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Let It Snow, Let It Glow!

The season"s first snow, a Santa Parade around the streets of Claremont and the lighting of Broad St. Park converged Friday night to usher in the holiday season. Text, photos, page 9 (Eric Zengota photo).



Tech Check: The Value of Career and Technical Education

Submitted by Alex J. Herzog, EdD, SRVRTC Director

I once heard a friend share a piece of advice that made a lot of sense and I felt couldn't be truer. It went like this, "What three folks should you always have in your life? An electrician, a plumber and a computer technician!"

If you've tried to call for an electrician or plumber in the last couple of years, you know that they're getting harder and harder to find. However, we aren't alone. The news all across the nation is that the skilled trades are struggling to fill vital positions. Today, more than

ever, employers want to hire entry-level employees who can hit the ground running. You might have heard that the reason given for the lack of trades professionals is the pressure put on young people to go to college instead of emphasizing getting trained in the trades. For

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Tallying Tons of Trash

Connecticut River Conservancy Reports on 2021 Cleanup

By Eric Zengota e-Ticker News

The Connecticut River Conservancy held its 25th Annual Source to Sea Cleanup on September 24-26.

Two members of the Claremont Conservation Commission — chair Gary Dickerman and vice chair Stephen Wood — were among the nearly 1,400 volunteers in 113 groups across four states to clean up 129.8 miles of the river.

The just-published special edition of CRC's Cleanup Chronicle newsletter reported on the staggering, disheartening numbers. Volunteers hauled in 43.3 tons of trash and an array of items including 16,287 beverage containers, 213 tires, 1,835 pieces of scrap metal including BBQ grills, 1,018 pieces of Styrofoam, and

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196 automotive items including engines and an old farm trailer.

Impressive — in a bad way — as those numbers are, it's even more depressing that "CRC received this information from approximately 53% of registered Cleanup groups. Actual numbers/weights are likely much higher than listed here."

CRC has scheduled the 26th Annual Cleanup for Sept. 23 and 24, 2022.

Find volume 70, issue 3 of the Cleanup Chronicle at www.ctriver.org/wp-content/uploads/CRC-Clean-Up-chronicle.final_.11-22-21-smaller.pdf.

To learn more about the Claremont Conservation Commission and its year-round efforts to preserve and improve the local environment, visit www.claremontnh.com/conservation-commission.

Crusading Conservation Commissioners
Gary Dickerman (left) and Stephen Wood
challenged each other's trash-picking skills
at the Ashley Ferry Landing Boat Ramp.
Their haul on Sept. 25 from there and the
Stevens Brook Conservation Easement:
four large bags of trash, five tires and an

old piece



of cable (Eric Zengota photo).

NH Lottery Numbers

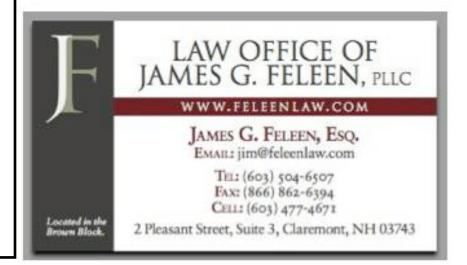
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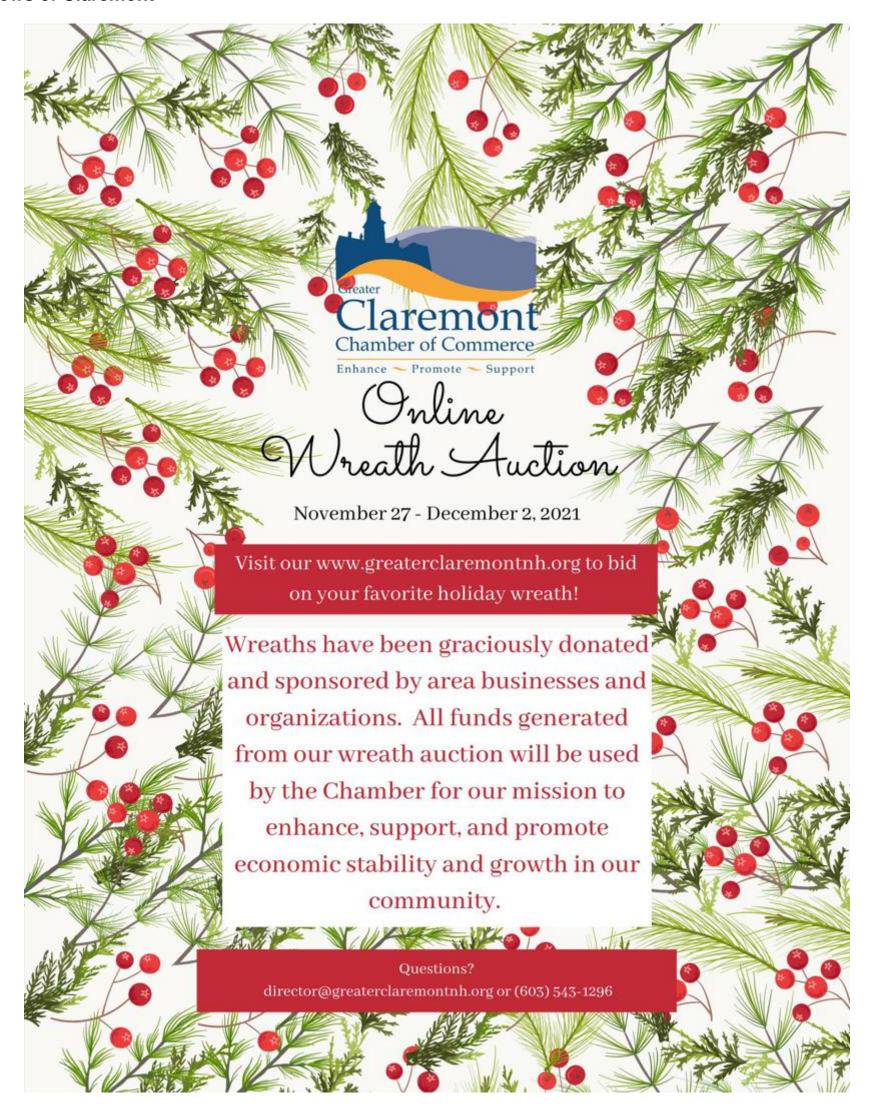
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For more lottery numbers, https://www.nhlottery.com/





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Letter to the Editor

Season's Greetings From Santa to Claremont

Good Day, Claremont!

Thank you for hosting me last Friday on a wonderful wintry weather tour of your beautiful city.

Your Parks and Recreation Director, Mark Brislin, called me at the North Pole to invite me back to town for the second year in a row. When he said I'd be riding in a red firetruck just like last year, I was so excited I said yes!!

My adventure began at 5:30 when I arrived at the Fire Station. I was met by a couple of firefighters and met some of their family members. I had photos taken with Fire Chief Bryan Burr and Mrs. Claus, and with Chief Burr and Mr. Brislin.

At 5:57 pm we left the Fire Station on Ladder 1 with lights flashing and horns blaring. We drove halfway around Broad Street Park, where I got out to greet a lot of children and adults as I made my way to the gazebo. At the gazebo I thanked everyone for coming to this special event and invited everyone to help me count down to turn on the Christmas light display. When we got to 1 the whole park lit up with thousands of beautiful lights. I was so proud of your Parks and Recreation Department and all the volunteers who put a lot of time into creating this beautiful display. What a pretty sight!

I was whisked away back to Ladder 1, hollering Ho Ho Ho and Merry Christmas and giving as many high-fives as I could. I climbed into the truck, grabbed the mic, and hollered Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night. And it was snowing!!!!

We were escorted into a line of vehicles. In the lead was a decorated police cruiser driven by your Police Chief Mark Chase and his navigator Mr. Brislin. Next came the decorated Parks and Recreation truck driven by Justin Martin, who had the Grinch and Eric Zengota the photographer accompany him. Ladder 1 was third in line, followed by the beautifully dressed Elsa and Anna from "Frozen" and Miss New Hampshire Petite. Our final vehicle was your Golden Cross Ambulance blaring Christmas music.

We paraded through a lot of neighborhoods for more than two hours, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and shaking hands with a lot of children. We had police sirens going, the Grinch scowling and waving, and me hollering Ho Ho Ho Merry Christmas. All the smiles made this wintry parade a real pleasure.

To the great people of Claremont — I'm here only once a year. But your Police Officers, Fire-fighters, EMTs, and Parks and Recreation Department staff are here all year round. Don't be afraid to shake their hands, smile, and say thank you any day or night.

As I head back to the North Pole, I'd like to thank everyone in your community who put on such a magnificent event and let this jolly old fellow be a part of it. We saw a lot of smiles all evening, and that's what it's all about. So from up here at the North Pole, we wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

A very happy Santa Claus

Thousands of Patrons, Thousands of Books

Marta Smith to Retire After 331/2 Years at the Fiske

By Eric Zengota e-Ticker News

"I was reading before I went to kindergarten," said Marta Smith, "and even today I still have stacks of books at home to get through."

Smith will have some free time to do just that when she retires at the end of January. Her more than three decades at Claremont's Fiske Free Library began in 1988 when she was recruited by then-city librarian Marilyn Nagy. "Marilyn stole me from the Corner Book Shop where I was working because she thought that my knowledge of books would be a good fit at the Fiske."

Over the years, "good fit" developed into "better fit" and eventually "best fit" as Smith filled the positions of, first, circulation librarian, then assistant library director/adult services librarian (1991), and children's librarian (2018). Along the way she successfully applied for numerous grants and awards to enhance the library's collections and services. The grants ranged from children's educational kits and bringing in high-quality speakers and performers, to free books for Claremont's children and

supporting the Fiske's annual children's summer reading program.

Smith lived her commitment to education by completing the New Hampshire State Library's library techniques courses and earning a B.A. in **English and Creative** Writing from Granite State College in 2012. "I always thought it would be great to be a professional student," she remarked, adding, "I'm looking forward to taking free online courses. I don't think

you should stop learning when you retire."
All of her hours were dedicated to serving the library's visitors. "I've helped thousands of

patrons," she reflected. "What I've enjoyed

most is being a reader's advisor, putting people together with the right books. And, especially, working with kids, getting them started as readers for life."

What will she miss the most? "Helping patrons, of course, the social interaction. We see ourselves as goodwill ambassadors to the City. It's very satisfying when a grumpy person comes in who can't find the information they want, and then we find it for them, and they leave in a better state of mind."

Smith will also miss her colleagues. "We're truly like a family here. Everyone gets along. There's no behind-thescenes tension. We're all determined to do a good job. We've always taken pride in the library and keep looking for ways to make the Fiske look good."

Come February, Smith will devote herself to several favorite hobbies, including embroidery and knitting. And of course there are those stacks of books to be read.



And then there's travel. "My heritage is Irish-Scots-English. I'd like to take my older grand-daughter to Ireland. Another time, the younger granddaughter to Scotland. As for the boy, well he's too young now, but I hope he and I will get to visit England."

Smith smiled and talked about how her family still doesn't believe she's really retiring. "My older granddaughter even said, 'But you have to stay there. You've always been there!" Smith replied with grandmotherly wisdom, "Well, I'm not working till I'm one hundred."

Above: From her post in the Fiske Free Library's main reading room, Marta Smith has helped generations of readers — young and old — find the right book. Left: Mayor Charlene Lovett presents a Proclamation to Marta Smith at the Nov. 10 meeting of the Claremont City Council. In addition to listing Smith's many accomplishments over more than three decades, the proclamation notes that "Marta will be missed for her snarky sense of humor, her endless knowledge of books and authors, and her willingness to always go the extra mile in the service of library patrons." (Eric Zengota photos).





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Editor's Note: The most recently released data from the NH DHHS during last week's holiday week was on Nov. 24.

NH DHHS COVID-19 Update November 24, 2021

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

On Wednesday, November 24, 2021, DHHS announced 1,011 new positive test results for COVID-19 for Wednesday, November 23. Those results included 552 people who tested positive by PCR test and 459 who tested positive by antigen test. DHHS also announced an additional 25 new cases from Thursday, November 18 (10 by PCR and 15 by antigen test) for a new total of 1,007; an additional 124 new cases from Friday, November 19 (63 by PCR and 61 by antigen test) for a new total of

1.216: an additional 3 new cases from Saturday, November 20 (0 by PCR and 3 by antigen test) for a new total of 1,196; and an additional 1 new case from Monday, November 22 (1 by PCR and 0 by antigen test) for a new total of 562. Test results for previous days are still being processed and updated case counts for prior days will be reflected on the COVID-19 interactive dashboard. There were 8,048 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire.

Several cases were still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there were two hundred

seventy-eight individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 53% being female and 47% being male. The new cases resided in Rockingham (230), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (163), Merrimack (155), Strafford (110), Belknap (84), Grafton (69), Carroll (52), Cheshire (43), Sullivan (42), and Coos (11) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (83) and Nashua (52). The county of residence is being determined for seventy new cases.

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

- 1 male resident of Cheshire County, 60 years of age and older
- 3 male residents of Hillsborough County,60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Rockingham County,
 60 years of age and older

There were currently 367 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire, since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 155,711 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

As of Wednesday, the 24th, there were 192 current positively identified cases in Claremont, 38 in Charlestown, and 84 in Newport, with additional cases identified in other county communities, including 24 in Lempster; 8, Cornish; 8, Grantham; 43, Sunapee; 13, Goshen; 10, Plainfield; 6, Croydon; 7, Acworth; and 1-4 in other Sullivan County communities. DHHS reported 441 currently positively identified cases in Sullivan County.

COVID-19 Hotline

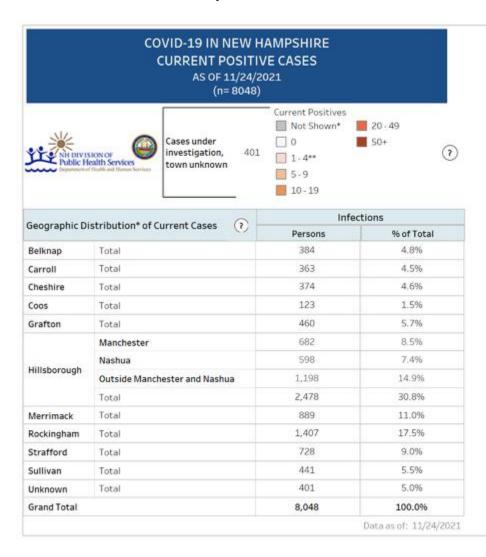
211NH has been mobilized to handle all COVID-19 related calls from New Hampshire residents. All residents with questions or concerns regarding COVID-19 can call 2-1-1.

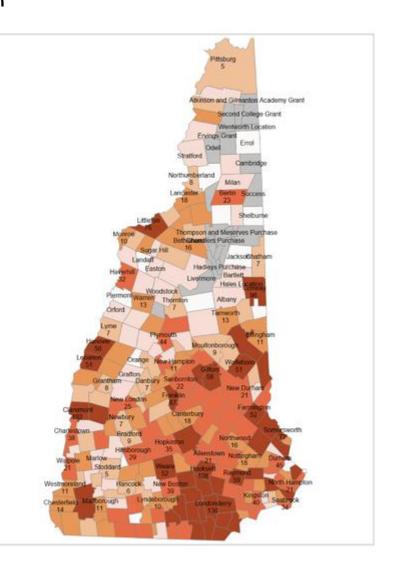
Vaccine Information in NH

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

Claremont School Cases

Maple Avenue School reported 1 adult and 4 student cases on Nov. 22; CMS reported 8 new cases (students) on Nov. 23; SHS reported 4 new cases on Nov. 22.





Free COVID Testing Kits Being Made Available to Granite Staters

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll e-Ticker News

CONCORD, NH—Gov. Chris Sununu announced on Tuesday that free at-home COVID-19 tests will be made available to New Hampshire residents starting this week. Residents will be able able to log on to the state's vaccine website to order their test and have it delivered to to their home. One million free COVID-19 tests will be made available to Granite Staters, starting Monday, Nov. 29. Tests will be delivered directly to those requesting them by Amazon within a week of a request, free of charge. The tests, Quidel QuickVue tests, are very simple, at-home, antigen rapid tests, and results will be delivered within 15 minutes. Currently New Hampshire is conducting about 10,000 COVID-19 tests each day; this program is seen as allowing an even greater expansion of testing by helping the state to reach those in rural areas or in medically undeserved areas. About 50,000 at-home rapid tests will first be offered to schools. DHHS officials are asking anyone who tests positive to contact their health care provider, who will then report the positive result to state health officials.

To order a free test, visit https://sayyeshometest.org/.

In response to the announcement about the free test kits, NHDP Chair Ray Buckley released the following statement:

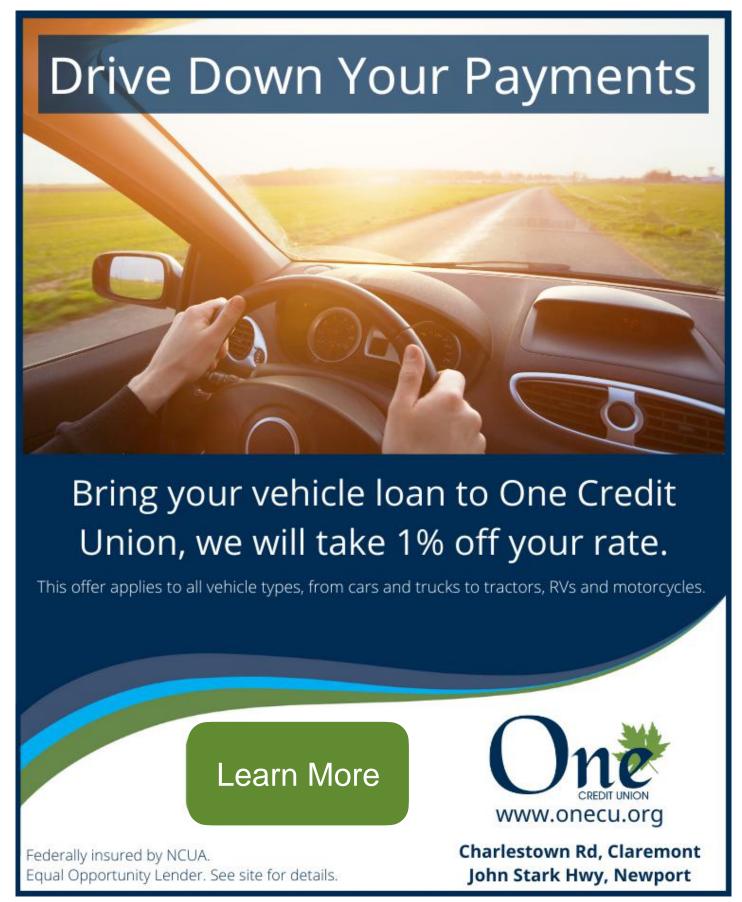
"We're grateful to our federal delegation for securing critical federal funds to provide one million free COVID tests to families, schools, and communities. Not only will these tests help us mitigate surging COVID cases as we approach winter, they will help keep our children in school and our small businesses open."

On Tuesday, Sununu also announced that he was issuing an executive order to "address the current hospital capacity surge." The order in part reads: "[That] the State of New Hampshire take immediate, targeted, and direct action to ensure all steps are taken to help individuals receive medical care in a timely and appropriate way.

"The Department of Health and Human Services is hereby authorized and directed to take all lawful and appropriate actions to assist with reducing hospital capacity challenges. Actions at a minimum should include: establishing temporary acute care centers inside the walls of hospitals pursuant to RSA 141-C; increasing bed capacities at other licensed institutional facilities to address surge needs within the state as allowable under state and federal law; and conducting a review of regulations to

determine what additional flexibilities are available to effectively combat the current and any future surge."

The governor also said there were no plans to issue a statewide mask mandate or to declare another State of Emergency. Currently, COVID cases are similar to the numbers seen in January.



Santa Parade Brings Out the Smiles for Residents of All Ages

















Photos by Eric Zengota

If you had to select a simple word to describe the reaction of residents Friday night as Santa, courtesy of the Claremont Fire Department and Claremont Parks & Rec, visited neighborhoods throughout the community, "joy-filled" would likely fit the bill. From youngsters to adults, people gathered in their yards to watch the colorfully decorated Ladder 1, Claremont Police car and a Parks and Rec truck take the visitor in red around town, big smiles on their faces as they waved to the procession. During these difficult times, happiness returned, at least for a time, as the magic of Christmas filled the night. The evening started with Santa helping to turn on the holiday lights in Broad St. Park. Snow fell, adding to the holiday mood.

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Coffee With the Chief In Sunapee

SUNAPEE, NH—The next Coffee with the Chief is on Friday, Dec. 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Safety Services Building. Bring your questions and comments and join us for coffee and conversation.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

For a meeting of the ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT To be held on

Monday at December 6th 2021 at 7:00pm Council Chambers, City Hall Claremont NH

The public is hereby notified that the Zoning Board will be holding a public hearing at this meeting to consider the following applications:

- A. (ZO-2021-00011) Ray Parker, 408 Sullivan St.- Application for a special exception to permit night watchmen dwelling unit at 408 Sullivan St. Tax map 117 Lot #13. Zoning district I1.
- B. (ZO 2021-00012) New Hampshire Signs, **Auburn, NH** – Application for a variance from Sec. 22-600 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit a variable display sign at 114 Pleasant St. Tax map 132, Lot #1. Zoning district, MU.
- C. (ZO 2021-00013) New Hampshire Signs, Auburn, NH- Application for a variance from Sec. 22-601 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit a variable display sign at 114 Pleasant St. Tax map 132, Lot#1. Zoning district, MU.
- D. (ZO 2021-00014) New Hampshire Signs, Auburn, NH- Application for a variance from Sec. 22-604(6) to permit 58 S.F. of free-standing signage at 114 Pleasant St. Tax map 132, Lot#1. Zoning district, MU.
- E. (ZO 2021-00015) New Hampshire Signs, Auburn, NH- Application for a variance from Sec. 22-605 to permit increasing the nonconformance of a nonconforming sign at 114 Pleasant St. Tax map 132, Lot#1. Zoning district, MU.

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

Comments may be made at the public hearing; submitted in writing to the Zoning Board of Adjustment at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or by email to cityplanner@claremontnh.com.

Michael Hurd, Chair

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 Fa-La-Lasagna Dinner

Take out only at the Plainfield Community Church, 1094 Route 12A. Saturday, December 11, 5 - 6:30 p.m. Choice of veggie or meat lasagna, garden salad, bread and dessert, all for \$15. Drive-through and pick up at the back door. You may order ahead if you wish up to December 9; call 603.675.6197 or email moore.gull@gmail.com.

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CLAREMONT— This prime residential neighborhood features 2 adjacent building lots totaling 1.35 +/- acres. Great spot to build your dream home with views to the back of the lots. Located on a quiet cul-de-sac with city water and sewer. Can't beat the amenities! \$50,000 (MLS#4733484)



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ation or your new house. \$85,000 (MLS#4878096)



CHARLESTOWN— Pretty 1.3 acre corner lot in a rural setting. This mostly cleared lot has approved septic, drilled well, electric power, and a new driveway. These big improvements have been provided for you to build your new home. The road is Class 6 and is not town maintained. \$65,000 (MLS#4886992)



NEWPORT— Own a piece of Newport history! This was once the site of the Old County Jail in 1842 and is on the National Historic Register. Lovely courtyard offering a nice garden/terrace area, 2 established business on the first floor, and 2 large apartments upstairs. A 2-car oversized garage is located on-site. This investment opportunity has great numbers and long-term tenants. \$450,000 (MLS#4888260)



NEWPORT—Unique opportunity to build a new home in this established neighborhood. Close to golf course, skiing and town. Bring your plans and builder to this nice 4+ acre lot. A small portion along the seller's side of the lot may or may not have to be annexed. Waiting for surveyor to confirm boundaries. \$70,000 (MLS#488962)



CHARLESTOWN— Charming Manufactured Home with 2 beds, 2 baths, plenty of parking, and a nice yard. 7 year old metal roof and furnace as well as a 2 year old water heater. Vinyl sided and vinyl flooring throughout! Close to I-91 and VT, and just minutes out of downtown Charlestown and 10 minutes from downtown Claremont! \$49,900 (MLS#4890144)



CHARLESTOWN—1830 Antique Cape ready for new owners in a rural setting abutting Putnam Farms. The front door brings you in to the entry way. You will see the large living room with stone fireplace, wide board pine floors with door out to screened-in porch, and the kitchen straight ahead with open stairway to the second floor. Some additions to the house have been a bedroom and bathroom on first floor, small addition to tiny kitchen, and the screened-in porch on the side. \$175,000 (MLS#4891835)



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UNITY—Nice level lot, open, ready for your home site. This lot is partially developed with a road into the property, a drilled well, septic system, and underground power. There was an old mobile home on the property but it has been removed. A must to see!! \$100,000 (MLS#4862071)



CLAREMONT— Historic old Schoolhouse recently used as a religious facility. Ideal for daycare use, clubs, churches. Two new bathrooms, applianced kitchen (including 2 stoves and refrigerator), 2 furnaces, function hall, office, and meeting room.\$125,000 (MLS#4831733)



LEMPSTER—Tucked away on a Class VI road is this rustic 7 room log Cape on 22 acres. From your porch you'll see an abundance of wildlife. There are a couple of outbuildings including a big barn. plus 2 ponds, power, septic, and a drilled well. This get-away was once used as a year 'round home. Being sold "asis". \$249,000 (MLS#4882156)



SPRINGFIELD, VT—4.5 beautiful, level, and subdividable acres on the Connecticut River with 550 feet of water frontage. Beautiful water views to the south and of Mount Ascutney to the north. The New Hampshire side is all flood plain and can never be built upon. Abundant fruit trees and berry bushes. State approved septic system plans in place and power is on site. Access to the 20' boat dock is already in place! \$247,900 (MLS#4828504)





CORNISH—Great location for these TWO houses nestled on 5+/- acres on both sides of Clark Camp Road. The main house is a Colonial style with 7+rooms and a large sunroom with updated electric panel and new water heater. Also, a 20x40 in-ground pool in the back yard and a Ranch house for extra rental income or for the in-laws! Across the way is a multi-bay garage for storage or vehicles. There are two 1000 gal septic tanks and 1 drilled well. Buildings all need updating and upgrading so be prepared to put some love and labor into these properties. \$250,000 (MLS#4883776)



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D-H Institutes More Restrictive Visitor Policies Due to Surging Levels of Community Transmission of COVID-19

LEBANON, NH – In the interest of continuing to protect the health and safety of patients and Dartmouth-Hitchcock (D-H) staff, and our communities, D-H has instituted a more restrictive visitor policy for its facilities. The revised visitor policy, which took effect on Wednesday, November 24, specifies that:

Adults in inpatient rooms, the Emergency Department, and in perioperative and procedural areas are allowed one (1) dedicated visitor OR caregiver per day. Visitors and caregivers cannot rotate throughout the day. This applies only to patients who have tested negative for COVID-19.

For adult outpatient appointments and procedures, D-H encourages those who are able to attend outpatient appointments without a visitor, however one visitor OR caregiver is allowed for outpatient appointments.

For patients in pediatric inpatient/outpatient/perioperiative/procedural areas and the Intensive Care Nursery, two (2) dedicated adult parents/guardians/support persons are allowed. This includes COVID-19 positive and COVID-19 negative patients. Visitors must check in and out

In the Birthing Pavilion, one dedicated adult support person during the entire stay. This includes COVID positive and COVID negative patients.

A "caregiver" is defined as a support person for a patient with a cognitive or physical disability. Caregivers may 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" are defined as friends, family or support persons who are not required to assist a patient due to cognitive or physical disability. Visitors may 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.

There are exceptions to the revised visitor policy, including:

Family meetings: D-H encourages the use of video or telephone visits for family meetings, but for those that are in person, two adults will be allowed to attend. All others can join via video or telephone.

End of life: Three (3) visitors at a time are permitted for patients receiving end of life care. Patients who are COVID-19 positive and receiving end of life care may have two (2) visitors at a time for 1 hour, for a total of four (4) visitors.

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Exceptions other than those listed above are only to be made by local leadership inpatient unit or clinic level. Providers cannot make exceptions to the visitor policy without approval from unit/clinic leadership.

The updated procedures can be found on the D-H website.

John Stark Hwy, Newport



Pleasant Street to Earn Its Stripes

By Eric Zengota e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH
—Last week's paving
of the stretch of
Pleasant Street that
has been torn up for
months happened
right on schedule.

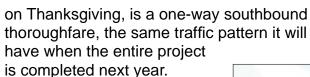
BUR construction

crews laid down the gravel on Tuesday. The next day, crews from R&D Paving, out of Franklin, poured the asphalt, smoothing it with rollers and treating the edges and curb lines with a plate contractor.

Since then, the paving has been curing, in preparation for today's painting project. Crews will paint in angled parking spaces on the east side, as well as curb lines that extend 6 feet into the current roadway. These mark where the future, widened sidewalks will be. And as city manager Ed Morris pointed out, they will also paint the lines of the several bumpouts, which will provide spaces for benches as well as "stages" for outdoor concerts and performances.

The street, which reopened to vehicular traffic







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Business News

D-H's Elizabeth A. Stedina **Welcomed Into National Healthcare Leadership Program**

LEBANON, NH – Dartmouth-Hitchcock (D-H) Data Analytics Vice President Elizabeth A. Stedina, MBA, MS, has been recognized as one of 22 women healthcare leaders welcomed into the Carol Emmott Fellowship Class of 2022.



Elizabeth A. Stedina

Established in 2016, The Carol Emmott Fellowship, a signature program of The Carol Emmott Foundation, brings attention to the underrepresentation of women in the highest levels of healthcare leadership. The fellowship is a 14-month program for women leaders who are committed to driving meaningful change and advocating for equity in all aspects of work and life.

"I'm very grateful to have been selected for the 2022 Fellowship Class and will proudly carry on our legacy of building up and supporting female healthcare leaders," said Stedina. Fellows are nominated by their sponsoring organizations. The competitive process includes the submission of an original impact project proposal designed to accelerate action toward equity in their institutions and communities.

"As our country continues to confront alarming injustices in all aspects of health, work and society, we need diverse women executives who will lead the healthcare industry," said Anne McCune, CEO of the Carol Emmott Foundation. "We are a national movement of women and allies who are doing just that."

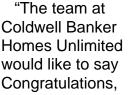
Previous fellows from D-H include: Chief Pharmacy Officer Staci A. Hermann, PharmD, MS, 2021; Financial Planning Vice President Wendy E. Fielding, MBA, 2019; Regional and System Integration Vice President Mary M. Oseid, MHCDS, 2019; Southern Region/ Community Group Practice Chief Medical Officer Maria D. Padin, MD, 2018; and Pharmacy Senior Director Marva E. Williams-Lowe, 2017.

CBHU's Miles Reaches \$4M in Sales

CLAREMONT, NH—Coldwell Banker Homes Unlimited has announced that Bonnie Miles has reached 4 million dollars in sales.

"Bonnie is a dedicated agent whose hard work shows in her continuous ability to bring in

sales," said the CBHU office. "She goes above and beyond for all her sellers and buyers alike. She is a pleasure to work with.





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Bonnie Miles

Bonnie, and thank you for all your hard work and determination."

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What to Know About Early IRA Withdrawals

While you're working, you may be contributing to an individual retirement account (IRA), which can provide a tax-advantaged way to save for your future. So, is it ever a good idea to tap into your IRA before you retire?

Ideally, you should leave this account intact until your retirement. After all, you could spend two or more decades in retirement, so you'll need a lot of financial resources. Still, life is unpredictable, so there may be times you'll consider taking money from your IRA. You'll need to be aware, though, that if you withdraw funds before you turn 59½, you will generally trigger a 10% penalty. Plus, you'll be taxed on whatever you take out, thereby losing, at least in part, the benefits of tax-deferred earnings offered by a traditional IRA. (With a Roth IRA, you can withdraw your contributions free of taxes and penalties, but the earnings may be taxed and penalized if you take them out before you're 59½.)

If you need to withdraw funds from your IRA before you're 59½, you may be able to avoid the 10% early withdrawal penalty if you meet an exception, such as one of these:

- Paying for college You are allowed to take penalty-free withdrawals to pay for tuition and other qualified higher education expenses for you, your spouse, children or grandchildren. However, since the withdrawals may be considered taxable income, they could reduce the student's eligibility for financial aid.
- Buying a first home You and your spouse can each withdraw up to \$10,000 from your respective IRAs to buy your first home. To qualify as a first-time homebuyer, you (and your spouse) need to have not owned a home for the two years preceding your home purchase.
- Having a child Following the birth or adoption of a child, you and your coparent can each withdraw up to \$5,000 from your respective IRA without paying the 10% penalty.
- Covering medical expenses You may be able to avoid the early withdrawal penalty if you use the money to pay for unreimbursed medical expenses (for you, your spouse or dependents) that exceed 7.5% of your adjusted gross income. You may also qualify to take a withdrawal without penalty to pay for health insurance premiums if you are unemployed. In the case of a disability, the 10% early withdrawal penalty also may not apply.

These aren't the only exceptions to the 10% withdrawal penalty, but they do cover many of the common reasons that people may consider an early withdrawal from their IRAs. And if you do need to take an early withdrawal, consult with your tax advisor to determine your eligibility for avoiding the 10% penalty.

Keep in mind, though, that you do have ways to potentially reduce the necessity of withdrawing from your IRA early. One proven technique is to build an emergency fund containing at least three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account. You might also consider opening a line of credit. A financial professional can help you explore other options, as well.

Ultimately, if you can leave your IRA intact until you retire, you'll be helping yourself greatly. But if you do need to tap into your account early, at least be familiar with the possible drawbacks – and how you might avoid them.

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the past century, colleges have been the social elevator to a comfortable life.

But all is not lost. We in the Claremont region are extremely fortunate. We have Career and Technical Education (CTE) centers that offer lucrative trades programs to high school students. The Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Centers in Claremont and Newport offer a combined 15 programs. Any student who attends either Stevens, Newport or Sunapee high school has access. The best

part is that there is no tuition! It's included in the high school curriculum.

Region 10, which includes those three high

schools, held a meeting on November 10 at Newport High School Tech Center, Both SRVRTC Directors, Jennifer Opalinski and I, shared information on the Tech Centers' successes, struggles and future. In a perfect world, transportation for students between Claremont and Newport wouldn't be a problem. The same with students' daily high school schedules, which differ between the two school districts. However, our class enrollment numbers are growing, despite a pandemic and many more students are completing our programs.

At the meeting, we also discussed the current agreement

between all three school districts, which is set to expire in 2024. The agreement identifies certain items for mutual benefit, such as transportation, process for program termination and staffing needs. The school districts will need to examine and decide if that agreement is beneficial to all parties and is fiscally fair.

CTE doesn't replace academic learning; it complements traditional education by supporting students to develop practical job skills. Courses are focused on applied learning, which means students spend some time in the classroom, then go into the labs to apply what they learned. In addition, students can earn industry-recognized credentials such as the

OSHA 10-hour Certification for our trades programs. They also learn the need for soft skills in the workplace. At the Tech Centers, we operate as though we are a place of employment. The expectation is that students show up on time, are dressed appropriately for work and are ready to get to work when they arrive.

The SRVRTC Centers are an excellent opportunity to give high school students an edge in the workforce job market upon graduation. We also have students who want to go to college. Those

students can enter the workforce, earn a good living and attend college outside of work. In many cases, employers will pay an employee's



tuition. Imagine the ability to earn a college degree without the burden of student loans.

We have valuable assets here in the Upper Valley. Not to have a Tech Center would be a tremendous disadvantage to our communities.

Newport SRVRTC is moving forward with a much-needed building renovation. The Claremont SRVRTC is looking to add programs that can benefit our students and the community. Some of those new programs are electrician, criminal justice, teacher education, entrepreneurship, and cyber security. New Hampshire has a high workforce need for these fields — and the need is even higher in our State's rural areas.

High school graduates who attended either SRVRTC Center often share with me their success stories. If it wasn't for the opportunity to take tech classes, they would have dropped out of high school. Today, many are working in the trades because they got their start at SRVRTC. If that is you, the Tech Center wants to hear your story. Go to srvrtc.org and tell us what you are doing and how attending the Tech Center helped you.

The Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center is here to help support our communities and regional businesses by providing a trained and educated workforce. You can help us out by talking to young people about the opportunities of working in the trades and encouraging them to look to us for skills-based training that can serve them in a specific career or in life in general.

(Courtesy photos)







Oh. My. Gourd.

Eric Zengota

OUR TURN Turning Points Network

Trauma and The Importance of Trauma-Informed Advocacy

People often hear the word "trauma," but do we know what it looks like? How do we respond in a sensitive and informed way to someone experiencing trauma? What one person may consider traumatic may not be to another, and reactions vary dramatically. While someone may cry, others may laugh. Some may yell, while others may not show any reaction, at all. These factors sometimes make it difficult to recognize, let alone know the "correct" response.

Trauma typically results from threats of or an encounter with some form of violence. These two situations apply to domestic violence survivors' experiences. While individual responses to traumatic life events can vary dramatically, there are some common reactions. For example, a distressing event might interfere with a person's ability to cope and find balance in their life. A person's sense of well-being may be disrupted, resulting in feelings of powerlessness and confusion. They may feel a sense of loss of control and disconnected from others. While trauma can result in temporary effects on a victim-survivor's life, some impacts are more longstanding. It may produce profound changes in a person's emotions, cognition, physiology, and memory. Traumatic reactions are normal responses to perceived frightening situations. According to Judith Herman, "While the victim of a single act of trauma may feel after the event that she is 'not herself,' the victim of chronic trauma may feel herself to be changed irrevocably, or she may lose the sense that she has any self at all." And this is true regardless of gender.

But the good news is that we are understanding more about the impacts of trauma and are finding new ways to respond. Often when people think of domestic violence, they think of the need for physical safety. Traumainformed care can be thought of as a more holistic approach that incorporates emotional safety planning. It involves having a basic understanding of trauma and how it impacts survivors, understanding their triggers and unique vulnerabilities. By carefully listening in a respectful, non-judgmental way to what survivors share about their experiences of trauma, we can better understand what helps to support

individual safety, healing, and well-being. It changes the conversation from "What's wrong with you?" to "What happened to you?" Trauma-informed services seeks to avoid re-traumatizing the individual through our actions and words. This may include talking with those considering entering shelter about the stresses of communal living and potential sources of retraumatization that may arise, discussing coping skills, and working to identify individual strengths and sources of support when stress levels rise. Any agency, regardless of the services they provide, can become trauma-informed. Turning Points Network is here to support victim-survivors, their loved ones, and concerned community members in trauma-informed ways.

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.

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Driver Arrested Following Fatal Wrong-Way Crash on I-91

WINDSOR, VT—On Nov. 23 at approximately 1636 hours, Vermont State Police Dispatch was notified of a vehicle driving erratically on Interstate 91 south near mile marker 51. A short time later it was discovered that the vehicle turned around and began driving north in the southbound lane. In the area of mile marker 56 (Windsor, VT) the vehicle collided with vehicle #2 and then vehicle #3. The third vehicle sustained heavy front end damage and the operator of that car was confirmed to be deceased on scene. That person was later identified by law enforcement as Kathleen L. Spence, 59, of Rockingham, VT. The driver of the other car hit received minor injuries.

The operator of vehicle #1 was identified by VTSP as Sarah Love, 34, of Waitsfield, VT. An investigation revealed she was allegedly impaired by alcohol. She was arrested for suspicion of DUI and was transported to MT. Ascutney Hospital for a medical evaluation. The early stages of the investigation indicate Love allegedly committed the crimes of gross negligent operation with death resulting and DUI with death resulting.

Anyone who witnessed this crash is asked to contact Trooper Austin Soule or Trooper Eric Acevedo of the Westminster Barracks at 802-722-4600.

Vermont State Police were assisted by Windsor Fire and Rescue, Ascutney Fire Department, Windsor Police Department, J&M Auto, Vermont Agency of Transportation, and the Medical Examiner's Office.

Public Notice

Claremont School Board Regular Meeting December 1, 2021 at 6:30pm Location Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center

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

The meeting will also be available on CCTV Channel 8 and online using one of these links. You can watch channel 8 at anytime LIVE here:

https://reflect-claremont.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/watch/1?channel=1
Or channel 10 here:

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

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

Sports/Recreation

Football Earns 17 All-Ivy Honors; Teevens Named Coach of the Year

<u>Dartmouth led the league in total</u> <u>number of honors</u>

HANOVER, NH—The Ivy League announced its all-conference football teams as selected by the league's coaches Tuesday, and 19th-ranked Dartmouth had five players named to the first team and a total of 17 All-Ivy League honors, most in the Ancient Eight. The conference also unveiled the Rookie of the Year and Coach of the Year awards with Buddy Teevens, the Robert L. Blackman Head Football Coach at Dartmouth, earning the latter honor for the second straight season, becoming the second coach to receive the honor twice since its inception in 2014.

The league also announced its Academic Alllvy Team, which featured Big Green senior place kicker Connor Davis.

Picked to finish third in the preseason polls with just four starters returning on offense and defense combined, the Big Green were guided by Teevens to their second consecutive and league-record 20th Ivy title with a 6-1 record in conference play and 9-1 overall mark. One of 17 finalists for the Eddie Robinson Award given to the top FCS coach in the nation, Teevens won his fifth conference crown in 21 seasons at the helm. Over the past six campaigns, Dartmouth has posted a 9-1 record four times while earning three Ivy League crowns, and its 56 wins over the last seven years are six more than any other team in the circuit.

Three of the five players chosen for the first team came from the offensive side of the ball — quarterback Nick Howard, and offensive linemen Jake Guidone and Evan Hecimovich. The other two selections were linebacker Jalen Mackie (a finalist for the Stats Perform FCS Buck Buchanan Award as the nation' top defensive player) and cornerback Isaiah Johnson.

A 6-2, 230-pound junior from Green Bay, Wisconsin, Howard was named to the team as

a running back after serving as primarily a wildcat quarterback for Dartmouth this fall. He led the Ivy League in rushing yards per carry (6.3, 16th in the FCS), scoring (90 points, 10th in the FCS) and rushing touchdowns (15, fifth in the FCS), the last of which tied a 92-year-old program record. His 787 rushing yards

ranked third overall in the Ancient Eight, and he also completed 11 of his 18 passes for 126 yards and a touchdown, a 31-yard strike which was crucial to the 20-17 road victory at Harvard.



Guidone, a 6-3, 300-pound left guard

from East Walpole, Massachusetts, and Hecimovich, a 6-2, 275-pound center from Lisle, Illinois, each received their second All-Ivy honor (Hecimovich second team and Guidone honorable mention in 2019) after anchoring the offensive line as fifth-year seniors. The duo started every game and were instrumental in making the Big Green offense one of the most balanced and potent in the league with a conference-best 193.7 yards per game on the ground and 212.3 more through the air. And while no team in the circuit ran fewer plays on offense, Dartmouth was second in the league in total yards (4,060) to average nearly a yard more per play than anyone in the Ancient Eight.

As good as the offense was, the defense was even better, leading the conference in both scoring defense (14.7 points per game) and total defense (271.0 yards per game). The 6-1, 240-pound senior Mackie from Miramar, Florida, spearheaded the unit by leading the league in tackles per game (9.6) with 86 stops in nine contests. He also had the most tackles for the Big Green in seven contests, including a career-high 13 against Columbia and again in the 31-7 victory over Princeton that pulled Dartmouth into a first-place tie with the Tigers. The two-time Ivy League Defensive Player of the Week added 8.0 tackles for a loss, 1.0 sacks, an interception that he returned 28

yards, two pass breakups and three quarterback hurries.

Johnson, a lockdown senior cornerback at 6-3 and 205 pounds, got the attention of NFL scouts this fall with his combination of length, speed and instincts on the field. The native of Beverly Hills, Michigan, finished the year with 55 tackles, 2.5 for a loss, a team-high six pass breakups and game-clinching, 73-yard interception return in the win over Princeton. And during the critical 20-17 win at Harvard, four of his 11 tackles came on rushes and five more on passes of no more than five yards, helping to hold the Crimson to a season-low 223 yards of offense.

The seven second-team selections featured three from the offense — quarterback Derek Kyler, lineman John Paul Flores and tight end J.J. Jones III — and four from the defense — linemen Shane Cokes and Seth Walter, linebacker Marques White and defensive back Niko Mermigas.

Five Big Green players also earned honorable mention: senior offensive lineman Calvin Atkeson who missed just one game at his right guard position as part of the formidable front for the offense; sophomore wide receiver Paxton Scott who led Dartmouth with 46 catches, 505 receiving yards and four touchdowns in his first year of college ball; senior tight end Robbie Mangas who caught eight passes for 112 yards and a touchdown; the Academic All-Ivy selection Davis who in seven games was 7-of-9 on field goals with a career-long of 51 yards and converted all 30 of his PATs, extending his Big Green record to 70 consecutive makes; and junior return specialist Jamal Cooney who led the Ivy League with 208 punt return yards and was fifth nationally in punt return average (13.9 yards per return).

The Rookie of the Year went to Columbia sophomore quarterback Joe Green, who was fourth in the league in passing yards with 1,598 and fifth with 10 touchdown tosses. The offensive and defensive finalists for the Bushnell Cup, the Ivy League's Player of the Year awards, will be announced on Tuesday, Nov. 30, with the winners being unveiled on the ninth floor at the New York Athletic Club on Central Park West with the National Football Foundation co-hosting the event on Dec. 13.

Inspiration

The Time Is Now!

By Priscilla Hull

Sunday was a special day for some! It was the first Sunday of the season of Advent. While others prepare for Santa as the focus of the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas, some of us have another focus. It is the focus of a birth. It is looking forward to the birth of a baby who made a huge difference in the world. It is said by many that he changed the course of the world. Many say that he is a myth, not real, and that the Bible stories that we read are the basis for his being. That is partly true. The New Testament of the Bible is focused on the things this man did and said.

Although the majority of the writing is in the Bible, there are many books written in the early centuries about the man from Galilee who brought radical changes to the world. He is called by various names, but always "Jesus" or "Jesu" or some derivative of that is used often with "Christ" or "Christus" or "Chrusti" as a part of the name. Some of these non-biblical writers were atheistic or pagan or agnostic.

So why do we celebrate in such a different way? What is the purpose of Christmas?

Advent happens after Thanksgiving. It is the four Sundays before Christmas. It doesn't correspond with the Advent Calendar which corresponds with the 24 days of December preceding Christmas Day. In the church, we use these four weeks as preparation for the day of Christmas, the birth of the baby Jesus. With our Christmas celebration comes the Baby who was born to change the world. The shepherds, lowly, mistrusted, unaccepted by society, were the first to be told, by angels, no less, that the baby was born. Of all places, he was born in a stable, and put to bed in a manger! It all is strange and unbelievable to us. It is understandable that many find the whole story difficult to follow.

The theme of the First Sunday of Advent is HOPE. Since many in the Christian church call Jesus the Hope of the World, it is a fitting theme because the Hope of the Season is that there will be a better world coming. Each year that we celebrate Christmas as a religious holiday, we Hope for a world of peace where we will be able to live comfortably with all people in our neighborhood and around the world.

"For we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him." Matthew 2:2

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



Calendar Of Events

Live Outdoor Christmas Concert

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

American Legion Oratorical Competition and Scholarships

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

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

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

Competition begins at the post level where winners advance to a district level, then a state

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

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

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

Senior Center Wild Game Supper Announced; Deer, Bear Meat Donations Sought

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Senior Center is having a wild game supper February 19, 2022, to help pay for our additional Covid expenses. We would appreciate donations of deer and bear meat. Last year's harvest is fine if you are making space in your freezer. Please contact Lloyd Mann at 603-542-5774 to arrange donations.

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

Library Arts Center Gallery

Gallery Hours: Tues.-Fri. 11:00 am - 4:00 pm Sat. 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Admission: Free

Library Arts Center Gallery

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

more. The show is open for in-person shopping in the gallery with health safeguards in place.

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

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

COH 2021 Offerings

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

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

For more information about the COH,

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please contact Andrew Pinard ajp@cohnh.org. Tickets and season information are available online at www.cohnh.org.

Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo

The Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo is back. Doors open at 4pm and games start at 6pm. Bingo every Thursday except on Thanksgiving day. Six people to a table, hand sanitizer every table, if sick stay home, or have or exposed to COVID. Drinks, snacks and sandwiches for sale. Reservations are required due to limited seats—first 84 people that call. If you can't make it for any reason, call to cancel so someone else can go. Call 603-543-7118. 183 Plains Road in Claremont

Open to anyone 18 and older.

Sunday Bingo: Doors open at 11am and games start at 1pm. Bingo every Sunday, big money Bingo, pays out \$100 a game and \$500 for coverall. 2-50/50 games pay out half of take. Only \$25 a person to play up to 30 cards. Lots of raffles and drinks, snacks and sandwiches for sale. Reservations required due to limited seats—first 84 people that call 603-543-7118. If sick or exposed to COVID, please stay home. Six people per table and hand sanitizer on every table. If you can't make it, call to cancel so someone else can go. 183 Plains Road in Claremont Open to anyone 18 and older.

Lake Sunapee VNA Offers Three Grief Support Groups

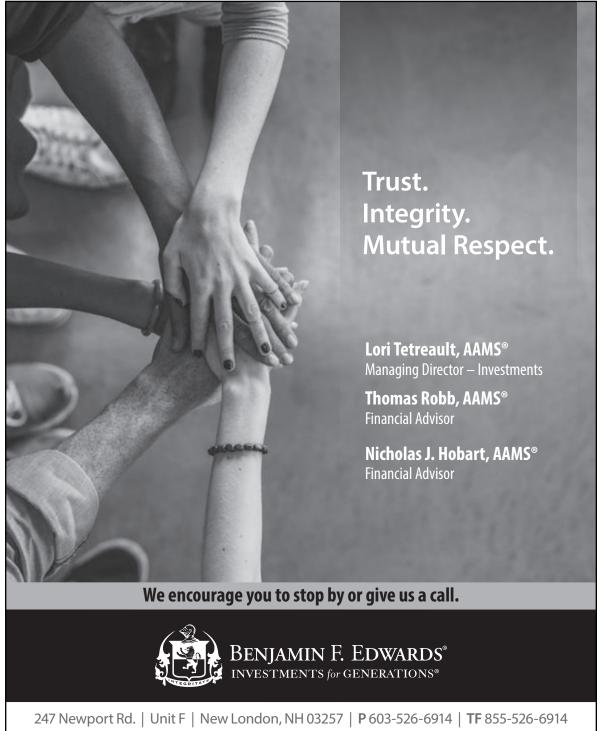
NEW LONDON, NH – Lake Sunapee VNA offers three virtual grief support groups for the community. The "Newly Bereaved Widows Group" is for women who have experienced the loss of their husband within the last year and is held on the third Thursday of every month from 10:00-11:00am. The "Widow to Widow Group"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

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

Charlestown VFW Bingo Schedule

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown VFW Bingo is offering a weekly opportunity for some entertainment and socializing while





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

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

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

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

Holiday Concert: 'Tidings of Joy'

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

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

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

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

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

If you have questions or need further information, please contact <u>info@centerfortheaartsnh.org</u>.

Claremont Senior Center News

Hi, everyone. I hope that everyone have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Did you get to visit with friends and family? The days are colder, it gets dark much earlier and snow has arrived. We are open every Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. We are also open Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6pm to 9 pm. As many of us do not like having to drive in the dark, a new game afternoon has started on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 pm to 3 pm.

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

Foot Clinic – You MUST call 603-748-1731 to make an appointment with them. The fee is \$25.

We are still holding our drive-thru meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tuesday Nov 30 – salad, American chop suey, garlic bread, dessert. Thursday Dec 2 – soup, Tourtiere (pork pie), vegetable, cake. Must call 603-543-5998 by 10:30 to reserve your meal. Member price \$4 and non-member \$5. Drive-thru pickup is from 11:45 am to 12:15 pm. Meals are always subject to change.

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

We are making plans to hold a Wild Game Supper on February 19, 2022. We would appreciate donations of deer and bear meat. Last year's harvest is fine if you are making space in your freezer. Please contact Lloyd Mann at 603-542-5774 to arrange donations.

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

"Happiness is found in doing, not merely in possessing". Napoleon Hill

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Height Road, Claremont, NH, Phone: 603-543-5998.

Brownsville 2021 Holiday Happenings at Brownsville Community Church & West Windsor Town Hall

Kick off your holiday season in Brownsville at one or all of the happenings taking place on December 4th & 19th!

This December, various committees of the Brownsville Community Church will host three festive & traditional Christmas events. They include the Christmas Bazaar with Luncheon, a Concert of Christmas Music & Carols, and a Live Nativity & Christmas Pageant. Also, the Beautification Committee volunteers will treat us all to the annual Tree Lighting event.

Saturday, December 4th

9:00 – 2:00 Brownsville Christmas Bazaar at Town Hall

(11:00 – 1:00 Luncheon at the Bazaar) 4:00 7th Annual Community Tree Lighting at Town Hall

5:30 Concert of Christmas Music & Carols at Brownsville Community Church

Sunday, December 19th

4:30 - 6:00

Live Nativity, Christmas Pageant & Carols Contact the Brownsville Community Church at bcchurchvt@gmail.com for more information on the concert of Christmas Music and Carols and the Live Nativity.

Admission is free for all the events on December 4th & 19th. A free-will offering will be accepted at the church to help offset costs and COVID guidelines in place at the time will be adhered to. Thank you to the volunteers at Brownsville Community Church and volunteers in our community for making possible these Christmas events for all to enjoy.

The Brownsville Community Church is located on the Brownsville-Hartland Road, between Albert Bridge School and the West Windsor Town Hall.

The Church phone number is 802-484-5944, the email address is bcchurchyt@gmail.com.

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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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Kathryn M. Chartier, 57

Kathryn Marie (Montefusco) Chartier, 57, of Newport, NH, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, November 25th, 2021, surrounded by family after a brave battle with cancer. Kathy was born in New York and grew up in Claremont, NH, where she graduated from Stevens High School in the class of 1983. She has resided in Newport, NH, with her family since 2004.

Kathy enjoyed spending time outdoors. She worked at Pillsbury State Park as a Park Ranger, where she met an incredibly special friend, Tracy Kimball. She enjoyed bowling as a part of her bowling team "Sunday Night Break Away." A homebody at heart, Kathy loved spending time at home watching her cooking and game shows, being with her dog Buster, and spending her favorite holiday, Christmas, with family and friends.

Her greatest happiness in life was her family. Kathy adored her two beautiful daughters, Jacki and Rachel. She loved to spend time with her sister, Kara and spoil her four grandchildren. She cherished the thirty-seven and a half years she spent married to the love of her life, Donnie. She was loved deeply and will truly be missed by all who had the pleasure of meeting her.

Kathy was predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Phyills Montefusco.

She is survived by her husband, Donald S. Chartier; two daughters, Jacquelyn (Chartier) Dashnaw and husband, Mike, and Rachel Chartier; one brother, Frank Montefusco and his wife, Lorena; one sister, Kara Santti and husband, Norman; four grandchildren, Silas, Jasmine, Mia, and Cole Dashnaw; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the VNH visiting nurse and hospice.

Visiting hours will be held at the Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad Street in Claremont on Wednesday, December 1st, from 5 to 6PM. A prayer service will follow at 6PM.

Nancy L. Norris, 70

Nancy L. Norris, 70 of Claremont, NH, died Thursday (November 18, 2021) surrounded by her family, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH, following a sudden illness.

She was born in Claremont, NH, on March 21, 1951, the daughter of Alfred J. and Katherine (Manney) Marcotte and had been a life area resident. Nancy had worked in the banking industry and had also been employed as a receptionist at NH Employment Security in Claremont, NH. She enjoyed crafting, quilting and going on Caribbean cruises as well as dining out with family and enjoying her favorite, fried seafood.

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Members of her family include her husband, Thomas Norris, Claremont, NH; a son, Sean Pevine, Lancaster, NH; a stepdaughter, Tina Sabo and her husband, David, Long Island, NY; two grandchildren, Ava Tucciarone and Drezden Tucciarone; mother in-law Betty Norris, Kingsland, GA; a brother, Ronnie Marcotte and his wife, Debora, Palm Springs, CA; two sisters, Lori Leblanc and her husband, Kevin, Claremont, NH; Debbie Venditti and her husband, Jack, Waltham, MA; and nieces and nephews. Her sister in-law Connie Nicholas, her husband David, Hilliard, FL; niece Amber Bovinette, husband John and great niece Eliana Callahan, FL; a niece, Ashley Marcotte,



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And so does Dr. Sam. See for yourself.

(603) 543-2020 9 Dunning St, Claremont (we're right there by the hospital)



Henderson, NV; two nephews, Justin Martin, Charlestown, NH; and Jayson Martin Somersworth, NH.

Graveside services will be held at 12:00 pm on Saturday (December 4) in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Roy Funeral Home, 93 Sullivan Street, Claremont, NH, from 10:00 am until the procession leaves for the cemetery on Saturday (December 4).

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

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Roy Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

Sally J. Michaud, 70

Sally J. Michaud, 70, of Unity, NH, died Thursday, November 18, 2021, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH.

She was born on January 15, 1951, in Hanover NH, daughter of Elon and Theo (Lurvey) Macwilliams. She grew up in Newport, NH, and had been a lifelong resident of the area. Sally was employed at Townline Equipment in Plainfield, NH. She enjoyed playing cards, games, shopping and attending craft fairs. The thing that brought her the most joy was spending time with friends and family.

Members of her family include her husband Raymond D. Michaud of Unity, NH; son Brandon Michaud of Claremont, daughter Wendy Michaud of Manchester, NH; and granddaughter Kaylynn Michaud. She is also survived by sister Roberta Stormann, Plainfield NH, brother-in-law Wayne Michaud and sister-in-law Cynthia Ouelette.

She was predeceased by her parents, a brother, Richard Lord, and sister, Debra Nelson.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, November 28, at Roy Funeral Home, 93 Sullivan Street Claremont NH. Committal followed at Union Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family recommends that a memorial contribution be made to ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis TN 38105.

You are invited to share a memory of Sally with the family or leave a message condolence on the family guest book at www.royfuneral-home.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Roy Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>December 8, 2021</u>, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

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

AGENDA

- 6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL
- 6:34 PM 3. AGENDA CHANGES
- 6:35 PM 4. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
 Minutes of November 4 and 10, 2021, City Council Meeting(s)
- 6:37 PM 5. MAYOR'S NOTES
 - A. Recognize Deb Mozden
 - B. Recognize Outgoing Mayor Lovett, Assistant Mayor Damren, and Councilor Demars
- 6:52 PM 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
- 7:00 PM 7. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
- 7:10 PM 8. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))
 - 9. OLD BUSINESS
- 7:20 PM A. Legislative Update
- 7:35 PM B. Claremont Country Club Discretionary Easement Public Hearing
- 7:45 PM C. Opioid Lawsuit Settlement

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10. NEW BUSINESS

- 8:10 PM A. Shugah Valley Snow Riders Annual Permission (City Manager)
- 8:20 PM B. Pleasant Street Easements (City Manager)
- 8:30 PM C. Resolution 2022-13, 111 & 119 Main Street Demolition Funding Public Hearing (City Manager)
- 8:45 PM D. Tax Collector Warrant 24 Schmitt Street (City Manager)
- 8:55 PM E. Good Governance Class Discussion (City Manager)
- 9:00 PM F. Police Retention Bonus Discussion (City Manager)
- 9:10 PM G. COVID-19 Discussion (Councilor Contois)
- 9:20 PM 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Community Power Update
- 9:25 PM 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 9:30 PM 13. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 9:35 PM 14. ADJOURNMENT

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

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

11/21

1638 E1 responded to Washington St for a dryer fire

2135 E4 responded to Canterbury Way for an alarm sounding

11/22

1811 E3 responded to Washington St for a motor vehicle accident

2044 E4 responded to North St for a medical call

11/23

1125 E4 responded to Washington St for a medical call

1121 E4 responded to Washington St for a medical call

1254 E4 responded to Pleasant St for a medical call

11/24

746 L2, E4 responded to Hanover St for a box alarm

755 E4 responded to Hanover St for a motor vehicle accident

1341 E4 responded to Plains Rd for a grass fire

11/25

1408 E4 responded to Ferry Landing for a kitchen fire

1938 E4 responded to Upham PI for a medical call

11/26

0058 E4 responded to Broad St for a medical call

2055 E3 responded to Hanover St for a motor vehicle accident

2149 E4 responded to Pleasant St for a water problem

11/27

0424 E4 responded to Maple Ave for a medical call

1030 E4 responded to Broad St for an odor investigation

2nd Annual Teen Writers Competition

The Center for the Arts-Lake Sunapee Region is pleased to announce the second Annu-

al Teen Writers Competition. Winners of the competitions in each genre will receive prizes from local business, publication in the Teen Writers Journal and a spot in the next session of the Teen Writers Workshop. Entries will be judged by local author and Colby Sawyer professor, Megan Baxter; she will lead the workshop that follows the competition.

For complete information, rules, requirements and prize packages, please go to the CFA website: https://centerfortheartsnh.org/students.

For questions, please contact submissions@cfanh.org. Deadline for submission is January 15, 2022.



No insurance or appointment necessary. Boosters and vaccines available for ages 5 and up.

Thursday, December 2 4PM to 8PM

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