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Holiday Magic's Last Year

Noted Lights-and-Music Display
Entering Its Final Season

By Eric Zengota e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Over the past 25 years, thousands of holiday celebrants have driven from far and wide to visit Mitchell's Magic Christmas in Claremont. They admire the array of twinkling, glowing, whirling lights, all set to seasonal music playing across the snowy lawns. Families walk around the house, photographing the crèche, the Grinch, long lines of illuminated Santas and snowmen, and a choir of angels. Most important of all, they drop coins and bills into the donation box. Donations benefit David's House, the family residential facility at Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (CHaD) in Lebanon.

Celebrants, take note and plan your visits: This is the last Christmas you'll be able to enjoy the magic.

"After all these years, it's time to take a rest," said Brian Mitchell who, along with his wife, Joyce, starts setting up the display every Columbus Day weekend.

But even in the summer, Brian Mitchell is busy in his basement (Continued on page A6)

What he doesn't buy, Mitchell builds. His newest elf, Steve, is named in honor of his neighbor across the street. "Steve has been very supportive. He and our other neighbors even put up with all the traffic, which is pretty constant." (Eric Zengota photo).



Sullivan County Sheriff's Office Announces Arrests Following Drug Trafficking Investigation

NEWPORT, NH—Sheriff John Simonds of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has announced that "over the last several months, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, working with the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force, Claremont Police Department, Newport Police Department, and New Hampshire Department of Probation and Parole, joined together to investigate the trafficking of illicit controlled substances in Sullivan County. Please know that these investigations are ongoing and additional arrests will be forthcoming."

Simonds said that the following people have been arrested and/or indicted for violations of the New Hampshire Controlled Drug Act:

Spencer Chase, age 20, of Claremont, NH, was arrested on October 16, 2020, and was charged with two offenses of Conspiracy to Commit Sales of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs, and Felonious Use of a Firearm. Chase was held at the Sullivan County House of Corrections without bail.

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Arrests, from A1

Sandra Dunbar, age 42, of Claremont, NH, was arrested on October 1, 2020, and was charged with an offense of Conspiracy to Commit Sales of a Controlled/Narcotic Drug. She was released on personal recognizance bail.

Kenneth Dunbar, age 51 of Claremont, NH, was arrested on October 1, 2020, and was charged with an offense of Conspiracy to Commit Sales of a Controlled/Narcotic Drug. He was released on personal recognizance bail.

Christina Jones, age 39 of Claremont, NH, was arrested on October 8, 2020, and was charged with an offense of Conspiracy to Commit Sales of a Controlled/Narcotic Drug. Jones was released on personal recognizance bail.

Steven Kitchen, age 35 of Claremont, NH, was arrested on March 27, 2020, and was charged with an offense of Conspiracy to Commit Sale of Controlled/Narcotic Drug. He was subsequently indicted on August 26, 2020 on an offense of Armed Career Criminal and

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an offense of Drug Enterprise Leader. He was held at the New Hampshire State Prison for an unrelated probation violation.

Trevor Ouellette, age 34 of Claremont, NH, was arrested on September 15, 2020, and was charged with two offenses of Sales of a Controlled Narcotic/Drug. Ouellette was released on personal recognizance bail.

Matthew Pickering, age 25 of Claremont, NH, was arrested on September 24, 2020, and was charged with three offenses of Sales of a Controlled/Narcotic Drug. Pickering was released on personal recognizance bail.

Shane Shaffer, age 29, of Claremont, NH, was arrested on October 1, 2020, and was charged with two offenses of Sale of a Controlled Narcotic Drug. Shaffer was released on personal recognizance bail.

Brianna Shea, age 25 of Claremont, NH, was arrested on October 1, 2020, and was charged with two offenses of Sale of a Controlled Narcotic Drug. She was released on personal recognizance bail.

Michael Stiers, age 25 of Newport, NH, was arrested on June 5, 2020, and was charged with three counts of Sale of a Controlled Narcotic Drug, one in a School Zone, and Felonious Use of a Firearm. He was held at the Sullivan County House of Corrections without bail.

Scott Supernois, age 54 of Claremont, NH, was arrested on October 23, 2020, and was charged with three offenses of Sale of a Controlled/Narcotic Drug. He was released on personal recognizance bail.

William Supernois, age 55 of Claremont, NH, was arrested on October 15, 2020, and was charged with two offenses of Sale of a Controlled/Narcotic Drug. He was released on personal recognizance bail.

Willie Taylor, age 46 of Claremont, NH, was arrested on June 11, 2020, and was charged with an offense of Sale of Controlled/Narcotic Drug. Taylor was again arrested on September 15, 2020, and was charged with an offense of Possession of a Controlled/Narcotic Drug. He was released on personal recognizance bail.

Ashley Truell, age 23 of Newport, NH, was arrested on September 16, 2020 and was charged with an offense of Acts Prohibited. Truell was released on personal recognizance bail.

Jennifer Waterman, age 32 of Claremont, NH, Waterman was arrested on October 1, 2020, and was charged with three offenses of Sale of a Controlled/Narcotic Drug. She was released on personal recognizance bail.

Chantel Genest, age 41 of Newport, NH, was arrested on July 17, 2020, and was charged with Conspiracy to Commit Sale of a Controlled/Narcotic Drug. Genest was held in the Sullivan County House of Corrections in lieu of 4,000 cash bail.

Cory Quimby, age 40 of Newport, NH, was arrested on July 29, 2020 and was charged with three offenses of Conspiracy to Commit Sale of a Controlled/Narcotic Drug. Quimby was held at the New Hampshire State Prison for an unrelated Parole Violation.

Braytn Kelly, age 20 of Newport, NH, was arrested on September 3, 2020, and was charged with Sale of a Controlled/Narcotic Drug. Kelly was held at the Sullivan County House of Corrections without bail.

Brandy Habbets, age 31 of Newport, NH, was arrested on October 23, 2020, and was charged with Sale of a Controlled/Narcotic Drug. Habbets was released on personal recognizance bail.

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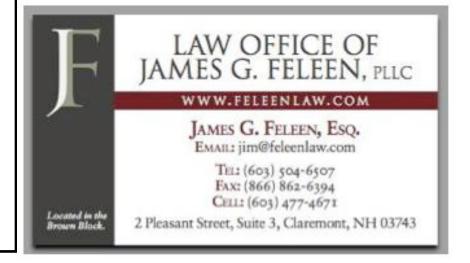
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FORWARD THINKING

> > Five ways to keep moving forward in the age of social distancing

Activities that people used to take for granted have changed in major ways — like a trip to the grocery store, attending a live concert or sporting event, participating in church services or even just hugging a friend.

Remember that the simple things, like exercise and eating right are essential to maintain your health. Here are some things to focus on as we continue to adjust to the changes in our daily lives.

BE MORE PRESENT

One positive thing is that people may be actually talking to each other a bit more, instead of communicating primarly through texting and emails. No matter how you are contacting each other, take time to really listen to your friends and family, and not let the distractions of the day or moment take away from that.

SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The past several months have been a particularly difficult and challenging time for many small businesses. As it becomes possible and appropriate, consider supporting your favorite local restaurant, salon or retailer as much and as often as you can, as they recover.

REBOOT HEALTHY EATING HABITS

What's your diet been like over the past several months? It's understandable if you indulged in more than your fair share of comfort foods and beverages during this stressful time. But if you maintained healthy eating habits — good for you! If you feel the need to get back on track,

you're not alone. It's always a good idea to incorporate more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains into your daily diet (and perhaps less red meat), while reducing the amount of sugar you're consuming.

READ MORE BOOKS

Do you need a change of pace from all the bingewatching of popular television shows? Whether you purchase it through a digital reader app or have it delivered to your door, a good book can make for a great change of pace. And if you have a library card, most public libraries offer apps through which you can access books in digital formats, at no cost.

KEEP WALKING

For many Americans, a daily walk outdoors has become their primary way of managing the stress over the past several months. If you started a daily walking regimen, keep it up especially if you didn't regularly exercise before the crisis.

To help mix things up with your walking routine, consider doing a speed interval workout as part of a longer session. Pick a milestone while you are walking, like the next tree or stoplight, and speed up for the 30 or 60 seconds it takes to get there. Then, slow down to your normal pace until you're ready to pick another milestone and go again. Beginners should try to walk slowly for 5 minutes, then do 15 minutes of alternating speed intervals, then cool down for 10 minutes. That can make for a nice half-hour cardio workout.

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On Thursday, all 13 mayors in New Hampshire sent a joint letter to Governor Sununu, asking him to develop a statewide plan to address homelessness. The signed letter is as follows:

Governor Sununu,

Earlier this month, mayors from across the state met virtually to discuss the challenges facing our cities, and how we can best address them in a collaborative manner. We discussed many topics, but it was clear that homelessness is a crisis experienced by each of our communities that needs to be a top priority addressed at the state level.

The number of unsheltered people living outside is increasing throughout our state and country. In recent months, in an effort to prevent community spread of COVID-19 and allow for social distancing, shelters have been forced to decompress and reduce the number of available beds. We have worked to increase sheltering options, including opening up additional facilities, but despite safety measures, many individuals experiencing homelessness still do not feel safe staying in shelters.

But while the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the problem, we were seeing an increase in those living unsheltered prior to this crisis. From 2014 to 2018, the State of New Hampshire experienced a 5% increase in individual adults experiencing homelessness and a 6% increase in families.

As time goes on, hundreds more face the prospect of losing their homes or apartments due to increased housing costs, loss of income, mental illness, substance use disorder, family break up, and domestic violence. It is only with the State's support that we collectively can adequately address this homelessness crisis from a state-wide perspective. We need swift action, and we look forward to working with you on collaborative solutions to this crisis.

New Hampshire's cold winter months are always a difficult time for those experiencing homelessness, and in the short term, our communities are focused on fatality prevention and harm reduction. Our cities have been developing a winter sheltering plan for months, but due to a lack of funding and emergency shelter beds in some communities, we are forced to rely on our faith-based communities to aid in response. With the very real possibility of loss of life, and many individuals experiencing homelessness living on State-owned properties, the State must be a part of the planning and implementation of a cohesive winter shelter surge plan for emergency sheltering in the winter months and beyond.

While the imminent threat of the cold winter months is upon us, we must have a broader strategy to approach the growing issue of homelessness in the Granite State. The last statewide homelessness plan was completed in 2006, and it is clear that we need a new statewide plan to address and prevent homelessness. We all bear a responsibility in ending homelessness, and a partnership between local communities, both rural and urban, and the State is the only way to adequately serve the New Hampshire residents living unsheltered.

Our statewide plan cannot focus only on increasing emergency shelter beds and crisis response, but must be a "Housing First" approach. It should include a comprehensive housing plan, with a statewide increase of supportive, transitional and affordable housing options, that can accommodate the unique needs of specific populations, such as couples, victims of domestic violence, families with children, and felons, as well as increased access to mental health and substance use treatment and services.

Because of a lack of an overarching state-wide approach, our communities' homelessness strategies have been reactive rather than proactive. The State must take a role in designing an incident command infrastructure to address homelessness, similar to the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs, to establish a set of metrics to determine success, and implement accountability measures, and progress tracking to ensure positive outcomes. Right now, each community and nonprofit organization is managing their own response to homelessness, with little accountability or metrics that prove positive outcomes for those experiencing homelessness.

Right now, so many of the services for those experiencing homelessness are focused around our larger communities, which has resulted in homelessness being far more visible in our cities. However, in Manchester only 27% of those residing outside identify as being 'from Manchester.' And communities like Keene, the only city in the Monadnock region, bear the responsibility for homelessness and support services for their entire county. In order to prevent a cluster of those experiencing homelessness in our cities, we must have a coordinated State response to ensure an equal distribution of mental health and SUD services, as well as access to transitional and supportive housing options in every community.

We've seen the positive impact that a comprehensive strategy can have in the reduction of those experiencing homelessness, particularly in the veteran community. In 2009, the VA put forth an ambitious goal of ending veteran homelessness and implemented a cohesive nation-wide strategy, and since that time, veteran homelessness has been reduced by nearly 50%, with entire states and communities eradicating veteran homelessness entirely.

We cannot lose sight of the fact that those experiencing homelessness in our communities are residents of New Hampshire, who deserve our respect, care, and assistance. These individuals make up our most vulnerable populations, who have suffered due to a lack of coordinated statewide response. We look forward to working with the State as a partner in preventing and ending homelessness in New Hampshire.

Thank you,

Signed, Rick Becksted, Mayor of Portsmouth; Jim Bouley, Mayor of Concord; Bob Carrier, Mayor of Dover; Joyce Craig, Mayor of Manchester; Jim Donchess, Mayor of Nashua; Paul Grenier, Mayor of Berlin; Tony Giunta, Mayor of Franklin; George Hansel, Mayor of Keene; Dana Hilliard, Mayor of Somersworth; Andrew Hosmer, Mayor of Laconia; Charlene Lovett, Mayor of Claremont; Tim McNamara, Mayor of Lebanon; Caroline McCarley, Mayor of Rochester.

Claremonters Turn Out in Record Numbers for the Election

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—It was clear early on that the numbers of voters going to the polls on Tuesday would be high not only across the country but in Claremont as well, and they did not disappoint. When it was all said and done, voter turnout was 81% in the City, an extraordinarily high figure when compared to, say, the annual school district election that frequently draws in the 15-18% range. No major problems were reported, and voters said while the polls were busy, things moved right along and things were going smoothly. Mask wearing was in place, and social distancing and other precautions were in place for voters and those working the polls.

Presidential candidate Joe Biden won Claremont while incumbent Chris Sununu handily won the City's vote, topping Democratic challenger, Dan Feltes. The slate of Claremont State Reps remains the same, with all incumbents winning; Sue Prentiss, running as a Democrat, easily won the State Senate Dist. 5 seat over opponent Tim O'Hearne district-wide but lost to the Republican in Claremont. Senator Jeanne Shaheen and Congresswoman Annie Kuster both won their seats over their Republican opponents, both taking Clarremont.

The Republicans overall did well throughout the state; Joe Kenney took his seat back from Democrat Mike Cryans for the Dist. 1 Executive Councilor seat, helping to give the council a Republican advantage for the governor; Cryans had defeated him the last time around. And Joe Osgood (R) defeated Ray Gagnon (D) for the County Commissioner 1st District seat vacated when Jeff Barrette decided not to seek re-election. Republican incumbent Ben Nelson defeated Biddy Irwin (D) in the County Commissioner 2nd District race.

In Claremont, there were 664 same-day registrations.

Election results for neighboring towns can be found on our Facebook page or through the FB feed on our website.



It was a rare sight not to see the voting booths busy all day long in Claremont last Tuesday as 81% of registered voters showed up at the polls. In Claremont, there were 664 same-day registrations (Eric Zengota photo).

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Magic, from A1

workshop. He builds and paints new characters out of plywood and devises new signs. (This year he's putting up "please wear a mask" notices to comply with COVID-19 guidelines.) He tests the fuses, lights and



wiring of every figure and display. He downloads songs and programs hours of music into 15-minute shows that are synchronized with the ever-changing lighting, all controlled by his computer.

Come October, Mitchell hauls thousands of items out of his garage, basement workshop and two large sheds in the backyard. Set-up pauses only in bad weather. "We're at it every day except Halloween, to be ready to light up on the evening after Thanksgiving."

Joyce Mitchell is in charge of filling the glassed-in porch with stuffed toys and figurines. Actually, she could decorate the porch three times over with the number of figures that are stored in bins the rest of the year.

The Mitchells collected donations for CHaD from 2006 to 2011. Since 2012, they have raised \$20,000, which goes directly to David's House. Brian Mitchell is hopeful that this year's final donation to David's House will be "an extra special one."

Mitchell's Magical Christmas will be on display every evening from Black Friday through Christmas Night. Weather permitting, it will continue through New Year's Day.

Find directions to Francis Street, information and lots of memories at <u>clare-</u> <u>montchristmaslights.-</u> <u>com</u>. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be upright and glowing come Black Friday evening.

In his basement workshop, Mitchell tests every one of thousands of lights. On his computer, he synchronizes holiday music with the lighting display.

Behind the magic: complex wiring runs each blinking display.

These holiday figures are only the first of hundreds, which will cover every square inch of the porch.



Photos by Eric Zengota







COVID-19 Hotline

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

NH DHHS COVID-19 Update - November 8, 2020

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

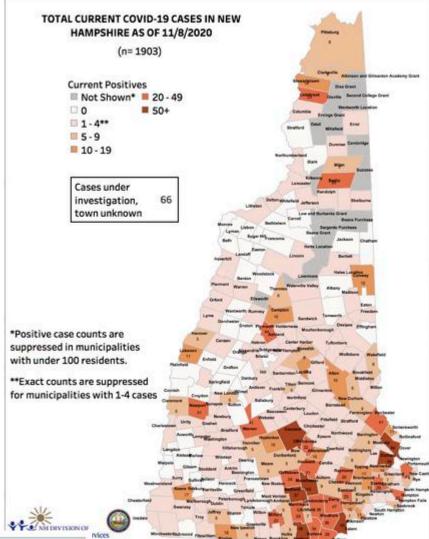
On Sunday, November 8, 2020, DHHS announced 249 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a daily PCR test positivity rate of 1.4%. Today's results include 127 people who tested positive by PCR test and 122 who

tested positive by antigen test.
There are now 1,903 current
COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New
Hampshire.

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are twenty-five individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 54% being female and 46% being male.

The new cases reside in Rockingham (46), Strafford (27), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (26), Merrimack (23), Cheshire (15), Sullivan (15), Grafton (14), Belknap (7), Coos (5), and Carroll (4) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (32) and Nashua (18). The county of residence is being determined for seventeen new cases.

Currently, there are 53 positively identified cases in Sullivan County. Four new hospitalized cases



Geographic Distribution* of COVID-19		Infections		Hospitalizations		Deaths	
		Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total
Belknap	Total	288	2.3%	16	2.0%	6	1.2%
Carroll	Total	184	1.5%	14	1.8%	2	0.4%
Cheshire	Total	256	2.0%	13	1.6%	3	0.6%
Coos	Total	162	1.3%	2	0.3%	0	0.0%
Grafton	Total	316	2.5%	9	1.1%	1	0.2%
Hillsborough	Manchester	2,547	20.4%	221	27.8%	130	26.6%
	Nashua	1,316	10.5%	87	11.0%	40	8.2%
	Outside Manchester and Nashua	2,122	17.0%	148	18.6%	155	31.7%
	Total	5,985	47.9%	456	57.4%	325	66.5%
Merrimack	Total	1,075	8.6%	54	6.8%	32	6.5%
Rockingham	Total	3,075	24.6%	195	24.6%	105	21.5%
Strafford	Total	941	7.5%	29	3.7%	14	2.9%
Sullivan	Total	133	1.1%	6	0.8%	1	0.2%
Unknown	Total	73	0.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Grand Total		12,488	100.0%	794	100.0%	489	100.0%

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were reported. There are currently 55 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. This census may include out of state residents hospitalized in NH and/or individuals readmitted to the hospital, therefore increases in the daily hospital census may not always equal the number of new hospitalizations reported in a given day. Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Of those with complete risk information, most of the cases are either associated with an outbreak setting or have had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis

In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 12,488 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 794 (6%) of those having been hospitalized.

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

COVID-19 Outbreak Reported at Woodlawn

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll e-Ticker News

NEWPORT, NH—A COVID-19 outbreak was reported at the Woodlawn Care Center in Newport last week. On Saturday, Nov. 7, the facility, which offers both long-term and shortterm assistance for people needing care after a hospitalization or who need more assistance with every day activities, reported via its Facebook page that "Our outbreak currently with 19 residents and 11 staff has left our nursing staffing in a critical situation. We have residents needing more care and less staff to take the load. The State has some crisis staffing for outbreaks but they have been unable to fill any of our needs or open shifts. Prior to our outbreak, we operate in a State with over 700 LNA open positions. The well had been dry for some time and we have no storage."

The post went on to request additional help to deal with the outbreak:

"We have enough PPE to protect all caregivers. Please help by:

- 1) if you are a member of our nursing staff. we can use you, even for a few hours. You don't need to call, just come in and work what you can. Staff on the schedule also please work what you can above the scheduled hours.
- 2) we will hire nurses and LNA's even on a short term basis. We are offering COVID pay and recently increased our wage scale. 3) consider taking an 8 hour course to receive your "health care partner" as designat-

On Sunday evening, Woodlawn Administrator Chris Martin told the e-Ticker News that "Our census is 44 today, 22 with COVID. We have about 55 FTE (full time equiv) with about 10 FTEs out with COVID and another 8 FTEs that have declined to come in due to COVID. Most are in nursing, about 35 of the 55 FTEs are in the nursing department.

"Our FB plea for help was successful. I hope the State can still provide us with some support, but there is light at the end of the tunnel."

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Positive COVID Case at Disnard Elementary **School**

CLAREMONT, NH-On Saturday Nov. 7, the Claremont School District reported that "we had a confirmed case of Covid-19 at Disnard Elementary School.

"Due to our District's Covid Procedures, the infected person did not have contact with any of our students or staff during his/her infectious period.

"Whenever a student or staff is required to self-quarantine, we do additional disinfection and clearing in any and all of the areas in which they would have been located. This has already been performed and there is no need to close Disnard."

The report to families and staff was released by Asst. Superintendent Donna Magoon who added that "We would like to thank all of our families and staff for following the SAU6 Covid Procedures for illnesses, travel, and close contact."

---Phyllis A. Muzeroll

Newport High School Evacuated Due to Odor

NEWPORT, NH—On Wednesday morning, the Newport High School was evacuated around 9:00 a.m. due to an undetermined odor in the building. First Responders were called to the scene to investigate. According to the Valley News, "Firefighters checked the school and found 'no life-threatening levels' of carbon monoxide. The fumes came from an auto repair classroom in the adjacent Sugar Valley Technical Center, [Newport Fire Chief Steve] Yannuzzi said. A car had been moved into the room and the fumes traveled through the air ducts to other parts of the school building." The levels of carbon monoxide were not lifethreatening; the building was ventilated.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 Storytime, Every Tuesday, 10 am, virtual Join us on Zoom for stories and songs for young children. Email mary.king@plainfieldlibraries.org for the link.



Leaf Them to Their Work









Whether it's big arms (Caleb Silver and Scott Decoteau) or a big rig, DPW workers haul in the leaves.

Turning Leaves Into Compost Depends on Work and Patience

The Claremont Department of Public Works began picking up leaves in compostable bags as early as 2003. The tradition continued this fall. Last week, crews traveled every street, stopping to load bags that had been put out for pickup into trucks. They dumped the bags at the back of the DPW grounds off Grandview Terrace, where composting sets in. "Depending on the material, composting can take a few years," said assistant director Jeremy Clay. He's aiming to reach "a vast number of people" who miss the pickup dates in City emails and newspaper notices or on social media. "We get calls each year from customers saying, 'I wasn't ready. Could you please come back to my street and get mine?' If we could reach them without paying any more for advertising, I'd like to be able to do so. That would make us more efficient and save taxpayer dollars."



Two piles on DPW grounds — one fills an open pit; the other is about 12 feet high — contain leaves, bags, tree stumps/branches and other organic materials. "We turn the material often to keep the composting process going," says Clay. "We hope to create enough that we can use it to backfill our jobs, such as when we replace a sidewalk or pave a road. The new construction isn't finished until the lawns have been backfilled with topsoil."

Story + photos by Eric Zengota and Pam Muzeroll

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PRICE: \$305,000

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION **PUBLIC HEARING**

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 6:00 PM

*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting is being conducted via Zoom. The public is invited to join the Zoom meeting online at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89688196787?

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Historic District Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider each the following Certificate of Appropriateness applications:

HDC 2020-00006 SCS Management Corp, Keene NH- for replacement siding and windows at 45 Central Street. Tax map 119, Lot 356. Zone: CR2. (Cont. from 10/22/2020)

HDC 2020-00007 Leanna LeBarron, Ascutney VT – for signage at 22 Pleasant Street. Tax map 120, Lot 80. Zone: MU

Interested persons may review these applications at the Planning and Development Department, 14 North Street, during normal business hours.

Comments may be submitted in writing to the Historic District Commission, 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743 or during the public hearing.

David Messier, Chairperson

PUBLIC NOTICE PLANNING BOARD HEARING Monday, November 9, 2020 7:00 PM

*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting will be conducted via Zoom.

Join the Zoom Webinar Online: https://us02we-b.zoom.us/j/84156249444?pwd=MH-BINy9FRXBPdUYyTU1iN3M0di85QT09

Passcode: 154429 By Phone: 1-646-558-8656 US (New York) Webinar ID: 841 5624 9444 If there is a problem getting through to this number, please call 603-504-0341.

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

A. (PL 2020-00016) Morello Family Trust,
Charlestown NH – Application for Site Plan
Approval for the addition of a nightwatchman
dwelling unit on the property at 20 Wentworth
Place. Tax map 186, Lot 12. Zoning District I-1.
B. (Pl 2020-00017) Jeff & Sarah Barrette, 14
Bailey Avenue – Application for Site Plan Approval for light manufacturing and mercantile use
of the existing building at 45 School Street. Tax
Map 119, Lot 274. Zoning District CR2

Interested parties may review the applications at the City of Claremont's Planning and Development Department, 14 North Street during normal business hours. Comments may be submitted in person at the hearing, or in writing at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or by email at city-planner@claremontnh.com.

Richard Wahrlich, Chair

The MakerSpace Solar Array Story

Tuesday, Nov. 17th, 12 - 1 PM
Join Claremont MakerSpace for a virtual presentation by ReVision Energy as they explore its new solar array on the roof of Claremont MakerSpace. Solar experts from ReVision will talk about the design of the array, how it was financed, and some of the challenges of the installation. They'll also show you the monitoring platform so you can check the array's daily output.

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Visit https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/ #!event/2020/11/17/the-cms-solar-array-story.

PUBLIC NOTICE Claremont Development Authority Full Board Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 2020 7:30 AM

*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City is suggesting citizens participate in this meeting by Zoom. Join online at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89111630205?pwd=aG93UmVGSUQxVFoyUT-FucVk4TDNOZz09

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- Wages commensurate with experience and skillsets.
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To Protect and Serve — Keyword: Protect

Rotarians Deliver Masks to Claremont's First Responders

CLAREMONT, NH—At their October 28 meeting, the Claremont City Council voted to accept the donation of 2,500 medical grade masks from the Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club. The masks, part of a 10,000-piece shipment that the Claremont club received last month, are in turn a fraction of those delivered during Rotary's Million Mask Challenge Tour, provided through the philanthropy of the Rossi Family Foundation.

On Thursday, Rotarians handed over the masks to the City's fire and police chiefs. The masks are valued at \$3,000, a significant cost savings to the City. Firefighters and law enforcement officers wear masks not only when dealing with the public — such as on patrol and medical calls — but also when working in their buildings.

—Text and photo by Eric Zengota

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Returns to More Restrictive Caregiver and Approved Visitor Procedures

LEBANON, NH—In the interest of protecting the health and safety of patients and Dartmouth-Hitchcock (D-H) staff, effective Friday, November 6, 2020, D-H "returns to more restrictive caregiver and approved visitor procedures."

No visitors will be admitted to a D-H facility for inpatient or outpatient visits, except in the case of one of the eight specific exceptions relating to patients requiring caregivers, pediatric patients, labor and delivery and prenatal patients, perioperative patients, family meetings, patients at the end of life, and D-H employees and volunteers.

These procedures apply to Dartmouth-Hitch-cock Medical Center (DHMC) in Lebanon, as well as D-H outpatient clinics and facilities including the Heater Road facility, the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative & Hospice Care, the Lyme Road clinic, and D-H Community Group Practice locations in Concord, Man-



From left: Fire Chief Bryan Burr, Rotarian Gary Merchant, City Manager Ed Morris, Claremont Rotary president Jessica Ball, Mayor Charlene Lovett, and Police Chief Mark Chase. In the background, Firefighter Kyle Lizotte.

chester, Nashua, and elsewhere in southern New Hampshire.

This decision reflects rapidly changing conditions relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fac-

tors entering into the decision include increases in active COVID-19 cases across the states of New Hampshire and Vermont and in the region, as well as increasing transmission rates of COVID-19 around the region.

The updated procedures

can be found on the D-H website at https://www.-dartmouth-

hitchcock.org/.../covid19-visitor...

The revised caregiver and approved visitor procedures will remain in place until further notice. Got news?

etickernews@gmail.com



Veterans Day Ceremony

CLAREMONT, NH—American Legion Post 29, Claremont, will be holding a public ceremony in Broad Street Park (weather permitting) on Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. Speaker to be announced. Normally, there is a public luncheon following the ceremony, but this year it will be limited to Legion family members only due to COVID-19.

Classic Hits to be Featured at COH Event on Nov. 14

CLAREMONT, NH—Come visit the Claremont Opera House on November 14th and listen to the COH Orchestra play classic hits from the mid-late 20th century. The playlist will include early rock, R&B, blues, fusion and easy listening tunes featuring the Beatles, Van Morrison, Chuck Berry, Wilson Pickett, Bette Midler, Ike and Tina Turner, Mama Cass, Stevie Wonder, George Benson, Chubby Checker and many others.

Music Director Gerry Grimo will lead an 11 piece orchestra featuring members of the East Bay Jazz ensemble and include saxophones, trumpets, trombones, bass, piano, drums and a vocalist. This pop-up event is supported by the 2020 Membership Program with the objective of bringing other genres of music to the COH stage.

Tickets are \$15.00 for adults, \$10.00 for students under 21 and free to COH Gold members. Tickets can be purchased online at www.claremontoperahouse.org, or by phone at 603-542-4433. Doors open at 6:30pm; show starts at 7pm.

Seating is general admission and limited to ~20% of our theatre to ensure social distancing. Masks are required to enter the theatre and are recommended while seated. The COH COVID-19 guidelines are posted on our website.

Local Sites on List of Live Venue Relief Program Awards

CONCORD, NH – On Thursday, the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) notified appli-

cants of the Live Venue Relief Program regarding their application status. The following area sites were amongst those qualifying for the funding:

New London Barn Playhouse, \$338,874
Peterborough Players \$169,503
Lebanon Opera House \$79,264
MDP Motorsports Promotions LLC/Claremont
Motorsports Park \$43,747
Shaker Bridge Theatre \$43,148
Newport Opera House Association \$35,474
Claremont Opera House Inc. \$6,061

The Governor had authorized the allocation and expenditure of \$12 million from the state's CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds for a relief program to target New Hampshire live performance venues that have been hit especially hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many live shows and sports have been postponed or canceled, and, although some live perfor-

mance venues have been able to provide entertainment, they are doing so with fewer shows and limited capacity to maintain social distancing in comparison to the usually large groups of people coming and sitting shoulder-to-shoulder.

Next NH Food Bank Drive-Thru Mobile Food Pantry

Tuesday, November 10th 10am – 12pm (while supplies last) Runnings, 403 Washington St., Claremont, NH.

This is a drive-thru distribution model. Please remain in your car and we will distribute fresh produce, non-perishable items and more, right to you. These events are open to anyone in need. For more info, visit:

https://nhfoodbank.org/next-mobile-food-pantry/.

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e-Ticker Business News

Dartmouth-Hitchcock, Geisel School of Medicine Name Steven L. Bernstein, MD, as Chief Research Officer and Associate Dean of Clinical Research

LEBANON, NH - Steven L. Bernstein, MD, has been named as the inaugural Chief Research Officer for Dartmouth-Hitchcock (D-H), Associate Dean of Clinical Research at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, and Director of the C.

Everett Koop Institute at Geisel.

Dr. Bernstein currently serves as Professor and Vice Chair of Research in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Yale School of Medicine and Professor of Public Health (Chronic Disease Epidemiology) in the Yale School of Public Health.



Steven L. Bernstein, MD

As Chief Research Officer for D-H, Dr. Bernstein will oversee all aspects of research at D-H, including serving as the designated Institutional Official for Research, leading D-H's Office of Research Operations, and overseeing development and implementation of a forward-looking strategic plan for growth of our clinical, translational, population-based research portfolio.

"Our rapidly growing research enterprise is poised to take the next step toward national prominence," noted D-HH Chief Clinical Officer Edward J. Merrens, MD, MHCDS. "Dr. Bernstein's appointment moves us closer to our goal of having a significant impact on health locally, nationally and even internationally." As Associate Dean for Clinical Research for Geisel, Dr. Bernstein will be responsible for growing and supporting the School's clinical and translational research programs, and, working with colleagues from across D-H and Dartmouth College, will develop opportunities and processes for clinical and translational research that span our organizations.

In his role as director of the C. Everett Koop Institute, Dr. Bernstein will lead the Institute's efforts to advance health and well-being through research, education, and policy activities to protect the public health and prevent disease. The Institute seeks to mitigate threats posed by the unhealthy promotion and use of consumer products, including tobacco, alcohol, and highly processed foods, as well as prescription drugs. In his current roles at Yale, Dr. Bernstein develops screening and treatment interventions for tobacco users in hospital settings, and programs to train providers in tobacco control.

Dr. Bernstein holds a bachelor's degree from Princeton University, and he earned his medical degree from the Temple University School of Medicine. He trained in residencies at SUNY Health Sciences Center in New York and at Long Island Jewish Medical Center. Dr. Bernstein was a fellow in hematology-oncology at SUNY Health Sciences Center and was a visiting fellow in clinical epidemiology at the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program at Yale.

VNH Partners with Castleton University Nursing Students to Provide Community Flu Clinics and Hands-On Training

WHITE RIVER JCT., VT—Throughout October, Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) hosted drive-thru

and walk-in flu clinics in the Upper Valley. This year, VNH partnered with nursing students from Castleton University to deliver the vaccine in the safest way to the community.

This hands on training proved to be helpful for the Castleton University nursing students. "It has given me a lot more clinical experience than I've gotten before," said Mya Cyr, a current nursing student at Castleton University. "I didn't know how to give a flu shot before and the VNH nurses taught me and I am now feeling confident." Another nursing student, Danielle Fitzsimmons, described how she has been getting a lot of practice with vaccines and interacting with members of the community. "I am learning technique and getting experience interacting with people by providing them patient education about the vaccine, talking with them about concerns and making them feel comfortable."

VNH said it is dedicated to bringing awareness to community-based home health nursing to area colleges. "I didn't know a lot about home health nursing before this experience," said Cyr. "Throughout the last two flu clinics that I have done, the staff that I have been working with have explained what VNH does.

According to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) report on 2014-2015 Enrollment and Graduations in Baccalaureate and Graduate Programs in Nursing, U.S. nursing schools turned away 68,938 qualified applicants in 2014. The greatest challenge to enrollment capacity identified by the National League of Nursing (NLN) is a widespread lack of clinical sites for nursing students. VNH is working towards a clinical rotation in home health to not only help with the shortage of clinical sites, but to raise awareness about community-based home health nursing as a career path.





Veteran's Day 2020 Marked by Unique Tributes

As we approach Veteran's Day on Wednesday, November 11, the nation and communities across the country are preparing to honor those who have served. Like many things in 2020, this Veteran's Day will be marked by unique milestones. In Washington, D.C., the nation will dedicate the Native American Veteran's Memorial. Here at home, the town of Unity unveiled their newest memorial on Sunday, November 8. These acts convey our gratitude and keep in our collective consciousness a recognition of the sacrifices that veterans have made on our behalf.

On Veteran's Day at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, there will be a virtual dedication ceremony to unveil the "Warriors Circle of Honor" memorial. Designed by Harvey Pratt, artist and Marine Corps veteran, the memorial's design incorporates common threads among more than 573 tribes. The symbols contained in the memorial are reflective of the Native American culture, recognizable to the young and old, and those yet to be born. Its design pays tribute to Native American veterans and forever memorializes their service to the United States.

When working on this memorial, Pratt was often asked why Indians fight for this country when it treated them so badly in the past. His response was printed in the November issue of the American Legion Magazine. He said, "No. 1, it's a warrior society, a warrior culture. I was raised that way. You have to prepare yourself, be brave and not cry. You don't cry because you are hurt. You cry because your heart is broken, because you lost somebody. You learn to suck it up. I talked to some Navajo boys, and they told me, 'You suffer in silence.' The other thing is the Americas were like the Garden of Eden - nothing here but animals. And all of a sudden, man and woman showed up, and the creator gave the Americas to the Indians. So this land is Indian country.

It is always Indian country, regardless of who owns it. That's what we fight for. Our blood is spilt all over this North American continent. Now our blood is spilt all over the world, defending this country. That's why we fight for this land, and we fight for that flag. Indian people say things happened to us in the past. But this is still our land, and we fight for it. We fight for this country."

The importance of serving this country will be the theme for many communities on Veteran's Day. Three days prior, Unity unveiled its memorial, paying tribute to the local men and women who have served our nation since its birth. The memorial, spearheaded by the town's Historical Society, is the culmination of 2 ½ years of planning and fundraising. Situated on the town green and funded by its residents, the memorial demonstrates the community's commitment to honoring its veterans. The memorial dedication took place on Sunday, November 8, during which students from the Unity Elementary School were among those to participate. Here at home, American Legion Post 29 will hold its annual ceremony on November 11 in Broad Street Park at 11am.

This Veteran's Day we honor all veterans regardless of origin. Whether from a tribal nation, a small town or city, we celebrate the men and women who donned a military uniform on our behalf. Their service, at times at great risk to themselves, is the foundation of our strength. It is for this we pay tribute, commemorating their contributions with memorials that will stand the test of time.

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

CLAREMONT ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, November 16, 2020 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City suggests citizens participate in this meeting by ZOOM. Join the ZOOM Meeting online at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85013545979? pwd=TU02VS9pK3BmUVRNd3BRakdheWFCZ-z09

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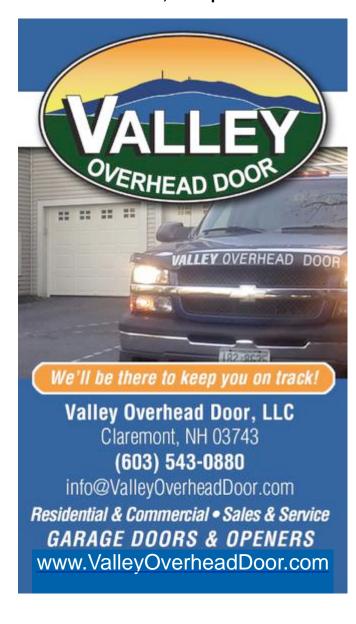


A pair of jack o'lantern lights welcomed visitors to Claremont's Fiske Library for several scary autumnal weeks. They may have looked like they were smiling, but you can never completely trust a pumpkin, can you? (Eric Zengota photo).



Sunapee Elementary School Annual Cereal Drive

Thanks to Mia Cahill spearheading the annual cereal drive, 187 boxes of cereal were recently collected at the Sunapee Central Elementary School and donated to the Sunapee Food Pantry. Mia's dad, Police Chief Cahill, transported the cereal



from the school to the Food Pantry on a very snowy Friday. Thanks to you both for all your work on this project in the past and we look forward to working with second grader Tristen Cobb next year (Courtesy photo).

Got News?

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER IN LEBANON

All are welcome to a Free Thanksgiving dinner hosted by Sacred Heart Church located at 2 Hough Street, Lebanon, NH, on Thursday, Nov 26th. Meals are available for pickup and delivery. Please contact 603-448-6575 to order a meal, donate, or volunteer.

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Here are a few suggestions:

- Use multifactor authentication or other extra security options with online accounts. Many of your online accounts offer extra security by giving you the option to prove your identity in different ways. With multifactor authentication, you must provide at least two different factors to prove your identity when you log in to an account. This additional layer of security provides you with much greater protection.
- Be creative with passwords. Create different passwords for work, financial services sites, social media and email and give each password some length and complexity. Consider passphrases actual words combined with symbols and numbers (for example, "ThisIsAPassphrase!2468"), for sites that allow them.
- Protect your computer and your key data. Keep your antivirus software updated. And don't install bootleg or unlicensed software, which could infect your computer with a virus. Also, back up your important data.
- Watch out for fake websites or apps. When making financial transactions, be sure you're on the website of your bank or financial institution and not on a fake site established by hackers. Your financial statements should have the legitimate website, so bookmark it and use it when doing anything with your accounts. Also, be careful when downloading apps stick with those from established providers such as Google Play or the App Store.

Avoid "over-sharing" on social media. Cyberthieves constantly stalk social media platforms for information they can use to commit their crimes. You can help stymie them by limiting what you share online. It's a good idea to keep your full name, address and birthday private. You might also avoid discussing your plans for upcoming vacations. And review your privacy settings periodically so that only people you know or approve can see your information.

- Limit use of public Wi-Fi. Hackers often set up their own Wi-Fi networks in public areas, such as the computers found in hotel business centers. Ask an employee for the name of the legitimate network. And even when you use it, log off when you're finished.
- Don't take the bait of "phishers." Cyberthieves go "phishing" for sensitive information usernames, passwords and account numbers by sending communications, such as emails, purporting to be from a business or financial institution with which you often do business. They may claim your account was "suspended" or that an "unauthorized transaction" was made, and you'll be asked to click on a link that takes you to what appears to be the company's website.

If you go along with this request, you could find malicious software being downloaded on your computer. But legitimate businesses generally won't ask for account numbers or passwords unless you initiate the transaction. Other signs of phishing include threatening language, "urgent" requests, misspelled words or odd word choices. If an email does look suspicious to you, delete it without opening it.

This list is not exhaustive, but by putting these steps to work, you can at least reduce the risk of becoming victimized by cyber-criminals.

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Claremont Electric Aggregation Committee to be Created

Last year, the NH Legislature passed Senate Bill 286, now known as RSA53-E:6, which enables local cities, towns, and counties to purchase electricity from an alternative electric supplier for their

residents and businesses. Aptly named Community Power (sometimes called



Community Choice or Municipal Aggregation), the legislation is an option for municipalities that want more local control over their electric sources, more green power, such as renewables like hydro, solar, and wind, and lower electricity rates. The Claremont City Council has decided to move forward on creating an Electric Aggregation Committee, which will be a subcommittee of the Claremont Energy Advisory Committee. Its mission will be to study the new program, "make recommendations for or against the City's participation... and if agreed upon, develop a municipal aggregation plan."

Community Power was created to provide cities and towns an opportunity to decide what their community wants by constructing local energy projects. The first step to creating this new entity is to implement a committee that will research available options, create a plan for the community, and make recommendations to the City Council for approval to move forward and change the way the city manages the energy portfolio for residents and businesses. This committee will help the city define the goals it wishes to achieve.

With Community Power, pricing is obtained from suppliers based on the aggregated kilowatt hour (KWH) demand of the participants. Everyone who participates in the pool, residents and businesses alike, reaps the savings for the duration of the contract. Contracts typically extend for a one to three year period, after which new contracts can be negotiated. As the electric utilities, e.g. Eversource, and NH Cooperative still provide delivery and maintenance of electrical facilities (poles, wires, etc.), the change is the source of that power and the price of electricity generation.

If the City Council adopts Community Power, participation in the new program will be voluntary, and consumers can opt-out of the aggre-

gation and stay with their current electric supplier if they wish. Community choice aggregation is becoming a more acceptable method of sourcing electricity across the US, according to the US Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL).

The Electric Aggregation Committee will include five members, composed of two members of the Claremont Energy Advisory Committee, one City Councilor, and two Claremont

residents and/or business owners. Recruitment has begun with proposed work to begin by January 1, 2021. Individuals who are passionate about the project and willing to commit to completing the required research and attend the meetings are encouraged to apply. Those interested in this volunteer position should contact deforest Bearse (603-504-0341) at Planning and Development in the Visitors Center, 14 North St., Claremont.

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Virtual Tours of NH State House Now Available

CONCORD, NH – Friday, Senate President Donna Soucy and House Speaker Steve Shurtleff announced that the General Court of New Hampshire has created a special video tour experience to allow students around New Hampshire to virtually tour the State House. The video highlights the State House grounds, our historic Hall of Flags, the Executive Council Chamber and Legislative Chambers.

The New Hampshire Legislature has a long held tradition of welcoming students to the State House to see the historic chambers and learn what happens in this more than 200 year old building. The General Court of New Hampshire looks forward to providing Granite State students this special look at their State House while adhering to public health guidance.

The link to this tour as well as links to information on the General Court can all be found on the General Court's visitors' center webpage: http://gencourt.state.nh.us/nh_visitorcenter/default.htm.

The State House Visitor Center is also available to meet with groups virtually.

Sunapee Tax Rate Released

SUNAPEE, NH—The Sunapee 2020 tax rate was announced on Wednesday. A new total tax rate of \$13.84 has been set for the Town of Sunapee by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration. Sunapee's previous tax rate was \$15.93 in 2019. The breakdown of the rate is as follows:

\$3.21 for Municipal \$2.64 for County \$6.10 for Local Education \$1.89 for State Education.

The total Tax Commitment is \$19,982,941. In the process of tax rate setting, the Board of Selectmen voted to apply \$300,000 from fund balance towards the total Municipal obligation. During 2020, Sunapee went through an assessing update. Total valuation other than the State Education amount, with utilities was \$1,451,938,388 up from \$1,247,348,517 in 2019. This impact is

what contributes to the Tax Rate decrease from 2019 rate.

Tax bills were processed and were to be mailed by the end of last week. As always, if you have any questions about the rate, please contact Town Manager Donna Nashawaty at donna@town.sunapee.nh.us or call Town office at 763-2212. Please find this and other assessing information on the Town of Sunapee's website at www.town.sunapee.n-h.us. In addition, tax credit and exemption information can be found here: https://www.-town.sunapee.nh.us/assessing/pages/tax-credit-exemptions.

Gallery of Gifts: Handmade for the Holidays

Through Dec. 23

Saturdays: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Tuesday-Friday: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Library Arts Center 58 N. Main St. Newport, NH 03773 Admission: Free

This annual favorite show features the work of more than 100 artists and crafters from the region, and is a perfect place to find unique handmade gifts like pottery, woodworking, artisan baskets, metalworking, stained glass, wool applique, soaps, ornaments, and so much more. The show is open for in-person shopping in the gallery with health safeguards in place. **Please note that a limited number of shoppers will be allowed in the gallery at a time, and masks are required inside the Arts Center at all times.

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

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



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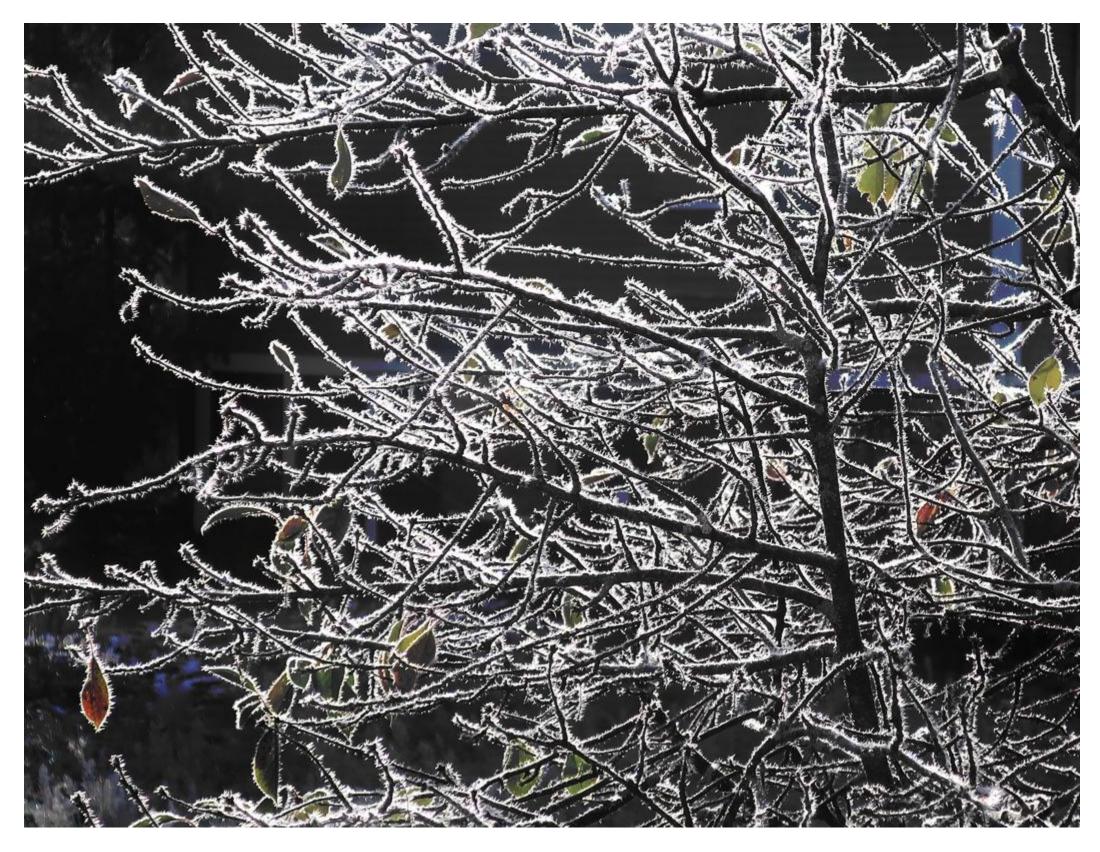
To every Claremonter who lent us lawn space, wrote letters to the editor, phone-banked, zoomed or streamed with us, shared pictures and posts,

paraded, held signs, waved flags and donated funds during this unprecedented election cycle.

We appreciated all these contributions — and your votes.

With gratitude,

John CLoutier Liza Draper Ray Gagnon Biddy Irwin Gary Merchant Andrew O'Hearne



Recent cold temps produced a dramatic frosty coating to trees in the early morning. A warm trend moved in, returning us to near summer-like conditions, much to the delight of residents who took advantage of the extra nice weather to go walking or finish up yard work. Alas, cooler temperatures will be returning by mid week.

SHS On Way to Div. III State Championship Following Winnisquam Forfeit

The Stevens football team was dressed and getting ready to board their buses to Tilton where they were scheduled to take on the Bears of Winnisquam in the semifinals of the Division III playoffs, when word came down that Winnisquam was going to have to forfeit the contest due to a Winnisquam football player testing positive for COVID-19. The winner of that game was to move on to play for the NHIAA Division III State Championship against the winner of the Monadnock-Pelham game that was played later in the afternoon.

The coaches and players were very disappointed that the game would not be played after preparing all week to play. Positive tests and forfeitures have been an issue during all of the fall sports tournaments, and just another of the issues schools and teams have had to deal with this fall season.

With the forfeit and a 14-10 Pelham victory over Monadnock, Stevens will now travel to Pelham this Saturday to play the Pythons in the Division III State Championship Game.

"It was disappointing, to say the least, as we all wanted to play the game, but one thing we know is that nothing is a sure thing this fall and we have really had to take things one day at a time," said SHS coach Paul Silva. "We knew that this could be a possibility in any week of the season."

Stevens had advanced to the semi-finals after defeating the Laconia Sachems last weekend 22-21 in double overtime at Barnes Park.

"The kids put themselves in a position to be one game away from having the chance to play for a State Championship with last week's win. We certainly would have liked to play Winnisquam but there is nothing that we can do about the circumstances and the right decision was made not to play when they received the positive test," said Silva.

With the forfeit win Stevens stands at 3-3 on the season. Pelham improved to 6-0 with their victory over Monadnock. Game time on Saturday is scheduled for 1:00PM.

Newport beat Fall Mountain 43-0 in tournament play on Saturday. Marius Edwards scored four touchdowns and a 2-point conversion. According to the NHIAA website, the

e-Ticker Sports

Tigers are set to take on Somersworth in the Championship game on Nov. 14, at 1:00 p.m.

with Somersworth hosting. Somersworth beat Raymond, 26-6, on Saturday.



SHS coach Patty Deschaine was picked as the 2020 Division 3 Field Hockey Coach of the Year (Courtesy photo).



Congratulations to SHS's Ryan Seaver and Ian Macdonald as they share the Division 3 Golf Coach of the Year title (Courtesy photos).





Rolling Thunder NH Chapter 2 held a special event on Nov. 1st at Newport Youth Football on the Newport High School football field to honor veterans (Courtesy photos).

Inspiration

Unity

By Priscilla Hull

On Tuesday we voted, but we weren't to know the results until four days later. Four days later, we learned that we, the people, elected a new president. We have a new force in the White House. We have someone new to adjust to. We have someone new to look to for so many things, from healthcare, to natural resources, to care for elderly and vulnerable Americans, to national security. It is a daunting job. At the same time, we will have to look to this man and woman to mend broken relationships within and without our country. It will be difficult and something that these two can't do alone, not even with the troop of advisors and workers with them. Like any big job, it will take a community, blue and red, brown, black, yellow, red and white to renew relationships and to gather the country together.



We know that it takes a neighborhood to raise a child. We have heard that frequently, and I don't think it is denied. When we have a common goal, it is not difficult to raise a strong, healthy, happy and a successful child. Now, we have a new common goal and that is to make a strong, healthy, happy and successful country! It won't be easy. It will take all of our strength to support those whom we have elected to grow our country in strength.

It is time to look ahead and to do what I have always hoped to instill in my (now grown) children: take the deal you have been given, look deep into the depths of the situation and determine the path you want to take and move forward. Learn from mistakes, determine not to let that happen again. Always move forward to make life better for someone else. In making life better for someone else, you will make it better for yourself and those around you. Fill your hearts with love and make that love known to everyone, even some whom you may not agree with.

This was an election that will stand out in our minds. So many new voters! Yes, the country was split on the voter outcome. Let's not allow that split to fester, but let's find ways to heal and to reunite so that we will grow and be strong!

Remember as our president elect said, let us go out and "spread the faith."

For everything there is an appointed time, and an appropriate time for every activity on earth: A time to rip, and a time to sew; a time to keep silent, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 7-8

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



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Contact us at: wags.n.wiggles.rescue@gmail.com or

wagsnwiggles.org

Thank you!

Calendar Of Events

Virtual Grief Support Available Through Lake Sunapee VNA

NEW LONDON, NH – Lake Sunapee VNA is now offering two virtual grief support groups, since its in-person support groups are still on hold. To help anyone grieving during this pandemic and time of social distancing, a Virtual Bereavement Check-in is available on Wednesdays every three weeks from 4:00-5:00pm. In addition, a Virtual Widow to Widow group is held on the first Monday of every month from 3:30-5:00pm. Anyone interested in participating in these free groups should email their contact information to Lori O'Connor at loconnor@lakesunapeevna.org and a member of the bereavement team will call with further details.

2020 UV Employment Fair

With the safety of exhibitors, job seekers, and volunteers in mind, this year's Upper Valley Employment fair is being offered virtually to connect local jobseekers with area employers who are currently hiring for lots of open positions. This virtual event utilizes a new website comprised of current job listings, career exploration information, live virtual event listings via Zoom, job seeker resources and tutorials, and more. You can even submit your resume for review by any of our participating businesses.

Visit our website www.uppervalleyemploymentfair.org to explore great opportunities with some of the top companies in our area. This two-month-long event is free and open to the public.

You can also follow us on Facebook for live virtual event details and reminders, job seeker tips, and more, at www.facebook.com/upper-valleyemploymentfair.

The 2020 Virtual Upper Valley Employment Fair is presented by Creative Workforce Solutions in partnership with Vermont Department of Labor, Vermont Association of Business Industry and Rehabilitation, Vermont's Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living Division of Vocational Rehabilitation,

Upper Valley Services, and Pathways of NH, and is generously sponsored by Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont, Hypertherm, Kendal at Hanover, King Arthur Baking, The River Valley Club, and TargettHRB.

Please join us online now through the end of November at www.uppervalleyemployment-fair.org and follow us on Facebook at www.-facebook.com/uppervalleyemploymentfair for updates and more.

Bingo at Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Bingo at Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497 is back in operation with a few changes to the schedule of games. We listened to feedback from our patrons and have added a 50/50 game to the line-up (averaging about \$255 payout) as well as some variation to the last game of the night, a caller's choice, one of four different games each week (pays \$150). We still have the winner take all (average \$375), and the carry over coverall which if won in 50 #'s or less is up over \$9,000, after 50 pays \$150.

Bingo is held Wednesday night at the Post Hall at 365 Lovers Lane Rd, Charlestown. Early Birds start at 5:00 and regular bingo at 6:30. Food and refreshments available. No one under 18 allowed during bingo. It is highly recommended to wear masks, practice social distancing, and frequent hand washing / sanitizing, but there may be those who don't. If you are sick, then please don't attend until you're feeling better.

A Message from ServiceLink

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

ServiceLink staff is here to listen, answer questions,

problem solve, and link you to resources and services.

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

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

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

St. Mary Parish Fundraiser Raffle

CLAREMONT, NH—St. Mary Parish is holding a fundraiser raffle to benefit its fuel fund. Grand prize \$1,500

Heating fuel: \$300

Additional prizes announced on day of drawing; \$5.00/ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Drawings to be held live on parish Facebook on Dec. 12, at 6:00 pm.

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

Area Grocery Store Hours Reserved for High Risk Population

HANNAFORD - Most stores reserve 7 AM -8 AM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. In Massachusetts, those special hours are 7 AM -8 AM daily



MARKET BASKET 6 AM - 7 AM EVERY DAY Claremont

CO-OP FOOD STORES 7AM - 8 AM EVERY-DAY WRJCT, Lebanon & Hanover PRICE CHOPPER 6AM - 7AM EVERYDAY-Windsor & West Lebanon

SHAWS 7AM - 9AM TUES & THURS West Lebanon

WALMART 6 AM - 7 AM TUESDAYS ONLY Claremont & West Lebanon

PLAINFIELD COUNTRY STORE Call ahead for curb side pickup, 709-7055. Prepared meals, grocery items.

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

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

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

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

On Jamie Townsend:

Influenced by the rich and fearless colors of his youth in the 1970's, Townsend's palette is balanced with pastels that came into his work after attending the Ringling College of Art + Design in Florida. Drawing from his life experience it was merging with Eastern Philosophy that gave him the confidence to develop his own style. He began researching Abstract Expressionists and painting large scale pieces. He embraces the modern street art movement and finds himself doing many murals as canvases.

To register, please go here:

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

Virtual Instructors Wanted

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

Brendan at <u>brendan@claremontmaker-space.org</u> to learn more.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN BROWNSVILLE

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

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

Date: Tue Nov 10, 2020; time: 1:00 - 6:00 PM Blood Program Leader Name: Lanie Wadelton Blood Program Leader Phone Number: 802-484-1226, ext. 119 (weekdays) or 802-376-6676 (evenings and weekends).

Open appointments waiting to be filled. Go to: https://www.redcrossblood.org/; Zip code 05037.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 Plant Pot Recycling Collection Day at Cornish Store

The Cornish Community Initiative is holding a Plant Pot Recycling Collection Day on Saturday, Nov.14, from 10 am - noon at the Cornish General Store. Bring your surplus plastic garden center pots, including 4 and 6 pack containers. The pots will be transported to Van Berkum Nursery in Deerfield, NH, then picked up by a recycling company from Michigan and recycled for use in nurseries and garden centers.

Anyone who needs garden pots is welcome to come and take what you need.

PUBLIC NOTICE Conservation Commission MEETING

Thursday, November 19, 2020 6:00 PM

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

Join Zoom Meeting Online at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89268365109?pwd=ek-tDYzVqTFpSbG9wTG5YTTl1c2hGdz09

Passcode: 300415 Or by Telephone: 1 646 558 8656 Webinar ID: 892 6836 5109

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Albert F. Earle, Sr., 83

Albert F. "Pops" Earle, Sr., 83, of Cornish NH, passed away October 31, 2020, with family by his side, due to complications from a recent illness.

He was born March, 1937, to parents Robert Earle & Ruth Hatch in Windsor, VT. Albert is survived by four sons: Victor (Lynn), Albert (Sandi), Eric, Sam (Nina) and one daughter Sherry (Chris), 20 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, a brother Alvin, and numerous nephews and nieces.

He was predeceased by his father, Robert Earle Sr.; mother, Ruth Hatch; brother, Robert Earle Jr.,; and three sisters, Maude Stanley; Helen Woodbeck and Hannah Griffiths.

Albert was a proud Veteran who served during the Korean War with the United States Navy, and during the Vietnam War with the United States Coast Guard, where he earned the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for Valor. Albert retired from the Coast Guard in 1978 while living in Wilmington, NC. He moved to Cornish, NH, in 1979 and began working for Don McClay Construction, then as the Road Agent in Plainfield, NH, and finally as the Sexton for the Town of Cornish until he retired a second time. Albert was a former race car owner and driver at Claremont Speedway, where he was known to

many as "Pops, Dad and Mr. Earle". Albert had the good fortune to watch two of his sons also compete as race car drivers. The apple didn't fall far from the tree, that's for sure. Albert was a voracious reader, Louis L'Amour was his favorite.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the funeral is being delayed until late May 2021. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Claremont Senior Center News

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

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

Bingo has gone on a hiatus. During this hiatus we will be looking for more volunteers to work bingo. As we see the daily numbers rise, we are concerned for the health and safety of our players. The board will evaluate and decide to reopen when we have enough workers, and it is safe for everyone.

The Turkey Dinner for November is a drive through, on TUESDAY, November 24, open to the public, 11:45-12:45, \$10 per person. VNA foot clinic: November 11, November 18, and November 25. Call for an appointment, 603-526-4077.

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

Weekly drive-up meals, folks Fall for Ken's meals in the Fall:

Tuesday, Nov 10, Veterans Day Celebration: Soup, Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Broccoli, Dessert

Thursday, Nov 12, Chicken Gumbo, Rice, Dessert

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The Penny Sale, May 8, 2021, is still in need of items, call ahead for donation times, we need your stuff. Hopefully by May things will return to some sort of normalcy. We have some neat stuff, let us see what you have.

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

Thought for the week: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 is Veteran's Day: We don't know them all, but we owe them all.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday, November 1st

1816 E3 responded to Lafayette St for an odor investigation.

Monday, November 2nd

1519 E3 responded to a medical call on Rachel PI.

Tuesday, November 3rd

0529 E3 responded to Charlestown Rd for a motor vehicle accident.

0555 responded to Broad St for a car v person.

0643 E3 responded to a medical call on Central St.

0945 E3 responded to a medical call on Prospect St.

Wednesday, November 4th

0805 E3 responded to South St for a box alarm.

2034 E3 responded to a medical call on Spofford St.

Thursday, November 5th

1419 E3 responded to Bowen St for a vehicle leaking gas.

2004 E3 responded to a medical call on Grand St.

Friday, November 6th

1203 E3 responded to Pleasant St for fluids leaking.

Saturday, November 7th

1237 E3 responded to Myrtle St for an alarm sounding.

1656 E3 responded to Summer St for a smoke investigation.

1725 E3 responded to Mill St for a box alarm.



The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>November 12, 2020</u>, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall and via Zoom. NOTE: Different day.

To join the webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88238233399?pwd=NjNmdzBEYi9XcmJNbXVWQ3ZkcUx6dz09

Passcode: 376500

Or by telephone:1-646-558-8656. Webinar ID: 882 3823 3399. Passcode: 376500. If there is a problem getting through to that number, please call 603-542-7002.

AGENDA

6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL

6:34 PM 3. AGENDA CHANGES

6:35 PM 4. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
Minutes of October 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2020, City Council Meetings

6:37 PM 5. MAYOR'S NOTES

6:42 PM 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT A. COVID-19 Update

6:55 PM 7. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

7:00 PM 8. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))

9. OLD BUSINESS

7:10 PM A. Proposed Council Rule Change (Citizen Letters)

7:25 PM B. Compensation Study Discussion

10. NEW BUSINESS

7:40 PM A. Use of City Property at 297-299 Washington Street

BREAK

8:05 PM B. Website Presentation (Council)

8:25 PM C. Funds Transfer (City Manager)

8:35 PM D. Accept and Expend Center for Tech & Civic Life Grant – Public Hearing (City Manager)

8:50 PM 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8:55 PM 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES

9:00 PM 13. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

9:05 PM 14. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall and via Zoom.



Claremont Elks Lodge #879

is hosting a gathering for all veterans and their family on

November 11th 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Light appetizers & drinks will be served.

Unity Honors Past Service and Sacrifice

Veterans Memorial Will Inspire Generations to Come

UNITY, NH—On Sunday, several hundred people gathered on the Unity Town Common to attend the dedication of a Veterans Memorial. Judi Tatem, president of the Unity Historical Society, thanked society members who took up the suggestion by town selectman John Callum in 2017 to erect a memorial. "They raised half the \$10,000 cost with events like a 5K race and selling commemorative paving bricks. This March, the town voted to donate the remaining \$5,000."

Under a cloudless sky, rifles gave a threevolley salute, a cannon roared, a trumpet played "The Raising of the Flag" as the stars and stripes moved up to full staff. Keynote speakers and students, addressing the crowd, acknowledged with gratitude the contributions of the town's veterans over the centuries in the cause of liberty and a truly united country. Clockwise: At the raising of the flag. Veterans shot off the Newport American Legion post's cannon. in her address, 22-year Army veteran and Claremont mayor Charlene Lovett said, "Today's unveiling of this memorial is testimony that Unity cherishes its military history and values the service of its sons and daughters." Five Unity Elementary School students were winners in an essay contest. Eighth-grader Cameryn Simpson read his essay on the history and symbolism of the flag. Seals of the military



branches of service are etched on the front of the memorial, made of black granite from India. Picture This on Granite of Derby Line, VT, designed and produced the memorial. The back of the memorial commemorates prisoners of war and those missing or killed in action. Part of the Unity Historical Society's fundraising campaign included the sale of commemorative bricks which can still be purchased to help fund a memorial to the town's Civil War veterans.



Text and photos by Eric Zengota





