a special meeting Tuesday night, members of the City Council addressed two problems—hiring an interim City manager and how best to proceed with searching for a permanent one. Mayor-elect Dale Girard said that, “We want a seamless transition for when Ed [Morris] leaves on Jan 7, so we have reached out to MRI.” Municipal Resources Inc. (MRI) provides professional, technical, and managerial services to municipalities, schools and other entities seeking recruitment assistance and has worked with the City in the past. Girard said he had also reached out to John MacLean, a seasoned City manager who has served as an interim administrator for Claremont in the past. He has over 40 years of public administration experience at the municipal and county level. He joined MRI as a senior consultant upon his retirement in 2015. Although “ready to retire”, Girard said that “MacLean speaks very highly of the City of Claremont...and this is probably only one of the reasons he was willing to come out of retirement. If he so chooses, is willing to go along with the MRI agreement, he will join us in January.” Morris submitted his resignation on Dec. 10 and will take the post of Town Manager in Enfield, NH.

The proposed agreement calls for MacLean to work 30 hours a week, but the arrangement would be flexible to “meet the needs of the City”. He would work in-person 2-3 days a week with the rest of the time done remotely, by Zoom or phone. Fees would be \$95 per hour, along with a travel fee of \$145 that would be charged per day of on-site work. This fee would be applied to travel time and mileage, or overnight accommodations, at the discretion of MRI. There is no charge for incidental or emergency phone consultations. MacLean would serve as MRI’s Project Representative. MacLean’s duties would include providing leadership support and guidance to City staff and to coordinate the execution of Council policy, according to the agreement. Girard said that MacLean would like the authority to appoint a temporary assistant who would be on-site on the days MacLean is not, to be present for staff; while no names were mentioned, that

person is expected to be someone already working for the City; in the past, the police chief and the finance director have filled that role. Girard said that MacLean had reached out to Morris, something he wanted to do before making his final decision. MacLean had been working with Morris in recent months providing guidance.

Morris’ last day as City manager of Claremont is Jan. 7, and councilors were comfortable with making that MacLean’s start date.

The council unanimously approved a motion for a contract for services between the City and MRI for an interim City manager; councilor Jim Contois was not in attendance.

Following that action, the council took up the matter of how to proceed with the search for a permanent City manager. Councilor Nick Koloski said that he wanted to see an RFP go out as soon as possible for companies that conduct administrative searches such as would be needed in this case. The last time an RFP was advertised for a search company, it solicited five responses, two of which were quickly dismissed. Assistant Mayor-elect Deb Matteau said that she “sat on the last two selection committees” and felt that not using a professional company, as was the case for the last search, “was a huge mistake” and that the pending search was probably one of the “most critical” undertakings for the City at this time. “How to do that is not having inexperienced people trying to figure it out. It took us a long time.” She said she was in favor of skipping the RFP process and going with MRI. “Time is of the essence...They’re the experts.”

Councilors agreed that the pool from which drawing qualified candidates was getting smaller and smaller and that the City needed someone who could do the “headhunting” that another selection committee would not be able to conduct.

Girard said that MRI offers two options: A comprehensive process and a recruitment assistance process. He said he would contact Alan Gould, president of MRI, and request that he put together an informational packet of the two options, including costs. The council decided that if the material is received by today, Monday, that would give councilors enough time to have the information distributed to each councilor for him/her to read and hold a brief meeting on Tuesday to make a decision regarding going with MRI to do the search.

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School Administrators, Law Enforcement, Parents Warned About TikTok Threats to Commit School Violence

As if there were not already enough issues to grapple with these days for school administrators, law enforcement and parents, the country was warned last week about a vague school shooting threat that was circulating on TikTok. As a result, some schools cancelled classes on Friday while others left attending school optional for students. Some schools remained opened for teachers who wanted to work.

In Claremont, SAU6 superintendent Mike Tempesta released an email statement to families that read in part: *I am reaching out to you to make you aware of general threats that have been made to all schools in the country for tomorrow, Friday, December 17th. We have spent the morning monitoring the situation with the safety of children and staff at the forefront of our decision. These threats appear to have originated on Tik Tok and have gained the attention of law enforcement across the country.*

Initially, based on our outreach to other school districts in the area, the Claremont Police Department and NHIAC, we felt comfortable opening school tomorrow. However, at the close of school today and over the last few hours, new information specific to Claremont Middle School and Stevens High School began to come to our attention. Working with the Claremont Police Department and Chief Chase, we have decided to cancel school tomorrow for all Claremont schools in an abundance of caution while we investigate the credibility of these threats further.

When students return on Monday we will work closely with Claremont PD and have a heightened presence at all of our schools...

In Newport, attending school on Friday was optional. And in Vermont, the VTSP reported that school officials in northern Vermont reported three potential threats to the Vermont State Police, notified their school communities and modified operations. The incidents were reported at the Canaan School, Williamstown Middle & High School, and North Country Union Junior High School. The State Police investigated these reports and found no evidence to suggest any of the reported threats were credible, said law enforcement.

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll

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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update December 17, 2021

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

On Friday, December 17, 2021, DHHS announced 979 new positive test results for COVID-19 for Thursday, December 16. Those results included 713 people who tested positive by PCR test and 266 who tested positive by antigen test. DHHS also announced an additional 59 new cases from Tuesday, December 7 (42 by PCR and 17 by antigen test) for a new total of 1,416; an additional 5 new cases from Wednesday, December 8 (1 by PCR and 4 by antigen test) for a new total of 1,633; an additional 8 new cases from Thursday, December 9 (4 by PCR and 4 by antigen test) for a new total of 1,330; an additional 35 new cases from Friday, December 10 (29 by PCR and 6 by antigen test) for a new total of 1,575; an additional 36 new cases from Saturday, December 11 (29 by PCR and 7 by antigen test) for a new total of 1,077; an additional 30 new cases from Sunday, December 12 (25 by PCR and 5 by antigen test) for a new total of 741; an additional 88 new cases from Monday, December 13 (57 by PCR and 31 by antigen test) for a new total of 949; an additional 46 new cases from Tuesday, December 14 (26 by PCR and 20 by antigen test) for a new total of 1,178; and an additional 53 new cases from Wednesday, December 15 (7 by PCR and 46 by anti-

gen test) for a new total of 1,179. Test results for previous days are still being processed and updated case counts for prior days will be reflected on the COVID-19 interactive dashboard. There are now 9,203 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire.

Several cases were still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there were three hundred and ninety-eight individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 53% being female and 47% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (289), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (165), Merrimack (146), Cheshire (120), Strafford (76), Sullivan (63), Grafton (62), Belknap (42), Carroll (41), and Coos (17) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (155) and Nashua (78). The county of residence is being determined for eighty-five new cases.

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

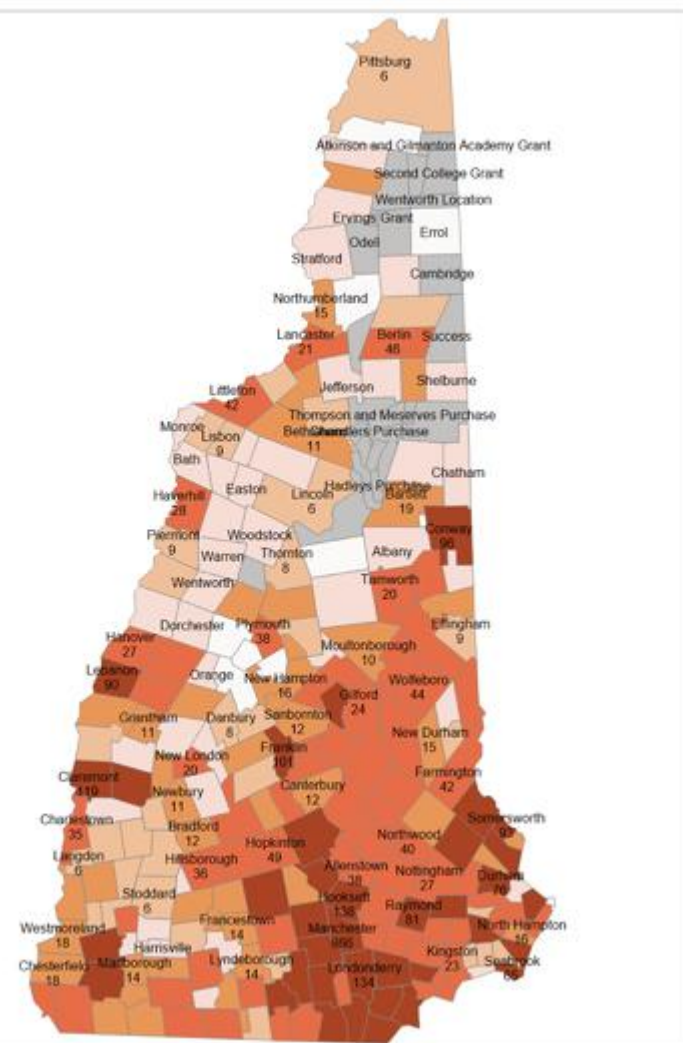
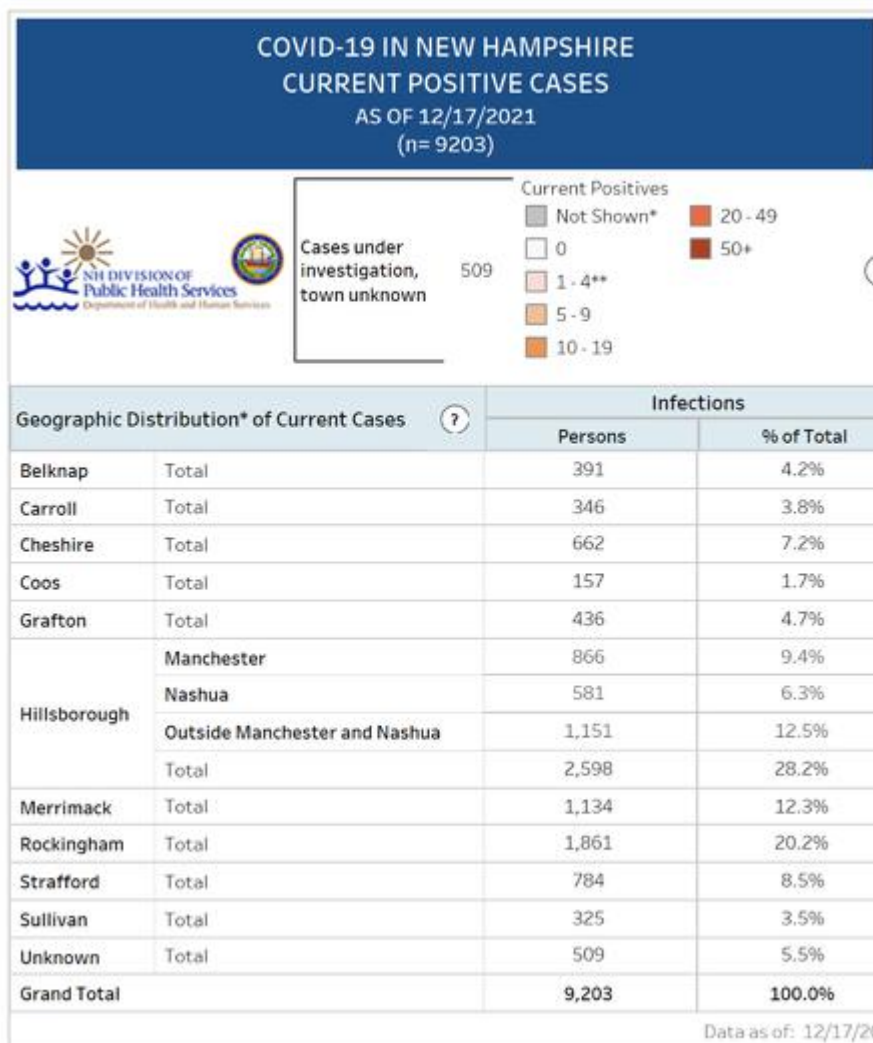
- 1 female resident of Carroll County, 60 years of age and older
- 2 female residents of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older

- 1 female resident of Hillsborough County, fewer than 60 years of age
- 2 male residents of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Strafford County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Strafford County, 60 years of age and older

There were currently 456 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire, since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 183,056 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

As of Friday, the 17th, there were 119 current positively identified cases in Claremont, 35 in Charlestown, and 87 in Newport, with additional cases identified in other county communities, including 7 in Lempster; 8, Cornish; 11, Grantham; 12, Sunapee; 6, Goshen; 13, Plainfield; and 1-4 in other Sullivan County communities. DHHS reported 325 currently positively identified cases in Sullivan County, compared to 426 last Friday.

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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.

Vaccine Information in NH

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

Claremont School Cases

On Dec. 14th, CMS reported 8 new families reported positive COVID-19 cases in their homes.

D-H Updates Visitor Policy at Lebanon-Area Locations

LEBANON, NH – Due to high levels of community transmission and record-high cases of COVID-19 in New Hampshire and Vermont, effective Friday, December 10, 2021, no visitors will be allowed for admitted inpatients or for outpatient appointments and procedures at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (D-H) facilities, but caregivers will be admitted in very specific and narrow circumstances.

This change applies to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) in Lebanon; D-H's outpatient clinics in Lyme and on Heater Road in Lebanon; the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative and Hospice Care in Lebanon; the D-H Outpatient Surgery Center in Lebanon; and at Norris Cotton Cancer Center North in St. Johnsbury, VT.

A caregiver is defined as a support person for a patient with a cognitive or physical disability. Caregivers must not have any symptoms of COVID-19, be on quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19 or travel, or have a diagnosis of COVID-19 in the last 10 days.

Visitors may be allowed for end-of-life patients, as outlined below. A visitor is defined as a friend, family member, or support person who is not required to assist a patient due to cognitive or physical disability. Visitors must not have any symptoms of COVID-19, be on quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19 or travel, or have a diagnosis of COVID-19 in the last 10 days.

For hospital inpatients at DHMC:
No visitors are allowed.

COVID-19-negative patients will be allowed one caregiver per day. Multiple caregivers may not rotate throughout the day, and, to the extent possible, should not rotate through the length of the patient's stay.

For pediatric patients, two dedicated adult parents, guardians, or support persons are allowed, for both COVID-positive and COVID-negative patients. Caregivers cannot rotate through the patient's stay.

For adult outpatient visits and procedures:

No visitors are allowed.

For adults, one caregiver is allowed with the patient.

For prenatal appointments or prenatal ultrasounds, one adult is allowed with the patient.

For pediatric outpatient appointments and procedures:

No visitors are allowed.

Two dedicated adult parents, guardians, or support persons will be allowed for pediatric appointments and procedures.

In the Birthing Pavilion:

No visitors are allowed.

One dedicated adult support person is permitted, for both COVID-positive and COVID-negative patients.

For patients at the end of life:

Three visitors at a time are permitted for COVID-negative patients only.

Two visitors at a time are permitted for COVID-positive patients, for a total of one hour, for a total of four visitors. Visitors must check in and out to allow for new visitors.

Claremont Vaccination Fixed Site

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Location: Former NH State Liquor Store at 367 Washington Street
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Sunday: Closed

For more information about the sites, including dates sites will be closed for the holidays, visit

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NH DHHS Identifies First Detection of Omicron Variant

CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) announced Dec. 13 that it had identified the first detection of the COVID-19 virus Omicron variant in a New Hampshire resident. This person is an adult from Cheshire County who traveled out-of-state and was exposed to another person who subsequently was identified with the Omicron variant infection. This NH resident, who was considered fully vaccinated but was not yet boosted, had a mild illness and has since recovered during home isolation.

Since that initial announcement, two more cases were reported, at Keene State College. That announcement was made on Dec. 15.

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Lighting a 'Unity Fire'

Public Invited to Remotely Join Ko'asek Abenaki Solstice Ceremony

Chief & Elder Paul "Gwilawato" Bunnell of the Ko'asek Traditional Band of the Sovereign Abenaki Nation is inviting the community to join a Zoom & Phone Winter Solstice ceremony.



"This Unity Fire is a non-traditional format celebrating a traditional way to end this year," said Chief Paul. "We want all of our members and friends to come together in love and unity on this special day to honor the warmth of our creator's fire."

The ceremony starts at 7pm on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

War Chief David Nepveu will be on the Abenaki land in Claremont, building and tending a sacred fire. There, he will also perform a tobacco blessing.

Those joining from home by Zoom or a free conference call can light their own ceremonial fires in their yards (where legal) or by candle.

The program continues online.

Chief Paul will start the ceremony by blessing and smudging the gathering, say a few words for peace, harmony and togetherness, and thank everyone who's taking part.

"There will be a special blessing for our Quebec Sartigan relations, and our very special friends at Community Village and our Unity NH (Friends) Quakers," he said. "We'll also thank Lionel Chute of the Sullivan County Conservation District for all his valuable help this past year.

"Koasek artist Dan Duhaime will offer his blessings for all our relations, and present two Abenaki songs, 'Unity Chant' and 'Drums in the Valley.' We will ask all the fire contributors to come forward and introduce themselves and their locations and say what they feel.

"We will then start a medicine circle and go around to each member to speak if they choose. The subject will be praying for peace between countries, politicians, neighbors, tribes and each other. We will have a final

silent prayer together envisioning all of our fires going out to all."

RSVP to Chief Paul at bunnelloyallist@aol.com.

Zoom Address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6559869212?pwd=dzNqUjNnMktUeWRyNI-BudmtCcDBTUT09>

Meeting ID: 655 986 9212

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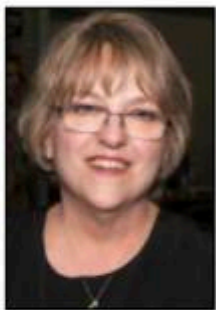
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Shop With a Cop — and a Sheriff, Too — Helps Claremont Kids Go on a Buying Spree



CLAREMONT, NH—Last Thursday evening, local law enforcement officials played Santa and his elves to 60 Claremont children in the 5th annual Shop With a Cop. The event was organized, as always, by Claremont School Resource Officer Crystal Simonds. The lucky kids got their own personal shoppers to tag along at Walmart. They shopped. Their partners toted toys and games and books up and down the aisles — and paid for them all thanks to generous donations.

Officers headed by Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase and sheriff's deputies led by Sullivan County Sheriff John Simonds spent four hours making Christmas even brighter for the kids and their families.

Top row, left to right: Officer Lucas Finamore helped Noah Denzel find everything the 8-year-old was looking for; Carter Purple, 10, shopped with School Resource Officer Crystal Simonds; Kailynn Silver, 9, brought Deputy Police Chief Mark Grasso straight to the babies aisle. 2nd row: Sebastian Burrows, 3, found some toys plus a new friend in Sergeant Joshua Wade; Sheriff John Simonds had his arms full with Kinsley Lacasse, 3, and all her gifts; Police Chief Mark Chase toted the selections that Breanna Blair, 9, found throughout Walmart. 3rd row: Payton Coull, 9, and Sheriff's Deputy Jason Almstrom were successful partners hunting for all things Barbie.

Story and photos by Eric Zengota

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Fire Damage Contained

The Claremont Fire Department responded to a call on Friday evening. The Dispatch Center notified the department that smoke was “filling the building at 285 Washington St.” This turned out to be Best Subs Known to Mankind. Trucks E-4 and L-2 headed to the location, and firefighters quickly suppressed the flames.

In a Facebook post of 4:27 a.m. on Dec. 19, the Best Subs staff wrote:

“Last night we experienced a kitchen fire. Thankfully, the ANSUL system did its job, Claremont Fire Dept responded quickly & damage was contained. It will, however, take some time for us to replace damaged equipment, make repairs and clean the mess. Best Subs will remain closed for the time being.

“As always, we thank you - our loyal customers - for staying by our side. We will do our Best to keep you updated. Have a wonderful holiday, and we will see you soon!” (Eric Zengota photo)



Kiwanis Bell Ringers Ready for Your Donations

Members of the Claremont Kiwanis Club have been volunteering hundreds of hours during their annual Bell Ringing for Children initiative. They've set up stations at the entrances to Walmart and Market Basket, where they will welcome donations through Friday, Dec. 24. All proceeds go toward funding the Kiwanis' many children's charities as well as high school scholarships. (Eric Zengota photos).



VRH, from page 1

Police Department responded to the scene and established a safe perimeter. Non-essential personnel were dismissed from the hospital and vehicular traffic was re-routed around the area of the campus. The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office responded to assist. The New Hampshire State Police responded with 2 Explosive Detection K-9's. The building was searched and deemed safe.



Sgt. Trevor Dickerman on duty Friday at the Elm St. entrance to VRH (Eric Zengota photo).

“An investigation into the source of the threat is underway. If anyone would like to anonymously share information, please call the Claremont Police Department tip line at 603-542-7026 ext. 1234.”

The incident on Friday followed others that occurred on Wednesday and Thursday when the hospital said it received phone threats regarding a patient who was being treated for COVID and family demands for alternative treatment, reported the *Valley News*. That led the facility to limiting access to one entrance and exit point under a “status of heightened awareness and security.” VRH reported that “staff who routinely work remotely have been asked to continue to do so. We continue to

work with the Claremont Police Department, and we are monitoring the situation closely.” On-duty coverage alternated between the Claremont Police Department and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department.

The *Valley News* reported that a group known as “The Truth Seeker” “posted a nearly one-hour video conference call online among four participants saying that they received a

chat message from a Claremont woman whose husband is being treated for COVID-19 at the local hospital. In the discussion, they said the woman told them hospital staff were not responding to her assertion of medical power of attorney regarding her husband's treatment.” Videos posted by The Truth Seeker include those about QAnon and other conspiracy theories, said the *Valley News*.

Free COVID Testing Site in Claremont

Pop-Up testing site in the rear parking lot of River Valley Community College, 1 College Drive, Claremont!

The site is open 7 Days a week, 9am - 3pm

Walk-in Clinic
COVID-19 Vaccine & Boosters
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Monday, December 20
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 Boosters and vaccines available for age 5 and up.
Thursday, December 23
4PM to 7PM
 20 North Main Street, Newport, NH

Christmas Programs and Services

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

Trinity Church Family Christmas Eve Service

6:00pm

44 Main St. Windsor, VT

Live streaming: <http://www.trinitywindsor.com/>.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Christmas Caroling around our Outdoor Christmas Tree

On the Night of the Winter Solstice
6:30 PM

Meriden Congregational Church Green

Many of us may already have enjoyed Christmas caroling by the lighted Christmas tree in Cornish (I know I did!), but both those who missed that opportunity, and those like me who just can't get enough of this festive holiday joy, especially in these challenging times, are warmly invited to our church's Second Annual Festive Lighting of our Outdoor Christmas Tree (hopefully covered with snow!) on our church green. Last year, now that the Meriden Tree Lighting no longer happens, and because we could not gather indoors to sing Christmas carols, we began this now beloved tradition for our church and wider community.

Although our outdoor tree is already up and shining for each night, come join us as on this longest night of the year to share the ancient yet ever new Christmas story, sing our favorite Carols, and celebrate the light shining even in the deepest night, both on our tree and on our faces, as we light our individual candles, gather around the warmth of a fire, and wish each other a Merry Blessed Christmas!

St. Mary Church Mass Schedule CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 24th 5:30pm
Saturday, December 25th 12:00am
Saturday, December 25th 10:30am
NEW YEAR'S
Saturday, January 1st 9:00 AM

St. Joseph Church Mass Schedule CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 24th 7:00pm
Saturday, December 25th 9:00am

NEW YEAR'S
Saturday, January 1st 8:30 AM

PUBLIC NOTICE
For a meeting of the
CLAREMONT PLANNING BOARD
To be held on Monday, December 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall
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Business News



A check in the amount of \$2,000 was presented to Deborah Mozden, TPN Executive Director, by Ross Doody, newly-elected President, and Past President, Vi Lunderville, Chair of the Community Service Committee, on December 17th (Courtesy photo).

Greater Claremont Board of REALTORS® Holds Annual Meeting

CLAREMONT, NH—The Greater Claremont Board of REALTORS® held their Annual Holiday Membership meeting on December 9. The Board was honored with a plaque from the New Hampshire Association of REALTORS® for having the highest percentage of Honor Society Members belonging to its Board.

The 2022 Board of Directors was sworn in:

President-Ross Doody, Century 21 Highview Realty

Vice President-Brian Whipple, Coldwell Banker Homes Unlimited

Secretary-Peg Chabot, Town and Country Realty

Treasurer-Selena Wiltshire, Century 21 Highview Realty

Past President-Bill Kennedy, Century 21 Highview Realty

Directors—Ellen Usery, Century 21 Highview Realty; Ashley Bergeron, Bergeron's Houses to Homes; Jenn Boyer, Coldwell Banker Homes Unlimited.

The event culminated with the results of an auction of gift cards and gift items purchased from local businesses in effort to support them. These items were donated by REALTOR® and Affiliate Members.

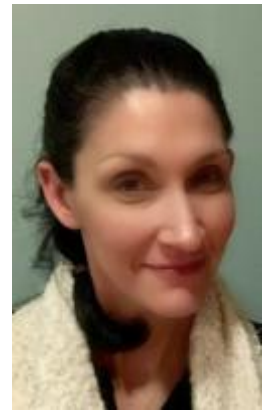
This year's chosen local agency to support was Turning Points Network. A check in the amount of \$2,000 was presented to Deborah Mozden, Executive Director, by Ross Doody, new-elected President, and Past President, Vi Lunderville, Chair of the Community Service Committee, on December 17th.

Coldwell Banker Agents Accomplishments Cited

CLAREMONT, NH—Coldwell Banker Homes Unlimited is proud to announce that Jennifer Boyer has reached \$3 million in sales. "The team at Coldwell Banker Homes Unlimited is proud of Jennifer's accomplishments and

thank her for all her hard work and dedication," said the office.

The team also extended congratulations to Viola Lunderville for reaching \$4 million in sales. "We would like to thank Viola for all her hard work and dedication. Her professionalism and accomplishments have included serving as the President of The Greater Claremont Board of Realtors from 2019 to 2020."



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Sto Lat! 100 Years!

St. Joseph Church Marks Milestone

CLAREMONT, NH—Sto Lat! 100 Years! This traditional Polish expression is used to extend wishes of good health, good fortune and a long life. It also serves as a birthday greeting—“May you live to be 100!”

On Christmas Day, the parishioners of St. Joseph Church in Claremont will be shouting “Sto Lat!” in celebration of the first of two milestones in the history of their church. Officially, the first Mass in the newly completed church was celebrated on December 25, 1925, and that date in 2025 will be recognized as the church’s 100th Anniversary.

This year, 2021, Christmas Day will also be remembered as an earlier milestone. In 1921 Christmas Mass was celebrated inside the one-story, flat roofed building that served as the first church. Our St. Cecelia Choir provided music for that first Mass and will also be celebrating one hundred years of music ministry.

The founding families chose the name “Our Lady of Ostrobrama” for their church. Many of them had emigrated from the Wilno region in Poland, where an image of the Blessed Mother placed at one of the city gates was known by that name.

Understandably, there was some confusion over both of Claremont’s Catholic Churches being dedicated to Our Lady. Therefore in 1923, Fr. Skulk obtained Diocesan permission to change the name to St. Joseph Church.



Christmas Masses are scheduled for 7pm on Friday, Christmas Eve, and 9am on Saturday, Christmas Day. Tentative plans are for a social hour following the 9am Mass on January 2, dependent on public health guidelines at that time.

Top: This photo was taken inside the church as it was set up in the basement (at

present St. Joseph Church Hall) until the rest of the church was completed The altar was at the end of the hall now adjacent to the kitchen, not the opposite end where the stage currently stands.

Bottom: The Polish caption translates to Basement Polish Church in Claremont, NH. (Courtesy photos).



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Give Yourself Some 'Paychecks' for Retirement

During your working years, you've probably met the costs of living through your salary. But once you retire, where will the money come from? Is there a way to give yourself a "paycheck" for retirement?

There is indeed – but you'll have to do a good job of managing your available income sources. Here are some moves that can help:

- *Accept dividends and interest payments.* Instead of automatically reinvesting all your dividends and interest payments into your portfolio – which is an excellent strategy for building wealth – you might want to begin receiving these payments as part of your income. Keep in mind, though, that companies can lower or discontinue dividends at any time. However, it's also true that some companies have consistently paid, and even increased, dividends over many years, and even decades.
- *Choose an appropriate withdrawal rate.* Once you're retired, you'll likely need to begin withdrawing from your investment accounts. But you'll need to avoid taking out too much early in your retirement – you don't want to risk outliving your portfolio. For many people in their mid-60s, a 4% annual withdrawal rate is a good starting point, but everyone's situation is different, and your ideal rate will depend on several factors: your age, the size of your portfolio, other sources of income, and so on. Once you turn 72, you'll be required to take at least a minimum amount from your traditional IRA and 401(k), but you can choose to withdraw more, if necessary.
- *Maximize your Social Security.* You have significant control over the amounts you'll receive from Social Security. You can begin taking these payments at age 62, but they will be much larger if you wait until your full retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. (You will receive the maximum amount if you wait until you reach 70.) So, if you think you have enough income from other sources, you might decide to delay taking Social Security – but if you need the money, you may not be able to wait. And here's something else to think about: If your spouse had considerably higher earnings than you did, you may be eligible for spousal benefits.
- *Consider an annuity.* You might want to consider purchasing an annuity that provides lifetime payments. Some annuities are even indexed for inflation, meaning payments will increase or decrease each year, keeping pace with the Consumer Price Index. Annuities are not suitable for everyone, though, so, before investing in one, you should consult with a financial professional who is familiar with your situation.*

Finally, don't rule out the possibility of earned income. Just because you've retired from your full-time job doesn't mean you can't work in some capacity, perhaps by doing some part-time work or consulting or even opening your own small business.

Look at all these ideas when thinking about putting together an income plan for your retirement. You may find that your diligence will pay off.

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REMIX Founders Foot the Bill for Some Hannaford Shoppers

**Story and Photos By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News**

CLAREMONT, NH—"I was totally amazed," said Hannaford store manager Chad Myhre last Saturday morning. "This morning I walk three folks from REMIX and tell me they want to help people pay for their groceries. I said absolutely — how can we make that happen?"

In an instant, brothers Will and Jimmie Neilsen, co-founders of REMIX, bought four \$500 Hannaford gift cards. For the next two hours, they and REMIX board member and volunteer Sonya Duhaime "card-bombed" shoppers at the registers. They swooped in to couples, to single moms and their children, to anyone with an overflowing grocery cart or just two bottles of baby formula.

Shoppers' reactions ran the gamut from disbelief and tears of gratitude to huge smiles and warm hugs. All of them went home brightened by the holiday spirit that "free groceries" are bound to provide.

Jimmie Neilsen explained that REMIX — a non-profit coffee bar and social club at 1 Pleasant Street in Claremont — "pays it forward" by donating 100% of its proceeds to other non-profit organizations and families in need.

With the Hannaford gift card initiative, he said, "We're blessing families in our community during the holiday season. We wanted to step up and show our community that we support them and are here for them."

As the director of acute care at Keene Medical Center, he is "well aware of the stresses that people are dealing with in these challenging times. We hope today's 'shopping expedition' helps ease some of the pressure, whether it's health, financial or psychological."

Will Neilsen, a troop detective with the New Hampshire State Police, thought it was much more rewarding to come up behind someone with a gift card than with flashing blue lights out on the highway. Duhaime, a substitute teacher and volunteer EMT, was herself overwhelmed when she discovered that one woman whose entire cart of groceries was taken care of was also looking forward to her son coming home from the Navy later that day.

Learn more about REMIX at livethatremixedlife.org.



Tonya and Eric Mitchell were the grateful beneficiaries of a REMIX-swiped Hannaford gift card.



Jimmie Neilsen said to a surprised Paul and Barbara Decelle, "Put your card away. I'm paying for this!"



Groceries paid for. Son coming home from the Navy. This shopper couldn't stop hugging Sonya Duhaime.



Becky Cook and her son, Liam, got an early Christmas present when Will Neilsen (background) took care of their purchases at Hannaford on Saturday morning.

Sports/Recreation

The SHS Unified Basketball team opened up their season with a win at Hanover High School Thursday afternoon, 36-28 (Courtesy photo).



SHS Boys Basketball

12/14/21	Fall Mountain	W 58 - 25
12/17/21	at Gilford	L 36 - 63
12/20/21	Winnisquam	07:00 PM
12/22/21	at Hillsboro-Deering	05:30 PM
01/03/22	Belmont	07:00 PM
01/07/22	Mascenic	07:00 PM
01/10/22	Hopkinton	07:00 PM
01/14/22	at Campbell	06:00 PM
01/18/22	at Kearsarge	06:00 PM
01/21/22	at Newport	07:00 PM
01/25/22	at Conant	06:30 PM
01/28/22	Newport	07:00 PM
01/31/22	at Fall Mountain	07:00 PM
02/02/22	at Mascoma Valley	06:30 PM
02/04/22	Kearsarge	07:00 PM
02/07/22	Newfound	07:00 PM
02/09/22	at Inter-Lakes	06:00 PM
02/11/22	Monadnock	07:00 PM

SHS Girls Basketball

12/10/21	Inter-Lakes	W 64 - 7
12/14/21	Fall Mountain	L 35 - 47
12/20/21	at Winnisquam	07:00 PM
12/22/21	Hillsboro-Deering	07:00 PM
01/03/22	at Belmont	06:00 PM
01/05/22	Gilford	06:30 PM
01/07/22	at Mascenic	06:30 PM
01/10/22	at Hopkinton	07:00 PM
01/12/22	Campbell	07:00 PM
01/19/22	Kearsarge	07:00 PM
01/21/22	Newport	07:00 PM
01/25/22	Conant	07:00 PM
01/28/22	at Newport	07:00 PM
01/31/22	at Fall Mountain	05:30 PM
02/02/22	Mascoma Valley	07:00 PM
02/04/22	at Kearsarge	06:00 PM
02/07/22	at Newfound	06:00 PM
02/11/22	at Monadnock	06:00 PM

Lebanon-Stevens-Mount Royal Boys Ice Hockey

12/15/21	at John Stark-Hopkinton-Hillsboro-Deering	W 3 - 2
12/30/21	Berlin-Gorham	08:30 PM
01/06/22	at Mon-Fall Mountain	04:30 PM
01/08/22	Belmont-Gilford	04:20 PM
01/10/22	John Stark-Hopkinton-Hillsboro-Deering	07:50 PM
01/12/22	Hollis Brookline-Derryfield	05:10 PM
01/15/22	at Kennett	06:00 PM
01/22/22	at Laconia-Winnisquam-Inter-Lakes	03:00 PM
01/29/22	at Berlin-Gorham	06:00 PM
02/02/22	Mon-Fall Mountain	07:00 PM
02/05/22	Sanborn-Epping	06:20 PM
02/09/22	at Kearsarge-Plymouth	TBA
02/12/22	Pembroke-Campbell	07:30 PM
02/16/22	Kearsarge-Plymouth	07:10 PM
02/19/22	at Hollis Brookline-Derryfield	04:20 PM
02/23/22	ConVal-Conant	07:30 PM
02/26/22	at Pembroke-Campbell	07:30 PM



Stevens High School's lone wrestler, Colby Shepard, came up big Wednesday night at the Newport High School gymnasium (against John Stark), pinning two Generals on his way to a 2-0 evening (Courtesy photo).

Practice This Year, Play Next Year

Parks & Rec Youth Basketball Season in Full Swing

Story and Photos By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The slap of dribbling basketballs, their thunk on the backboards. Their swish as they hit the basket, the coaches' tips and pointers. These sounds have been echoing off the walls of the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center gym for the past two

weeks as the Parks and Recreation youth basketball program gets underway.

Just over 200 youngsters are playing on 13 teams in seven age groups, led by 18 volunteer coaches and an array of Stevens High School varsity players.

Competitive games for the 3/4 and 5/6 teams begin after New Year's and continue through about Saturday, Feb. 19.

Here's the lineup for this season of youth basketball: teams, coaches and sponsors.

Start Smart – Real Desharnais (Sponsor: Mascoma Bank)

Kindergarten – Kristen Kerr (Sponsor: Crown Point Cabinetry)

1st & 2nd Grade Instructional – Ray Curran & Stevens Varsity Players (Sponsor: Ramuntos)

Girls 3/4
UCONN – Real Desharnais (Sponsor: WAL Masonry)

Boys 3/4
Michigan State – Jason & Kim Reed (Sponsor: Loves Bedding & Furniture)
Arizona – Sarah Lavanway & Lacey Anderson (Sponsor: McGee Toyota)
UNH – Justin Pond (Sponsor: Liberal Beef)
Baylor – Shawn Sullivan (Sponsor: One Credit Union)
Texas Tech – Jesse Howe & Raymond Lewis (Sponsor: American Auto Glass)

Girls 5/6

Dream – Mark Brislin (Sponsor: McGee Toyota)

Sparks – Shawn Morin (Sponsor: American Auto Glass)

Boys 5/6

Bulls – Dave & Carrie Roberts (Sponsor: Century 21 Highview Reality)

Celtics – Jason Beeman & Sarah Lavanway (Sponsor: Hubert's of Claremont)



Inspiration

PEACE

By Priscilla Hull

Perhaps the most elusive thought of Advent is PEACE. Yet it should be the most sought after. If we can feel the HOPE and manage to LOVE and when we find the JOY, we might begin to seek the PEACE. In a world where a threat can close down schools throughout the nation, where thousands of children are put at possible risk, how can we feel peace in our minds, or homes or communities. It escapes logic. Yet, if the hope is there, anything can be possible. World War I was, like all wars a time of anger, hatred and confusion. However a story came out of that terrible war that bears repeating because it brought hope, love and comfort to men on the front lines.

It was Christmas Eve somewhere on the border of France and Germany. The exact location didn't matter. There were two lines of men and boys who had been fighting for days to protect or invade. It was Christmas Eve and instead of being at home with the warmth of the kitchen spreading through the house, these men and boys were dug into dark, muddy bunkers. They had some treasures, packages from home with cookies, candies, and other homemade goodies. Maybe they picked at the treasure, but the atmosphere was gloomy at best. Suddenly, a single voice was heard singing "Silent Night, Holy Night, all is calm, all is bright." The voices expanded until this beloved and beautiful song spread up and down the lines. It was sung in different languages, but the meaning was the same. HOPE, LOVE, JOY, PEACE! Someone stepped out of the bunker, it doesn't matter which side, and took a package of cookies or candy to the other side. Others joined him and these men and boys who had been fighting shook hands, exchanged greetings and goodies. Eventually they drifted back to their bunkers and went to sleep.



Christmas Day dawned crisp and clear. Someone stood up and climbed out of the bunker, maybe stretching to enjoy a change from the cramped space. A soccer ball appeared and an impromptu game of football was played. Laughter and shouts filled the air as these men and boys enjoyed the game. More homemade goodies appeared and the party began. Pictures were shared of loved ones. A sense of calm took over. Perhaps mementos were exchanged. Soon dusk came and the men and boys returned to their bunkers, smiling with memories of new friends made.

A single voice started to sing, "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht! Alles schläft,". Once again other voices joined in in their own languages as the Peace that had existed for 24 hours was acknowledged on both sides of the line.

Peace! Can we find it? What can we do to find it? We must work together to bring peace to our neighborhood and to the world. Stop watching violent movies, stop playing "killer" games. Remember and act on the old call from the 60s, "Make love, not war".

Peace is possible but we all have to act on it!

Please note, this is in no way anti-military, our armed forces, all branches do serious good and peace keeping. They are leaders in peace. Who better knows the ravages that war brings to people? Who works more industriously for peace?

"The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever."
Isaiah 32:17

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

Calendar Of Events

January Basic R.A.D. Course Offering

LEBANON, NH—The Lebanon Police Department is offering Basic R.A.D. classes in January. The course, Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) Basic is the largest women's self-defense program in the country. It offers no-nonsense, practical techniques that women of all ages and abilities can participate in. The course is designed to give the participants realistic and dynamic hands-on training.

The course is taught by certified R.A.D. instructors from the Lebanon Police Department.

There is no cost for the program and class size will be limited. You must attend all four of the Basic R.A.D. classes. Women ages 13-17 will need parental permission to participate. We will be offering this class from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. The first class will be at the Lebanon Police Department and the remaining three will be held at Anytime Fitness on 66 Benning St., Suite 2 in West Lebanon on the following dates:

Monday, January 10

Tuesday, January 11

Thursday, January 13

Friday, January 14

If you would like to participate in the January session, or would like further information, please contact Carli Maruca at Carli.Maruca@lebanonnh.gov or 603-448-8800.

You may also visit R.A.D.'s website at <http://goo.gl/U9LZ20> for further information about the program or our department webpage at <https://goo.gl/bpgh52>.



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 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 as-

pect 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

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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.

Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo

Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo is back Every Thursday, doors open at 4:00 pm and games starts at 6:00 pm

Check out our new hall at 183 Plains Road in Claremont, NH.

Lots of pull tickets for chances to win more money. 50/50 raffle and lots more.

Sandwiches and snacks available and drinks.

Questions: call Sandy at 603-543-7118.

Open to those 18 and older.

Big Money Bingo

Every Sunday, Doors open at 11:00 and games start at 1:00pm

Check out our new hall at 183 Plains Road, Claremont, NH.

Pay out depends on the number of people who show up. Lots of pull tickets for chance to win more money.

Lots of raffles including a big raffle of cash and scratch tickets.

Sandwiches and snacks available and drinks

Questions: call Sandy at 603-543-7118.

Open to those 18 and older.

Basket Bingo

Saturday, December 18, 2021

Doors open at 11:00 and games start at 1:00 pm

Only \$10 to play for one strip of 20 games

Extra strips are only \$5 each

Win a basket of goodies valued at least \$100

Pull tickets for chances to win money
50/50 raffle and more

Check out our new hall at 183 Plains Road in Claremont, NH

Questions: call Sandy at 603-543-7118

183 Plains Road in Claremont, NH

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 “Newly Bereaved Widows Group” is for women who have experienced the loss of their husband within the last year and is held on the second and fourth 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

Center Closed Due to COVID Surge

Public Notice

Claremont School Board Regular Meeting January 5, 2022 at 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.

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:

<https://reflect-claremont.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/watch/2?channel=2>

Please visit our website: www.sau6.org under School Boards to review agenda.

Claremont Senior Center will be closed until further notice. This is due to the high number of Covid in our area. Drive thru lunches will continue for now. This action was made for the safety and protection of our seniors.

Miracle Ear, Blood Drive and VNA Foot Clinic will continue as scheduled.

We are still holding our drive-thru meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays but this week we will have drive-thru meal on Tuesday ONLY.

Tuesday Dec 21 – our Christmas Meal - Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Potatoes, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce and Homemade Dessert. Must call 603-543-5998 by 10:30 to reserve your meal.

Price is \$10 per meal. Drive-thru pickup is from 11:45 am to 12:15 pm. Meals are always subject to change. Some people order two meals so that they will have one for Christmas and not having to cook.

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. Call at 603-543-5998 and we will set up an appointment for pick up. Makes a great gift or get one for yourself.

"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself." Leo Tolstoy.

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Road, Claremont, NH, Phone 603-543-5998

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday, December 12, 2021

17:25 Responded with E-4 to Upham Place for a medical call

Tuesday, December 14

08:34 Responded with E-4 to Charlestown Rd. for a Box Alarm

09:37 Responded with E-4 to Beaugard St. for a medical call

16:46 Responded with E-4 to Pillsbury Ave for a medical call

20:03 Responded with E-4 to Mulberry St. for a medical call

Wednesday, December 15

23:59 Responded with E-4 to Tutherly Ave for a medical call

Thursday, December 16

17:15 Responded with E-4 to Charlestown Rd. for a motor vehicle accident

17:39 Responded with L-2 and E-4 to Broad St. for a Box Alarm

20:14 Responded with E-4 to Washington St. for a medical call

20:20 Responded with E-3 to Bible Hill Rd. for a medical call

20:53 Responded with E-4 to Pleasant St. for a medical call

Friday, December 17

03:24 Responded with E-4 to Summer St. for a medical call

11:20 Responded with E-4 and L-2 to Barnes Park for a detail

18:35 Responded with E-4 to Broad St. for a medical call

21:41 Responded with E-4 and L-2 to Washington St. for smoke in the building

Saturday, December 18

02:34 Responded with E-4 to Heritage Drive for a medical call

10:13 Responded with E-4 to Spruce Ave for a medical call

10:30 Responded with E-4 to Charlestown Rd. for a car fire

11:13 Responded with E-4 to Garden St. for an alarm sounding

17:33 Responded with E-4 to Maple Ave for a car fire

17:36 Responded with E-4 to First St. for a medical call

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 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. 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 18 & 19.

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.

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.

Water Quality & Green Infrastructure

Tuesday January 18, 6-730PM

To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/4dec7wnp>

Good water quality is essential for the health of people, wildlife, and ecosystems. The Green Infrastructure toolbox can help us achieve good water quality and also provide added benefit to human and wild places. The Connecticut River has improved significantly since industry freely dumped waste on its banks, but our challenges with water quality persist and continue to evolve with emerging pollutants.

During this event, you will hear about water quality testing efforts undertaken along the Connecticut River within NH&VT. We will then hear from Dr. Robert Ryan about the what, why and how of green infrastructure as a toolbox of strategies to better steward Our River's health for all.

SPEAKER

Dr. Robert Ryan is the Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning Department Chair at UMass Amherst. Ryan's research addresses the question: what motivates people to become engaged in sustainable landscape design, planning and management practices that benefit the environment and how does that affect their attitudes and behaviors in the landscape?

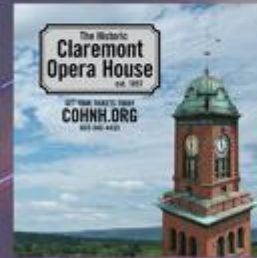
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6:00PM							
7:00PM	Bowling Session 2 7:30pm - 9:30pm	6:00pm - 9:45pm	6:00pm - 9:45pm	Family Friendly Movie: <i>The Incredibles</i> 7:30pm - 9:30pm	Off Broad Street Players 7:30pm - 8:30pm	6:00pm - 9:45pm	5:00pm - 10:00pm
8:00PM							
9:00PM	Bowling Session 3 10:00pm - 12:00am	Fireworks! 10:00pm Sponsored by: BAR HARBOR BANK & TRUST	Fireworks Display will be televised live on CCTV Channel 8!	7:30pm - 9:30pm	Wunderle's One Man Circus (Show 2) 8:45pm - 9:45pm	6:00pm - 9:45pm	5:00pm - 10:00pm
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12:00AM							

FEE: First Night buttons are \$1 per person ~ Buttons can be purchased at participating venues.

Arrowhead Recreation, CSB Community Center, Claremont Opera House, Meyer Maple Lanes & Golden Cross Ambulance

Parking available at: Arrowhead Lodge, CSBCC, Claremont Middle School, and Claremont Savings Bank.

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Fireworks display will be televised live on CCTV on Channel 8!



OUR TURN

Turning Points Network

Grandfamilies: The New Faces of Parenthood

The family structure has taken on a new form over the last decade. In New Hampshire, more young children are living in relative-headed households rather than with their biological parent, whether it be an aunt, sibling, or, most commonly, a grandparent.

Children love spending time with their grandparents. However, this becomes a different type of visit when children are moving to safety under their grandparent's care. The idea of "going to grandma's house" takes on a new meaning. There are a variety of reasons this is becoming a common, and sometime permanent, living situation. Domestic violence, substance misuse, and long-term trauma can interfere with a person's ability to parent their child. The shift in a living situation changes the nature of the relationship between child and grandparent, often placing older individuals in stressful conditions that involve financial and emotional strain.

According to a 2021 factsheet by grandfamilies.org, there are 6,970 New Hampshire grandparents who are the primary caregivers of their grandchildren. In 2019, 62.5 percent were under 60 years old and almost 60 percent in the workforce. 27.7 percent of grandparents caring for grandkids were disabled and on fixed incomes. And, astoundingly, 8.4 percent were living below the poverty line. Finding and affording childcare under these circumstances are immense responsibilities.

Grand-family arrangements can cause a breakdown of an entire family structure. Grandparents can be left with a decision to take their grandkids or risk state placement of their loved ones in foster care. Some may assume that the parents of these children are happy that their parent is willing to step up, but often this is not the case. Blame is sometimes placed on the grandparent, while the parents navigate through the system to reach their goals for reunification. Yet children placed in grandparent care often remain there due to complicated factors that may include drug misuse, domestic violence, or other destabilizing circumstances.

Fortunately, resources are available for fami-

lies, including Family Support New Hampshire and New Hampshire Family Voices. Turning Points Network offers emotional supports, resources, and court advocacy to help with the family's transition for those who are impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or sex trafficking. With the holiday season adding additional stressors, TPN is here to help.

OUR TURN is a public service series by Turning Points Network (TPN) serving all of Sullivan County with offices in Claremont and Newport. We provide wraparound supports for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, and sex trafficking and we present violence-prevention education programs in our schools. For more than 40 years, TPN has helped people of all ages move toward living with respect, healing, and hope that we all deserve. We can be reached 24/7 on our crisis and support line at 1.800.639.3130. Between 9-4 Monday-Friday, we are available on our chatline at www.turningpointsnetwork.org or by text at 603.506.6553.

Arrowhead 'People' Needs

CLAREMONT, NH—The Arrowhead Recreation Site needs to recruit some help for operations, snow-making and support positions.

Being 100% volunteer, Arrowhead always needs volunteers for winter time operations. Outside, for lifts, tubing area operations, ski and snowboard instructors. Inside with kitchen help, concessions, ski shop, first aid, weekly cleaning and other tasks. The need for volunteers is greater than ever this year.

Help is also needed for vacation periods, the site needs staff for some weekday periods and occasionally a few operations people for some midweek private rentals for a couple of hours.

They are looking for people to take a more active role in leadership positions to add some "new blood and enthusiasm". Don't assume others are stepping up, because they are not.

The site is also looking to add people to the Board of Directors, to include advisory help in all areas of the organization and to fill officer positions, including public relations, marketing, recruitment, mechanical maintenance, heavy equipment knowledge, grant writers, activities coordinator and anyone with a skill or who just wants to help.

If anyone wants to learn more, please contact them an email: arrowhead@arrowheadnh.com - best contact method

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/arrowheadnh>

Phone: (603) 542-7016 - Leave a message web: www.arrowheadnh.com.

They also have new brochures to distribute. On the website there is lots on information and you can fill out the one time seasonal tubing release form and purchase gift cards and season passes.

Woman Sentenced for Sale of a Controlled Drug

LEBANON, NH—During the summer of 2021, the Lebanon Police Department, in cooperation with the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force, conducted an investigation into the trafficking of illegal drugs in Lebanon.

On August 6, 2021, as a result of the investigation, Mina Fleming, age 26, of Fairlee, VT, was arrested for Possession and Sale of the Controlled Drug Heroin.

The Grafton County Attorney's Office announced in a statement that Fleming was sentenced to 5-15 years in the New Hampshire State Prison for the Sale of a Controlled Drug, Fentanyl, with Death Resulting. She was also sentenced to 7-14 years in the New Hampshire State Prison for multiple counts of possession and attempted sale of controlled drugs, including Methamphetamine, Cocaine, and Fentanyl between July 23, 2021 and August 6, 2021. The sentence on those charges is suspended for 20 years and would be served consecutive to the stand committed sentence if imposed in the New Hampshire State Prison for the Sale of a Controlled Drug, Fentanyl, with Death Resulting.

The Death Resulting charge is from the Lebanon Police Department and New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force investigation into the death of Ephraim "James" Martin, age 46, of Lebanon, NH that occurred on August 6, 2021. An autopsy revealed that Martin died of acute fentanyl intoxication. The investigation determined that Fleming sold Martin the fatal dose of fentanyl.

"Due to the actions of Ms. Fleming, Ephraim Martin died. But, because of the strong case the Lebanon Police Department built in their continued effort to maintain the safety of the community in and around Lebanon, this case has resolved," stated County Attorney Hornick.

Remembering Loved Ones...

Life Tributes

Obituaries May Be Found On Our Website

We post obituaries on our website to make them available in "real time," as they are released by funeral homes.

We will continue to publish them here weekly, as well, for your convenience if you wish to print out any of them.

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Evelyn Wilson

Evelyn (Garneau) Wilson passed away peacefully at Sullivan County Health Care in Unity, NH, on Sunday, December 12th, following a long struggle with dementia.

Evelyn was a lifelong resident of Claremont. She graduated from St. Mary School, became a member of the Catholic Daughters at a young age, and worked at Valley Regional Hospital for most of her professional life. In 1956, she married Lawrence Wilson; they remained happily wed until his passing in 2014.

Evelyn is survived by three children - Michael Wilson, Patricia Witthaus and Thomas Wilson. She also leaves six grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and a sister, Carol Bodreau, all of Claremont. She was predeceased by a sister, Ellen Dahl of Rockland, MA and her parents, Mary (Doris) and Arthur Garneau of Claremont.

"Evie" was the anchor of her family and the life of every gathering. She was possessed with wit, grace, poise and compassion. Her greatest pleasure came during the holiday season, when her house filled with family and friends, and she became a one-woman catering

company, with an admiral's command of her kitchen. Doing for others gave her the greatest pleasure.

She loved collecting, from vintage tins to figurines, and car rides with her beloved Lawrence in the orange MGB convertible he gave her as a birthday present. Frequently, their destination was a church supper.

Calling hours for Evelyn will be held at Stringer Funeral Home on Sunday, Jan. 2nd, from 2-4 pm. A Catholic Mass will follow at St. Joseph's Church on Monday, January 3rd at 10 am.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sullivan County Health Care McConnell Unit, 5 Nursing Home Drive, Claremont, NH; a critical resource in our community that provided Evelyn with stellar care in her final years.

Nancy M. Courtemanche, 73

Nancy M. Courtemanche, 73, of Unity, NH, died Wednesday (December 15, 2021) at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in

Lebanon, NH, following a period of failing health.

She was born in Claremont, NH, on March 6, 1948, the daughter of Darry and Hazel (Davis) Gladue. Nancy had been employed as an LNA by the Sullivan County Nursing Home for 30 years and later by Elmwood Center for an additional 10 years. She enjoyed her cats and time on her computer. Nancy was the widow of Robert B. Courtemanche, Sr., who died on October 16, 2020.

Members of her family include two sons, Robert B. Courtemanche, Jr., and his wife Lisa, Charlestown, NH; Christopher Courtemanche, Unity, NH; two grandchildren, Zachary Courtemanche and Lexi Rae Courtemanche, a sister, Teresa Skaff, CT, and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a daughter, Bernice Courtemanche, a brother, Robert Gladue and a sister, Marie Dorr.

There will be no visiting hours or services at this time. Nancy and Robert will be laid to rest with their daughter, Bernice, in Mountain View Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

“The true primary-care provider is Mom.”

-Dr. Sam Giveen

Most of the time, a doctor can't help anything until Mom decides something isn't right. She makes the first move and calls the doctor. Dr. Sam attributes any success he and his staff have with kids to that vital first step. Yay, Mom.

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Bradley N. Kelin, 35

Bradley N. Kelin, 35, proud father to four beautiful children, devoted husband; and much-loved son unexpectedly and sadly passed away the morning of Nov. 30, 2021. He was born in Vincenza, Italy, on Nov. 10, 1986 and moved shortly after his birth to Claremont, NH. During his teen years he moved to Maine with his mother Connie, spending many pleasant years there. He met Jessica Travis while in high school, and they had three wonderful children, Brianna, Brady, and Evelyn. While in Maine he was employed with Libby Scott paving for many years as well as with Diamond Co.

A few years ago Bradley returned to Claremont, met and married his current wife Jennifer, and had a fourth adored child Dylan. For the last three years, Bradley and Jennifer both worked at Len-Tex Wallcoverings in North Walpole NH. He loved fishing, football, movies, being outdoors, and spending time with his family.

Bradley is survived by his wife Jennifer Kelin; his four children; his mother Connie; his maternal grandparents Ronald Noyes Benham & Delores C. Benham of Claremont and Connie Benham & Thomas McDonough of Biddeford, ME; his father and father's wife David A. and Lorna Kelin with her sons Chris, Scott, Eric, and DJ; his paternal grandparents Dan and Ruth Kelin; and cousins on his mothers side; Brandy Connolly, and Lindsey Chaffee; and their mother, Melanie Chiachio.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Robert C. Lurvey, Sr., 83

Robert C. Lurvey, Sr., 83, of Charlestown, NH, died Sunday (December 12, 2021) at Springfield Rivers Nursing Home in Springfield, VT, following a period of failing health.

He was born in Royalton, VT, on August 25, 1938, the son of Iliff C. and Ethel E. (Clark) Lurvey and had been a longtime Cornish, NH, resident. Robert had been employed as a general foreman and quality control supervisor by Cone Blanchard in Windsor, VT, for 40 years. He later worked as an assembler for Wal-Mart for 10 years. He served in the United

States Marine Corps. Robert enjoyed coon hunting, farming, fishing and playing bingo. He was an auxiliary member of the Charlestown, NH VFW Post 8497.

Members of his family include a son, Robert C. Lurvey, Jr. and his wife, Alexandra, Chester, VT; three daughters, Tammy Ayers and her husband, Walter, Weathersfield, VT; Tonia Calkins and her husband, Scott, Charlestown, NH; Robin Nadeau and her husband, Ray, Canaan, NH; five grandchildren, Kenny Flinders, Lindsay Chaffee, Brandy Conley, Samantha Fontaine, Justin "Robbie" Ayers, nine great grandchildren, Coltin Ayers, Emily Ayers, Walker Fontaine, Lawson Fontaine, Ava Conley, Parker Conley, Liam Conley, Declan Conley, Azalea Chaffee, two sisters, Pauline Teller, Randolph, VT; Rachel Van Guildler, Claremont, NH.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Donald Lurvey, Walter Lurvey and three sisters, Arlene Rumrill, Viola Clark and Irene Gray.

Funeral Services were held at 11:00 am on Saturday (December 18) at the Roy Funeral Home, 93 Sullivan Street, Claremont, NH. Committal with military honors followed in Edminster Cemetery in Cornish, NH.

You are invited to share a memory of Robert with the family or leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at www.royfuneralhome.com. The family suggest that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Norris Cotton Cancer Center, 1 Medical Center Drive, Lebanon, NH 03756.

Robert Hall, 69

Robert "Keith" Hall, 69, of Goshen, NH, passed away on December 12, 2021, surrounded by his three favorite children, after an arduous year-long battle with cancer.

Keith was born on May 6, 1952, to Evart "Curt" and Helenmarie (Peterson) Hall in Springfield, MA. After graduating from Wareham High School in 1970, he studied at Cape Cod Community College before beginning his lifelong career in the lumber industry or as he often referred to as "selling sticks". Work brought him great pleasure, he enjoyed the close relationships he made with his co-workers, customers and suppliers and used his own experience to instill a strong work ethic in his children.

In 1976, he married Mary (Nudd) Hall and they had three children, Erin Cote, Ryan Hall and Elizabeth King. In 1987 they moved to Goshen, NH, where he found great peace and

enjoyment in rural living. One of his favorite pastimes included sitting on his front lawn in his Adirondack chair, counting traffic, as he would tell us, but more waving to long known neighbors and locals.

Keith as a young man was a wild spirit and it was after parenthood finally settled him down and he became determined to provide for his family and give them the life he felt they deserved.

Keith was an avid sports fan, his greatest passion was watching his children and grandchildren play sports, second to that was his beloved New England teams, Red Sox, Celtics, and Patriots, he could be content watching any game.

Keith was predeceased by his father, Evart Curt Hall.

He is survived by his mother, Helenmarie Hall, Sunapee, NH, brother Curt Hall (Pam) Wareham, MA, sister Judy Hall (Steve Parsons) Middleboro, MA, daughter Erin Cote (Anthony) Springfield, NH, son Ryan Hall (Liz) Goshen, NH, daughter Elizabeth King (Jonathan), Essex Junction, VT, his grandchildren, Andrew Houde, Ethan Houde, Kentin Rowell, Jackson Cote, Natalie Hall, Cole Hall, Isabelle King and Addison King, as well as several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held at the Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad Street in Claremont on Thursday, Dec. 23rd, from 1 to 3PM. A prayer service will follow at 3PM. Burial will be held in the spring at Mill Village Cemetery in Goshen, NH.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society or Lake Sunapee VNA.

Nathan B. Martell, 38

Nathan B. Martell, 38, of Charlestown, NH, gained his angel wings on December 14, 2021, peacefully in his sleep after many years of illness.

Nate, "the hammer", as he was known by many, was born June 22, 1983, to Brad and Gloria (Granger) Martell. He married Keri Bonnevill in 2007 and had 3 beautiful children, later divorcing yet continuing to co-parent.

Nate was a little guy that was larger than life. Always had a smile on his face and a story to share. Many nights you could find him at Wades Garage, being the background noise while Scott tinkered on the 06-street stock. He was a regular at Claremont Motorsports Park where you could see him with his headset on

giving his two cents after a race. His proudest racing accomplishment came this season when his nephew finished 6th in points and was NH's modified Rookie of the Year. Nate also did his fair share of hunting and fishing, mounting almost everything he got.

Nathan is survived by his parents, Brad and Gloria; his three children, Kenzie, Logan, and Ryder; their mother, Keri; his sister, Christy; his nephew, Andrew; his niece, Madison and several aunts, uncles, cousins and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Alfred and Paula Martell and Helen and Andrew Granger. Most recently by his uncle and favorite fishing and hunting partner, John Granger.

A celebration of life is planned for June of 2022 to celebrate his birthday. Details at a later date.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Richard Madigan, 80

Richard Madigan, 80, of Claremont, NH, passed away on December 13, 2021. He is survived by his two daughters, Colleen Eaton and Shannon Angielski.

Richard was born on July 19, 1941, in Pittsburgh, PA, the son of Colonel John Joseph Madigan Jr. and Mary Halpin Madigan. As the son of an Army Officer, Richard lived in many locations in the United States, as well as in Trieste, Italy, during the reconstruction of Western Europe at the end of World War II, from 1949 to 1953.

Richard graduated from Assumption Preparatory School in Worcester, MA, and received his bachelor's degree from the College of St. Joseph's in Rutland, VT. Richard enlisted in the Air Force for four years (1959-1963), serving as a reconnaissance navigator, and was part of the crew that photographed the missiles in Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He met his wife, Susan Gregg Madigan (deceased in 2006) in Taunton, MA, and moved to Proctor, VT, where they began raising their two daughters before moving to Claremont in 1981 to start a new job at then Citibank. He enjoyed being the parent and grandparent (affectionately known as Cuppa or Cuppy, depending on who you talk to) that teased his children and grandchildren, telling silly jokes, watching his grandchildren play sports, gardening, and spending time with family.



The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

AGENDA

- 6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL
- 6:34 PM 3. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))
- 4. OLD BUSINESS
- 6:44 PM A. Transition Planning Follow-Up
- 7:25 PM 5. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 7:30 PM 6. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Richard is survived by his brother, Colonel Eugene Madigan and sister, Mary Jane Crouthamel, and his two daughters Colleen M. Eaton and her husband John of Claremont, NH, and two grandsons, Cullen and Broghan, and Shannon Angielski and her husband Jeff and three granddaughters, Sasha, Margaret and Eleanor, of Alexandria, VA, as well as several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Richard was predeceased by his brother, Colonel John J. Madigan III.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Mary Church on Friday morning. Burial was held in St. Joseph Cemetery in Taunton, MA, on Saturday, December 18th.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society, 70 Walnut St STE 301, Wellesley, MA 02481 or the Alzheimer's Association, 166 S River Rd #210, Bedford, NH 03110.

Ernald F. Mullen, Jr.

Ernald "Ernie" Francis Mullen, Jr. passed away at his home on Monday, December 6th, 2021.

Ernie was born in Skowhegan, ME, the son of Ernald "Pat" Francis Sr. and Birdena Mullen. He attended Skowhegan High School where he played football, was captain of the ski team, participated in ski jumping and downhill racing and was on the track team. Ernie also played the clarinet in the high school band, The Polka Dots. He enjoyed hunting and fishing in the Maine woods with his family. He attended the University of Maine for two years and joined the ATO fraternity. Ernie then enlisted in the Air Force for four years in special weapons under Strategic Air Command. In June 1953, he married Marilyn Shaylor. They lived in Boise, ID, and Mountain Home Air Force Base, ID, until his discharge in 1957. Ernie returned to the University of Maine and graduated in 1961 in Mechanical Engineering. Marilyn and Ernie moved to Franklin, PA, where he worked for Chicago Pneumatic Tool, Co. for six years then transferred to Joy Manufacturing in Claremont, NH, as Chief Engineer. After retirement he worked part time in real estate and built a home in West Claremont where he enjoyed his "gentlemen farmer" role, driving his tractor and caring for their dogs, cats and horses. In 1997, Marilyn and Ernie bought a home in Eastman in Grantham, NH. Ernie was predeceased by his brother, Sherwood "Skeet" Mullen.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn Mullen,

two daughters, Linda Adams and son-in-law Marty Adams of South Royalton, VT, and Lori Mullen of Unity, NH, four grandchildren, Tara Hood and great-grandson Tyren Hood-Allen of Aurora, CO, Dallas Hood and Crystal Young and great-granddaughter Olivia Hood of Barre, VT, Shaylor Duranleau of Murietta, CA and Chelsey Duranleau of Minneapolis, MN, as well as nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Upper Valley Humane Society, PO Box 789, Lebanon, NH 03766.

A burial service and a celebration of life will be held in the spring.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.



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