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Dumpling Wins the Princess

Young Actors to Stage Traditional Tales at Annual Festival

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—"I just got it!" exclaimed Addie Derosier.

By "it," the 10-year-old fifth grader at Bluff School means star quality. Her self-confidence is evident in expressive movements and a serious approach to theater.

"I like to exaggerate," she said, striking a comic pose. "I like being on stage because I do things I don't usually get to do." She's tirelessly energetic and is off-book with her lines early on in rehearsals. This year she's playing Princess Kirsten in "12 Dancing Princesses," following last year's turn as the nasally "dumb blonde" Lina Lamont in "Singin' in the Rain."

Addie's dedication gets the
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Costumes are here! The "Dumpling and the Golden Goose" cast are a colorful bunch of characters Eric Zengota photo).

City Holds Public Input Sessions to "Rethink Pleasant Street"

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH—Interested residents and downtown business owners filled Council Chambers on Wednesday to learn more about and to offer input on creating a new vision for

Pleasant Street. The two-hour gathering was really a listening session, as the project is just getting started, and was an opportunity for the community to put forth ideas and concerns about how to reinvigorate the downtown Pleasant St. area, from Glidden Street to Opera House Square. The study area is also

looking at the parking inventory as well, a topic that was of prime concern to many of those who attended the noon session. A second session was held that evening for those who were unable to attend the earlier one.

The session was led by Brian Colburn, a
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Groomed Winter Trail System at Moody Park

CLAREMONT, NH—Moody park volunteers have started grooming a winter trail system for added winter fun in Claremont.

According to Parks and Rec Director Mark Brislin, “Winter trails 100 percent depend on three factors, the weather, the Moody Park volunteers who donate hours of their time to keep the trails groomed and open and you, the trail user. Please do not walk, run, bike, ski, etc., when trails are soft. If given time to harden, everyone can and will enjoy an amazing trail experience.”

Brislin added that holes and ruts, once frozen, “render trails difficult to use and result in a poor experience for all. Please do your part to ensure everyone can enjoy Moody Park. Please walk and or run next to the groom trails or enjoy many of the un-groomed trails in the park with snowshoes.”

For winter trail etiquette, please visit the department’s Facebook page.



The Claremont Parks and Recreation Maintenance crew has been hard at work making an ice skating rink at Moody Park for the community to enjoy this winter. "To help keep this rink going, we will need community involvement to help clear the rink after a snow fall, especially on weekends," said Parks and Rec Director Mark Brislin. "Please feel free to help out and bring a shovel to help clear the rink before skating. We hope you enjoy the rink." (Courtesy photo).

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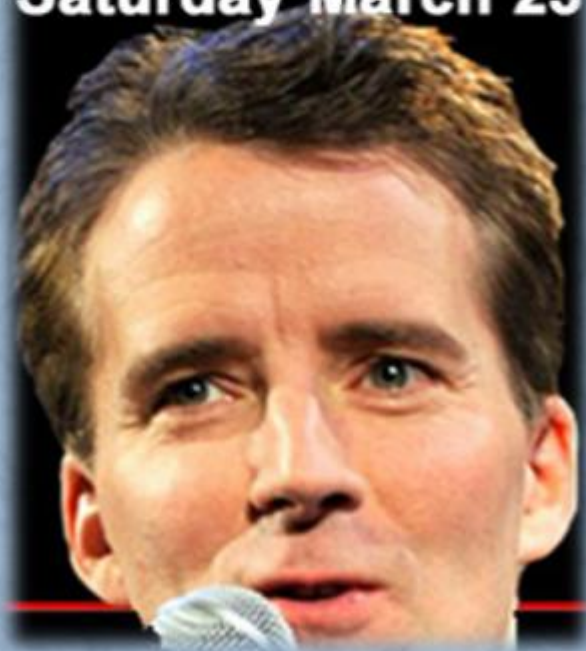


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Shaheen Applauds Largest Seizure of Fentanyl at Port of Entry

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) applauded a record-level seizure of fentanyl by U.S. Custom and Border Protection (CPB) Thursday at the Arizona border. More than 250 pounds of fentanyl was hidden in a tractor-trailer and found by CPB after a scan during a secondary inspection. Shaheen underscored that CPB’s seizure demonstrates how critical technological investments are to properly screen vehicles at ports of entry, secure our border and stop the flow of illegal drugs into the United States.

“New Hampshire remains on the front lines of the opioid epidemic, so our communities are especially relieved that federal law enforcement apprehended these smugglers, who had enough fentanyl to kill millions of Americans,” said Shaheen. “This record-breaking seizure of fentanyl underscores why comprehensive border security measures, including technological investments for screening and surveilling, are necessary at ports of entry. I hope Congressional Republicans and President Trump keep this in mind as negotiations continue, and as we work together to secure our border and keep Americans safe.”

Recently, Shaheen spoke on the Senate floor about the need to prioritize comprehensive border security efforts that include technological investments to better surveil and screen at ports of entry. Shaheen is a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security and has consistently supported legislation to provide funding for CPB, which includes funds to stop the flow of opioids into the United States.

**Hassan Joins Colleagues in Introducing the
Rebuild America’s Schools Act**

WASHINGTON, DC— – Senator Maggie Hassan last week joined her colleagues in introducing the Rebuild America’s Schools Act, a proposal to invest \$100 billion in the physical and digital infrastructure of schools across America. The bill was sponsored by Senator Jack Reed (D-RI).

“All students deserve a safe and healthy environment to learn, grow, and thrive,” Hassan said. “This bill will help provide the next generation with the modern infrastructure they need to succeed in the 21st century’s innovation economy, and will help create good-paying jobs for hard-working Granite Staters and Americans.”

Currently, the federal government only covers school repair costs in cases of disasters. A 2016 “State of Our Schools” report found that, collectively, the United States is spending \$46 billion less annually on school construction and maintenance than is necessary to ensure safe and healthy public school facilities.

This bill, which is being introduced along with an identical bill in the U.S. House of Representatives by Congressman Bobby Scott (VA-03), Chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor, would provide \$100 billion in federal grants and school construction bonds over the next decade to help build and renovate schools. In turn, the bill would create nearly 2 million good-paying jobs.

**Kuster Hosts Jeff Aulbach, New Hampshire Air Traffic
Controller at State of the Union Address**

WASHINGTON, DC—Friday, Congresswoman Annie Kuster (NH-02) announced she will host Jeff Aulbach, a New Hampshire Air Traffic Controller from Brookline, at this week’s State of the Union Address. Aulbach worked without pay during the 35-day government shutdown. The unions that represent air traffic controllers, pilots and flight attendants expressed their serious concern about the impact of the government shutdown on public safety, writing, “We have a growing concern for the safety and security of our members, our airlines and the traveling public due to the government shutdown.”

Kuster and Aulbach will underscore the importance of not allowing government shutdowns to be used as leverage and bargaining tools. The short-term government funding agreement that was reached last week currently expires on February 15th and Kuster will continue to advocate for an agreement that prevents another shutdown.

The Moody Building; traffic, consisting of a trolley, car and horse and buggies, stopped for some kind of procession.

Photos, courtesy of Merle Boardman



❧ Past • Shots ❧



A parade going by the shoe shop on Mulberry St. in Claremont.

Woodworking Event in Claremont with PBS Host Tom McLaughlin

CLAREMONT, NH—Master Woodworker Tom McLaughlin will be in Claremont on February 16th for a 1:00 p.m. workshop at the Claremont MakerSpace, 46 Main St in Claremont. The workshop is organized by the West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts and the Claremont MakerSpace.

Attendees will be able to see McLaughlin speak about woodworking techniques to build stunning furniture, and to ask questions. In this workshop he will focus on techniques needed to build a Shaker Hall Table designed by McLaughlin, including mortise and tenon joinery, making tapered legs on the tablesaw, hand-cut pocket holes, using a hand plane for polished surfaces, and more.

“We are excited to have a skilled teacher and furniture builder like Tom teach at the incredible Claremont MakerSpace facility for this collaboration,” said West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts Executive Director Melissa Richmond, “Tom has a big following across New England and beyond, so it is exciting to have him right here in Claremont.”

McLaughlin apprenticed alongside the master craftsman P.A. “Pug” Moore. From there he became a master himself, including membership in the New Hampshire Furniture Masters Association for 20 years, winning awards and accolades for his furniture design and building, and building an active career sharing his knowledge through his business Epic Woodworking. He teaches in his shop in Canterbury NH, online through epicwoodworking.com, and on the popular PBS show Rough Cut with Fine Woodworking produced by WBGH. Tom’s Adirondack Chair is featured on the current issue of *Fine Woodworking Magazine*.

The lecture style workshop and will discuss techniques and tips for furniture building, and will be followed by a Q & A and reception with McLaughlin.



Tom McLaughlin

Tickets should be purchased in advanced, seating is limited. Early Bird tickets are \$30 (\$25 for members of CMS or WCCMA) until February 9, and \$35 after that.

For more information please visit wcc-ma.org or claremontmakerspace.org/events.

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Heidi Knight of Cross Insurance to Chair the 13th Annual Steppin' Up to End Violence 5K Walk & Fun Run

**Save the Date for Saturday, May 4th;
over 1,000 Participants Expected**

CLAREMONT, NH—The 13th Annual Steppin' Up to End Violence 5K Walk and Fun Run is set for May 4th. For the last 12 years, Sullivan County communities have come together in a public show of solidarity for Turning Points Network and the agency's mission to end domestic violence, sexual harassment and abuse, and stalking, and the agency is excited for another successful year.

Heidi Knight of Cross Insurance in Newport, NH, will lead this year's challenge as Honorary Chair, supporting TPN's goal of raising \$85,000 to assist survivors of domestic and sexual violence. As a member of the TPN Board of Directors, Heidi has witnessed first-hand the important and meaningful work TPN does for the community and encourages everyone to come out May 4th and be involved. "This is my way to give back to the community."

Knight joined the team of Cross Insurance in 2016, specializing in commercial insurance and risk management. The mother of two resides in Claremont, NH, where she works from her home office.

"Cross Insurance is honored to support the work of Turning Points Network and their staff in 2019. The advocacy, support, and safety they are able to provide survivors through their shelter, programs, and services is a vital resource for all of Sullivan County."

Cross Insurance, a family owned agency headquartered in Bangor, ME, was founded in 1954 by Woodrow Cross, who, in pursuit of his dream of becoming a businessman and his own boss, became a licensed insurance agency, and began to sell insurance – from his kitchen table. Working from his home office, Woodrow established a network of carriers he could provide coverage for and slowly grew his business. In 1963, he moved his at-home agency to an office in downtown Bangor and hired his first employee. Now, Cross Insurance has grown to over 40 branches and more than 800 employees across New England. The agency remains family owned to this day.

More than 90 teams are expected to "Step

Up" along with sponsors and donors who are pledging their support for the Saturday, May 4th event, following a highly visible route through downtown Claremont.

"Steppin' Up is a vital annual fundraiser for the agency," said Turning Points Network's Executive Director, Deb Mozden. "In our 41st year of providing free services to all who need them, our work is more important than ever to the more than 900 women, children, and men we help each year as we join in solidarity with our community to reduce and eliminate personal violence in all its forms."

Those interested in fundraising, starting a team, or joining a team are encouraged to visit the Steppin' Up First Giving page to register.

For more information about Steppin' Up, you can visit TPN's website at www.turning-pointsnetwork.org or visit the TPN Facebook page for specific event information.

To register a team, join a team, or fundraise, visit www.firstgiving.com/event/turning-pointsnetwork/steppin_up2019.

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Actors, from A1

thumbs-up from the play’s director, Stacy Bathrick. It gives Bathrick, the Claremont Elementary School Drama Director, one less thing to worry about during the eight to 10 weeks of rehearsal. That time finds her directing at not only Bluff, but also Disnard and Maple Avenue schools. All three casts will perform at the Claremont Elementary School Drama Festival on February 9.

“This is the twelfth festival I’m directing for the schools,” said Bathrick. “It’s always fun. Children’s theater is a whole other world when it comes to acting. It’s great to see who gets bitten by the theater bug early on. Some in their first play don’t know they’ll enjoy it, so it’s rewarding to see their progress.”

Oliver Beeman and Gianna Bove, fifth-graders at Maple Avenue, are theater “veterans” by now, having been on stage since the first grade. Oliver plays the title character in “Dummling and the Golden Goose,” who wins his princess because he’s the only person who can make her laugh. Gianna plays Bella, one of three sisters who get literally stuck to Dummling when they try to snatch a feather from his golden goose.

Both youngsters were excited to get the first pieces of their costumes. “I got a vest!” said Oliver, “and I like the patch on it.” Gianna was learning how to move in a full-length skirt. “I’ve

never worn anything this long except maybe my nightgown.”

Costumes are a big step toward creating stage characters. They’re also a tall order, given that each cast has about two dozen students. Ball gowns and capes and military uniforms are hauled out of wardrobe storage, tried on, refitted — and sometimes created from scratch. Props like crowns and woodsman’s axes come to light. As for makeup — well, which child wouldn’t like to slap on a false beard or wear a fright wig to become an old beggar woman?

Song, dance and poetry are an integral part of each play. There are 12 dancing princesses, after all, plus townspeople and courtiers and wise old men who find their rhythm as soon as the music comes alive.

Between them, Bathrick and Brandi Laplante, one of the parents who assist throughout the rehearsal process, select modern, up-tempo songs and choreograph the dances. The Bluff students are clustered together, but each is definitely doing “their own thing” to the jaunty beat of “Blame It on the Boogie.” Over at Maple Avenue, the “Dummling” line now stretches to 20 stuck-together characters. But when “The Locomotion” kicks in, they kick out and strut in a conga line like there’s no tomorrow.

Laplante writes poems “so we can make the traditional story our own.” They are positive, encouraging messages. “Dance Life,” for “12 Dancing Princesses,” proclaims “Dance like you will never dance again. ... The dance that you create / will be the story of your own fate.”

Bathrick firmly believes in the importance and benefits of the dramatic arts. “The children aren’t just ‘in a play.’ They’re learning to work together and support each other. And they’re also becoming competent in public speaking.” Looking back on the hundreds of children she’s directed, she added, “It’s so wonderful to see them start out as shy flowers, grow in confidence and blossom.”

Bathrick has several other perspectives on children’s development. She works as a



Gianna Bove and Oliver Beeman are ready for their close-up (Eric Zengota photo).

clinical nurse at Valley Regional Hospital in Pediatrics, where she’s been a nurse to many of her young actors. She’s a founding member of The Repertory Theatre Company, and the creator of the “You’re Amazing” Self Esteem Project for local girls.

The theater-bug students want to keep on acting. Gianna and Oliver, who are going on to middle school next year, play several sports. Gianna hopes that if she has to decide between playing on a team and being in a cast, her coach will let her out of one game so she can be on stage. Oliver won’t hesitate: the next play will win out. Addie, who’s also headed into sixth grade, has her sights set on stardom. “I’m ready for anything,” she says. “I want a main role. I want to stand out.”

They and their cast mates will keep searching for the next spotlight. Meanwhile, next Saturday, they’ll dance like they will never dance again.



Addie Derosier, left, will always “Blame It on the Boogie.” (Eric Zengota photo).

What: Claremont Elementary School Drama Festival 2019:
Bluff — “12 Dancing Princesses”
Disnard — “The Pied Piper”
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Town of Cornish Budget Public Hearing will be held
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
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Live Chocolate Auction to be Held on Feb. 10

HARTLAND, VT—Chocolate Extravaganza! Sunday, Feb. 10. This Live Chocolate Auction takes place before Valentine’s Day, so prepare to purchase your loved one a gift of chocolate. This is our 11th Annual Live Chocolate Auction which features homemade desserts, as well as local establishments’ creations from The Barn Cafe, Bearse Bakery, Skunk Hollow Tavern. Children will also have an opportunity to bid on items set aside for them only. Along with the auction, there is a raffle for a \$100 gift certificate toward the Skunk Hollow Tavern located in Hartland, VT, which is next to the church. The viewing of the chocolate items takes place at 11:00 a.m.; the bidding will start promptly at 11:15 a.m. and last for an hour or until all items are auctioned off. There will be 40-50 items put up to bid. This takes place at the First Universalist Society of Hartland located at Hartland Four Corners, VT, on the corner of Brownsville Road and Route 12. Any questions, please contact Nancy Walker at 603-863-0066.



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Springfield Medical Care Systems, Inc., Springfield Hospital Announce Details of Restructuring Plans

Wage Adjustments, Reduction of Positions Included

SPRINGFIELD, VT— On Friday afternoon, Springfield Medical Care Systems, Inc. (SMCS), and Springfield Hospital announced a restructuring of its operations to reduce expenses and improve the organization's financial performance. The restructuring, which is part of a broader plan to ensure ongoing access to quality healthcare services in the region, includes the elimination of positions and system-wide wage adjustments to better align the system's workforce and costs to current market demand.

"These decisions are incredibly difficult, and we have worked hard to limit staffing reductions as we begin the turnaround necessary to stabilize this organization so that we can provide great care now and in the future," said George Lamb, Chairman of the Board for SMCS.

"Though we know these changes are necessary, we deeply regret the personal impact of this reduction. We are grateful to the state, our community and the staff for their ongoing support as we manage through this challenge." Like so many rural hospitals and health systems throughout the country, SMCS and Springfield Hospital are faced with significant financial challenges. To move forward, the organization must reduce \$6.5 million in annual costs to be implemented as quickly and efficiently as possible.

This work requires SMCS and Springfield Hospital to consider every option available. Staffing and wage reductions are an initial step of this overall plan. The remaining items such as renegotiated vendor contracts, and other organizational changes, are in development and will be shared in the coming days and weeks.

"Approximately 27 positions will be eliminated - which represent less than six percent of the total workforce - and are spread throughout the organization, with careful consideration of patient care needs and to minimize the impact on any one area. Addressing staffing costs is an important first step since staffing

represents 44% of our overall costs," said a spokesperson.

System-wide wage reductions will take effect February 24, 2019, and include 10% for salaried positions, 4% for hourly staff, and a negotiated amount from contracted staff.

These adjustments align staffing to the organizations' current activity levels. "To be clear, the situation is fluid, and it is possible further staffing adjustments will be necessary," said the spokesperson. "The need to identify further cost savings remains."

Cecil Beehler, MD, Chief Medical Officer, added, "There is no denying this is a very challenging time for us. SMCS and Springfield Hospital play a critical role in our region - providing lifesaving care and improving overall health through prevention, wellness and population health efforts. Our patients' health and well-being remain at the center of everything we do as we continue this difficult, but necessary, journey."

As part of a broader strategic review, individual service lines are being carefully analyzed to determine market demand and sustainability. As part of this analysis, options for further collaboration and affiliation with Dartmouth Hitchcock are being discussed to enhance the availability of needed health care services for residents of our region.

Additionally, under guidance of counsel, Chapter 11 reorganization is also being considered as a possibility to help stabilize the situation so services can continue into the future.

Lamb also stated the Boards are continuing



Springfield Medical Care Systems, Inc. (SMCS), and Springfield Hospital today, Friday, announced a restructuring of its operations (File photo).

to work closely with the Governor's office, including Tom Huebner, and the state and federal congressional delegation to explore every available opportunity to improve the organization's current situation. "The healthcare environment is rapidly evolving, creating challenges and opportunities in how we serve our communities. Our Board fully recognizes the need to take immediate action to realign expenses and to develop a sustainable model for the future," he added.

The *Valley News* reported that SMCS "has received a \$1.6 million advance, half from the Vermont Agency of Human Services and the other half from Berkshire Bank, in order to keep the operation running."

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll



OUR TURN One Woman's Courage

"I cannot believe the difference in my life over the past six months. I was so scared and so hurt-in every way. When my sister first helped me, I couldn't even see what was going on in my life. Now, I love the direction of my life and my sons'."

Kelly is a single parent of two young boys, one of whom she shares with an abusive ex-boyfriend, Connor. Throughout their relationship, Kelly endured severe physical and emotional abuse by Connor, including verbal degradation, threats to take their child, hitting and strangulation. When she ended the relationship, he found new ways to abuse her through stalking and death threats. He took every opportunity to harass her when he saw her in the grocery stores. He made scenes at her work place, left notes on her car, and made threatening posts on her Facebook page. In one Facebook message, he sent her a picture of him smiling while holding rope and duct tape. After seeing the photo, Kelly filed for a temporary restraining order, and although it was granted, Connor's violent behavior persisted. Eventually, Kelly's sister, who had witnessed the abuse on multiple occasions, encouraged her to seek assistance from Turning Points Network (TPN).

An advocate from TPN met with Kelly in court on the day of the hearing for the permanent restraining order. The advocate explained to Kelly and her family members who had come to support her about the court hearing process and what to expect. The order was granted, but Kelly was still afraid of what Connor would do in retaliation, especially given the fact that they shared a child in common. Aware of the increased risk of lethality due to the combination of physical abuse and stalking, TPN worked with her to create a safety plan in preparation for violations of the protective order and helped her through the process of getting a Parenting Plan issued.

Today, Kelly's permanent order is still in effect and has primary decision making over her son with Connor, who has supervised visitations every other Sunday. Connor violated the order a month after the hearing, making threats to

take their son away from her once the protection order expires. Kelly, at TPN's advice, reported it to the police. The police didn't arrest him, but they did issue him a warning and Kelly has not heard from him since. With the help of TPN and her family's support, Kelly summoned the courage and determination to take back control of her life and give her sons the safe and healthy family environment she wanted for them.

January marks the 15th National Stalking Awareness Month, an annual call to action to recognize, educate, and respond to the serious crime of stalking.

Stalking, described as a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear, is widespread and affects the lives of 6.6 million Americans each year, yet, the crime is often overlooked and trivialized. The reality is that stalking is a very serious offense, which often results in physical violence, psychological trauma, and even murder (Stalking Resource Center 2012).

"1 in 7 Teens is a stalking victim"

Stalking is not a one-dimensional crime. With the availability of technology and rising use of social media, we can easily, and quickly, connect with other people. However, typical activities such as posting a Facebook status, uploading a photo to Instagram, or using a phone's GPS to find local amenities can all be misused by abusers to stalk, control, surveil, and abuse victims. For young adults, it is especially important to know the signs, and for parents to be informed and aware of the behaviors that can constitute stalking and evolve to more serious crimes. Repeat phone calls, text messages, or social media posts, leaving notes in a locker, showing up before and after class, at your teen's place of work, or any other behaviors that can seem scary and frustrating, are serious issues that need to be addressed.

DID YOU KNOW?

(Courtesy of www.stalkingawareness.org)

- The majority of stalking victims are stalked by someone they know. Many victims are stalked by a current or former intimate partner, or by an acquaintance.

- 74% of those stalked by a former intimate partner reported violence and/or coercive control during the relationship.
- The average length of partner stalking is approximately 2.2 years (which is longer than the average of just over one year for non-intimate partner cases.)
- 31% of women stalked by an intimate partner were also sexually assaulted.
- 46% of victims experienced one or more violent incidents by their stalker.
- 57% of stalking victims were stalked during the relationship

If you or someone you know suspects stalking, it is vital to trust your instincts and reach out for help. If you feel you are in immediate danger, call 911. Take every threat seriously, record all contact the stalker makes with you, and do not respond to their communication attempts. Consider reaching out to a trained TPN advocate for help creating a safety plan or with filing a stalking petition. Stalking, in any form, is not okay.

For more information or help with stalking, you can contact Turning Points Network 24 hours a day

www.turningpointsnetwork.org

TPN Crisis and Support Line: 800-639-3130

National Domestic Violence Hotline:

800-799-7233

National Sexual Assault Hotline: 800-656-4673

National Human Trafficking Hotline:

888-373-7888

Stalking Information: <http://victim-sofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center/help-for-victims>.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER

Let someone else do the cooking on Saturday March 2 from 4pm-7pm at the Claremont Country Club. Join Sullivan County Humane Society for our All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner with your choice of neutered (vegetarian) or unneutered (meatball) sauce. Dinner will also include salad, bread, and dessert! \$10/person, children under 6 are free with the purchase of an adult meal.

Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at the humane society, Kit N Kaboodle, or that evening at the door.

For information please, call 603-542-3277 or visit our website: <http://www.sullivancountyhumanesociety.org/>.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2**OUTDOORSMEN SUPPER at 5 p.m.****CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH,
PLAINFIELD, NH**

Do you like to eat various types of meat from the wild? Do you like to tell hunting stories and laugh? If you do, we'd like to invite you to join us for our Outdoorsmen Supper 2019 for dinner and laughs on Saturday, March 2nd at 5 p.m. at the Red Barn Church (Christ Community Church, 1259 Route 12A, Plainfield, NH).

We would like to hear from you about the funniest hunting story you have. It doesn't even have to be true. Elaborate all you wish in the spirit of laughter. The requirement is that you must make us laugh:-) There will be a contest and the winner who makes us laugh the most will walk home with a prize. Keep it PG as we will have youngsters attending. Do you like to show off your trophies? We will have a picture show of your greatest kill if you wish to share a picture of it. You may bring a mounted deer head, antlers, a mounted fish, or anything you can carry to display in our hunting trophy section. People will be able to vote, and the owner of the winning trophy will walk away with a prize.

Please RSVP to attend the Outdoorsmen Supper by emailing zane_burke@hotmail.com or by calling Terri Burns at (603) 675-5673. For more information, see our website at <https://redbarnchurch.com/>. Seats are limited to the first 100 people. This event is free.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27**Night of Bowling, Pizza**

Looking for something to do on a cold winter evening?

How about a fun evening of bowling on Wednesday, Feb. 27, from 6:00-10:00 p.m.? Bring the whole family, a girls/guys night out or get a team of your co-workers. Come support Sullivan County Humane Society at Maple Lanes in Claremont.

Come on out for a night of bowling: \$15/person includes 2 games of 10-pin, shoe rental, a slice of pizza, and a soda!

For more information, please call 603-542-3277 or visit <http://www.sullivancountyhumanesociety.org/>.

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Light Up The Lottery Winners Include Claremont Display

Congratulations were extended by the NH Lottery to its 1st place winner, Joyce Mitchell of Claremont, whose holiday decorations helped make New Hampshire merry and bright; she submitted this year's winning photo; Brian and Joyce Mitchell's home will be featured on a holiday scratch ticket. Carol O'Connell of Derry won 2nd, and 3rd place went to David Ouellette of Manchester. Brian Mitchell told the *e-Ticker News* that they presented David's House with a check for \$2,100 from their donation box this past season. (NH Lottery photo).

Claremont Savings Bank **TIPS**



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

IRA vs. Roth IRA

The biggest difference between a Roth and a traditional IRA is how and when you get a tax break. The tax advantage of a traditional IRA is that your contributions are tax-deductible in the year they are made. The tax advantage of a Roth IRA is that your withdrawals in retirement are not taxed.

Check back next week for another tip!

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e-Ticker Business News

Wild Game Donation...

Claremont Soup Kitchen Executive Director Cindy Stevens recently extended her thanks to Conservation Officer Bronson and Sgt. Dakai for “the incredible donation of wild game. Another 300 lbs! Also, thank you to Northwoods Law for taking their time to see our organization,” said Stevens (Courtesy photo).



Lebanon Area Chamber of Commerce Offers “Upper Valley Orientation” for Professionals

LEBANON, NH—As part of a new series of educational events for Upper Valley Professionals, the Lebanon Area Chamber of Commerce is offering a breakfast seminar on life and work in the Upper Valley on Tuesday, Feb. 26, from 8:00-10:00 a.m. at River Valley Community College’s downtown Lebanon campus. The event is \$20 for chamber members and \$30 for not-yet-members; breakfast is included.

“Everyone knows that the Lebanon area is unique,” said Chamber Executive Director Rob Taylor, when describing the event. “We’ve heard from HR professionals and newcomers that coming to the area can be a real adjustment. The real estate market is unfamiliar, the climate can take some adjustment, and there’s also the day-to-day questions of ‘where can I get a good cup of coffee?’ or ‘how do I get to know people?’ We’re excited to be able to offer something that really dives into how the Upper Valley came to be and how to make the most of the time that visitors and residents spend here.”

The event will offer a panel of expert speakers covering topics such as recreation, real estate, history, arts and culture, followed by a round table discussion. To register, call the Chamber at (603) 448-1203 or visit their website at LebanonChamber.com.

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D-H Study to Examine Why Small Hospital Maternity Units Are Closing

LEBANON, NH – A new three-year study by Dartmouth-Hitchcock physician Timothy Fisher, MD, will seek to understand why nine rural New Hampshire hospitals have closed their maternity wards since 2000, outline the impacts of these closures, and provide policy makers and hospital leaders with recommendations to better serve women in these communities and others that may be at risk.

Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the New Hampshire study is one of 15 state-based projects to examine rural health trends in the 21st century. The RWJF Interdisciplinary Research Leaders program will provide up to \$350,000 for salary support and project completion. Dr. Fisher will partner with Sarah Benatar, PhD, and Stacey McMorro, PhD, from the Urban Institute in Washington DC, both of whom have extensive experience in studying patterns and outcomes of women’s health care.

The plight of rural hospitals is widespread in many rural states, including northern New England.

A daylong meeting in mid-November with more than 100 attendees from three states helped brainstorm the scope of the project. Data collection and interviews will begin in the spring, and a preliminary analysis will be shared with stakeholders by the winter of



H&R Block Claremont celebrated its recent renovations with a Ribbon Cutting on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Pictured (L to R) Tim McNulty, GCCC Board Member; Deb Sargent; Jennifer Hewes; Phyllis Gagnon; Calista Magwire; John Batten, GCCC Board Member. The Claremont office, located at 126 Washington Street, is now open seven days a week. Visit <https://www.hrblock.com/local-tax-offices/new-hampshire/claremont/126-washington-st-ste-3/27953> for more information (Courtesy photo).

2019-2020. Results are expected to be published in 2021.



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Market Outlook for 2019: Uncertainty is Certain

To say the financial markets were a bit bumpy in 2018 may be an understatement. The S&P 500 was down 6.2 percent for the year, the first time this key index fell since 2008, during the financial crisis. So what can you anticipate in 2019? And what investment moves should you make?

Let's review the causes for last year's market volatility. Generally speaking, uncertainty was a major culprit. Uncertainty about tariffs, uncertainty about the continued trade dispute with China, uncertainty about Brexit – they all combined to make the markets nervous. Furthermore, the Federal Reserve raised interest rates four times, and even though rates remain low by historical standards, the increases caused some concern, as higher borrowing costs can eventually crimp the growth prospects for businesses.

And now that we're into 2019, these same uncertainties remain, so markets are likely to remain volatile. Although the Fed has indicated it may be more cautious with regard to new rate hikes, there are indications of slower growth ahead, particularly in China, the world's second-largest economy. And after strong 2018 earnings growth, helped by the corporate tax cuts, corporate earnings may grow more slowly – and, as always, earnings are a key driver of stock prices.

Nonetheless, the U.S. economy is showing enough strength that a recession does not appear to be on the horizon, which is also likely to be the case globally – and that should be good news, because an extended "bear" market typically does need to be fueled by a recession. Ultimately, the projected continued growth of the U.S. economy and the possible resolution of some uncertainties could help markets rebound.

As investors, we cannot control the everyday ups and downs in the markets, but we can control our decisions, look for opportunities and keep a long-term perspective within our investment portfolios. Consider these actions for 2019:

Be prepared for volatility. As mentioned, many of the same factors that led to the market upheavals of 2018 are still with us, along with the impact of the partial government shutdown – so don't be surprised to see continued volatility. The more you're prepared for market turbulence, the less startled you'll be when it arrives.

Stay diversified. At any given time, different financial assets may move in different directions: stocks up, bonds down, or vice versa. To help dilute risk and take advantage of different opportunities, you should maintain a broadly diversified portfolio containing stocks, international stocks, bonds, government securities and so on. You may need to rebalance your portfolio to maintain an appropriate proportion of each asset class, based on your risk tolerance and long-term goals. Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio, it can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.

Take a long-term perspective. It can be disconcerting to see several-hundred point drops in the stock market. But you can look past short-term events, especially if your most important financial target – a comfortable retirement – is still years or decades away. By keeping your focus on the long term, you can make investment decisions based on your objectives – not your emotions.

If 2019 continues to be volatile, you'll need to stay prepared and make the right moves – so you can be confident that you did everything you could to keep moving toward your financial goals.

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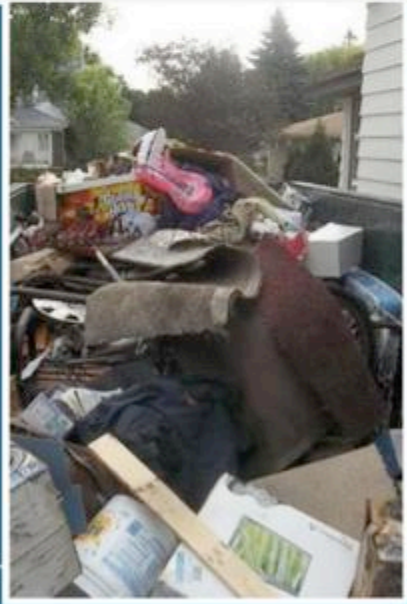
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SATURDAY, MARCH 9

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Become a better naturalist and land steward by learning the ecology and natural history of the Upper Valley. Workshops and field courses are added throughout the year as funding and staffing allows. All programs meet at the Ahern Building at the Sullivan County Complex on County Farm Rd. in Unity, NH unless otherwise stated. Make sure to Register as space is limited. Let us know which program and how many people you are signing up.

Starting in 2019, we will be charging a nominal fee of \$5/person or \$10/family for these programs (unless otherwise specified). You can pay by cash or check. Please talk to us if you would like to attend, but can't afford the fee. <https://www.sccdnh.org/programs>.



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It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus

S-l-o-w

Your slow cooker is not just for cooking. I made up a large batch of Sloppy Joe mixture and put it all in the slow cooker on warm. There was no stirring occasionally or concern about burning. Just let the cooker do its thing. It wasn't over cooked or stuck to the bottom. Then I just put it out and let everyone serve themselves. Simple.

Here's a great winter recipe that I don't make often enough. Just don't think about it for some reason. It's easy and very tasty.

Braised Short Ribs

3 lbs beef short ribs cut up 1 cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons shortening 2 onions sliced
1 bay leaf
1/2 teaspoon whole allspice 1 cup beef broth

Mix flour, salt and pepper and coat beef with mixture. Heat shortening in skillet and brown beef well. Combine all ingredients in cooker. Cook on low 8 to 10 hours or on high 4 to 6 hours. Before serving, remove bay leaf and allspice.

Skim off the fat after cooking if necessary.

In keeping with my new approach to slow cooking, I'm not going to brown the meat first. I will coat it as directed but I'm going to just put it in the cooker. The result of not browning has worked so well so far that I am glad to skip that step, especially the shortening. Since I have the space here's another.

Chicken and Mushrooms in Beer

Chicken, mushrooms, beer. Does it get much better than this? Actually it does. This will do for now.

2 1/2 pounds chicken pieces
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 cup chopped scallions
2 cloves garlic, minced (I use 4)
1 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms (canned ok in a pinch) 1/2 teaspoon marjoram
1/2 teaspoon tarragon
1 can beer

If you are using a large can of beer, drink some off.

Place chicken in cooker and season with salt and pepper. Add all the other ingredients to cooker. Cook on low for 6 to 7 hours.

French fries, home fries or hash browns go well with this. Take a can of cheddar cheese soup. Empty into a sauce pan add one can of beer. Serve with crusty bread.

Play with your food. Share. Make a friend. Or don't share. More for you and who needs friends?

Write to Johnny at etickernews@gmail.com.



Advocating for Education Funding

At our last joint meeting, the Claremont City Council and School Board developed a strategy to collectively advocate for education funding at the state level. Schools that have the resources they need improve student opportunities and outcomes, and impact a community’s ability to grow. On January 29, the governing bodies were able to put this plan into action. Jason Benware (school board member), Josh Mulloy (school administrator) and I traveled to Concord to testify at the House Education Committee hearings.

That day, the House Education Committee held public hearings on multiple bills addressing the education funding issue. The room was packed with people from numerous communities throughout the state, all concerned with the impact of the state’s current funding formula on local communities. I thought I’d share with you the testimony I gave:

“As mayor, I represent a community that understands the necessity of investing in schools to prepare students for the future. In 2013, despite a moratorium on state building aid, the people of Claremont voted overwhelmingly to invest more than \$12 million in a high school renovation project. Before legislation was passed to help offset the cost of full-day kindergarten, we offered it because statistics proved that a higher percentage of children attending full-day kindergarten achieved proficiency in later years. To reduce operational costs, we invested in energy efficiency programs and directed those savings to other needs. As noteworthy as these actions are, what is most significant are the financial conditions in which they occurred.

“In comparison to state statistics, Claremont’s median income is lower and the percentage of people living in poverty is higher. In two of our three elementary schools, more than 50% of children receive free and reduced lunch. In the third elementary school, over 70% of students are eligible. During the city’s last revaluation we lost over \$110 million in

value, increasing the tax rate about \$5 and giving us the distinction of having the highest in NH. Add to this the reduction of state funding in recent years, we no longer have the capacity to fund investments locally without negatively impacting other crucial needs.

“Claremont taxpayers have repeatedly demonstrated their commitment to investing in schools, even when state funding was unavailable. However, current conditions make this no longer sustainable. Schools are a cornerstone to the economic vitality of a community. Yet, disparity exists in the ability of communities to invest in them. Resolving the state funding issue will bring equity to communities which is necessary if we are to realize growth throughout the state. “

After hours of public testimony from people throughout the state, it was clear that resolving the state education funding issue was critically important to a large number of communities. It was also encouraging to see the number of legislators committed to finding a solution to this complex issue. As these bills work their way through the legislative process, we will continue efforts to advocate on behalf of our City.

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

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EXTREME COLD WEATHER RESOURCES

In the event of extreme cold temperatures outside we want to remind residents that they can use the common areas located inside the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center (membership not required) or the Fiske Free Library as a warming shelter



HOURS OF OPERATION:

CSBCC:

Mon - Thurs: 5:30 am to 9 pm
Friday: 5:30 am to 7 pm
Sat & Sun: 8 am to 6 pm

Fiske Free Library:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 9 am -7 pm
Wednesday & Friday: 11 am-5 pm
Saturday: 9 am-1 pm

FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, PLEASE CALL 911.

Additional Resources:

- Southwestern Community Services (SCS) has a short-term emergency shelter to assist families and individuals who are having a housing crisis - (603) 542-9528
- Sullivan County Housing Coalition, Claremont, NH 03743 (603) 542-2448
- Springfield Family Center, Springfield, VT 05156 (802) 885-3646
- Upper Valley Haven, 713 Hartford Ave., White River Junction, VT (802) 295-6500

The Sullivan County Attorney's Office Recently Distributed the Following Press Releases:

Goshen Woman Sentenced for the Possession with Intent to Distribute Controlled Drugs

NEWPORT, NH – Kerri Butler, 34, of Goshen, NH, entered pleas of guilty to multiple charges related to the possession with intent to distribute the controlled drug(s) crack cocaine, methamphetamine, and possession of fentanyl on January 16, 2019.

Butler was sentenced to a period of incarceration of 2.5-7 years at the New Hampshire State Prison for possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine in an amount greater than 5 grams.

Butler was further sentenced to a concurrent 2.5-7 year period of incarceration, at the New Hampshire State Prison, for possession of fentanyl. Additionally, Butler was further sentenced to serve 5-10 years at the New Hampshire State Prison, for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. That sentence is suspended, conditioned upon good behavior, for a period of 10 years, and if imposed, will be served consecutively to the 2.5 to 7 year stand committed sentences.

Butler's convictions originated from an investigation commenced by the Claremont Police Department. On April 26, 2017, Sergeant Justin Laffin, Claremont Police Department, was dispatched to a location on Broad Street for a report of a fugitive wanted by the United State's Marshals. The fugitive was identified as Kerri Butler. Laffin subsequently took Butler into custody. A further investigation, which included an execution of a search warrant, upon a motor vehicle in Butler's control, yielded approximately 13 grams of crack cocaine, over a gram of fentanyl, approximately 18 grams of methamphetamine, along with certain evidence indicative of distribution.

Claremont Man Sentenced for the Distribution of Controlled Drugs

NEWPORT, NH – Frank Heynig, 27, of Claremont, NH, entered pleas of guilty to multiple charges related to the distribution of the

controlled drug heroin on December 17, 2018. Heynig was sentenced to a period of incarceration of 6 months on one charge of sale of a substance represented to be the controlled drug heroin. Heynig was further sentenced to a consecutive 12 month period of incarceration, at the Sullivan County House of Corrections, on three counts of sale of a substance represented to be the controlled drug heroin, and possession with intent to distribute the same. Those sentences are to be served concurrent with each other, and consecutive to the initial 6 month stand committed sentence. Heynig will be evaluated for the Sullivan County TRAILS Program, pursuant to that sentence, which is an intensive incarceration based treatment program run by the Sullivan County House of Corrections, and one based upon best practices. Heynig will also be supervised by the New Hampshire Department of Corrections for a period of 3 years.

Additionally, Heynig was further sentenced to serve 2-5 years at the New Hampshire State Prison, for a fifth charge related to the sale of a substance represented to be the controlled drug heroin. That sentence is suspended, conditioned upon good behavior, for a period of 5 years, and if imposed, will be served consecutively to the 18 month period of incarceration at the Sullivan County House of Corrections.

Heynig's conviction originated from an investigation commenced by the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force. On October 1, October 4, October 15, and November 13, 2018, Heynig met with an individual cooperating with the New Hampshire Drug Task Force, in the city of Claremont, for purposes of selling said individual a quantity of a substance Heynig represented to be the controlled drug heroin. Members of the New Hampshire Attorney Generals' Drug Task Force subsequently obtained a warrant for Heynig's arrest, as well as a search warrant for a location on Main Street in the city of Claremont. Both warrants were effectuated on November 15, 2018.

Heynig, at the time of his arrest, was determined to have in his possession a quantity of a substance represented to be the controlled drug heroin, along with certain packaging and distribution materials.

Lebanon Woman Pleads Guilty to Multiple Counts

NEWPORT, NH- On December 18, 2018, Leigha Keller-Bill of Lebanon, NH, entered

pleas of guilty in the Sullivan County Superior Court on two counts of Criminal Threatening, Committed on Bail and one count of Simple Assault, Committed on Bail.

The criminal threatening misdemeanor charges alleged that Keller-Bill threatened "J.K." by threatening to beat "J.K." and threatening to stab "J.K." in the throat. The Simple Assault, Committed on Bail alleged that Keller-Bill assaulted Alexander R. Marvin by striking him. Alexander R. Marvin was uniformed Newport Police Officer at the time of the offense. All three crimes, which arose out of a single event, were committed while Keller-Bill was released on bail.

Keller-Bill entered her pleas of guilty pursuant to a fully negotiated plea with the State. The plea agreement called for the State to reduce the 2 felony Criminal Threatening charges to misdemeanor variations of the same offenses and to reduce Enhanced Misdemeanor of Simple Assault to a Simple Assault. Keller-Bill, in exchange for the State alleging misdemeanor offenses, agreed to accept the State's sentencing recommendation. The State's recommendation included three concurrent sentences of 12 months in the House of Corrections, all but 30 days suspended for 3 years, credit for 1 day of confinement, and 2 years' probation. The State also recommended three consecutive sentences of 12 months in the House of Corrections, all suspended all for 3 years, on the three counts of Offense Committed on Bail. The sentences for the Offenses Committed on Bail were consecutive to the two Criminal Threatening charges and the Simple Assault. Keller-Bill was also ordered to have no contact with "J.K.".

The Court accepted Keller-Bill's pleas of guilty and sentenced Keller-Bill to three concurrent sentences of 12 months in the House of Corrections, all suspended for 1 year, credit for 1 day of confinement with 1 year of probation on each the two Criminal Threatening complaints and also on the Simple Assault charge. The Court also sentenced Keller-Bill to three consecutive sentences of 90 days, all suspended for 1 year on the three Offense Committed on Bail charges.

Keller-Bill was also ordered to have no contact with "J.K.".

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Claremont Man Sentenced for Dealing in or Possessing Prescription Medicine

NEWPORT, NH – John Murray, 44, of Claremont, NH, was sentenced in Sullivan Superior Court on December 17, 2018, to serve a 12 month term of incarceration at the Sullivan County House of Corrections for dealing in or possessing the prescription medication buprenorphine. All but 60 days of said sentence were suspended for a period of 3 years, conditioned upon good behavior and compliance with the terms of this sentence. That sentence was to be served concurrent with a sentence Murray had been previously sentenced to serve beginning in July 2018.

Murray was arrested, pursuant to an outstanding warrant, in the city of Claremont on June 7, 2018. Murray, at the time of his arrest, was found to be in constructive possession of the prescription medication buprenorphine.

Unity Woman Sentenced to the Sullivan County House of Corrections for One Year for Escape

NEWPORT, NH – Ingrid Pacetti, 30 of Unity, NH, was sentenced in Sullivan Superior Court on December 14, 2018, to serve a 12 month period of incarceration at the Sullivan County House of Corrections for the felony crime of escape. Pacetti will be evaluated for the Sullivan County TRAILS Program, pursuant to that sentence, which is an intensive incarceration based treatment program run by the Sullivan County House of Corrections, and one based upon best practices. Pacetti will also be supervised by the New Hampshire Department of Corrections for a period of 3 years. Pacetti's sentence will be served consecutively to the nine (9) month sentence she was serving at the time of her escape from custody.

Pacetti's conviction arose as a result of an investigation conducted by the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, along with the Sullivan County Department of Corrections. On September 18, 2018, Pacetti failed to return to the Sullivan County House of Corrections after having been permitted to be in the community pursuant to the work release/work search program at the Sullivan County House of Corrections. Pacetti was subsequently apprehended several days later at a residence in the town of

Goshen where she was found to be hiding.

Newport Man Sentenced for Possession of Controlled Drugs

NEWPORT, NH – Jeremy Raymond, 28, of Newport, NH, entered pleas of guilty and was sentenced in Sullivan Superior Court on December 4, 2018, to serve a 1.5-3 year sentence at the New Hampshire State Prison for possession of buprenorphine. Raymond was further sentenced to serve a 1.5 to 5 year sentence, all of which was suspended for a period of 5 years, conditioned upon good behavior, and compliance with the terms of his sentences. That sentence, if imposed, would be served consecutive to the 1.5 to 3 year sentence for possession of buprenorphine.

On May 30, 2018, members of the New Hampshire Department of Corrections conducted an investigation, pursuant to their supervision of Raymond, at a residence in the town of Newport.

As a result of the investigation, it was determined that Raymond was found to be in constructive possession of the controlled drug(s) buprenorphine and morphine. Raymond was not home at the time of the investigation; however, the controlled drugs were found to be in his room and under his control.

Vermont Woman Sentenced for Falsifying Physical Evidence by Sullivan County Superior Court

NEWPORT, NH – Amy Smith, 34 of Springfield, VT, entered a plea of guilty to a felony charge of falsifying physical evidence related to giving a false name to a bail commissioner following her arrest. At a contested sentencing hearing, the State recommended that the defendant be sentenced to 12 months in the House of Corrections with all but 90 days suspended for 2 years and 2 years of probation upon her release.

The State's recommendation was based upon the Smith's prior criminal convictions which included felony convictions for forgery and sale of controlled drugs. Smith recommended a sentence of 90 days of incarceration all suspended for 2 years and that the Court consider community service. The Court sentenced Smith to a period of incarceration of 90 days all suspended for 2 years, 40 hours of community service, and declined to impose

any period of supervision.

Alstead Man Sentenced for Criminal Trespass and Receiving Stolen Property

NEWPORT, NH – On December 6, 2018, Wade Smith, 46, of Alstead, NH, was sentenced in Sullivan Superior Court to serve a 12 month term of incarceration at the Sullivan County House of Corrections for misdemeanor receiving stolen property. All of the sentence was deferred for a period of 1 year, conditioned upon good behavior and compliance with the terms of this sentence, which included Smith refraining from the consumption of alcohol and adhere to his current treatment protocols for substance abuse. Smith was further sentenced to a 12 month period of incarceration, all of which was suspended for a period of 2 years, along with 2 years of probation supervision, for the misdemeanor crime of criminal trespass. That sentence, if imposed, will be served consecutively to the sentence for receiving stolen property.

Smith was subsequently arrested for driving under the influence after members of the New Hampshire State Police responded to a single motor vehicle accident in the town of Langdon. Trooper William Neilsen conducted a secondary investigation stemming from a burglary of a nearby structure. Neilsen learned the structure had signs of a forced entry, and a composting toilet had been removed from said location. Neilsen further learned that Smith had a composting toilet in his truck at the time of the motor vehicle collision. Smith did not have permission to be on the property or have the authority to take the composting toilet.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 LOW COST RABIES CLINIC

On Saturday March 30, Sullivan County Humane Society will be holding a rabies clinic for dogs and cats from 9-1130 at the Claremont Mason Lodge, 40 Maple Ave. Shots are \$10/each.

No appointment necessary.

By law, shots will be good for three years with proof, in the form of a rabies certificate, of previous vaccination, otherwise it is a 1 year shot.

Questions? Please call 542-3277 or visit <http://www.sullivancountyhumanesociety.org/>.

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senior transportation manager with McFarland Johnson, and Johnathan Law, a Senior Associate at CRJA-IBI Group. Also on hand was Scott Ozana, also with McFarland Johnson.

Colburn said that the project was at the conceptual design stage. The area, he said, has a need for utility work and such a project could be tied into that. Costs or funding have not yet been established, and Colburn said a start date would depend on how it is funded, adding that seeking state or federal dollars could take a number of years to secure.

Claremont resident Jason Benware said he felt that one issue is that of parallel parking on Pleasant Street and said he thought that angled parking made more sense.

Gary Trottier, who owns the Union Block, said getting 18-wheelers out of the square was a must, saying they did a lot of damage trying to navigate the square and that the noise and diesel smoke they create were also issues, especially for people trying to dine outside during the good weather months. He also cited parking as an issue and would like to see a “walkable downtown”.

Terri Paige, SCS Transit Director, said that Claremont is lacking accessible parking and stops for busses, making bus pick-ups and drop-offs especially difficult in the downtown area, and that she would like to see accommodations for those made.

Jim Feleen, an attorney with an office downtown wondered, “Does the community itself need a change in attitude about itself? Right now it’s a vehicle-centric place.”

Others attending said they would like to see cafe style offerings, better signage for parking and more use of facilities already present, all ideas to help make Claremont a destination community for shopping and other activities once again. “The opera house is not used enough,” said Benware. He also said that being in the “Amazon age”, niche businesses downtown would be a good addition, shops that could offer items “we can’t get on the internet.”

Changes to downtown areas in Burlington, Concord and White River Junction were cited as prime examples of the direction Claremont could go in; Law said that his firm was the design team for the recent project in Concord. Design decisions would include traffic flow, sidewalks, paving treatment, increasing or better utilizing existing parking, public seating and furniture types and green spaces.

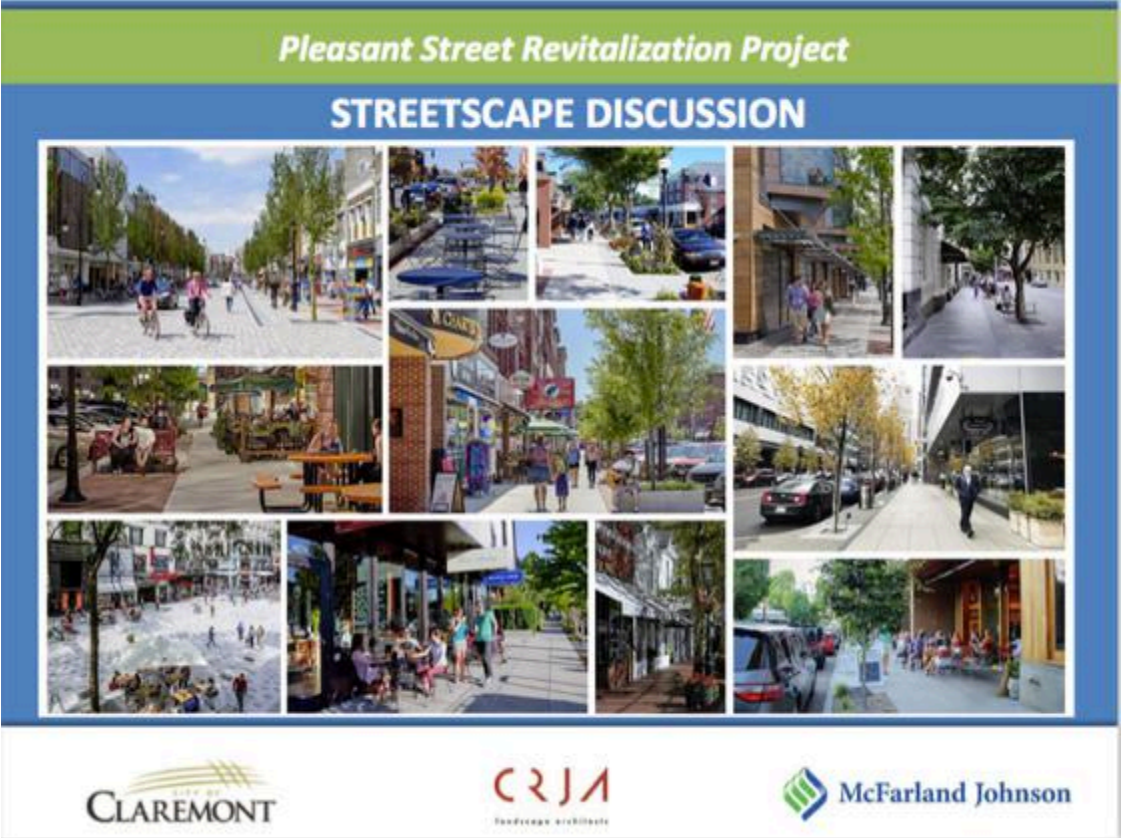


Following Wednesday’s discussions, Colburn said that the team planned to go back and come up with two to three concepts to present to the public to get feedback on the direction the City would like to go. He said he expected that they would be back sometime in March to present their ideas to the community.

Claremont Planning and Development Director Nancy Merrill said at the end of the discussion that the area under consideration is one where it’s “traffic first and everything else is secondary.” With the work that has been through studies of the City Center in recent years, she said they are now looking to “make everything else primary and traf-

fic secondary.” The day’s comments, she said, reflected those concerns and desire for that kind of change.

For information on upcoming meetings, project schedule and more, visit <https://www.rethinkpleasantstreet.com>.



Accident Lands Truck on Tracks, Then Vehicle is Struck by Train

CHARLESTOWN, NH—On the evening of February 3, Charlestown Emergency Services responded to a single motor vehicle accident in South Charlestown where a truck had landed on the railroad tracks. According to the Charlestown Police Department, the driver, who sustained minimal injuries, was safely removed from the pick-up truck and was transported to the hospital. Authorities requested that Amtrak be notified to stop any train traffic; yet, within moments of this, said officials, a train struck the pick-up truck, destroying the vehicle. The impact caused significant debris to scatter, much of which struck the Charlestown Fire Truck 54E1, causing damage to the truck's front end. The name of the driver of the truck has not been released.

One injury was reported from this secondary accident, and that patient was later transported to the hospital for evaluation.

Amtrak said that the train had 72 passengers on board, none of whom had reported injuries. Passengers were removed from the disabled train by buses from Fall Mt. Regional School District and transported to the Bellows Falls Amtrak Station.

Officials with the Charlestown Police Department reported that Amtrak Police, Fall

Mountain Regional Transportation Services, North Walpole Fire, Walpole EMS, Charlestown Ambulance, and NH State Police all “worked well together to keep the scene safe from any additional injuries.”

This accident is still under investigation, said the Charlestown Police Department, and any additional information or questions can be directed to the Charlestown Police Department, Chief Patrick Connors (603) 826-5747, or Amtrak Police Detective Robert Hanson, (413) 785-4253. —Phyllis A. Muzeroll



Photos of what remained of the truck after being struck by an Amtrak train Sunday night (Photos courtesy of the Charlestown Police Department). Left: The damaged Charlestown fire truck being prepared to be towed from the scene (Courtesy photo).