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## Welcome to the 'Boot Camp'

## SAU6 Greets 44 New Teachers with an Intensive Orientation Week

By Eric Zengota e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—"We have amazing people in this school district," said superintendent Michael Tempesta in his welcoming remarks to SAU's new teachers. "And you'll find that Claremont is a welcoming and receptive community. This is a great place to start — and end — your teaching career."

On the day after Labor Day, the doors of Claremont's school buildings will open to a rush of 1,700 students. Most will be eager to be in new grades or even new schools, and to make new friends. Of course, some will be a little nervous about this next chapter in their education.

Just as eager (and a bit nervous) about their next career step will be 44 teachers new to the district.



Talk, share, brainstorm — ideas blossom in group discussions and flower in classrooms (Eric Zengota photo).

They're looking forward to meeting their students. They're enthusiastic about their subject specialties. They have lesson plans to follow, refine and build upon. To some extent, they already feel at home in Claremont.

The district helped them reach such a first-day comfort level by hosting a week-long orientation, which ends tomorrow. Social gatherings included a whole group ice breaker, lunch and musical entertainment, and a website scavenger hunt. On the serious, professional side, close work on curriculum development, student assessments, and reading, writing and math was done in classes and workshops.

Most of the teachers have years of experience. On the other hand, 14 are just starting out, having earned their degrees this past spring.

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# Incident Involving Man On High Bridge Brought to Peaceful Conclusion

CLAREMONT, NH—On Tuesday morning at about 7:48 a.m., the Claremont Public Safety Center received a report of a male subject on top of the railroad tracks that cross over Lower Main Street (locally known as the High Bridge) who was threatening to jump. All emergency services were dispatched to the scene and negotiations with the man began immediately.

During this event, Main Street was closed between Jarvis Hill Road and Plains Road.

"The State Department of Transportation was very helpful in maintaining traffic posts for us at those intersections during the pendency of this matter," said Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase. "Further, we were in direct communication with the railroad service to ensure that all train traffic was halted while we dealt with the crisis."

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Working in collaboration with a member of the NH State Police Crisis Negotiating Unit, Claremont Police officers we were able to convince the man to walk off the bridge and seek treatment at a nearby medical facility, said Chase.

"We would like to thank our law enforcement partners from the NH State Police and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department who helped bring this situation to a peaceful resolution fairly quickly," added Chase. "Further, we would like to thank the professionals from Claremont Fire Department and Golden Cross Ambulance who responded immediately and assisted us in setting up a staging area. We appreciate the patience and support of the public during the time that the road was closed."

Due to the nature of this event, Chased stressed that "We will not be releasing any further details about the identity of the person involved."

## New London Man Arrested Following Investigation into Alleged Threat on Social Media

NEW LONDON, NH—On Friday, Aug. 9, the New London Police Department was given information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) of a possible threat to life that was made over social media. The post was allegedly made by a subject identified by law enforcement as Benjamin Schultz, 20, New London, NH.

According to the New London Police Department, "Schultz is alleged to have created and posted the image of an adult male holding what appeared to be a firearm pointed at the camera with the caption: 'You better not go to school tomorrow.'"

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08/24/2019

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Schultz was ultimately arrested on Aug. 22, and charged with one count of Criminal Threatening, a class A misde-



Benjamin Schultz

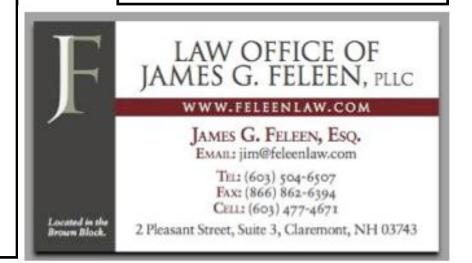
meanor and subject to a maximum penalty of up to one year in jail and a \$2,000 fine. Schultz was arraigned on Friday, Aug. 23, at the 5th Circuit—District Division—Newport Court. He was ordered to be held at the Merrimack County Department of Corrections pending a further hearing on Monday, Aug. 26.

The case was investigated by the New London Police Department and FBI with assistance from the Merrimack County Attorney's Office.

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# Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Claremont Senior Center

Come see the new renovations at the center!



Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:30am 5 Acer Heights Claremont

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## Letter to the Editor

### Learn from the Past for a Better Future for Claremont

#### To The Editor:

The Claremont Planning Board is facing a decision on a proposal that would import into the city and then ship out up to 500 tons of construction and demolition (C&D) waste each day. Acuity Management, Inc. (Acuity) wants to use its property at 43 Industrial Boulevard to consolidate the imported waste. Residents from Claremont and neighboring towns are rightfully concerned about how this operation would increase noise, truck traffic, and pollution. Massive waste imports would also negatively impact the city's image.

C&D is often contaminated with lead, a toxic metal for which there is no safe level of exposure. The toxicity of lead in humans is measured in micrograms or millionths of a gram. It takes only a very small amount of lead to poison a child. The projected amount of imported C&D waste could contain many tons of lead which would create exposure risks for workers, their families, and for Claremont residents in general.

C&D management in New Hampshire is insufficiently regulated and largely privatized. This situation creates an incentive to import C&D from out-of-state, making NH a toxic pipeline. Acuity's plan would entangle the city with the privatized waste industry in a major way. Claremont should take care of its own C&D and not import in a year roughly 75 times more than what the city itself generates.

Acuity's proposal is for a use which is prohibited in the Claremont Zoning Ordinance. The proposal represents a major change of use from a small cardboard recycling facility to an unpermitted waste management operation on a scale wholly inappropriate for the City of Claremont.

Claremont needs to just say no.

Katie Lajoie, RN Charlestown, NH

# NH Delegation Announces \$3.8 Million for STEM Programs at UNH & Dartmouth

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced with Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Representatives Annie Kuster (NH-02) and Chris Pappas (NH-01) that the National Science Foundation awarded Dartmouth College and the University of New Hampshire (UNH) \$3.8 million for projects that invest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Dartmouth will receive \$2,791,391 for a project that targets STEM undergraduate curriculum. UNH will receive \$999,558 for a project that prioritizes training and retention of STEM students in an effort to increase degree completion of low-income undergraduates in STEM fields. Specifically, the UNH funding would pay for scholarships for STEM students transferring from Great Bay Community College in Portsmouth to UNH.

"New Hampshire is a hub for innovation, which is why our academic institutions are so heavily sought after for students, educators and personnel. These grants are an important opportunity for both Dartmouth and UNH to build out our Granite State workforce and ensure students are trained to compete and thrive in a 21st century economy," said Shaheen. "I'm very excited for the students at Great Bay Community College who will receive financial aid to further their STEM studies at UNH."

"From giving more Great Bay Community College students the opportunity to advance their studies in the STEM fields at UNH to supporting Dartmouth's efforts in expanding the STEM curriculum, these federal grants will help ensure that students have the skills needed to thrive in the 21st century economy and that innovative businesses have the highly skilled workforce they need to succeed," said Hassan.

## Beginning Woodworking for Women

CLAREMONT, NH—This class is designed for women who have not had much (or any at all) experience working with wood or tools. Participants will have a chance to explore their creative and practical, problem solving sides, and learn about safety, design, wood, power tools and some hand tools in a supportive learning environment. Machines such as the joiner, planer, table saw, drill press, miter saw, and band saw will be covered as well as drills, routers, and sanders. Each participant will design and build a small project of individual choice. Classes are limited to five participants.

Wear closed toe shoes. Bring something to drink, a pencil with an eraser, and a tape measure if you have one.

Eight-week course: Thursdays 6:30 - 9 PM. September 19 - November 7, 2019 Location: Claremont Makerspace To register, please go here: https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event/2019/9/19/beginning-woodworking-forwomen.

# Annual RiverSweep & Raffle Sept. 7th

SPRINGFIELD, VT—The Black River Action Team welcomes volunteers of all ages to lend a hand for the 20th Annual RiverSweep, Sept. 7, cleanup of the bed and banks of the Black River. Meet at the HQ table by the footbridge in the Springfield Shopping Plaza (2 Chester Road), sign in and pick a spot to clean. Grab trash bags and work gloves, fill your water bottle head out to see what you can find. Bring your junk back to HQ by 11:00 a.m. to help us sort and tally the "treasures," clean up and play a little "Junk Jam" while enjoying lunch. Don't forget to grab some chips donated by Deep River Snacks and your free BRAT tee shirt, as your 'thank you' for your time and effort.

New for 2020: Help support the many BRAT

programs and projects such as RiverSweep by purchasing a raffle ticket (\$1 each or six for \$5) and enter to win one of several prizes (drawing held at noon).

For more information on RiverSweep and other projects, contact BRAT Director Kelly Stettner at (802) 738-0456 or <a href="mailto:blackriver-cleanup@gmail.com">blackriver-cleanup@gmail.com</a>.

# Claremont MakerSpace Looking for Volunteers

CLAREMONT, NH—Interested in volunteering at the Claremont MakerSpace in exchange for a discounted membership? Let us know! We're currently looking for volunteer "Deskers" to help staff the CMS's front desk. Desker responsibilities include giving tours, welcoming participants of classes and events, helping to keep common areas organized and more.

For more information, please send us an email at jobs@claremontmakerspace.org.





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#### Teachers, from A1

Holly Blanchard will teach second grade at Bluff School.

She has two bachelor degrees from Keene State University, in early childhood education and in psychology. New to teaching in



school, she brings experience from afterschool and Head Start programs. "I like new adventures, new challenges," she says. "I jump right in with both feet."

## earned two degrees from Hofstra Univer-

**Paul Landau** 

sity, a bachelor in sports management and a master's in special education. He'll be teaching K-5 special education at Maple Avenue School. "I have a passion for working



with students," he says, adding that he's looking forward to collaborating with other teachers to ensure that his students are integrated into regular classes. He chose Claremont because "I want to live in a close-knit community and make a difference in students' lives."

Alyssa Rioux is a new Eng-

lish teacher at Stevens High School. With a B.A. in literature and an M.Ed. in **Teacher** Certifica-



tion, she intends to draw on her 15 years of teaching experience in private schools, includ-

ing college. Her particular focus is on building competencies. This skills-based approach relies on developing each component of any assignment. Applied to writing an essay, for example, "the students will work on grammar, acknowledging the audience, organization, and transitions from one sentence to the next, one paragraph to the next, all in addition to the actual words." Analyzing the structural parts of an essay will lead to a better end product.

Stephen Moss, one of SAU6's curriculum specialists, led the boot camp. Through a series of presentations, 5-minute two-partner workshops, and collegial interaction, Moss worked toward several goals. "I want to have the teachers understand how our district works. Beyond that, we'll work on creating lesson plans based on state standards. By the end of boot camp, each teacher will have two weeks of lesson plans that they can implement the first day of school, if they choose."

Student assessments are a critical feature of good teaching, said Moss as he first introduced current techniques such as formative and summative assessments. After some discussion, he asked the teachers what they could learn from assessments. Responses included bias in teaching, how to track students' progress, student interests and learning styles. Student choice, another learned outcome, allows a student to complete an assignment with a paper, video, diorama or play.

Moss also discussed how teachers can best introduce themselves to students and parents, and how to build a healthy school environment, which includes attending after-school activities such as plays and sporting events.

Chris Mudge is looking forward to imple-

menting precise ideas and detailed lesson plans in his position as the new 7th grade science teacher at Clare-



mont Middle School. Mudge will focus on earth sciences, which include atmospherics, geology, cosmology, oceanography and the environment. When geography supports the sciences, his teaching tools include Google Earth and ArcGIS (Architecture Geographic Information System). Mudge has a B.S. in geology from St. Lawrence University (Canton, N.Y.), an M.S. in geology from Idaho State University, and certification from the Upper Valley Educators Institute in Lebanon, N.H.

Other orientation-week events included initial training on the district's automated recordkeeping systems, meeting mentors, union matters and work in classrooms. Tomorrow the teachers will meet with building principals.

Moss hopes that they all will carry into their teaching careers the concept of "enduring understanding." He challenged them: "If you run into one of your students 20 years from now, what is the one thing you want them to learn in your class and talk with you about?"



**Evelyn Cormier, Claremont's American** Idol contestant (and a Stevens graduate), performed with her father, Antonio, at the first day's lunch. She sang some songs of her own composition and covered classics. Claremont Savings Bank sponsored Cormier's appearance, hosted the lunch and provided the meeting rooms free of charge.

Photos by Eric Zengota



## **CDFA Seeking Feedback on Grant-Funding Procedure**

### Organization Aims to Streamline Path to Millions of Federal Dollars in Grants, Loans and Tax Credits

## By Eric Zengota e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Staff members from the Community Development Finance Authority held a "listening session" last week in the Claremont Office of Economic Development. CDFA, headquartered in Concord, is the organization that administers New Hampshire's Community Development Block Grants, which are funds provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Funding can be in the form of grants, low-interest loans and tax credits.

CDFA's intent with listening sessions, which are being held around the State, is to report on recent grants, describe the eligibility requirements, discuss the impact of exemption from State administrative rules, and solicit public feedback on how to improve the application process.

In the past year, CDFA administered nearly \$9 million in CDBGs, \$10 million for clean energy projects, and \$5 million in tax credits to businesses. CDFA can handle applications from 829 New Hampshire communities. (Big cities like Nashua operate under a separate program.) Only 3% of the total is earmarked for administration. About 90% of New Hampshire's allocated funds are distributed, one of the highest rates in the country.

Kevin Peterson, CDFA director of economic development, stressed that "All projects must provide a benefit to primarily low- and moder-

ate income persons or households." Individuals cannot apply for grants, but non-profit organizations and small businesses whose success will positively impact others can do so. Municipalities are also eligible if their project demonstrates benefits to the community.

Four issues dominate grant applications: job creation; improved public infrastructure; ac-

cess to affordable housing for the elderly, disabled, and low-income households; and revitalization/redevelopment leading to vibrant downtowns. "'Downtown is the core from which economic development spreads out to the wider community," Peterson noted.

"Claremont already has that," observed Nancy Merrill, Claremont's director of economic development. "We have many residents within walking distance of a downtown that has numerous successful businesses, whether established or start-ups. We're really a poster child for block grants to make downtown an even better place."

A look at some of the projects in Claremont that have received CDBGs gives a good idea of where funding ends up: the Sawtooth Building, Claremont MakerSpace, Turning Points Network, the Goddard Block rehabilitation project, Community Dental Care, and West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts. In addition, a block grant enabled the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center (a facility of the Claremont Parks & Recreation Department) to "go green" by converting its incandescent lighting to energy- and cost-saving LEDs.

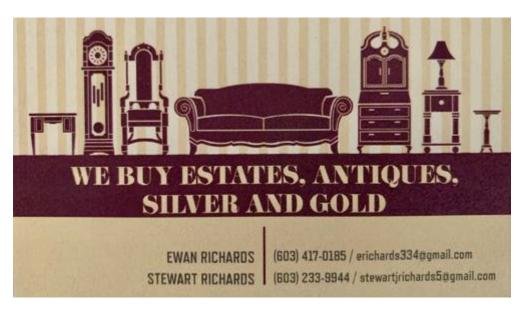
Shelley Hadfield, director of community development, noted that CDFA's work will be streamlined on January 1, the effective date when it is exempt from New Hampshire's administrative rules. Grants, which had been capped at \$10,000, now can be as high as \$35,000, which for some time has been HUD's nationwide average. In addition,

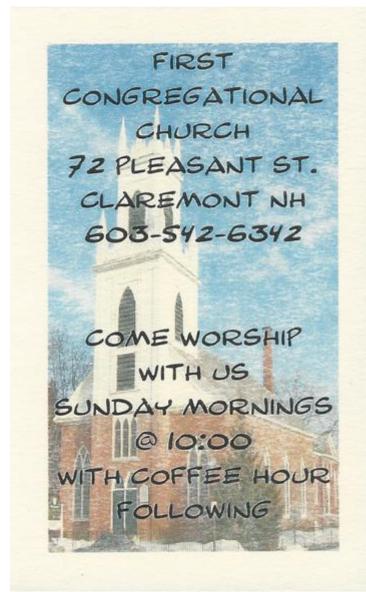
CDBG applications may now be accepted on a rolling basis instead of the current twice-ayear schedule.

Hadfield pointed out that CDFA aims to provide more assistance with the grant application process to smaller communities. "Some towns are run by a staff of only part-time personnel. They simply don't have the individuals, money or expertise to go through the complex application process, or even conduct a feasibility study. We want to ease the burden for those municipalities."

She added that another CDFA goal, as stated in its Five-Year Plan, is to develop the capacity to help a grantee leverage multiple funding sources for a single project at the same time. Peterson concluded by asking

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#### CDFA, from A8

communities to host their own listening sessions to gain feedback on the following questions:

- What are your greatest unmet needs?
- what do you want to see in your community's economic development over the next five to 10 years?
- What challenges do you face in accomplishing these goals? See the sidebar. right, for CDFA's program overview, which describes the different types of funding sources and the contact person for each. **CDFA** 14 Dixon Ave, Suite 102 Concord, NH 03301 603-226-2170

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 22

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#### Harpoon Flannel 5k

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### CDFA PROGRAM OVERVIEW

#### Ideas to Innovation Grants

Assists local nonprofits in developing new ideas, thinking and innovation in community and economic development efforts throughout New Hampshire. These resources are focused on initiatives, public events and partnerships that generate actionable ideas and innovative thinking.

Contact: Melissa Latham, Communications Manager (mlatham@nhcdfa.org)

#### L5 Capacity Program

Provides resources to strengthen New Hampshire non-profit organizations focused on community development. Funds are used to enable CDFA partner organizations to deepen their mission through the strengthening of their organizational infrastructure or development of new or enhanced programs.

Contact: George Hunton, Director of Tax Credits (ghunton@nhcdfa.org)

#### **Feasibility Grants**

Up to \$12,000 grant for planning and feasibility related activities to determine whether or not a proposed CDFA-funded project is viable. Eligible activities include income surveys, preliminary architectural and engineering design, cost estimates, and market analysis.

Contact: Shelley Hadfield, Director of Housing and Community Development (shadfield@nhcdfa.org)

#### Pre-development Loan Program

Loans of up to \$100,000 are available to help municipalities and nonprofit organizations prepare local development projects for funding and implementation. Eligible activities include studying the feasibility of renovating a downtown building, gathering public input on a project idea, developing a business plan for a new facility or seeking planning and zoning approval.

Contact: Kevin Peterson, Director of Economic Development (kp@nhcdfa.org)

#### Tax Credit Program

Competitive community development investment program open to qualified organizations for specific projects or programs that show a high degree of community support, build partnerships, and leverage other funds. Grants made to organizations are in the form of tax equity. New Hampshire businesses support the selected projects by purchasing the tax credits, resulting in the nonprofit receiving a donation and the company receiving a 75 percent New Hampshire state tax credit against that contribution. The credit can be applied against the Business Profits Tax, Business Enterprise Tax or Insurance Premium. The donation may also be eligible for treatment as a state and federal charitable contribution. Contact: George Hunton, Director of Tax Credits (ghunton@nhcdfa.org)

#### Clean Energy Fund

Loan and credit enhancement program for businesses, nonprofits, and municipalities to finance energy efficiency improvements and/or renewable energy generation projects. Municipalities can finance energy improvements for municipal buildings, street lighting, water and sewer treatment facilities. Funds are also available for agricultural producers and rural small businesses in New Hampshire interested in low-cost energy audits for their facility.

Contact: Scott Maslansky, Director of Clean Energy Finance (smaslansky@nhcdfa.org)

#### **Economic Development Grants and Loans**

Competitive program to help create jobs that provide good wages, benefits, and training programs. Funds can also be used for acquisition of land and buildings, construction of commercial buildings, purchase of machinery and equipment, employee training, and public facilities improvements. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact: Kevin Peterson, Director of Economic Development (kp@nhcdfa.org)

#### Housing and Public Facilities Grants

Competitive grant program to provide funding for affordable housing and housing rehabilitation, as well as finance water and sewer system improvements, transitional and homeless shelters, municipal infrastructure, handicapped access, and neighborhood or community centers that provide public services to low- and moderate-income people.

Contact: Shelley Hadfield, Director of Housing Community Development (shedfield@nhcdfa.org)

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

The 5th Upper Valley Electric Vehicle Expo will take place Saturday, September 14 from 11 am to 3pm, at the Dothan Brook School on Route 5 in Hartford, VT. Numerous electric car, motorcycle and bicycle owners and dealers will be displaying their vehicles, answering your questions, and offering test rides for a first hand experience. To learn more and register for the Expo, go to <a href="https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1899">https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1899</a>.

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# Sullivan County Fugitive of the Week

BRITNEE L. LORD

DOB: 06/17/1990

LKA: South Road, Lempster, NH

Description: White fe-male, height: 5'1" weight:

5'1", weight:

185 lbs., eyes: brown, hair: brown

Reason: Failure to Appear

Original charge: Theft by Deception, Class A

Misdemeanor

On Nov. 30, 2010, Britnee L. Lord was charged with Theft by Deception in Sullivan County Superior Court.

On Jan. 3, 2011, Lord pled guilty in Sullivan County Superior Court to the offense of Theft by Deception. As part of Lord's sentence she was to make restitution through the New Hampshire Department of Corrections.

A hearing was set for March 17, 2016, in Sullivan County Superior Court for violation of the court order. Lord failed to appear for the hearing.

On March 18, 2016, the Sullivan County Superior Court issued a warrant for Lord's arrest for failure to appear on March 17, 2016.

The Fugitive of the Week is provided by Sheriff John P. Simonds of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office. If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of this fugitive, please contact either the Sheriff's Office at 603-863-4200 or your local police department.

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## Branch Manager: Newport, NH

One Credit Union is currently seeking an experienced <u>Branch Manager</u>, for <u>our new Newport</u>, <u>NH location</u>

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- 3-5 years of banking or financial services experience
- Perform tasks necessary to balance & update general ledger and subsidiary accounts
- Manage other accounting related duties
- Prepare various accounting reports as requested
- Perform H.R. related duties as assigned by H.R. Director
- Prepare and/or back-up bi-weekly payroll and reconcile statements for employee benefits
- Ability to work with confidential information in the H.R. department
- Exceptional interpersonal and communication skills: Written and Verbal

The <u>Accounting Assistant/Benefits Administrator</u> reports to the Controller.

#### Requirements:

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Aftermath: The damage to the multifamily house on Hanover Street in Claremont from an active shooter incident on Aug. 15 could still be seen last week. The incident lasted for about nine hours with the suspect, Michael Burns, 55, taken into custody around 2:30 that afternoon. The property was posted by authorities, warning that entry was not permitted due to structural, plumbing and electrical damage and that it would also have to be properly decontaminated of chemical munitions that had been deployed into the structure to try to bring the incident to an end. The suspect allegedly shot off hundreds of rounds, according to authorities; law enforcement did not fire any shots as they worked to bring in the suspect. The *Valley News* reported last week that Burns "will be evaluated to determine if he is competent to stand trial." Burns is being held without bail (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photos).



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## NHSaves Button Up Workshop Hosted by Claremont Energy Advisor Committee

CLAREMONT, NH— Button Up New Hampshire, the popular home energy savings workshop series, is coming to Claremont. The Claremont Energy Advisor Committee, City of Claremont, Home Depot of Claremont and LaValley's Building Supply are hosting this free workshop for residents and it will take place at the Sugar River Valley Technical Center 111 South St. Claremont, NH on Tuesday, Sept. 24th. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the workshop will start at 6:30 p.m. The workshop is sponsored by NHSaves and coordinated statewide by the Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative (PAREI).

NHSaves is a collaboration of New Hampshire's electric and natural gas utilities (Eversource, Liberty Utilities, NH Electric Cooperative and Unitil). The utilities are working together to provide NH customers with information, incentives, and support designed to save energy, reduce costs, and protect the NH environment. PAREI of Plymouth, NH is working with local groups around the state to bring these workshops to the public on behalf of New Hampshire's utilities.

The NHSaves Button Up Workshop is a 1.5 hour presentation about how to improve the energy efficiency of your home. It is conducted by a certified energy auditor and covers basic building science principles as well as examples of whole house weatherization measures that will button up your home for the heating and cooling seasons. It also covers details about the energy efficiency programs offered by NH utilities (for existing homes and new construction) that provide energy audits, weatherization measures such as air sealing and insulating and rebates on new technologies and products such as electric and gas appliances and high efficiency electric heating/ cooling equipment.

NH residents wishing to use energy more efficiently, conserve energy and save money on their heating and cooling bills, will find the workshop presentation very helpful. The local workshop organizer, Rebecca MacKenzie of the Claremont Energy Advisor Committee, said "We have brought this workshop to our town to

bring this important information to our fellow community members. Learning how to save energy while making our homes more comfortable is a good thing to do. I hope many people will take the time to attend this informative workshop."

The workshop is free and no registration is necessary. For more information on the Claremont NHSaves Button Up Workshop visit NHSaves.com/events or call Scott Osgood at 603-504-0347. Workshop organizers also recommend the public sign up with NHSaves Facebook and Twitter pages for up to date information on energy saving tips and programs.

## Dr. Lori Richer Joins Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice

NEW LONDON, NH – Lori Richer, MD, has joined Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA) as its new Hospice and Palliative Care Medical Director. Richer grew up in Newport and returned to the area after earning her medical degree at the University of Utah. She completed her residency with the NH Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency program and was a primary care physician (PCP) in the New London area from 2006-2018. As a PCP, Richer was drawn to taking care of patients in the last phase of life in conjunction with their

hospice caregivers. That lead her to pursue a fellow-ship in Hospice and Palliative Care at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and transition to that specialty. "I am really excited to be back in the community caring for people in this capacity," she says.

Hospice focuses on physical, emotional and spiritual comfort, so individuals with a life limiting illness can live their last phase of life to the

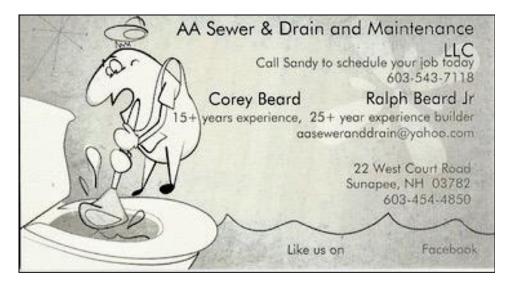


Lori Richer, MD

fullest wherever they call home. Dr. Richer works closely with the entire LSRVNA hospice team—nurses, therapists, social workers, home care aides, spiritual counselors and trained volunteers—in the care of hospice patients and their families.

Palliative care focuses on the conversation and navigation of serious illness. Dr. Richer can assess palliative patients in the home set-

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ting, working closely with the patient's other medical providers to achieve optimal symptom control and other goals of care.

"Along with providing care to our hospice and palliative patients, Dr. Richer is also developing inpatient palliative care services at New London Hospital," said Jim Culhane, President and CEO at LSRVNA. "She will be a great asset to both organizations and our community as we further develop these important services."

For more information about hospice or palliative care, call 603-526-4077 or visit <a href="www.lake-sunapeevna.org">www.lake-sunapeevna.org</a>.

# NH Joins 51 Attorneys General and 12 Companies in Fight Against Illegal Robocalls

CONCORD, NH—Attorney General Gordon J. MacDonald joined Attorney General Josh Stein (NC), and Attorney General Leslie Rutledge (AR) in Washington, D.C. today to announce that as a result of a bipartisan, public/private coalition of 51 attorneys general and 12 phone companies, eight principles to fight illegal robocalls have been adopted. This agreement will help protect phone users from illegal robocalls and make it easier for attorneys general to investigate and prosecute bad actors.

"The number one job of all attorneys general is to ensure the protection of the citizens in our states," said MacDonald. "Through the nationwide collaboration of attorneys general and industry leaders, we are setting forth a plan, in real time, to protect our citizens by combatting burdensome and dangerous robocalls. The principles announced today will address a technological problem with a technological solution and are aimed at preventing robocalls through call blocking, call labeling, and network improvements as well as greater enforcement actions."

Phone companies will work to prevent illegal robocalls by:

- · Implementing call-blocking technology at the network level at no cost to customers.
- Making available to customers additional, free, easy-to-use call blocking and labeling tools.
- · Implementing technology to authenticate that callers are coming from a valid source.
- Monitoring their networks for robocall traffic.

Phone companies will assist attorneys' general anti-robocall enforcement by:

 Knowing who their customers are so bad actors can be identified and investigated.

- Investigating and taking action against suspicious callers including notifying law enforcement and state attorneys general.
- Working with law enforcement, including state attorneys general, to trace the origins of illegal robocalls.
- Requiring telephone companies with which they contract to cooperate in traceback identification.

Going forward, phone companies will stay in close communication with the coalition of attorneys general to continue to optimize robocall protections as technology and scammer techniques change.

The coalition of attorneys general, led by North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein, New Hampshire Attorney General MacDonald, and Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill, includes attorneys general from all 50 states and Washington, D.C.





## **Sullivan County Grand Jury Indictments Released**

NEWPORT, NH—The Sullivan County Grand Jury released the following indictments on Thursday:

Brandon Arie, 36, Burlington, VT, indicted for Sale of Controlled Drug/Heroin, Subsequent Offense (Conspiracy-RSA 629:3; School Zone-RSA 318-B:2 V), June 11, 2018; Sale of Controlled Drug/Heroin, Subsequent Offense (Conspiracy-RSA 629:3; School Zone-RSA 318-B:2V, May 14, 2018; Sale of Controlled Drug/Heroin, Subsequent Offense (Conspiracy-RSA 629:3; School Zone-RSA 318-B:2 V, June 4, 2018; Sale of Controlled Drug/Heroin, Subsequent Offense (Conspiracy-RSA 629:3; School Zone-RSA 318-B:2 V, May 21, 2018; Sale of Controlled Drug/Heroin (1 gram or more), Subsequent Offense (School Zone-RSA 318-B:2 V), May 21, 2018; Sale of Controlled Drug/Fentanyl (1 gram or more), Subsequent Offense (School Zone-RSA 318-B:2 V), May 21, 2018; Sale of Controlled Drug/ Fentanyl (1 gram or more), Subsequent Offense (School Zone-RSA 318-B:2 V), June 11, 2018; Sale of Controlled Drug/Heroin (1 gram or more), Subsequent Offense (School Zone-RSA 318-B:2 V) June 11, 2018.

Joshua Wilson, 25, Lebanon, NH, indicted for Habitual Offender, July 12, 2019.

Alan Welch, 35, Claremont, NH, indicted for Falsifying Physical Evidence, July 13, 2019, altered, destroyed, concealed or removed a security surveillance system digital recording from a residence possible physical evidence related to the crime(s) of arson and/or criminal mischief, on or between July 13, 2019, and July 15, 2019.

Kassidy Briere, 21, Claremont, NH, indicted for Falsifying Physical Evidence (Conspiracy), after a stabbing incident removed certain items from an apartment including certain clothing items and/or a kitchen knife, May 13, 2019; Falsifying Physical Evidence (Accomplice), May 13, 2019.

Eric Richmond, 29, Newport, NH, indicted for Burglary, June 26, 2019.

Kenneth Rickard, 81, County Farm Rd, Unity, NH, indicted for First Degree Assault, removing a .25 caliber firearm from the glove compartment of a motor vehicle and pointing said firearm at A.H., discharging said firearm at A.H., and discharging said firearm a second time in the general direction of where A.H. was positioned, July 1, 2019.

Paris Whiting, 20, Newport, NH, indicted for Operation after Certification as Habitual Offender, Aug. 6, 2019; Operation after Certification as Habitual Offender, July 25, 2019.

Olexandra Beck, 64, Langdon, NH, indicted for Obstructing Government Administration, purposely altering a certain Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, Aug. 28, 2018.

Ronald Morissette, 50, Charlestown, NH, indicted for Attempted Financial Exploitation of an Elderly, Disabled or Impaired Adult, value of said proceeds being in excess of \$1,500, between or about April 24, 2017 and May 11, 2017; Financial Exploitation of an Elderly, Disabled or Impaired Adult, value of said proceeds being in excess of \$1,500, April 28, 2017; Attempted Financial Exploitation of an Elderly, Disabled or Impaired Adult, value of said proceeds being in excess of \$1,500, April 28, 2017; Attempted Financial Exploitation of an Elderly, Disabled or Impaired Adult, value of said proceeds being in excess of \$1,500, May 18, 2017; Financial Exploitation of an Elderly, Disabled or Impaired Adult, value of said proceeds being in excess of \$1,500, May 18, 2017; Attempted Financial Exploitation of an

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

PLANNING BOARD HEARING Monday, August 26, 2019 7:00 PM Council Chambers, City Hall

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held concerning the following application:

(PL 2019-00009) American Recycling, 38 Industrial Blvd – Application for Site Plan Approval for a construction and demolition waste transfer station at 43 Industrial Blvd. Tax Map 129, Lot 3. Zoning District: I1 (Continued from 7/22/2019)

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

Richard Wahrlich, Chair

Elderly, Disabled or Impaired Adult, value of said proceeds being in excess of \$1,500, June 16, 2017; Financial Exploitation of an Elderly, Disabled or Impaired Adult, value of said proceeds being in excess of \$1,500, June 16, 2017.

Ryan K. Lacasse, 44, Claremont, NH, indicted for Convicted Felons, [had] in his possession a certain set of metallic knuckles, having been convicted of Burglary, 1/4/1995 and Theft by Unauthorized Taking 1/4/1995, July 20, 2019.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 Blow Me Down Farm History Hikes, CORNISH

Join a ranger for a light stroll around the grounds of the Blow Me Down Farm. Meet at the BMD Farm, off of 12A, just north of the Blow Me Down Mill.

Saturday, September 21st 9:30-10:30AM Saturday, October 19th 9:30-10:30AM

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Claremont, Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 7:00 PM Council Chambers, City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

#### **NOTE DIFFERENT DAY**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held concerning the following application: Application for a variance to establish a restaurant at 688 Chestnut Street. Tax Map 203, Lot 6. Zoning District: RR

Interested parties may review this application at the City of Claremont Planning and Development Department, 14 North Street during normal business hours.

Comments about this application may be submitted by any of the following methods:

In person at the hearing, or

In writing at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or

By email at <u>cityplanner@claremontnh.com</u>.

Michael Hurd, Chair



## State Budget, Water Testing and Vaccinations

While summer often implies a slower pace for many, this isn't necessarily so for our state legislators in Concord. On Aug 13, the Senate and House Finance Joint Ad Hoc Committee held a hearing to ascertain the impact that the Continuing Resolution (CR) is having on state agencies and municipalities. While the impact has varied from one agency to another, it was an opportunity for me to relay how it is affecting Claremont.

Because the Committee has scheduled a separate hearing on August 29 regarding the impact of the CR on school districts, my testimony did not include the issues related to a loss in educational funding. However, I did note that delays in additional education funding put greater pressure on property owners, making it that much more difficult for municipalities to address their needs such as infrastructure improvement and economic development initiatives.

Unlike the Governor's or Legislature's proposed budget, the CR does not provide more funding for these initiatives. Given bidding cycles and pricing factors, we are at a disadvantage in planning for next summer's projects when we do not know how much state funding we will receive. If the approval of a state budget is further delayed, the projects that we could have accomplished next summer may have to be postponed until the summer of 2021. Let's hope that a solution can be found soon, and that the Governor is presented with a budget that he will sign.

On another note, in February 2018, Governor Sununu signed SB247 into law, elevating the importance of preventing childhood lead poisoning. Included in the law was the requirement that all schools and licensed child care centers test their water for lead by July 1 of this year. Statewide, about 85% of schools and 50% of licensed child care centers have met that requirement. In Claremont, the De-

partment of Public Works (DPW) has tested all of the schools in our district, and the readings are well below the Environmental Protection Agency's standard of 15 parts per billion.

The focus now is to ensure that all of the licensed child care centers in Claremont are in compliance with the state law. Some of the centers have already done their water testing, and are well below the EPA standard. Given the effects of lead poisoning in young children, child care centers are urged to make this a priority.

In my last article, I spoke of the Hepatitis A outbreak in New Hampshire and vaccination as a proven method of protection against the virus. In most years, the state averages about seven cases. From November 2018 to August 20 of this year, that number is now up to 180

which is an increase of six from the previous week.

To help contain this outbreak, the public health networks are working with communities to offer free vaccination clinics. On August 28, from 9:30am to 12:30pm, a clinic will be held at the Claremont Soup Kitchen. The Center for Recovery Resources will also be offering clinics from 12:30 to 2:30pm on September 3 and 5, as well as September 9 from 1-3pm. Vaccinations are also offered by primary care providers and the Rite Aid pharmacy.

Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and a member of the Sullivan County Public Health Network Advisory Council. Please email questions, comments or concerns to her at <a href="mailto:clovett.ccc@gmail.com">clovett.ccc@gmail.com</a>.



## **Interested in Fixed Annuities? Beware of Common Misconceptions**

Between your 401(k) or pension, your IRA and Social Security, you hope to have enough to enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle. Yet, you may want, or need, to find other financial resources – one of which might be a fixed annuity, which offers a guaranteed interest rate and can be structured to provide a lifetime income stream. But you may be nervous about investing in annuities because of some negative things you've heard about them. How concerned should you be?

To help answer that question, let's consider some common misconceptions about fixed annuities:

"I won't be able to touch any of my money if I need some of it before I retire." A fixed annuity is designed to provide you with income during your retirement years. But if you want to withdraw a significant amount of your money before you retire – when your annuity is in what's called the "accumulation phase" – you'll likely face a surrender charge, as well as a 10% federal tax penalty. Withdrawals may also be subject to a market value adjustment. However, to access a small percentage of your allocated funds, you might not encounter any fees. And some annuity contracts allow a 10 percent withdrawal with no penalty.

"Annuities cost too much." Many annuities are actually low in cost. Be sure to compare the cost against the value of each additional guarantee, feature, and benefit—and only pay for what you need.

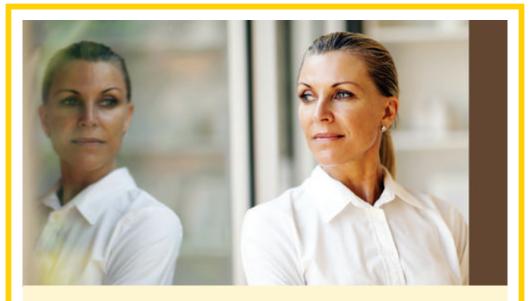
"A deferred annuity isn't worth the wait." If you set up a deferred annuity, it's true that you won't immediately start receiving income. You will, however, be able to factor future expected payments into your retirement plan.

"When I die, the insurance company keeps my money." If your payout plan includes a beneficiary agreement, your beneficiaries will receive the remaining amount of money in the contract. Read the terms and conditions listed with an annuity, as they will spell out where the remaining money will go after you pass away.

Of course, even if the above concerns are simply misconceptions, it doesn't mean there are no issues about which you must be aware when considering fixed annuities. For one thing, the safety of your lifetime income stream and guarantees will depend on the claims-paying ability of the insurer that issued the annuity, so you'll want to choose a company that has demonstrated financial strength and stability. One other concern about fixed annuities: They typically don't carry a cost of living adjustment, such as that found in Social Security. You can find annuities that do offer some inflation protection, but this feature can reduce early payments significantly.

If it's appropriate for your situation, a fixed annuity can be a valuable addition to your retirement income. Before purchasing one, though, you'll need to weigh all the potential benefits and issues. But don't be swayed by misconceptions – you'll want to base your decision on facts, rather than fears.

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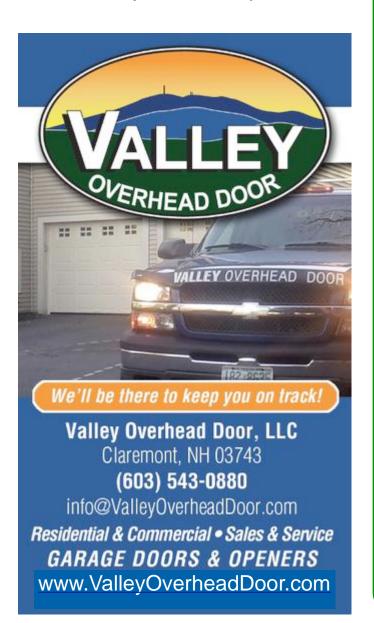
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## **It's About Food**

**By Johnny Navillus** 



## **Things in General**

I was at a big discount store not too long ago. I didn't go for the food but decided to look around that section anyway.

I'm glad I did. They have a bunch of things you don't see in your local supermarket. Not different stuff, but things with different brand labels. Orange marmalade was a given at home any time we had English muffins and sometimes on toast. This place had three fruit marmalade. Orange, grapefruit and lemon, according to the label. I had only ever seen orange in stores and had some homemade zucchini marmalade a neighbor once made out of desperation. Another story. They had wild blueberry preserves and black cherry preserves made in France. In keeping with their basic pricing policy, they seemed like good buys. So I bought one of each.

They went over so well I found myself back there before the week was out. These products were all excellent, and the pricing was very reasonable. So I stocked up.

They had a variety of olive oils, pastas, cookies, all kinds of stuff. Not a huge variety that you could shop for the week, but it will be a source of low priced "exotic" things for me. This is a good place to try out new things without paying regular prices. I have a feeling that their stock changes frequently, so I'm going to have to stop in whenever I'm in the area. This isn't just off brand stuff, they have labels that I've seen before.

This scallop recipe is one of those that comes along from time to time that you just want to have every night. It's that good.

### **Sweet and Sour Scallops**

2 cans (8 oz each) pineapple chunks

1 lb sea scallops

1 tablespoon canola oil (or your choice)

1/3 cup chopped onions

1/3 cup julienned green pepper

1/4 cup butter, cubed

1/4 cup sugar

2 tablespoons corn starch

1/2 teaspoon ground mustard

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup white vinegar

2 tablespoons soy sauce

2/3 cup cherry tomatoes, halved

Drain the pineapple, saving the juice. Set both aside. In a large skillet, saute the scallops in oil until form and opaque, drain and remove from pan and keep warm. In the same pan saute the onion and green peppers in butter for 3 to 4 minutes or until crisp-tender.

Meanwhile in a small bowl combine the sugar, corn starch, mustard and salt. Whisk in the vinegar, soy sauce and the pineapple juice until smooth.

Gradually stir into the pan. Bring to a boil, cook and stir for about 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in the tomatoes, scallops, and pineapple chunks. Heat through and serve over rice.

Be careful with this as it will become frequently asked for.

Play with your food. I do.

Write to Johnny at etickernews@gmail.com.









Campaigns swings took place in the area Friday and Saturday as Mayor Pete Buttigieg and Vice President Joe Biden made stops in the area. Top left and right: A huge crowd turned out to see Buttigieg in Cornish, at an event hosted by Peter and Jean Burling. "Mayor Pete" talked in part about the issue of mental health, laying out his ideas to address the growing crisis, saying more services are needed for kids, perhaps through school services. Bottom left and right: Biden attended an intimate gathering in Croydon; former Claremont City Manager Guy Santagate, seen here sitting behind Biden, introduced and endorsed the VP for president. Biden raised concerns about the country's dwindling support for international organizations like NATO; he also discussed the issue of education and the importance of funding it and also talked about his plans for healthcare that would build on the ACA to include a public option (Photos courtesy of Gary Merchant and the Biden campaign).



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# Sunshine, Backpacks and Dancing Mascots 1,500 Attend Annual Festival Welcoming a New School Year

A warm, cloudless morning brought out students, parents and friends to Barnes Park for Claremont's 15th annual Back to School Festival on Saturday. Youngsters got to meet their teachers and principals, collect backpacks stuffed with school supplies, and stock up on books for their home library. First day back is Tuesday, Sept. 3.













Superintendent Michael Tempesta and SAU6 district staff members handed out every single one of these books, plus READ bags to carry them home; Disnard's white tiger mascot had a dance-off with Bluff's orange one; National Field Representatives teamed up with Whelen Engineering and Claremont Spray Foam to hand out 625 backpacks, free of charge. Inside were notebooks, pencils and pencil cases, crayons and markers, binders and filler paper, and a bottle of water; Boy Scout Troop 38 set up a S.A.F.E. (Students And Families Experiencing) Archery test-your-aim target; trading school supplies between backpacks is part of the fun.

**Photos by Eric Zengota** 









Rolling Thunder NH Chapter 2 in Claremont held a Tribute To The Fallen on Saturday. The non-profit's fundraiser included a ride and Bar-B-Q, held at the Home Depot. The major function of Rolling Thunder is to publicize the POW-MIA issue: To educate the public that many American Prisoners of War were left behind after all previous wars and to help correct the past and to protect future Veterans from being left behind should they become Prisoners of War-Missing In Action. They are also committed to helping American Veterans from all wars.

**Photos by Dakota T. Bonner**