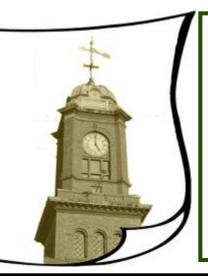


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On Monday afternoon, Oct. 23, members of the Claremont Middle School Builders Club (the Middle School equivalent of the Kiwanis-sponsored Key Club at Stevens High School), assisted Arrowhead volunteers to clean and blow up the tubes for the winter season. This is the second year they have assisted at Arrowhead with the tubes as well as doing other jobs at the Recreation Area. (Bill Binder photos).



Sullivan County Grand Jury Indictments Released

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll e-Ticker News

NEWPORT, NH--The Sullivan County Grand Jury released the following indictments on Oct. 25:

Andrew Ballantine, 46, Grantham, NH, indicted for Falsifying Physical Evidence, June 25, 2017; Criminal Threatening Deadly Weapon, Firearm, June 25, 2017; Reckless Conduct Deadly Weapon, June 25, 2017.

Joshua Matheson, 35, County Farm Rd., Unity, NH, indicted for Delivery/Possession of Articles Prohibited-Unlawful, Oct. 11, 2017; Bail jumping, Sept. 5, 2017.

Jennifer Rogers, 35, Newport, NH, indicted for Reckless Conduct-Deadly Weapon (vehicle), Oct. 5, 2017; Criminal Mischief, Oct. 5, 2017.

Tara Burdell, 19, Claremont, NH, indicted for Reckless Conduct-Deadly Weapon (vehicle), Oct. 10, 2017; Criminal Mischief, Oct. 10, 2017.

Michael Rogers, 45, Newport, NH, indicted for Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated Subsequent Offense, on or about Sept. 9-10, 2017; Reckless Conduct Deadly Weapon (vehicle), on or about Sept. 9-10, 2017; Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated Passenger Under 16, on or about Sept. 9-10, 2017.

Christopher Benoit, 31, Manchester, NH, indicted for Burglary, Sept. 25, 2017.

Nathan Tedford, 26, Claremont, NH, indicted for 2nd Degree Assault, Sept. 6, 2016.

Brittany McGraw, 34, Goshen, NH, indicted for Conspiracy-Sale of Crack Cocaine, Subsequent, between July 1, 2017, and Oct. 1, 2017.

Frank Magistro, 41, County Farm Rd., Unity, NH, indicted for Sale of Crack Cocaine, Subsequent, Sept. 5, 2017; Sale of Crack Co-

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caine, Subsequent, Sept. 8, 2017; Sale of Crack Cocaine, Subsequent, Sept. 22, 2017; Sale of Crack Cocaine, Subsequent, Sept. 12, 2017; Sale of Crack Cocaine, Subsequent, Sept. 15, 2017; Sale of Crack Cocaine, Subsequent Sept. 19, 2017; Conspiracy-Sale of Crack Cocaine, Subsequent, Sept. 8, 2017; Conspiracy-Sale of Crack Cocaine, Subsequent, Sept. 5, 2017; Conspiracy-Sale of Crack Cocaine, Subsequent, between Aug. 15, 2017, and Oct. 1, 2017; Conspiracy-Sale of Crack Cocaine, Subsequent, Sept. 22, 2017.

Crystal Porter, 37, County Farm Rd., Unity, NH, indicted for Conspiracy-Sale of Crack Cocaine, Subsequent, between July 1, 2017, and Oct. 1, 2017; Conspiracy-Sale of Crack Cocaine, Subsequent, between Aug. 15, 2017, and Oct. 1, 2017.

Louis Embair,40, Claremont, NH, indicted for Operating After Being Declared an Habitual Offender, Sept. 23, 2017.

Jesse LaFlam, 45, Springfield, VT, indicted for Possession of Heroin (Subsequent Offense), Aug. 25, 2017.

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Robert Tibbits aka Bobby J. Tibbits, 47, Enfield, NH, indicted for Operating After Being Declared an Habitual Offender, Oct. 13, 2017.

Kerri Butler aka Kerri Tarr, 33, Goshen, NH, indicted for Possession of Controlled Drug/ Intent to Sell/one ounce or less/Subsequent (Methamphetamine) - Special Felony Offense, April 26, 2017; Possession of Controlled Drug/ Subsequent (Fentanyl) - Special Class A Felony, April 26, 2017.

Nader Joseph, 42, Lebanon, NH, indicted for Public Welfare - Prohibited Act - Class A Felony, between or about July 6, 2015, and Aug. 31, 2016, Public Welfare - Prohibited Act -Class A Felony between or about Sept. 16, 2016, and Jan. 31, 2017.

Peter Tadros, 34, indicted for Public Welfare - Prohibited Act - Class B Felony, between or about Dec. 1, 2011, and June 30, 2012; Public Welfare - Prohibited Act - Class B Felony, between or about July 1, 2012, and May 6, 2013; Public Welfare - Prohibited Act - Class A Felony, between or about May 7, 2013, and May 31, 2014.

Amanda Bernier, 30, Claremont, NH, indicted for Possession of Controlled Drug, Oct. 11, 2017.

Benjamin J. Gramling, 28, Cavendish, VT, indicted for Possession of Controlled Drug, June 29, 2017; Bail jumping, Aug. 14, 2017.

Heather Lord, 34, Claremont, NH, indicted for Bail jumping, Oct. 24, 2017; Operation after certification as a habitual offender, Aug. 10, 2017; Possession of Controlled Drug, Aug. 10, 2017.

Shane D. Davis, Claremont, NH, 29, indicted for Operation after certification as a habitual offender, Oct. 5, 2017.

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NH PowerBall 27 35 38 57 66 10 2

Mega Millions 10/27/2017 17 27 41 51 52 13 5

Megabucks
3 4 15 22 40 4

Hot Lotto
13 23 31 35 46 19

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NH Sends 17 Tractor Trailers' Worth of Goods to Puerto Rico

CONCORD, NH – Tuesday, Governor Chris Sununu officially sent-off the generous donations given during New Hampshire's October 3-4 Puerto Rico Aid Drive. Working together with state and local partners, New Hampshire donated 282,000 bottles of water, 350,000 lbs. of food, and 68 pallets of hygienic products for those in need in Puerto Rico. Seventeen tractor trailers were filled with New Hampshire's collected goods, and were to make their way down south to help meet the need of those impacted by the hurricanes in Puerto Rico. During the drive, 198 state employees and 109 AmeriCorps members provided 1,566 hours of service.

Since the conclusion of the October 3-4 drive, New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management staff, along with state partners have provided more than 700 hours of service sorting, repackaging, and preparing donations for FEMA. The donations will be trucked to New Jersey, where they will then be loaded onto a barge and shipped down to Puerto Rico, for arrival on November 2.

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As a business owner, Amanda McAllister sees opportunity. "I found a commercial property with a residential apartment. I knew the apartment rent would help my business plan. However, the business concept stalled and I had to go to Plan B, quickly," stated Amanda. Resilient, Amanda saw an opportunity to build out a second apartment. And she needed additional financing.

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

A Busy Few Days

Earlier this month a period of six consecutive days seemed like the busiest period for legislative activity since I entered New Hampshire's House of Representatives, even though the full House is not regularly meeting now.



My busy six days of legislative activity began on Saturday, Oct. 21, in Claremont. That morning I met with a constituent concerned about the difficulty he and other Sullivan County citizens have recently encountered with the New Hampshire DMV (Dept. of Motor Vehicles). These citizens have successfully completed courses to get their CDLs (Commercial Driver Licenses) so as to legally drive tractor-trailer trucks from a nearby Vermont driver training school. But they are claiming the DMV refuses to recognize the course certificates allowing them to drive tractor-trailers in Vermont, and other states, except New Hampshire. The constituent added that because of the refusal the only way for citizens like him would be to take CDL courses at several New Hampshire training schools located in the southeastern part of the state, all of which are more than a one hour daily commute that would result in travel costs and lost wages from his present job. I promised to investigate what I believe is an unfair situation, and get back to him within a month.

On Sunday, Oct. 22, I was honored to attend the grand opening of the new North Country Smokehouse in Claremont's Syd Clarke Industrial Park, along with other elected officials. I was impressed touring the new facility, witnessing the grand opening, and eating a delicious lunch. Hats off to long-time Claremont citizen Michael Satzow, who has done so much for Claremont and New Hampshire, including the a commitment that the Smokehouse will permanently stay in our city.

Next, on Monday, Oct. 23, I attended two important Claremont events featuring members of New Hampshire's executive branch of government. The first event was an afternoon meeting between Gov. Christopher Sununu as well as Claremont public officials and citizens at the CSB Community Center on South Street. This meeting was after Gov. Sununu had toured the new Smokehouse in the morning. The meeting and tour represented the first time the Governor had visited Claremont since his inauguration in January, and only his second visit to Sullivan County. It was a chance for Gov. Sununu to speak about what he is attempting to improve our state, including Claremont. But it was also an opportunity for Claremonters to talk with him about the city's assets and recent achievements such as the newly-renovated Stevens High School and full day kindergarten. But they also expressed concerns about such problems as high property taxes and workforce development, problems which they believe that state government can do more to help resolve. Though the Governor offered no major solutions to these problems at this meeting, I was pleased that he took time from his busy schedule to finally visit Claremont for the first time.

The second event was in the evening, also at the community center.

This event was a Sullivan County public hearing on the proposed update to the State's 10-Year Transportation Plan, a hearing called by Executive Councilor Joseph Kenney of Union, who represents Claremont on the five-member Executive Council, and included top officials from the New Hampshire DOT (Dept. of Transportation). Presently, DOT and the Council are drafting the proposed 10-Year Plan update that consists of improvements to our state's roads, bridges, airports, rail lines, and public transportation systems. The proposed update is scheduled to be submitted to Gov. Sununu in Dec. for his review. The Governor will then submit his proposed update to the legislature by Jan. 15, 2018. Then the House committee on which I serve, Public Works & Highways, will have the first crack at examining the proposal. I was pleased that Councilor Kenney and the DOT were able to schedule the Sullivan County hearing on the 10-Year Plan update for Claremont this year, the first local hearing in approximately 10 years, according to my recollection and that so many Claremonters attended the hearing.

On Tues., Oct. 24, I spoke at a luncheon meeting of the Sullivan County Retired Teachers, held in the Teal Room Restaurant at Claremont's SRVTC (Sugar River Valley Technical Center) on South Street. After a delicious lunch served by SRVTC's Culinary Arts students, I spoke to the retired teachers about upcoming legislation to be considered in 2018, especially legislation affecting teacher retirement plans. Also, I mentioned the legislative website (www.gencourt.state.us) so they could access proposed 2018 legislation as well as legislators' voting records on such legislation. Later the same evening I attended the Sullivan County Democrats' monthly meeting. As I usually do at such meetings, I discussed what was going at the State House in Concord.

Then on Wednesday, Oct. 25, I attended a candidates' debate at the Grantham Town Hall between the two candidates running for state representative for Sullivan County District 1 in a November 7 Special Election which resulted from the June resignation of Grantham Rep. Andrew Schmidt because he had moved out of the district. The two candidates, Democrat Brian Sullivan of Grantham and Republican Margaret Drye of Plainfield, both expressed opposition to the controversial Northern Pass energy project and favored increasing the gas tax to help pay for crumbling roads and bridges.

Finally, I attended a meeting of the Sullivan County Sportsmen's Club on Thursday, Oct. 26, in Unity at the club's invitation. I talked with and listened to club members about their support for the Wild Goose Boat Launch accessing Lake Sunapee in the Town of Newbury, a controversial launch which was removed from the final version of the state's capital budget about which I had earlier written in my June 19 column. In August, Gov. Sununu pulled the wetlands permit for the launch and has appointed a 14-member study commission to examine alternative access launches. Legislation has also been filed by Amherst Rep. Peter Hansen for 2018 to authorize the Wild Goose Launch's construction. I told the club that while I support greater access to Lake Sunapee in principle, I am concerned that more needs to be done to improve the highway safety of Wild Goose's access road before I could support Rep. Hansen's legislation Therefore, I may offer safety amendments to Rep. Hansen's legislation when it is considered next year.

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Shaheen, Hassan Introduce Legislation to Address Heroin, Fentanyl Backlog at Police Forensic Labs and Medical Examiner Offices

WASHINGTON, DC--U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) have introduced legislation to help the State Police Forensic Laboratory and Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in New Hampshire and their counterparts across the country that are dealing with dramatically increased demands and serious backlogs as a result of the opioid epidemic. This legislation would establish a grant program to help forensic labs and medical examiner offices around the country keep pace with their caseloads. Senators Shaheen and Hassan introduced the Combating the Heroin Epidemic Through Forensic Drug Testing Act of 2017 earlier this year, but have revised the legislation to ensure that medical examiners are also eligible for funding.

"The New Hampshire State Police Forensic Laboratory and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner are indispensable to our state's efforts to combat the opioid epidemic," said Shaheen. "Forensic backlogs can delay law enforcement efforts to shut down drug trafficking networks and get drugs off our streets. It's critical that New Hampshire's forensic professionals working tirelessly on the front lines of this crisis have the resources they need, and our legislation would provide much needed funding to ease the enormous strain of increasing backlogs."

"As we continue to bring an all-hands-on-deck approach to combatting the fentanyl, heroin, and opioid crisis, we must support the critical work of the New Hampshire State Police Forensic Laboratory and Office of the Chief Medical Examiner," Hassan said. "We cannot afford to let testing backlogs hinder law enforcement's tireless efforts to bring drug traffickers to justice and get dangerous opioids off our streets, and this legislation is an important step in ensuring that state forensic labs and medical examiners have the resources they need to effectively combat this epidemic."

New Hampshire's forensic lab takes in 750 cases per month, on average, yet only has the capacity to complete roughly 600 of those cases. The Senators' legislation would authorize \$10 million per year through the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program to be used for police forensic labs and medical examiner offices to pay for staff, equipment and overtime.

Senator Hassan on New Reports that Republican Tax Bill Will Change 401(k) Rules, Undermine Retirement Security for Working Families

WASHINGTON, DC--Senator Maggie Hassan released the following statement on a new report that House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady has not dropped his efforts to change 401(k) rules as part of the Republican tax bill, despite calls from President Trump not to touch this middle class tax break.

"Every American who has worked hard throughout their life deserves the ability to retire knowing that they will be financially secure, and we should be incentivizing – not making it harder – for people to save for retirement. I am extremely concerned that Washington Republicans are using a secretive, closed-door process to target the more than 50 million Americans with active 401(k)s in order to pay for huge tax breaks for big corporations and the wealthiest Americans. While I disagree with President Trump on plenty when it comes to this tax plan, on the issue of 401(k)s I completely agree with his comment that this is a middle class tax break that works and it must not be undermined."

Kuster Hosts UNH Researcher Jane Stapleton at Bipartisan Task Force to End Sexual Violence Roundtable

WASHINGTON, DC--Thursday, Congresswoman Annie Kuster (NH-02), the founder and cochair of the Bipartisan Task Force to End Sexual Violence, hosted Jane Stapleton, Executive Director of the University of New Hampshire's Prevention Innovations Research Center, for a discussion on efforts to prevent sexual violence on college campuses. The roundtable was focused on promoting healthy relationships in K-12 education and preventing and responding to sexual violence on college campuses. Stapleton and the University of New Hampshire have been pursuing groundbreaking research in ways to prevent sexual violence, including the use of technology and bystander intervention techniques.

Candidates for City Council Share Views, Thoughts; Part 2

Editor's Note--The e-Ticker News contacted the candidates running for Claremont City Council this year. We asked how long they have lived in Claremont, their occupation, why they are running and what experience they bring, how the City is doing, how to address taxes while meeting large expenses such as paving, working with the school board, downshifted costs and whether they support the state legalizing Keno to help pay for Kindergarten. This is part 2 of our 2-part series.

Patrick Howe, running for Ward 3 seat, write-in candidate

I have lived here since 1960. Most of that time in Claremont but some in Newport. I am a plant manager for a company in Windsor, VT. I hope to improve what we already have.

The town is a business with many departments. My business experience would help in making good choices. I am performance driven. Nothing is free. Cost verses gain.

Claremont is doing a lot of right things. Looks around today compared to five years ago. We have let things go for so long. It take time to bring back what we have lost. We have to concentrate on being business and industry friendly. With that said, we have improved. The expansion in Canam, North Country Smokehouse, New Hampshire Industries. We need to keep looking forward and not looking back, learn from mistakes.

Good question. I would need to look at budgets. There can be a balance, but we will never make both sides of that question happy. What do we want our community to be? What do we want to be know as? We are a border town to a state that has taxes that we do not. Sales income, how can we tap that like Lebanon has?

Yes, I do support both working together. Over half of our taxes are school based. We need to work together to solve the problem. No one side can fix and reduce the tax burden on Claremont.

What if we don't take that [state] burden on. What would happen? The state mandate then states you have to pay. Really, why do we? If we truly can't afford it, then what are the options?

My concern here is that will the Keno monies

made go for [education]. If we already pay for it, then where do the funds go? It will be another revenue stream. Long answer. Yes, I do support Keno.

Again this is my first attempt at a council seat. I will have a learning curve. If nothing else, the question will be asked, why. Will I make mistakes? Yes. Will I learn from them? yes.

Jeremy Zullo, running for At-Large seat

I was born here and have lived here my entire life. This is where my wife and I are raising our kids and we'll be here until we win the lottery and can buy our vacation home somewhere warm to go to escape the winters.

In 2003 I started Zullo Property
Maintenance. It was just me and my push
lawn mower. It has since expanded into a
business where I am responsible for eight fulltime employees. We focus on lawn care,
property maintenance, plowing, dirt work and
offer a variety of other services. In 2012 one
of my good buddies and I started Sunapee
Paving. I bought him out in 2015 and have
continued to work on growing the business
with his help from time to time.

I am not a politician by any means, but I am invested in this City and community and would like to contribute to positive change.

I would bring my 14 years of business experience to the Council.

I think the fact that the city has been focusing on infrastructure and how our city "looks" is a step in the right direction. I think we are doing a lot of things right, but we still have a long way to go. For example, I think we need to start taking a serious look into how to bring new business in and keep them here, and I'm not just talking about small businesses.

I think there are and always will be demands like "fix our roads" and "cut our taxes". I'm one of the ones who makes statements like that. The reality is, it's not that simple. Without having all of the information in front of me, it's hard for me to give a "short" answer. I have ideas just like everyone else. I would like a seat at the table so I can have first hand information, learn how things work and help make the kind of decisions (even if they are tough ones) that better our community.

I think its always a good idea when City and

school work together as long as their meetings are productive and things are getting accomplished.

I have my own opinion about how the State operates when it comes to their downshifting of costs, but I probably shouldn't say them publicly. I think our State Representatives need to tackle these topics relentlessly while we continue to focus on economic growth, development etc.

The irony of gambling to help educate children is not lost on me but yes, I do support Keno to help pay for Kindergarten. I think just about anything to help offset the cost of the taxpayers is a good thing.

Abigail Kier, running for At-Large seat

I have lived in Claremont three years. I moved here in the fall of 2014 when my husband and I bought our first house. I am employed by Dartmouth Hitchcock where I greatly enjoy working as the Manager of Support for the department of Cardiovascular Medicine.

I am running for City Council because I love Claremont. I love to learn, volunteer, and be involved in the community. City government is so interesting; with it being nuanced and intricate, you can never know it all or learn too much! I am also a very firm believer of the notion that you need to be the change you wish to see in the world, and what better way than to jump in and try to bring innovative and thoughtful ideas to how your city is run.

From my professional life, I would bring process improvement knowledge and a very detailed inquisitive eye. From my personal life, I would bring my strong sense of curiosity, balance, and fairness. Lastly, from my volunteer life, I would bring my experiences throughout my time in Claremont on the Zoning Board, Master Plan Steering Committee, Policy Committee, and most recently the City Council, each of which has brought me new knowledge and perspective and has made me a more well-rounded person.

I have been lucky to be involved in, and very interested in the Master Plan that is coming together and almost complete. This plan has been put together by citizens based off city data and citizen feedback about what people want to see in their city in the next 5-10 years.

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I think this document will be very instrumental in directing the Council, City personnel, and Boards in the coming years, and I am very optimistic about the response that we have already seen to the draft chapters on behalf of the City. I think there has been an increased attention and drive to work with new and existing businesses within Claremont to make us attractive to new and expanding business. I believe it will be important to continue to juggle the importance of safety and expansion with continued attention on economic development and sustained infrastructure.

I think, for me, [budget expenses] come down to a few things; budget, priorities and planning, and pushing State government for more assistance. Budget is so important, it is the foundation of how our City is able to function, so being sure we are allocating our resources to the correct places and in the correct quantities is paramount. Next is priorities and planning, we do not have enough money to cover every project we would like to complete, so taking a hard and realistic look at what our priorities are and planning how to tackle each facet with a realistic point of view of timing will be very important. In addition, being sure we are seeking out and utilizing grant funding should continue to be a priority. Lastly, we need to continue to push back and reach out to our representatives to be sure we are fighting for the resources we need, the squeaky wheel gets the grease!

I think the City Council and School Board have similar priorities and goals; there is a lot of crossover and many circumstances where each of our work may have a downstream effect on each other. Which means, it only really makes sense to try to work together to pool resources and accomplish our common goals, so I fully support this.

As I noted previously, I think it is very important to be vocal and stand our ground on our needs. We need to continue to push back on the State about what we need and why. We also need to be as resourceful as possible and continue to seek out grant and additional funding as possible.

I feel very passionately about Keno [being used to pay for kindergarten]. For me this is an important issue. Overall, on the surface, this looks like a win for the city, so why would we not want to take advantage of it? However, if you look a little closer, it is clear that the benefits are not as abundant as they seem,

and the possible disadvantages are plenty.

Any funds that are raised off Keno games are to go into a general state fund, which can be utilized by all municipalities regardless of their participation in allowing Keno. The funds that are be raised from our city's keno sales (should it be voted in) would not be earmarked for Claremont specifically; and if other cities do not participate, we could see less of the proceeds even if we contributed proportionately more into the state fund.

Per the presentation given by the NH Lottery for businesses that choose to participate, there may be some research to suggest there would be increased foot traffic and sales; and the NH Lottery does offer commissions and bonuses for earnings and sales, and businesses would earn 8% of every dollar sold. These benefits are marginal at best and would be felt solely by the business owner.

The majority of the establishments that can participate in offering Keno are our neighborhood gathering places, often places where families and children routinely visit and share a meal. It has been shown that when children see gambling as part of the same environment as dinner and soda these associations can lead to higher rates of adolescent gambling and problem/pathological gambling later in life.

If we were to allow Keno, we would be increasing exposure to the mix of alcohol consumption and betting on keno machines. Canadian researchers found that even moderate alcohol use leads to gamblers taking greater risks (and lose more money) during video lottery terminal play. This kind of gambling preys on a person's hope for a better life and can hook them into a destructive lifestyle.

Convenience gambling is also reliant on spending by citizens in a far more concentrated geographic area, meaning we would be pulling from our own pockets to supply the state's education trust fund.

In addition to lotteries relying on a small group of locally located players, it has been found that lottery players with incomes below \$10,000 spend more than any other income group. There are also studies that show that high school dropouts spend four times as much as college graduates, and minorities spend five times as much as non-minorities. This kind of gambling preys on our most vulnerable population; instead, we should be in the business of designing good policies that serve the public interest. New Hampshire currently earmarks no public funding to help an estimated 22,000 residents with gambling is-

sues.

Claire Lessard, running for At-Large Seat

I was born in Claremont and have lived in Claremont all my life except for one year. I am the Executive Director, Claremont Senior Center, Inc. I have supported many city endeavors to make it a better city, and I will do my best to help keep making it a great place to live in if I can be part of the many City Council efforts to that cause.

I was not able to afford a college education as my father died when I was 14 years old. However, I have been fortunate in all my occupations, all of them dealing with the public in various sectors. After graduating from St. Mary's High School in 1959, I was dental assistant for eight years to Dr. William Stuart. Upon his death I worked another year as dental assistant to Dr. William Wilmot. I then changed occupations and worked at Barnes, Rouillard & McPherson for five years. I then decided to move on and was administrative assistant for St. Mary's Parish for 40 years. After all that, I still was not ready for retirement and was fortunate to be hired as the Executive Director of the Claremont Senior Center and have been in that capacity for five years. My husband Norman and I owned two businesses in Claremont for 30 years (Lessard Builders and NCL Engraving & Awards). We experienced the ups and downs of a recession but were determined to help the City by joining the Main Street program. Also, we spearheaded the effort to finish building the skateboard park.

Great things are happening in Claremont. I think the City Council with the city manager, mayor, school board, fire, police and various departments are all making an effort to work better together. That is the secret to success to move the city forward.

Planning is the answer. Find out all the details. Work together. Stick to the plan. Do whatever it takes, including working together with the school board.

The state has to rethink a whole new way to address the cost situation [of downshifting]. In turn, the City Council must make the effort to really investigate, study the situation and not be afraid to make suggestions to the state in order to bring about change.

It concerns me that "gambling" is used to help pay for education. There again, seems

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like the state should make a better effort in solving the situation. With that I don't support the plan for legalized Keno.

I am a firm believer that success is working together, keeping things simple and getting the job done.

Andrew O'Hearne, running for Ward 1 seat

I have lived in Claremont since 2009, but I have worked in Claremont since I was 19 and have been a lifelong resident of Sullivan County. I an currently working part-time in retail since my retirement. I retired from the Claremont Police Department after 31 years.

I have always served the City of Claremont residents and believe I can continue to service as a City Councilor.

I bring my lifelong experience with the City of Claremont, with the NH House of Representatives, and my time on the School Board. With all these and my personal experiences, I believe I will bring a different prospective to the Council.

I know they have been doing things to help move the City forward. I believe the Council needs new eyes and a different outlook to help them to continue to move forward.

[Setting a budget while paying expenses] is a big topic and a big concern for the taxpayers of Claremont and myself. I will do my best to help to try to do both during my term if elected.

I do support the efforts of the City and school board working together. It is with both the City and the School board to help solving some of the problems and help us move forward.

[When it comes down to the state downshifting costs], be willing to have a open mind and listen to ideas, even if they are outside the box.

The state has already legalized it and they current City Council has approved it and it is now going to the voters. So, this is up to the Citizens of Claremont to decide if they want if or not.

Charlene Lovett, running for Mayor

I grew up in Claremont. After graduating from Stevens High School in 1981, I spent 22 years in the Army and 5 years in Washington, D.C. as a consultant. My husband and I decided to return to my hometown in 2008 to raise our daughter.

As an Army officer retiree, I have committed

my time to serving the community. Since returning in 2008, I served on the Claremont School Board for 3 ½ years during which time I also chaired a committee to get the vote for the renovation of Stevens High School. In addition, I served 2 years each as a state representative, city councilor and mayor. While acting in each of those capacities, I have served on or chaired numerous governmental committees. I also spent 6 years on Valley Regional Hospital's Board of Directors, am currently the Chair of River Valley Community College's Advisory Council, a Corporator at Claremont Savings Bank, and a member of the Opera House Board of Directors.

In the last 2 years of being Mayor, I have worked with a Council focused on hiring a new city manager and developing policies that benefit the community and its citizens. Though we have accomplished much in the past two years, there is much more to do and I would like the opportunity to continue that work. Though the Council has updated and adopted numerous ordinances that benefit residents, many more need to be reviewed. Fiscal policies and goals need to be developed, as well as a strategic plan to regain lost city valuation and broaden the tax base.

Having worked at the federal, state, county and local level, I am very familiar with navigating governmental agencies and how to engage with them for the benefit of Claremont. As a retired military officer, I am experienced in leadership and decision-making, and understand the necessity of team building and collaboration in order to achieve successful outcomes. As an active member of the community, I have a global perspective of Claremont and the organizations that comprise it.

Being proactive, collaborative and willing to address the challenges and celebrate the achievements is moving this community forward. The City Council is thoroughly engaged with its state and federal legislators. New policies (i.e. Keno, tax exemptions) are being considered as soon as the Governor signs the bills into law. Together, the City Council and School Board have identified community-wide priorities (i.e. childhood lead poisoning, violence/racism/discrimination) and engaged with the administration and community to effectively address them. The City Council has communicated its top priorities to the City Manager, and his administration has made gains in economic growth, improved housing and infrastructure. Ridership at the Claremont Amtrak Station continues to grow at a rate of

about 15% per year, and we are well on our way to achieving our goal of being a medium size station on the Vermonter Line by 2020.

Recapturing the losses in city valuation and broadening the tax base is necessary if we are to reduce the tax rate. So, it is imperative that we do all that we can to make Claremont a desirable place in which to live, work and play. Therefore, we must do a better job at communicating the City's attributes and achievements, and developing strategic plans that address the challenges and negative perceptions that exist today.

We must have a strategic, long-term plan that clearly identifies today's reality, but focuses on increasing city valuation, broadening the tax base and reducing our reliance on property tax revenue. Rising property tax bills are a great concern to many citizens and we must be diligent in our efforts to be fiscally responsible. However, the reality is there will always be costs to running a City. So, we must focus our efforts on expanding access to additional revenue. Creating partnerships, identifying state and federal resources and examining the feasibility of new revenue sources as they become available through legislation will be essential to achieving outcomes such as better infrastructure and lower tax bills.

For example, I testified in Concord in support of bills that brought state funds to the City for infrastructure improvements. I invited the USDA Rural Development Office to discuss financial programs that can be used for property improvements. By bringing these financial resources to the community, we are able to improve our infrastructure and property values without increasing the tax rate.

Though [the council and school board] are separate governing bodies, the reality is we both rely on the same tax payers and we need to work together to ensure the best outcomes on those issues that affect the community as a whole.

In my opinion, the best hope for reversing this trend of [state downshifting] is to tell our story and collaborate. We need to work with our legislators and with other communities in similar situations. By unifying our efforts, we will gain the recognition needed at the state level to create the legislative actions needed to reverse the downshifting.

Because I often go to Concord to testify on bills that impact Claremont, I know that many other communities are facing the same challenges that we are. Working with our county

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Halloween Party...

Girl Scout Service Unit #213, which includes Girl Scout Troops from the local area, and Claremont Parks and Recreation held a Halloween Party for pre-K-8th grade age kids at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center on Saturday, Oct. 28. Kids in costume enjoyed food, dancing, fun and games as they visited the spooky rooms set up for the party (Bill Binder photos).



Candidates, from A8

delegations and communities, we are making our voices heard. It is one of the reasons that so many of the bills dealing with a reduction in education funding are now being examined by a commission.

I supported putting the [Keno] question on the ballot for citizens to decide whether it should be permitted in the community. If it passes, individual pouring establishments can decide if it is something that they want to pursue. It creates revenue for the pouring establishments, as well as the state's education fund for full-day kindergarten.

Jonathan F. Stone, running for Ward 3 seat

Did not respond to our invitations to participate in this series of questions.



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Fugitive of the Week:

Anthony M. Ouellette

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LKA: 12 Stevens St., Claremont, NH

Description: White male, height: 5'00", weight: 150 lbs., eyes: brown, hair: brown

Reason: Violation of Probation

Original Charge: Possession of Dentanyl

On March 30, 2016, Anthony

Ouellette was indicted by the Sullivan County Grand Jury on one count of Possession of Fentanyl, a Class B Felony. Ouellette pled guilty on April 12, 2016, in Sullivan County Superior Court. As part of Ouellette's sentence, he was placed on probation.

On October 16, 2017, the New Hampshire Probation Department filed a violation of probation against Ouellette with the Sullivan County Superior Court; it was alleged that Ouellette violated the terms and conditions of his probation.

On October 19, 2017, the Sullivan County Superior Court issued a warrant for the arrest of Ouellette.

This information is provided by Sheriff John Simonds, of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department. Anyone with information regarding this individual is encouraged to contact their local police department.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Claremont, Zoning Board of Adjustment will conduct a site visit to 84

Pleasant Street on

Monday, November 6, 2017, at 6:30 PM
The **Zoning Board of Adjustment** will then convene their regular meeting at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, City Hall

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

- A. (ZO 2017-00021) Berkess Carroll & Carla Prinn, 28 Barnes Street: Application for a variance from Sect. 22-387 to permit a charitable game room at 84 Pleasant Street.

 Tax Map: 120, Lot 98. Zoning District: MU (Cont. from 10/2/17)
- B. (ZO 2017-00022) James & Ellen Feleen, 203 Mulberry Street: Application for variances to permit construction of an addition to the garage within the front setbacks at 203 Mulberry Street. Tax Map 143, Lot 33. Zone: R1
- C. (ZO 2017-00023) Thomas Hutchins, 2 Stewart Avenue: Application for a variance to permit construction of a garage within the front setback at 2 Stewart Avenue. Tax Map 159, Lot 10. Zone: RR

Interested parties may review these applications at the City of Claremont's Planning and Development Department, 14 North Street during normal business hours.

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Turning Points Network's mission is to enhance the safety and well-being of victims and survivors of domestic and sexual abuse and stalking through empowerment and advocacy; to create a community responsive to all victims and survivors through education, outreach and accountability; and to empower the community to establish a safer culture.

SHELTER MANAGER

This full-time position is responsible for providing shelter and safe home placement, crisis intervention, case management and support services to families residing in the shelter and safe homes.

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE PART-TIME OR TWO OF THE POSITIONS CAN BE COMBINED TO CREATE A FULL-TIME POSITION:

NEWPORT DIRECT SERVICES ADVOCATE

This position works out of the Newport office providing crisis intervention and support services including individual peer support counseling; group facilitation; legal, medical, law enforcement, and court advocacy; personal advocacy; transportation; shelter and safe home placement; safety planning; and, referrals and follow-up.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

This position is responsible for developing, promoting, and maintaining a wide range of volunteer opportunities within the organization. The Volunteer Coordinator trains and supervises volunteers and provides direction, coordination, and consultation for all volunteer functions within Turning Points Network.

GREEN DOT COORDINATOR

We are seeking a visionary and dynamic individual to work with the Claremont Green Dot project, a community violence prevention education program. The Green Dot Coordinator will co-lead a team of community members committed to making our community a safe place to live, work, and play.

COMMUNITY EDUCATOR

This position provides violence prevention education to youth in schools and to the general public, as well as outreach and messaging on the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

For more information about our agency, complete listing of job opportunities with full position descriptions, check our website at www.turningpointsnetwork.org. Please email a cover letter and resume to Amanda@turningpointsnetwork.org.

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CLAREMONT— Incredibly charming home in mint condition featuring 3 upstairs bed-rooms, beautifully updated spacious kitchen and bathrooms, hardwood floors that shine, a wrap-a-round porch for your rocking chair, and gorgeous gardens leading to the garage. Amenities include new Buderus boiler, breaker box, rubber roofing, gravity-fed pellet stove, and appliances that are just 4 years old! \$130,000 (MLS#4657260)



CHARLESTOWN— Immaculate and inviting 3 BR, 3 bath Cape on a beautifully landscaped 2.02 acres with mature perennials! Eat-in kitchen off heated sunroom, formal dining room, family room w/cathedral ceiling and skylights, and additional space for den/office and recreation room. Heated above ground pool, large decks, Sunsetter awnings, detached heated workshop, attached 2car garage, attached 1-car garage, and a heated 24x32 detached garage with 2nd \$319,000 (MLS#4662861)



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CLAREMONT—Magnificent 4 season views from this home with attached heated greenhouse, in-ground pool, and an abundance of flower gardens. Enjoy spectacular sunsets, wild turkeys, and a house and grounds ideal for entertaining! \$330,000 (MLS#4660803)



CLAREMONT— Investors: take a look at this fully rented and profitable building! 5 unit commercial apartment house in very nice residential location with good parking. Sale includes an adjoining quarter acre building lot on a separate deed. \$189,900 (MLS#4663727)



UNITY— Lovely antique Cape home with frontage on the Little Sugar River. Home has been updated with modern kitchen and baths but still retains period details. 1st floor master bedroom, dining, and kitchen overlook the river with a deck to further enjoy the view. A soothing and serene country location! \$109,900 (MLS#4659613)



CLAREMONT—Peaceful country setting with easy access to town!
Kitchen/ family room combination
with a gas stove, fireplaced living
room with surround sound, and a formal dining room. Oversized two car
garage with extra storage and access to the back yard and to the office suite with ½ bath above the garage. This would make a great in-law apartment as well. \$189,900 (MLS#4660813)



CLAREMONT— Charming Ranch house featuring hard wood floors, great eat-in kitchen, fireplaced living room, 3 spacious bedrooms, sunporch, and a lovely deck to nicely landscaped back yard. The home also boasts new windows, sliders, and an anticological statement of the st attached garage. This comfortable home is close to all amenities. \$159,900 (MLS#4664606)



CLAREMONT— This 3 unit property sited on a level lot abuts the park and is close to schools, skiing, snowmo-bile trails, and a short walk to the community center and downtown amenities. \$109,900 (MLS#4665636)



CLAREMONT—Incredible home with gourmet kitchen for the chef, boat dock on the river for the captain, and an auto enthusiast's garage with lift for the home-grown mechanic! Floor to ceiling windows on all levels feature views of the Connecticut River. A suite of beautiful rooms on the lower level includes office, family room, full bathroom, and workout area with views of the river in the background. 25.8 open and wooded acres with beachfront, boat dock, gazebo, and small storage garage. \$549,900 (MLS#4662046)



CHARLESTOWN— Huge garage spaces for your collectible cars, toys, boats, or projects. Plenty of living space in the house to spread out, an easy commute from here via Route 12 or I-91. \$121,000 (MLS#4654991)



CLAREMONT—Lovely landscaped lot at the top of the hill! Newly updated kitchen & family room w/ cork floors, 2-level deck with hot tub, Formal dining, large living room, bonus room, master suite with walk-in closet. Updated boiler and walk-out basement. \$238,900 (MLS#4655582)

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NHEC Sets Winter Period Rate Increase

PLYMOUTH, NH--Effective with bills rendered on or after November 1, 2017, New Hampshire Electric Co-op's (NHEC) rates will be adjusted for the winter season to reflect changes in the cost of power at the wholesale level. The rate changes will result in an overall bill increase of 8%, or \$8.15 per month, for a typical residential member using 500 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity per month.

The rate increase is the result of increases in two portions of members' bills – Co-op Power (the actual electricity used) and the Regional Access Charge (the cost to access the regional transmission grid in order to get power to the NHEC distribution system). For most residential members, the Co-op Power rate is increasing from 7.5 cents per kWh to 9.1 cents per kWh. For most residential members the Regional Access Charge (RAC) is increasing during this winter period from 2.7 cents per kWh to 2.8 cents per kWh.

The increased costs to the Co-op Power rate are primarily due to the expected increase in winter fuel costs used to produce the energy that NHEC purchases for use by its members. Also driving the winter rate change are increased costs to guarantee that enough New England power plants are available to produce energy, as well as increased costs associated with New Hampshire renewable energy policy.

During winter months one of the primary fuels used to power New England electric plants (natural gas) is also used to heat homes, increasing the price for that fuel and the electricity that is produced from it. NHEC expects natural gas costs to fall during the summer period rate adjustment. The increase in the Regional Access Charge is primarily due to an increase in the costs to deliver energy to the NHEC distribution system.

NHEC is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative serving 84,000 homes and businesses in 115 New Hampshire communities.

D-H Celebrates Dedication of Jack Byrne Center with Public Events

LEBANON, NH – Dartmouth-Hitchcock will celebrate the completion and dedication of its new Jack Byrne Center for Palliative & Hospice Care with public events Friday, Nov. 3 and Sunday, Nov. 5.

The Jack Byrne Center, located on the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center campus in Lebanon, is an advanced clinical facility to provide integrated, patient- and familycentered care for patients with life-limiting illness and complex medical needs. The Center's programs will strengthen palliative and hospice care region-wide and advance palliative and hospice care through research and

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education. Construction on the facility began in June, 2016; the first patients will be admitted to the center in December.

The first event in the celebration weekend will be a lecture, "Living Fully, Dying Well," by Dr. Ira Byock, a leading palliative care physician, author, and public advocate for improving care through the end of life. Byock is the founder and Chief Medical Officer for the Institute for Human Caring of Providence St. Joseph Health, based in Torrance, CA. He is a Professor Emeritus of Medicine and Community & Family Medicine at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. He served as Director of Palliative Medicine at Dartmouth-Hitchcock from 2003 through July 2013.

Byock's first book, "Dying Well" (1997), has become a standard in the field of hospice and palliative care. "The Four Things That Matter Most" (2004), is widely used as a counseling tool by palliative care and hospice programs, as well as within pastoral care. His third book, "The Best Care Possible" (2012), tackles the crisis that surrounds serious illness and dying in America and his quest to transform care through the end of life. Dr. Byock's lecture will take place at 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3 in Auditorium H of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

A public open house will be held Sunday, Nov. 5 at the Jack Byrne Center from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The open house will include tours of the center and its patient rooms, chapel, great room, family kitchen, children's room and library, and program highlights such as the art and music program, education offerings and volunteer opportunities. Parking for the Sunday open house will be at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center's main entrance lot, with shuttle service to the Jack Byrne Center. Guests will be transported back to the main entrance lot on rotating shuttles.

The 12-bed Jack Byrne Center combines interdisciplinary patient-and family-centered care with unprecedented opportunities for teaching, training, and research for health care providers. A \$10 million gift from the Jack & Dorothy Byrne Foundation in 2014, along with another \$7 million in donations and commitments from

community members around the region, has covered more than three-quarters of the \$22 million cost of construction of the Center.

McLaughlin to Retire as President, CEO of VNH

WHITE RIVER JCT, VT--Jeanne McLaughlin, MSN, MSEd, MBA will retire from the position of President and CEO of Visiting Nurses and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) in the spring of 2018, Gary Mayo, Chair of the VNH Board of Trustees, announced. In a

letter to VNH employees, he said: "The Board of Trustees accepts Jeanne's decision with great admiration and appreciation for all she has done for VNH during her nearly 10 years of service as our leader, our advocate, our champion, and our friend and colleague."

McLaughlin joined VNH in January of 2008, bringing with her more than 35 years of experience in health care, ranging from leadership roles in hospitals, to consultation in a variety of health-care-related environments, to teaching in several colleges. She served as president and CEO at Finger Lakes Visiting Nurse Services in upstate New York from 2004 until 2008.





OUR TURN

Domestic Violence Can Happen At Any Age Even After a Couple Has Been Together a Long Time

Ben and Katherine* met at a Unitarian Church party. They both loved to dance and had common interests in birding, reading, music and travel. "He was fun, had a lively sense of humor and was very attentive," Katherine recalls. He introduced her to watching hockey and learned to share her love of classical music.

They had each been married before. She for 28 years, he for 20 years. With five children (between them) all grown and living on their own, they made a commitment to a partnership that endured for another 22 years. Ben occasionally drank too much, could be deceptive about money, and had once run up a substantial credit card debt. But Katherine helped him pay it off, and Ben's regret and appreciation seemed to indicate he had changed.

Around the time both Ben and Katherine retired, they moved to NH and bought a condo together. Then Katherine became aware that Ben had secretly run up his credit cards again. She refused to help him a second time and also began seeing behaviors that made her uneasy. Ben's drinking increased along with threats and profanity that frightened her. Especially since the next day he could remember none of what had occurred. While Ben was mostly generous to Katherine, he often made her feel like a "possession." She also feared that creditors would try to access the equity in their home and sought to legally protect her personal investment. She began to keep a pair of sturdy shoes near each door and a hidden car key in case she needed to leave quickly.

When Ben continued his behaviors, including jealousy of Katherine's time with their children, her friends and even her volunteer work, she turned to the local police for help. The police encouraged a restraining order and suggested that she seek services from Women's Supportive Services (Turning Points Network's name at that time).

Katherine helped Ben move out of the condo and into his own place, but he kept drinking and would sometimes return to her home and pound on the door and windows. Katherine continued to be afraid.

"WSS (TPN) gave me practical help to ensure my safety and taught me that verbal attacks and belittling behavior are abuse," Katherine shared. She learned to drive to places where she'd be safe if Ben followed her car or showed up at her destination, which he frequently did. She subscribed to caller ID and turned out the lights if he came to her home at night. She even spent the night at a neighbor's house.

Katherine joined a TPN support group for abused women, all young enough to be her daughters and granddaughters, and she remembers it as "expertly led and never judgmental. We learned from each other and empathized over setbacks." Katherine came to

rebuild her self-respect and her understanding that she was not to blame for the abuse.

Eventually, Katherine was able to purchase Ben's half of the condo. And Ben, realizing he could not handle the restraining order, moved to the western part of the country. Katherine continued to feel a certain amount of fear until Ben's death a few years later. But throughout, she felt fortunate to have encouragement

from her children and friends.

"I could not have come through this without help and support from what is now Turning Points Network," Katherine emphasizes, "and I encourage anyone who finds themselves in a situation where they are afraid of their partner or spouse to contact Turning Points Network, sooner rather than later."

*The names in this story have been changed.

OUR TURN is a public service series made available by Turning Points Network in celebration of its 40th anniversary of providing violence-prevention education programs in our schools, services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, and helping people move from the darkness of abuse toward the light of respect, healing and hope. For information contact 1.800.639.3130 or www.turningpointsnetwork.org or find us on Facebook.



Fund Ride Benefits Turning Points Network...

The Live Free or Die Riders of Claremont held a fundraiser ride to benefit the Kelly Robarge Memorial Fund. On Friday, Oct. 27, the club presented Deb Mozden of Turning Points Network with a check for \$1,000.00 from the ride. Pictured: Back-Deb Mozden of TPN, Scott Morse-President of the Live Free or Die Riders. Front-L to R—Krysta Gay, Sabrina West, Ron Prouty-Kelly Robarge's brother, John Caramore-Chairman of the Board, Live Free or Die Riders (Bill Binder photo).

Hallowesta Set for Tuesday, Oct. 31st

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Parks and Recreation Department is gearing up for another Hallowesta Celebration on Oct. 31! Ghosts and goblins of all ages: Get your costumes ready and join Parks and Rec for trick-or-treating on Pleasant Street, followed by a parade to Broad Street Park where they will be handing out trophies for the best costumes in Claremont!



Trick or Treating on Pleasant St.: 3:30-4:45 PM.

Parade line up at Daddy's Pizza, 4:45 PM. Parade leaves for Broad Street Park: 5:00 PM. Where: Pleasant St. & Broad Street Park. Cost: Free. Who: All ages.

Claremont Municipal Cemeteries Fall Maintenance

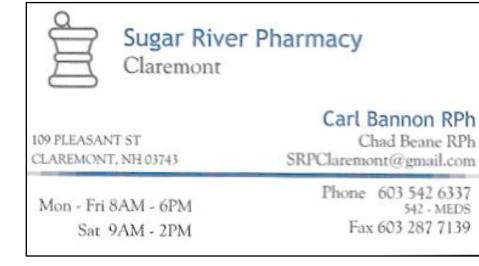
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Checklist for Helping You Choose a Financial Professional

For reasons likely to remain obscure, October 30 is Checklist Day. But while the origins of this observance may be a mystery, the value of checklists is clear: They help us organize our time and break large jobs into manageable steps. You can use a checklist for just about any significant endeavor – including the task of choosing a financial professional to help you achieve your important goals.

Here's what such a checklist might look like:

Find someone with the proper credentials. Make sure a prospective financial professional has the appropriate securities registrations.

Find someone who has worked with people like you. You'll want to seek out a financial professional who has experience working with people in circumstances similar to yours – that is, people of your financial status and with essentially the same goals and attitudes toward investing.

Find someone who will communicate with you regularly. During the course of your relationship with a financial professional, you will have many questions: Are my investments performing as they should? Should I change my investment mix? Am I still on track to meet my long-term goals? Plus, you will have changes in your life – new children, new jobs, new activities – that will affect your financial picture and that need to be communicated to your financial professional. Consequently, you need to be sure that whomever you work with is easy to reach and will be in regular contact with you. Many financial professionals meet with their clients at least once a year to discuss the clients' portfolios and recommend changes, as needed, and also make themselves available, through phone calls and email, for any questions or concerns their clients may have.

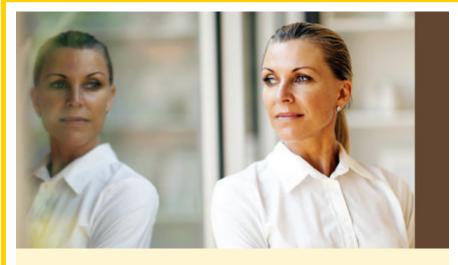
Find someone who will honor your preferences. Some financial professionals follow certain philosophies. For example, you might find one advisor who tends to favor aggressive investing, while another one might be more conservative. There's nothing wrong with either approach, but you'll want to be sure that your preferences take precedence in all recommendations and guidance you receive from a financial professional. And many professionals won't express any of their own preferences at all, but will instead follow a course of action based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

Find someone connected to other professionals. Your investment plans don't exist in a vacuum. Over time, you will likely need to integrate elements of your investment strategy with your tax and estate planning strategies. When this happens, you may find it advantageous to have a financial professional who can work with tax and legal professionals to help you meet all your needs in these areas.

Find someone whose compensation structure is acceptable to you. Financial professionals get paid in different ways – through fees, commissions or a combination of both. Which method is best for you, as an investor? There's no one "right" answer – but you will certainly want to understand exactly how your financial professional will get paid and how this pay structure will affect your interactions with him or her.

You may find this checklist to be useful when you interview financial professionals. Take your time and make sure you're confident about your ultimate choice. After all, you're hiring someone to help you reach your key goals, such as a comfortable retirement, so you'll want to get the right person on your side.

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Power Outage Hits Over 2,200 Eversource Customers in City on Sunday

CLAREMONT, NH--A large power outage hit Claremont Sunday afternoon, at first knocking out service for some 726 Eversource customers; that number later rose to 2,234. Power was lost on both sides of Washington St., closing down most of the stores for a while. The Police Department was on hand directing traffic due to a lack of light signals.

Power was also out for a couple of dozenplus customers in Newport Sunday afternoon, and service was also lost for some 216 customers in Cornish and 102 in Unity.

A spokesman reached Sunday afternoon had no details at the time as to the cause(s) of the outages. One poster on the *e-Ticker News* Facebook page said that he was "sitting at the traffic light at the intersection of North and 120 when the power lines directly overhead arced and lit the area up."

----Phyllis A. Muzeroll



It's About Food By Johnny Navillus



Playin'

For the last week I've been asked to make an "Everything Omelet" for her breakfast. This consists of a three-egg omelet with bacon crumbled in, some home-fried potato chunks, onions and cheese. Mushrooms in mine but not hers.

I was looking at the skillet I used for the bacon and had an idea. I poured off most of the grease, and went to the refrigerator. I had a leftover chicken breast I was going to use for sandwiches. Took that out, cut it into chunks and put it in the bacon skillet. Let that sit over medium heat for a few minutes and took it off. Later I used it with some mayo and made sandwiches. My other half was not impressed, but I really liked the bacon flavor. I'm going to do this again if the situation presents itself.

You may remember the French toast I told you about with the bacon cooked in. You can do the same with pancake batter. Great taste and great variation.

I really enjoy Alfredo Sauce. Yeah, yeah, it's heavy in calorie content but for an occasional dinner, I think we can handle it. I found the following on the *Food Network* site and it is fantastic. You and yours are going to love it.

Be sure you use pumpkin puree and not pie filling.

Tortellini with Pumpkin Alfredo

Ingredients

Kosher salt
2 9 -ounce packages cheese tortellini
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
1 small shallot, finely chopped
1/2 cup canned pure pumpkin
Pinch of freshly grated nutmeg
1 1/4 cups heavy cream
1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese, plus more for topping
Freshly ground pepper

Chopped fresh parsley, for topping (optional)

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the tortellini and cook as the label directs. Reserve 1/2 cup cooking water, then drain the pasta.

Meanwhile, heat the butter in a skillet over medium-high heat. Add the shallot and cook, stirring, until slightly soft, about 2 minutes. Add the pumpkin and nutmeg and cook, stirring, 1 minute. Stir in the cream and bring to a low boil. Reduce the heat to medium low; simmer, stirring, until slightly thickened, about 5 minutes. Stir in the cheese and cook until thick, about 1 more minute. Season with salt and pepper.

Add the tortellini to the skillet and toss with the sauce, adding some of the reserved cooking water to loosen, if needed. Divide among bowls and top with more cheese and parsley.

Play with your food. It pays off.

Write to Johnny at etickernews @gmail.com.



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Mayoral Notes

Claremont's Work on Childhood Lead Poisoning Highlighted

By Charlene Lovett

On October 24th, the 7th annual Healthy Homes Conference was held in Concord, and Claremont was invited to highlight its efforts on the screening and prevention of childhood lead poisoning. To tell our story, we organized a six-member panel comprised of me, the school board chair, city manager, school district superintendent, CEO of Valley Regional Hospital, and senior director at Southwestern Community Services.

It was an opportunity to share what we had accomplished on both a policy and operational level, and how collaboration with other organizations is critical to success. When the Claremont City Council and School Board first

committed to making childhood lead poisoning a priority, we established two goals:

- 1. Institute a communitywide initiative to achieve 100% testing of children at ages 1 and 2.
- 2. Prevent childhood lead poisoning through educational awareness campaigns, policies and resources to help remediate/remove causes.

Though there is much more to be done, panel members spoke of actions taken by the city's governing bodies, administration and stakeholders throughout the community to help achieve these goals.

Representatives from other NH communities, non-profit organizations, businesses and state government officials attended the panel discussion. A robust exchange of information ensued, quickly followed by a number of questions from the attendees. It was a very rewarding experience to be given the opportunity to discuss Claremont's ground-breaking work.

As it happened, the conference occurred during National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week which ran from 22-28 October. The goal of the week was to help individuals, organizations, state and local governments throughout the country work together to reduce childhood exposure to lead. It is encouraging to know that we, in Claremont, are already successfully engaged in that work.

The day prior to the Healthy Homes Conference, Governor Sununu visited Claremont. Part of his visit included a roundtable discussion during which we spoke of our efforts to screen/prevent childhood lead poisoning. We also touched upon the legislature's work on SB247, commonly known as the lead bill, and relayed the importance of that bill.

Recently, a subcommittee of the House Finance Committee concluded its work on SB247. Both Representative Cloutier and I attended several of the subcommittee's work

sessions in order to follow changes that might be made to the bill. The bill was amended, but the changes are welcome as they will help further support our efforts to achieve our goals. The subcommittee's work will go before the full House Finance Committee for a vote on November 8th. Please consider contacting the members of the House Finance Committee and voicing your support for this important piece of legislation.

In the meantime, we will be planning our next panel discussion for November 1st at the New England Lead Conference in Manchester, NH. Once again, we will be able to share our story and highlight the great work done by the community of Claremont.

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

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Escape Factory to be Featured on *NH Chronicle*

CLAREMONT, NH--WMUR's program, NH Chronicle, with Sean McDonald and Erin Fehlau, spent time last week filming a show at the Escape Factory in Claremont. Located in Nick Koloski's Time Out Americana Grill on Mulberry St., The Escape Factory is a game room containing puzzles that have to be solved before you can escape the room. Each game lasts 60 minutes and during that time you have to find clues and hints hidden in the room to solve the puzzle and escape. It is a great corporate team building exercise and is a fun family outing as well. Escape rooms are a fairly new entertainment venue that are taking hold worldwide. NH Chronicle will air the segment later this year.

---Bill Binder







WMUR was in Claremont recently to tape a segment on The Escape Factory at the Time Out Americana Grill. Above left: Shooting the segment; above right: *NH Chronicle* hosts Sean McDonald and Erin Fehlau; below: owner Nick Koloski with McDonald and Fehlau (Bill Binder photos).

7th Annual Artisan Fair Sponsored by West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts

CLAREMONT, NH--Join the West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts Nov. 4, from 10:00 a.m.. to 4:00 p.m. for its 7th Annual Local Artisan Fair. This year the event will again be held at the CSB Community Center and will feature artists and artisans of all sorts, music, and more. Food will also be available at this event. Special demonstrations can be found throughout the weekend and include performances by Harper Angela Biggs. With thanks to the Claremont Parks and Recreation Dept. for their support of this event.

Admission to this event is free Saturday: 10:00am – 4pm Vendor information can be found

here: http://www.wcc-ma.org/vendors. Funds raised from this event help to support WCCMA's youth education programs.

Claremont Winter Parking Ban

Per Claremont City Ordinance #247, a Winter Parking Ban will be in effect from November 1, 2017, through April 15, 2018. No overnight parking will be allowed on city streets between midnight and 7:00am.

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Claremont Community Performs "The Hobbit"

CLAREMONT, NH--On Nov. 3rd and 4th at 7:00 p.m., Stevens High School, The Claremont Opera House, and World Under Wonder will team up to present the classic tale of J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit". Bilbo Baggins sets out on an adventure with Gandalf the Grey and the party of dwarves to defeat the dragon of the Lonely Mountain to reclaim the home and wealth of the dwarves. This is a great community production, directed by Larissa Cahill and the Youth Director Hannah Lane McFadden. Sean Edward Roberts from World Under Wonder is acting as mentor to his student, the youth Director Hannah. The three organizations have teamed up to bring the town together under one goal theatrically.

Many fantastical costumes will be used in this show, brought together by the three organizations. Characters will not just use the stage, but will at times come from, or exit to the audience. Effects such as projections and a haze machine will be used in the show. The soundtrack of the play has been made by Adam Moody, the youth Sound Manager.

Please enjoy concessions for a half hour before the show in the lobby of the Claremont Opera House. Ticket sales, concessions, and all donations will go towards all three organizations, so you are supporting many theatre organizations of Claremont by being a patron of this production.

Tickets are \$5 for General Admission open seating. Go onto the Claremont Opera House website to contact them for tickets beforehand, www.claremontoperahouse.info. Also check out the community theatre of World Under Wonder to find out about them at www.worldunderwonder.webs.com or check them out on Facebook.

Encore: Taste of Africa

SUNAPEE, NH--Taste of Africa, a fundraiser for AIMS, is back for an encore on Nov. 11 at 5:30 p.m., at St. Joachim parish hall in Sunapee. Africa International Mission Services (AIMS) was founded by Edward Kanu of Sunapee to send material aid to his native country, Sierra Leone. Cooking and serving African foods is a way to both raise money and inform people about culture and the needs in

the impoverished country of SL.

For Taste of Africa, Kanu will cook up a wide variety of staple dishes. Diners can enjoy the meal and pay by donation. After attending a previous Taste of Africa event, Cheryl Mihaley of Newport said, "The flavor really surprised me. It was authentic, spicy and interesting. When I heard the ingredients I wasn't expecting as much texture and spice. The taste reminded me of the ethnic foods cooked by Jamaican women and those from the West Indies when I worked in DC. I was delicious."

Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to pay for shipment of a land-sea container of items to help raise the living circumstances of those in Sierra Leone. Because education is a prime focus of Kanu and AIMS (which holds a 501 (c) 3 non-profit tax status), many books aimed at the target population are ready to go. Also included are clothing, basic health care items such as soap, towels, tooth brushes and toothpaste. In previous shipments Kanu has sent a few cars and a donated school bus, with extra engine. These were filled with needed items.

The goal of AIMS is to build a school (already begun) and to begin offering a comprehensive education for the youngest children, and vocational education for young adults. The school bus will provide reliable transportation for students in place of the overcrowded and unreliable public busses.

Sierra Leone is a small impoverished country on the western coast of the African Continent. A Google search gives an idea of the naturally beautiful geography and the stark reality of some of the world's most dramatic poverty. The website is

http://www.africaintmissionservices.org/.
Monetary donations can also be sent directly to AIMS at 16 Central St. Sunapee NH 03782.
Mr. Kanu and AIMS volunteers will be on hand to answer questions at the meal.

The shipping container will be loaded the final Saturday of November (Nov 25th) in Sunapee. Volunteers are invited to assist in this community service. You may call 763-1259 to find out times and other details about loading of the container, or more details will be given at the Taste of Africa dinner on November 11.

"Songs and Stories from World War I, a Hundred Years Later", Presented by "Ramblin' Richard" Kruppa

CLAREMONT, NH--It was known as "the Great War", "The War to end all Wars", and 100 years after the United States sent "Doughboys" to Europe, we remember the songs and stories from the time: "Over There" and over here.

On Thursday, Nov. 9, the Fiske Free Library will host "Songs and Stories from World War I, a Hundred Years Later". This entertaining and informative program, which begins at 7:00 p.m., will be presented by "Ramblin' Richard" Kruppa who sings the songs that were popular and tells the interesting stories of how the songs related to the life and the times of Americans of that era. Many of the songs have remained beloved



to this day, including: "When Irish Eyes are Smiling", "It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary", and "How Ya Gonna Keep 'em Down on the Farm".

This special program, "illustrated" with music, has been presented throughout the region. Kruppa, known musically as "Ramblin' Richard," is a member of the New England Foundation for the Arts. He is retired professor who studied Gospel and American folk music, and an active musician who makes more than 300 performances each year. He tells the stories and sings the songs while accompanying himself on guitar, 5-string banjo and baritone ukulele. The event will be held at The Fiske Free Library, 108 Broad Street, Claremont; for more information, call the library at 542-7017.

This program is free and open to the public.







Valley Regional Hospital held its annual Patient Appreciation and Community Wellness Fair at the hospital on Saturday, Oct. 28. The event included free health screenings; snacks; flu shots; tours; music; how doctors operate during non-invasive surgery, operating on a pumpkin (photo), and the Monster Dash 5K, sponsored in part by the Sugar River Rotary. There were also free giveaways and a chance to visit with hospital employees who work to keep area residents healthy.

Top: Zachary Sergeant showed up as a pirate for the Monster Dash while Wonder Woman— Debbie Gilman, and Batwoman—Lisa Demers, made an appearance as well.

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WHAT: Tiger Sharks Swim Team

WHEN: Try-a-practice, Wednesday, November 1st (Official Team Practice Starts on November 6th)

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Sununu Visits Area, City

By Bill Binder e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--Gov. Chris Sununu toured a number of Claremont businesses and held roundtable discussions in the area with civic, school and business leaders on Monday, Oct. 23. After a roundtable with business leaders in the Newport area, Sununu toured North Country Smokehouse, NH Industries and Red River and held another roundtable with Claremont city officials, State Representatives, hospital officials, school officials and citizens at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center.

Discussion focused on economic development, education investments and public health initiatives. Sununu told the group, "I'm an engineer, so I believe that if you try a few things, maybe it won't work out exactly as you want, so you go back and tweak it. We are trying some new stuff, but I know we are going to need to get folks' input to make it better down the road."

Cutting down on red tape at the state level concerning economic development, state mandates on education being passed down to the cities and towns and other concerns were discussed with the Governor during the roundtable in Claremont.

Disposing of Drugs Safely

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day was held on Saturday, Oct. 28. Claremont Police were set up in the CVS parking lot and collected three large boxes of unused or expired prescriptions. Used and unused needles were also disposed of safely. Sharps containers for the home and information concerning the disposal of needles and prescription drugs were handed out. The Claremont Police Dept. also has a container in their lobby area for the disposal of unused or expired prescription drugs.

L-R—Med Student Margot Leneveu, Officer Cameron Blewitt, Ashley Greenfield from DHMC (Bill Binder photo).



Governor Chris Sununu held a roundtable discussion in Claremont last Monday. Pictured here, from left: Claremont City Manager Ryan McNutt, Sununu, Claremont Mayor Charlene Lovett and Asst. Mayor Allen Damren (Bill Binder photo).



Heavy Rain, Winds Pummel Area, New England

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--Remnants of a tropical depression combined with a Nor'Easter Sunday night, pummeling the region and New England with heavy rain and wind. Tens of thousands of people and businesses were left without power as of this Monday morning, and flash flood warnings continued to be issued.

Newport School District announced a two-hour delay today due to "wires and trees down on 11 of our roads," said Superintendent Cindy Gallagher. "Due to the road conditions in Goshen, all students should report to the fire station. Middle High School will report leave at 8:30 and Elementary will leave at 9:30. Please travel safely," she said in a statement released to the media.

Unity Elementary School was closed today due to a lack of power, and many roads in the area remained closed due to downed trees and wires. Readers reported considerable damage in the area of Cornish's back roads. Some 1.3 million power customers in New England have been affected. It may take days for service to be fully restored, said several power company officials.

Power outages were widespread throughout New Hampshire and Vermont this morning; as of 8:15 a.m.:

Flooding scenes in New-

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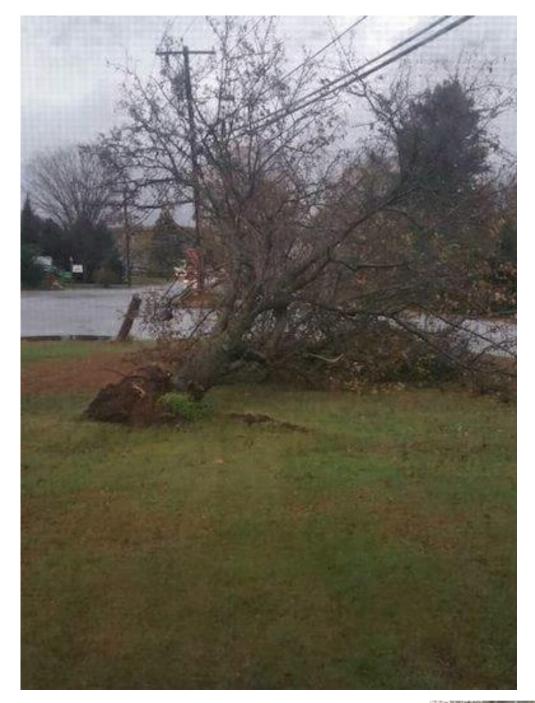
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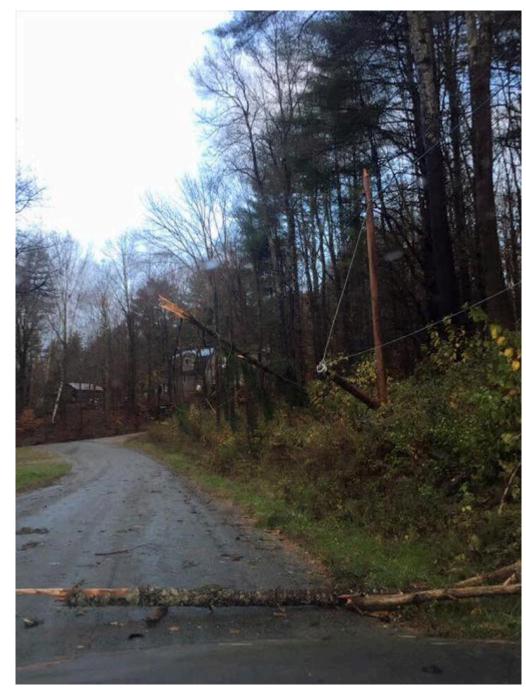
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Left: An uprooted cherry tree in Charlestown.
Right: Trees and wires down in Cornish; Below right: Pole damage at 5-way Myrtle and Mulberry intersection in Claremont (Courtesy photos).

