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February 3, 2020

Wilmot Selected as New Police Chief in Newport

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

NEWPORT, NH—The Town of Newport, NH, has announced the appointment of Brent W.

Wilmot as its next Chief of the Newport Police Department. Wilmot currently holds the rank of Deputy Chief in Claremont. He replaces Chief James Burroughs who has retired after some 26 years of service to the department.



Brent Wilmot
(File photo)

Wilmot is expected to assume his duties with the Newport Police Department on March 2.

Wilmot moves on to Newport with extensive career experience as a professional in law enforcement. Included are some 15 years of service to the City of Claremont and that Police Department where he has risen steadily through the ranks and currently holds the rank of Deputy Chief.

In addition to Wilmot's professional credentials, he has earned both a Bachelor's Degree
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Slapshots, Flying Pucks — and Joy

Claremont Firefighter Prepares to 'Face Off for Children'

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—There are few sweeter sounds to a hockey player than the roar of fans at a last-minute game-winning goal.

Sweetest, however, is when those sounds echo throughout a game where all the proceeds benefit sick children.

Michael Snide knows those sounds very well. A firefighter who's been with the Claremont Fire Department for six years, he's raising funds to play on Team Fire in the annual CHaD Hockey Battle of the Badges. The game will be at SNHU arena in Manchester on March 13.

Their opponents will be, as always, Team Police. It's a fun rivalry, remarks Snide, "and all for good. Last year's game was the best. It was back and forth all along, but Fire scored the winning goal with only 5.6 seconds left."

Proceeds from donations and ticket sales are used to help CHaD kids with critical services such as support when they are in pediatric intensive care and management of chronic illnesses. "It's an eye-opener to see where the money goes," says Snide. "It helps buy supplies for birthday and holiday parties,

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Michael Snide
(Eric Zengota photo)

Truck-Car Collision Takes Life of Claremont Woman on I-91, Hartland

Initial reports of a crash on I-91 Hartland Mile Marker 61.2 around 7:18 on the morning of Jan. 27 indicated there was a single vehicle involved in a rollover in the median, reported the Vermont State Police late last Monday afternoon. While troopers were en route to the scene, a member of state police from the Bureau of Criminal Investigations stopped and rendered assistance. An operator involved stopped and called 911. They reported that the vehicle involved in the rollover had struck their vehicle, said the VTSP.

Windsor Fire Department and Ambulance responded and transported the operator from the passenger vehicle, which had rolled over in the median, to the hospital for serious injuries. The operator was identified as Natalia Brodeur, age 57, of Claremont NH, who died of her injuries at Dartmouth.

Bart Blonstein, age 64, of Vernon, CT, was identified as the other operator involved in this

crash. Blonstein was driving a commercial Freightliner box truck north bound when the vehicles struck in a side collision, which forced Brodeur's vehicle off the roadway. Blonstein was able to stop the truck he was driving in the breakdown lane north of the crash scene. There was another vehicle reportedly stopped in the breakdown lane at the time of the collision with the driver door and rear hatch open, which presented an immediate hazard, said authorities.

Due to the involvement of a commercial vehicle in the crash, the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicle Inspectors were contacted to complete an inspection of the vehicle. Blonstein was issued a Vermont Civil Violation Complaint for failing to maintain the lane of travel, with an accident and fatality resulting.

The New Hampshire Medical Examiner and the Windsor County State Attorney's Office were also involved with this investigation. An autopsy was ordered to determine the cause of death and is pending. Once the autopsy, crash investigation and commercial vehicle inspection are complete, the reports will be sent to the Windsor County State's Attorney for review for possible criminal charges.

Anyone having information or who witnessed this crash are asked to contact Cpl. Mark Busier, or Sgt. Eric Hudson, at the Royalton Barracks at 802-234-9933. This crash remains under investigation.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
We Heart Art: Valentine's Day Art Projects at Saint-Gaudens NHP
10am-12pm
Location: Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park

Got a special someone in mind for Valentine's Day?

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02/01/2020

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NH Mega Millions 01/31/2020

28 31 33 57 62 19

Tristate Megabucks 02/01/2020

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

Join us at Saint-Gaudens NHP in the Visitor Center ~ we'll create Valentine's Day cards, crafts and gifts. Great for families: materials, light refreshments and inspiration included!

Pre-registration is recommended. To register or learn more call (802) 457-3368 x222 or email us at emma_beck@partner.nps.gov.

More information can also be found on our website: <https://www.nps.gov/saga/index.htm>.

THURSDAY, FEB. 6 WE LOVE OUR LIBRARY!

The Friends of the Meriden Library present an event to raise money for the Meriden Library building project, 5-8p.m., at Salt Hill Pub, Lebanon.

Raffle and silent auction, including 2nd row Celtics tickets and a week of lodging for six in Costa Rica.

Salt Hill will donate 10% of all food proceeds during the event.

Come for dinner, or just stop by to support the Meriden Library and a love of reading and community.

This is a family-friendly event - everyone is welcome.

Questions? Email friendsofthemeridenlibrary@comcast.net.

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Community Service Underlying Theme at President's Awards Ceremony

The Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce's 63rd annual President's Awards ceremony was held January 31 at the Claremont Senior Center. Family, friends and colleagues applauded the five award recipients, in recognition of their dedicated, far-reaching contributions to the Claremont community (Eric Zengota photos).



Stevens High School principal Pat Barry presents Clara Avery with the Model Youth Award. Avery, a college-bound senior at SHS, is a member of several community service organizations and an accomplished athlete who has been named Outstanding Academic Athlete on three separate occasions.

Rachael Naugler receives her Young Professional Award from Matt Mooshian. As family violence prevention specialist at Turning Points Network, in 2019 alone Naugler supported more than 260 families at critical times in their lives. She is also an educator in the TRAILS (Transitional Re-Entry and Inmate Life Skills) program at Sullivan County House of Corrections.



Courtney Porter presents the Nonprofit Organization of the Year Award to Robin Wittemann, executive director of Baby Steps Family Assistance. Through a robust referral network, the organization provides clothing, food and toiletries for those in need, as well as baby blessing baskets for families with newborns.



Mayor Charlene Lovett presents Clay Adams, president of Mascoma Bank, with the Business of the Year Award. The bank, founded in 1899, uses "business as a force for good," and makes positive contributions to local communities, such as the recent installation of air conditioning in Claremont's Fiske Free Library.



Courtney Porter, Citizen of the Year, receives her award from Derek Ferland, county manager for Sullivan County. Porter is the school social worker for SAU6 and president of the New Hampshire School Social Workers Association. As a member of the Kiwanis Club of Claremont, she supports their youth programs, Key Club at Stevens High School and Builders Club at Claremont Middle School. Porter also volunteers at a number of Claremont's nonprofit organizations.

Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

Introduced Legislation Covers Wide Variety of Subjects



Early last month, New Hampshire's House of Representatives dealt with approximately 158 pieces of legislation held over for more scrutiny during its 2019 Session. Now the House is in the process of examining measures for the 2020 Session.

Specifically, the House is presently examining approximately 778 pieces of legislation introduced by representatives according to the Director of the House-Senate OLS (Office of Legislative Services), David Alokonis. Director Alokonis added that the New Hampshire Senate is studying approximately 411 pieces of legislation. The OLS helps lawmakers like myself draft legislation and amendments to legislation into the necessary legal language, and also provides research assistance when lawmakers are considering the introduction of legislation.

As is usually the case, the introduced legislation covers many different subjects. Some of the pieces cover new subjects, while others cover subjects that have been discussed in many previous legislative sessions. Such legislation includes bills which are possible laws to be enacted, proposed constitutional amendments that if approved would also have to receive the blessing of a supermajority of voters in order to become part of the New Hampshire Constitution, as well as resolutions which express opinions to the federal and commemorate historical events. All legislation is required to have a public hearing, then a recommendation vote by the committee that held the hearing, and finally a vote by the full House. By the way, the above-listed requirements are not the case in all state legislatures as well as the United States Congress, making our state's legislature, officially known as the "General Court," special in my opinion.

Gun safety measures will again be considered in 2020. Among such measures are House Bills 1379 and 1101. The first bill would require background checks for commercial firearms sales and transfers, while the second would impose a three-day waiting period between the purchase and delivery of a firearm. The two bills are sponsored by similar groups of nine Democratic representatives led by Concord's Katherine Rogers, and being reviewed by the House Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee. Both are similar to two gun safety bills passed by the House and the Senate in 2019, but vetoed by Gov. Sununu.

Greater protection for public employees is the subject of House Bill 1171 that would require public employers to provide such employees with at least the same level of protection provided by the federal OSHA (Occupational Safety & Health Act), and require New Hampshire's Labor Commissioner to adopt rules regarding these protections, and establish an Occupational Safety & Health Advisory Board. It is sponsored by a bipartisan group of six representatives led by Grantham

Rep. Brian Sullivan, a Democrat. The bill is being studied by the House Labor, Industrial, & Rehabilitative Services Committee, which is chaired by Rep. Sullivan.

Rep. Sullivan is also the prime sponsor of at least two other House bills. First, House Bill 1118, which would establish a six-member legislative study committee to study air quality in public school buildings, and how to improve such air quality for the benefit of school students. His co-sponsors include Sunapee Rep. Linda Tanner, and Keene Sen. Jay Kahn, both Democrats. Second, House Bill 1561, which would allow a county to exempt its chief administrative officer from compulsory participation in our state's retirement system. This bill, which is co-sponsored by Claremont Rep. Walter Stapleton, a Republican, was filed in response to a problem encountered by current Sullivan County Manager Derek Ferland, who is now required to participate in the retirement system, even though he is a retired United States Military Officer who is already covered by the military retirement system. It is being examined by the House Executive Departments & Administration Committee.

Tobacco-related legislation is the subject of at least three 2020 bills. House Bill 1628 would increase the age for sales and possession of vaping, or electronic cigarette products from the present age of 19 to 21. It is sponsored solely by Franklin Rep. Werner Horn, a Republican. Then is House Bill 1662, which would increase for all tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes from 19 to 21. This second bill is sponsored by a group of six Democratic representatives led by Nashua's Patricia Klee. House Bill 1628 is being studied by the House Health, Human Services, & Elderly Affairs Committee, while House Bill 1662 is being scrutinized by the House Commerce & Consumer Affairs Committee. Finally, there is House Bill 1600 that would authorize pharmacists to dispense smoking cessation therapy, pursuant to a standing order from a physician or APRN. Therapy that could be reimbursed by New Hampshire's Medicaid Insurance Program. The bill is sponsored by a bipartisan group of 10 legislators led by Wolfeboro Rep. William Marsh, a Republican, and including Claremont Rep. Gary Merchant, a Democrat.

Next, a measure of local interest is House Bill 1443, which would authorize the Claremont City Council, rather than the City Manager to appoint the three members of the Claremont Police Commission—a requirement that has been in effect since Claremont became a city in 1948. By the way, the Police Commission establishes broad policies for the Claremont Police Dept, except for the department's budget which is ultimately approved by the City Council. The bill's prime sponsor is Claremont Rep. & City Councilor Andrew O'Hearne, a Democrat, who filed the measure at the request of a majority of the City Council. The bill's co-sponsors are all of Claremont's state representatives—including Reps. Merchant, Stapleton, and myself. The bill is now being studied by the House Municipal & County Government Committee.

Among this year's proposed amendments to the New Hampshire Constitution is CACR (Constitutional Amendment Concurrent Resolution) 16, that would permit the Legislature to authorize recall elections

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Letters to the Editor

Supports Joe Biden for President

To The Editor:

I am writing in support of Joe Biden for President. Living in this great state, we are very fortunate every four years to get up close and personal with candidates.

We were blessed this year with quite a slate to choose from. Frankly any one of them would be a huge upgrade to the current occupant of the Oval Office. It made making a choice very difficult, I finally settled on Joe Biden. Here's why.

Like I said, there are no shortage of good candidates for the Democratic nomination. I personally love both Warren and Buttigieg. Saw both of them speak, and saw lots of things I liked from both of them.. But, the more I anguished over who I will choose, the more I realized that it will not necessarily be the issues that will get a Democrat into the White House...it will be who voters, nationally, will "trust" - overall, who will they see is best equipped to lead us out of the horrible mess we are in. Who will be best equipped to win in the critical battleground states?

Our most critical issue now in our country is we MUST defeat Trump in November. We absolutely MUST. He has done so much damage to our country, and our standing in the world...the prospect of another four years of Trump scares me. So, regardless of what other candidates may be proposing or how excited I may be about other candidates, none of that matters if we cannot win. I believe Biden, being a moderate, proven leader, with extensive foreign policy experience, who will be ready to lead on day 1, is our best bet. He not only has great ideas, but a proven track record of getting those ideas implemented. Overly ambitious ideas not only turn off moderate voters, but also are next to impossible to implement.

Pundits don't elect our president, polls aren't always right (remember 2016?). I am hedging my bets on Joe Biden. I want our best horse in the race. We've gotta win in November...the survival of our nation depends on it.

Deb Matteau, Claremont, NH

"Joe Biden Stands Out for Me"

To The Editor:

I am writing this letter because I support Joe Biden for President.

The Democratic primary election is coming up soon and I hear many Democrats are still trying to decide who to vote for.

It is a big decision.

The first in the nation primary status really makes our votes count. We in New Hampshire have a reputation for taking our voting rights seriously and carefully considering our votes. We are so fortunate in New Hampshire to be able to meet all the candidates, to have questions asked by our neighbors and friends and then to hear the answers directly and in real time -- what a privilege.

I have been fortunate over these last 18 months to see and meet most of the candidates, and quite frankly in the general election any of them will get my vote.

But I think the bigger question is who will garner the swing votes and the independents in the national election against Donald Trump. I also ask myself who will the nation trust, who will the world know, and who will be ready to step in and lead immediately.

Joe Biden stands out for me.

This is not a time for on the job training or overly-ambitious plans. This is a time for experienced moderation.

Let's get back on track. Defeating Donald Trump is job one.

Please join me in voting for Joe Biden.

Kyle Messier, Claremont, NH

Rep. Cloutier, from page A4

for all elected officials in our state. CACR 16 is sponsored by a group of five Democratic legislators, led by Newmarket Rep. Mary Ellen Read. The amendment is being reviewed by the House Legislative Administration Committee. Also being review by Legislative Administration is CACR 18. This amendment would provide that the House or Senate may independently order a referendum to reduce a penalty established by existing law. Next, CACR 17 would require that any new state broad-based tax be enacted to only reduce property taxes. It is being considered by the House Ways & Means Committee.

However, the most debated amendment is likely to be CACR 14, which would provide the state 'not infringe or unduly inconvenience the right of reproductive medical decisions.'" The proposal was supposedly filed by it sponsors so as to put the United States Supreme Court's 1973 Roe vs. Wade Decision, which legalized the right to an abortion throughout our nation, into our state's constitution. For readers' information, this controversial decision could soon be overturned by the current Supreme Court because of lawsuits brought by many states, not including New Hampshire, objecting to the decision. CACR 14 is sponsored by a group of seven Democratic representatives led by Manchester's Timothy Smith. In conclusion, among the resolutions filed in 2020 is House Concurrent Resolution 8. This resolution would celebrate Aug. 26, 2020 as the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, that guaranteed a woman's right to vote throughout our nation. The resolution is sponsored by a group of 11 Democratic legislators led by by Nashua's Janice Schmidt. It is being reviewed by the House Election Law Committee.

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Chief, from A1



Top: Retiring Chief James Burroughs at his retirement party Thursday evening; below: a shadowbox containing items from his lengthy career (Photos courtesy of Kelley King).

versity. Wilmot is also a graduate of the 275th Session of the FBI National Academy.

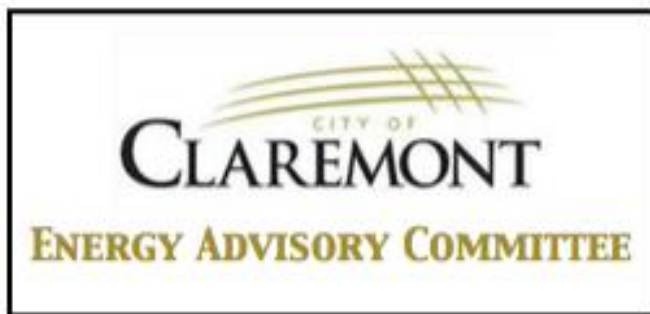
On Thursday evening, family members, colleagues and friends attended a retirement party for Burroughs at the Newport Opera House. Local police officers as well as members of the New Hampshire State Police also attended the event. A number of people spoke, honoring Burroughs' long career in law enforcement in Newport, and his gifts included a shadow box containing badges, a plaque and license plate honoring his career. He served from July 1994 to January 2020. He held a variety of positions, including that of Newport's first School Resource Officer, as well as patrol supervisor and field train-

ing officer.

Top: A retirement party was held at the Newport Opera House; Below: photo highlights from Chief James Burroughs' career (Photos courtesy of Kelley King).



in Criminal Justice (graduated Magna Cum Laude) and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Plymouth State Uni-



Have You Heard of “Community Power?”

On October 1, 2019, the NH Legislature passed Senate Bill 286, a law that enables local cities, towns, and counties to purchase electricity, for its residents and businesses, from an alternative electric supplier. Aply named, Community Power, (sometimes called Community Choice or Municipal Aggregation), the legislation is an option for municipalities that want more local control over their sources, more green power, such as renewables, and lower electricity prices.

Here’s how it works. A community creates a

local power committee to set goals for its town such as obtaining the lowest possible price for its rate payers or having the option to purchase electricity from renewable sources, or some combination of those goals. Municipalities may also band together to provide electricity that is lower than the residential retail price, because of its collective buying power. Pricing is obtained from suppliers based on the aggregated demand. Everyone who participates in this pool will reap savings for the duration of the contract which typically runs one to three years long.

Municipalities may also search for renewable forms of energy rather than relying on fossil fuels. As the state electric utilities still furnish the delivery and maintenance of electricity to the customer, the only change is the source of that power and the price of electricity generation. Municipalities that collaborate also have the benefit of sharing staff, services, and accommodations, with a governing board overseeing the day to day operations, hiring the power supplier, and brokering negotiating rates.

Participation in this new program is volun-

tary, and consumers can opt out of the aggregation and stay with their current electric supplier, if they wish. Community choice aggregation is becoming a more acceptable method of sourcing electricity across the US, according to the US Department of Energy’s National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). With this new law in New Hampshire, citizens will soon begin hearing more about this initiative.

Claremont Town Hall with Andrew Yang

Sun, Feb. 9, 11:30 a.m.
Claremont Opera House
58 Opera House Square
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For more information, please visit <https://www.mobilize.us/yang2020/event/219320/>

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**Bakers of all ages welcome, bring us your favorite dessert to share.
Non-bakers: join us for tasty desserts and good company**

We will have raffles and free books left from our Book Sale

**If you are bringing a dessert, please call the Library at
835-2150 or email us at acworthlibrary@myfairpoint.net, so we can plan**

Petition Started to Ban Single Use Plastic Bags in Claremont

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH— A Claremont woman has started a petition to ban single use plastic bags in the City. Kate McNamee told the *e-Ticker News* that she is “a newcomer to Claremont - my husband and I have each lived all over the country and we moved here from Reno, NV, almost two years ago for our grandson who was born with a congenital heart defect. It has always been important to me to be able to give back to the community I live in, to really be a part of the community. Claremont welcomed us with open arms from the beginning which makes me want to participate more, to make a real difference. Climate change is real and I know that the residents of Claremont can achieve this as a step in the right direction.”

McNamee started her petition on [change.org](https://www.change.org), writing, “According to *Conserving Now*, ‘Plastic bags don’t biodegrade, they photodegrade – breaking down into smaller and smaller toxic bits. A plastic bag can take between 400 to 1,000 years to break down in the environment. As it breaks down, plastic particles contaminate soil and waterways and enter the food web when animals accidentally ingest them.’”

“More than 300 municipalities across the US have taken the step to ban these bags as a responsible step towards saving our environment. Every small step we take will help save the Earth for our children and grandchildren and their children.

“By banning single use plastic bags, the City of Claremont, NH will make an important step forward to reducing needless waste in landfills and helping save this planet!”

Asked why she decided to start this particular petition, she said, “Whenever I shop, I have noticed that more and more people are using reusable shopping bags for groceries. This is obviously a trend! I’d love to make it a permanent change for Claremont and keep these bags out of the landfill! They’re completely unnecessary.”

McNamee set a modest goal of hitting 100 signers of her petition. As of Sunday morning, the number was at 89. “This is my first time developing an online petition. My thought was ‘Let’s see how it goes.’ I fully expect I’ll have to

go door knocking to get people to sign a paper petition. One thought I had was to get the high school students involved.”

When asked what she thought the next step would be, McNamee said that she had emailed Mayor Charlene Lovett about this issue, asking if she and the Council were planning on taking up the issue and asked if a petition would be helpful. “She replied that a petition would be helpful,” so here we are! Once it is signed, it will be presented to the Council, hopefully with a full house of supporters.”

McNamee added, “I know that this will take time and much discussion. Lower income families may well be concerned about buying reusable bags; we may need to address this through donations once single use plastic bags are banned.”

Rep. John Cloutier, in his Jan. 20 column for the *e-Ticker News*, wrote, “...The House also approved two other measures which it had retained for further examination from the 2019 Session—both aimed at curbing the use of single-use plastic and paper bags. The first measure is an amended version of House Bill 102, which would allow municipalities like Claremont to adopt ordinances regulating the distribution of such bags. The bill was adopted by a 215- 151 roll call vote, after a recommendation by a majority of the House Municipal & County Government Committee to adopt the bill. This enabling legislation now goes to the Senate for more review, and would take effect 60 days after becoming law. It is sponsored by a group of five Democratic representatives led by Concord’s Christy Bartlett.

“...The second and more controversial measure that also passed the same day is an amended version of House Bill 559, which would permit municipalities to ban the use of free single-use plastic or paper bags used by store customers to carry home their purchases. The bill was approved on a 205-158 roll call vote after some floor debate, and a rec-

ommendation by a majority of the House Municipal & County Government Committee to approve it as amended by the majority. Under the bill as amended, customers continuing to want plastic or paper bags would be charged a

fee of 10 cents per bag by stores, with a maximum charge of 50 cents for each purchase. Such fees would be kept by the stores. While plastic and paper bags wanted by customers would be charged these fees, reusable bags like cloth ones brought from home or bought by customers at checkout time would be exempt from the fees.

“House Bill 559 proponents like Warner Rep. Clyde Carson stated that the measure’s goal is to “reduce the number and volume of single-use plastic bags in the state’s waste stream and in the environ-

ment by encouraging customers to utilize reusable bags, instead of paper or plastic.”

“But opponents such as Wolfeboro Rep. John MacDonald, a Republican, declared that the measure, “fails to recognize several important facts.” According to Rep. MacDonald, plastic bags are “100% recyclable, highly reused, and the vast majority are made and recycled in the United States.” He added that the Environmental Protection Agency says that plastic bags make up less than 0.3 % of the nation’s municipal solid waste, while statewide litter surveys have found that plastic bags make up less than 1% of litter. Furthermore, he said that the manufacture of reusable bags has “a higher carbon footprint than plastic bags,” and that plastic bag fees would just “promote shopping online and hurt our local businesses.” Finally he stated, “educational efforts concerning the use, reuse, and recycling of plastic bags should first be attempted prior to imposing an indirect tax on our residents and visitors.”

Go to <http://chng.it/RWssSpwNLG> to read about the petition.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Claremont,
Zoning Board of Adjustment

will meet on

Monday, February 3, 2020

Council Chambers, City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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

(ZO 2019-00017) Leanna LeBarron, 124 Washington Street – Application for a variance from sections 22-562(b)(1)(a) & (b) of the City of Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit sale of sexually oriented products in the CB2 zoning district and within 200 feet of property used for single or multifamily residence at 124 Washington Street. Tax map 108, Lot 111. Zoning District: CB2 (Cont. from 1/6/2020)

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 cityplanner@claremontnh.com.

Michael Hurd,
Chair

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OBSP Dinner Theater Auditions

CLAREMONT, NH—Off Broad Street Players will hold auditions for a dinner theater production of "Murder Rides Again" at 6:30 pm on Monday, Feb. 10, at the Fiske Free Library, 108 Broad St. Claremont. Show dates are April 17 and 18. There are six roles for men and women, ages 18 and up. Anyone interested but unable to attend the audition should contact the director, Julie Richardson, at danrichardson@hotmail.com.

Three Comedians to Perform at COH

CLAREMONT, NH—Three comedians will fill the Claremont Opera House with a Night of Comedy on Saturday, Feb. 29. Comedians scheduled to appear include Tom Hayes, Jody Sloane and Rob Steen.

Hayes fell into the Boston Comedy Scene in its heyday in the 1980's along with such names as Stephen Wright, Lenny Clarke, Bobcat Goldthwait, Denis Leary, etc. Later came such names as Dane Cook and Louis CK. Along the way he rose to a Boston standard and headliner at prestigious Boston Clubs and clubs throughout New England. He has opened for such national acts as Jeff Dunham, Phyllis Diller, The Smothers Brothers, The Four Tops and The Four Seasons. His comedic style is a hilarious self-deprecating style mixed with improvisational and interactive audience participation.

Sloane is now a regular at esteemed comedy venues, including Headliners Comedy Clubs throughout New England, Gotham Comedy Club in New York City, Comix Comedy Club at Foxwoods, plus roadhouses, Elks Clubs and dives from Portland to New York.

Steen has been doing comedy for 25-plus years. He began as a street performer at the age of 12 in Boston MA. Using his juggling and improv skills he decided to try Stand-Up. Since then he has kept a full calendar of over 350 shows per year. He has also been featured on several TV shows, including The Late Show with Dave Letterman.

Tickets are \$23 and can be purchased in advance online at www.claremontoperahouse.org, by phone at 603-542-4433 or in person

at the Opera House Box office in City Hall Complex at 58 Opera House Square. Tickets also available night of show.

Comedians may be subject to change. Beer and wine sales available before the show and during intermission from Sweet Fire BBQ.

12th Live Chocolate Auction Feb. 9 in Hartland

The 12th Live Chocolate Auction in Hartland takes place on Sunday, Feb. 9, at 11:15 a.m., five days before Valentine's Day, a wonderful opportunity to purchase a chocolate dessert for your loved one or any chocoholic.

In previous years, they have had 40-50 items to auction off and expect a similar amount this year. All items have chocolate in them and are homemade, as well as from the following establishments: Skunk Hollow Tavern, The Barn Café, Uptown Bakery and Upper Valley Food Coop. Some examples have been: fudgy chocolate layer cake, dark chocolate raspberry brownies, rum truffles, edible dirt plant, triple layer M&M cake, fudge whoopie pies, chocolate raspberry ganache torte, etc. There will also be items for only children to bid. Come at 11:00 am to view the chocolate desserts and obtain a bidder number. There will also be a raffle featuring a \$100 gift certificate to Skunk Hollow Tavern in Hartland. It all takes place at First Universalist Society in Hartland, 8 Brownsville Road, Hartland Four Corners, corner of Rte. 12, VT.

For more information, contact Nancy Walker at 603-863-0066.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

UPPER VALLEY TRAILS ALLIANCE SKATE-A-THON

10-3PM, Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, VT

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-uvta-skate-a-thon-at-lake-morey-tickets-83684650041?aff=PersonalInvites>.

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Art Exhibit Now On Display at Philip Read Memorial Library

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Upper Valley Habitat Announces New Executive Director & Lebanon Duplex Project

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VT—Upper Valley Habitat for Humanity has announced that Eva Loomis has been promoted to Executive Director. Previously, Loomis provided family support, volunteer coordination, and ran the office operations since 2017. Over the past year, she took leadership of the organization's fundraising and volunteer engagement efforts and was instrumental in securing significant grant awards.



Eva Loomis

Loomis has a bachelor's degree from Keene State College, served three terms with AmeriCorps (twice as a VISTA) and worked as a housing counselor at Capstone Community Action in Barre. She feels a deep connection to the importance that a place to call home plays in our lives and looks forward to continuing to be a part of a thriving organization that the Habitat Family of volunteers, supporters, and staff have helped create.

Former Executive Director Andrew Grimson retired at the end of 2019 and was elected to return to the Board of Directors to serve as President. He will continue to volunteer and is currently managing our next construction project – designing and building a two-family home in Lebanon. He serves on the board alongside Jack Kauders, Vice President; Bill Martin, Treasurer; Stefanie Gulick, Secretary; Jesse Vazzano; Rick Biddle; Colby Clarkson; Nate Hill; and Anastasia Uli.

In the coming year, Upper Valley Habitat will

build a new High-Performance duplex on a Habitat- owned property in Lebanon, next to two existing Habitat homes. Construction will commence in the spring, pending weather and permit approvals. One unit will be designed for a person with disabilities and the other unit will be sized for a family. Concurrent with the duplex build, Upper Valley Habitat will renovate a Habitat home next door for another partner family.

Upper Valley Habitat welcomes donations for the duplex project and will begin accepting applications for homeownership in February (details will be posted on their website, www.uvhabitat.org).

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One Credit Union Donates \$18K to Make-A-Wish

SPRINGFIELD, VT— On January 25th, One Credit Union presented Jamie Hathaway, CEO of Make-A-Wish Vermont with a check for \$18,000 at the One CU annual team meeting. This money was raised as part of a yearlong effort in 2019 with the help of One Credit Union members and staff in our local communities. "Wow!" exclaimed Jamie, "Thank you all so much for this incredible donation – this amount of money goes a long way in bringing hope and joy to the kids with critical illness in our communities." Brian Leffler, Board Chair at Make-A-Wish Vermont emphasized how important wishes are to the Wish kids. "On their wish day, our Wish Kid is in complete control

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(L to R) One Credit Union CEO Brett Smith, Make-A-Wish Vermont President and CEO Jamie Hathaway, Make-A-Wish Board Chair Brian Leffler (Courtesy photo).

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for a change – not like when they are complying with treatment regimens. They can be a regular kid again! It's a game changer.”

Throughout the year, One Credit Union worked to raise money at community events through bake sales and giveaways, and many One CU employees contributed by way of payroll deduction to Make-A-Wish as well. During the holiday season, the One CU team designed and created Make-A-Wish snowflakes to sell to members in local branches. To top it all off, One Credit Union matched every donation given, dollar for dollar, bringing the total to \$18,000. The Vermont chapter will receive \$16,000 and the New Hampshire chapter will receive \$2,000. “When our members give, we give – proudly!” added Brett Smith, CEO of One Credit Union. “We could not be prouder of the generosity of our team and our members. Together, we are making a difference. Together, we are One!”

One Credit Union, headquartered in Springfield, VT, is a member owned financial institution with branches in Barre, Chester, Essex, Springfield, Vergennes, VT, Claremont, NH and Newport, NH.

Make-A-Wish grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. Since 1989, Make-A-Wish Vermont has granted over 830 wishes. On average, Make-A-Wish New Hampshire grants a wish every four days.

Marie-Claude Bettencourt, MD, FACS, Brings Urology Expertise to Mt. Ascutney Hospital

WINDSOR, VT – Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center, (MAHHC) has announced the addition of Dr. Marie-Claude Bettencourt to the surgical staff at the Hospital in Windsor, Vermont as a urologist.

Currently accepting new patients by referral, Dr. Bettencourt joined the staff in January 2020. Board certified in urologic surgery with the American Board of Urology, she works with male and female patients on a range of urologic conditions, enlarged prostate, stone disease and other disorders.

Dr. Bettencourt is a member of the American Urological Association, American College of Surgeons, and Society of Government Service Urologists, and has co-authored numerous articles on urology for medical journals. Before coming to MAHHC, Dr. Bettencourt served as an attending urologist at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in New Hampshire, Springfield Urology in Vermont, Hampton Roads Urology in Virginia, and Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in Connecticut. Prior to that, she was Chief of Urology at Blanchfield Army Community Hospital at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where she attained the rank of Lt. Colonel. In addition to her clinical work, she is an associate professor at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, where she provides training for urology residents and conducts lectures for continuing

medical education.

Dr. Bettencourt is a 1990 graduate of the F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine, Uniformed Services University, and completed her residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. She was active duty in the U.S. Army for 17 years, and is currently a member of the New Hampshire National Guard.

Dr. Marie-Claude Bettencourt
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Claremont Resident Hopes to Stir Interest in Local Climate Resilience Task Group

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH—At the Jan. 22 City Council meeting, Claremont resident Rebecca MacKenzie presented her ideas on developing a local Climate Resilience Task Group, addressing the councilors and City Manager Ed Morris. MacKenzie is active in a variety of causes related to the environment, justice and other socially-based issues. Reading from a prepared statement, MacKenzie told the council,

“When I was a child, I lived on Clark Street, near Maple Avenue School. I enjoyed playing outside in the woods around my childhood home. I explored the majestic pine forests and winding creek near my home. I remember the day I brought home a bouquet for my mom of Lady Slippers picked by the creek, and though she was appreciative, I was educated about endangered species at an early age. One of my most treasured early memories was laying on my bed at dusk on a summer evening and hearing a Whippoorwill sing an enchanted lullaby before I fell asleep. I had many adventures in the mountains and hills, lakes, rivers, sand dunes and forests around this area as a child and adolescent.

“I want my grandchildren to have them, and my great grandchildren... but the world is changing.

“Disasters are no longer natural. They are the new norm. The effects of mounting unnatural disasters, extreme weather events, and the spread of tropical and sub-tropical disease on local, national, and world economies, health, and infrastructure is mounting at this point in history. These effects are creating conflict between community members, regions and nations with no end in sight.”

She added,

“In September at a climate crisis event in Broad Street Park, Claremont citizens, as well as citizens from neighboring communities, took a survey which indicated that 24 of 25 of them support the idea of creating “a special task force to develop community options to address” the climate crisis. Specific suggestions on the survey about how to do this and what to do include:

- The task force should include community leaders and members, and especially the

voices of those who will be affected first (e.g., adolescents, the elderly, those with chronic health conditions, and those who are economically challenged). (21 of 25)

- The task force should create educational programs to build awareness and skills to address the climate crisis in the community; (24 of 25)

- The task force should create educational programs to build awareness and skills to address the climate crisis in schools. (23 of 25).”

She went on to say that “I’m asking the Claremont City Council to endorse the creation of such a special task force to research and develop best practices for responding to the physical and psychological effects of the climate crisis...”

MacKenzie said she wanted to thank the City Administration and Departments for the “practical ways this resilience transformation has already begun through:

- the upgrading of our street lighting to economical and environmentally friendly LEDs,
- the necessary repairs to our reservoir that will help protect our fresh water supply,
- the creation of a solar array at our wastewater treatment plant,
- the development of a solar ordinance that is in progress,

- the upgrade of thermal heating efficiency of our City buildings, as well as other measures of resilience and economic advantage.”

In March of 2018, the City was honored with the state award as New Hampshire’s Municipal Energy Champion for creating innovative energy efficiency measures.

MacKenzie, who is a member of the City’s Energy Advisory Committee, said she has been asked about how the task force would differ from the work already being done in the community by the EAC.

“As already mentioned, there are wonderful climate crisis resilience measures happening in our City Departments and through the Energy Advisory Committee’s work,” she said. “This task force would be a way to look at the overall picture of how these things are coming together to create resilience...We have an opportunity to learn from other communities around us who are doing specific things to address the climate threat.”

MacKenzie included the Lebanon, NH, Resolution that supports the Paris Climate Agreement and Lebanon’s goals to develop

renewable energy with the statement that she handed out to councilors.

Reaction from the council was varied. Councilor Deb Matteau recommended that the city manager attend the next Energy Advisory Committee meeting and “brainstorm what the best way to move forward would be.” Morris thought the overall concept was “a really good idea” but wondered if it was something that could happen on its own and be something that the conservation and energy committees could work with while not creating “another layer of bureaucracy with agendas and minutes...”, recognizing that this group “is out there doing really good work.”

Councilor Nick Koloski said that with some “47 open seats” on already existing boards and commissions, he was concerned with creating more empty slots waiting to be filled. He also cautioned against having too much outside input from other communities. “Those are just questions I have going forward,” he said. Councilor Abigail Kier told MacKenzie that “I super appreciate your coming and sharing the narrative”, adding, “...I couldn’t agree more that this is something that is important and I see it as something that falls within the Master Plan.” She asked MacKenzie what she saw as the scope and responsibility of such a task force. “I think that’s to be determined,” said MacKenzie. “I’m here to present an idea and do some brainstorming.”

“Though most on the council thought this was important work, it did not endorse the creation of a task force that would include city personnel,” MacKenzie later said. “They expressed thoughts that this task force would be either a subset of the Energy Advisory Committee, of which I am a member and who are hesitant to broaden our tasks to include this work, or that the citizens of Claremont would do this work on our own without City involvement in the development or execution of the task force’s work.”

She added that Mayor Charlene Lovett stated that “she would draft a resolution that would speak to the need for this task force so that citizens of Claremont would know that the council thought it was important and encourage them to participate. I encourage citizens who would like to commit to serving on such a task group to contact me at acts.now.8888@gmail.com.”

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for arts and crafts, and supports activities to entertain the kids. It's easy to want to raise money for children. Actually, it's a no-brainer."

This will be Snide's eighth year in a row on Team Fire. He first heard about CHaD Hockey when he was a recruit at the fire academy. He went to a Battle of the Badges and immediately knew he wanted to be a part of it.

Despite his proven skills, he has to try out every year, like every player. This season's try-outs were in October; Snide was selected November 1. Since December, the team has been practicing at least once a month. The University of New Hampshire has donated ice time in their arena for practice sessions.

Yet even though he made the team, Snide notes, "Before I can suit up for the game, I have to raise \$1,500."

One fundraising event he's organized is an evening at the Claremont Country Club this Friday, February 7. "We'll raffle off prizes that local businesses have donated. There'll be a 50/50 drawing. It'll be a kid-friendly evening, but we'll also have music and a cocktail hour."

There's no doubt Snide will surpass that qualifying \$1,500 benchmark. In the past seven years, he's raised \$68,000. "Every year the amount we all raise has grown. We aim for more this year, too."

At the heart of CHaD sports events are, of course, the young patients themselves. Each player is matched with a Buddy — sometimes more than one. Snide has two, John, from Alstead, and Hannah, from Windsor. "It's always nice to help an organization close to home," says Snide. "I know their families, so we keep in touch all year long. And just last week they came and toured the Claremont fire house."

CHaD Buddies get to meet their sports heroes long before the game. They've watched a scrimmage between fire and police, which was topped off with an ice cream social. They also go to the game where, notes Snide, "before it starts, we're getting high-fives from them in the tunnel. After the game, they come out on the ice. They get to play with the pucks and have their photos taken with us."

Snide started playing hockey at age 5 in the Pleasant Valley Hockey Association youth programs, continued through high school, and now skates in spring and fall adult league play. Looking back on his own life in hockey, he believes that "to play for the kids is very humbling. But it's worth it. To see their joy brings us joy."

How You Can Help Michael Snide Reach His Fundraising Goal

- Attend the evening event at the **Claremont Country Club, 5-8 pm, Friday, February 7.** There you can make donations, buy raffle and 50/50 chances, and purchase tickets for the game.

- Donate in his name online at https://secure3.convio.net/dhmc/site/TR/CHaD/CHaDHockey?px=1022723&pg=personal&fr_id=1430

- Contact him at 603-369-9789 directly for more information on donations and game tickets.

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Join 4-H for a Discussion on Homelessness

Featured Speaker: Courtney Porter, MSW, M.Ed

Social Worker - Claremont School District SAU6 and

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Date: Thursday, Feb. 20

Time: 6pm-8pm

Location: 4-H Extension Office, 24 Main Street, Newport

The Sullivan County 4-H Youth Leadership Team is sponsoring this event as part of their "Helping Heal Homelessness & Hunger" effort.

Please RSVP - Participants do not need to be in 4-H to participate.

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Be Aware of Social Security Myths

Social Security can be one source of retirement income for you and your spouse. To maximize your benefits, you'll need to make some key decisions and be aware of some common myths.

- **Myth 1:** Always take Social Security early. You can file for Social Security benefits as early as 62, but you could get 25% to 30% more if you wait until your "full" retirement age (likely between 66 and 67). You can receive even more if you wait until 70, at which point your benefits will "max out." However, there's no right time to file for everyone – it depends on your situation, including factors such as your life expectancy, employment, financial need and spousal considerations.

- **Myth 2:** When you claim Social Security won't affect your spouse's benefits. This is not true. How much you receive in Social Security can affect your spouse's benefits while you are alive (spousal benefits) and after you've passed away (survivor's benefits). Your spouse could receive up to half of your retirement benefit, offset by his or her own benefit, so the longer you work before collecting Social Security, the greater the potential spousal benefits. For survivor benefits, your spouse would receive 100% of your benefit or his or her own, whichever is larger, so when you file affects how much your spouse would receive if you pass away early. In any case, you'll want to consult with the Social Security Administration about how much your spouse can receive, as his or her own benefits can also affect your decision-making.

- **Myth 3:** You can't work during retirement and collect Social Security. Yes, you can. But if you start receiving Social Security before your full retirement age (likely between 66 and 67), you can only earn up to \$18,240 in 2020 and still get your full benefits. Once you earn more than this, Social Security deducts \$1 from your benefits for every \$2 you earn. But during the year you reach full retirement age, you can earn up to \$48,600 without your benefits being withheld. If you exceed this amount, \$1 will be deducted for every \$3 you earn during the months before you attain your full retirement age. Social Security will increase your benefits when you do reach full retirement age to adjust for the previous work-related withholdings. So, if you plan on working and receiving Social Security, it may not make sense to file if most of your benefits will be withheld. Once you reach full retirement age, you can earn any amount without losing your monthly benefits, although your benefits could still be taxed.

- **Myth #4:** Social Security will provide for all my needs in retirement. Social Security will provide about a third of pre-retirement income, on average, according to the Social Security Administration. Consequently, you'll probably still need other sources of retirement income because Social Security alone most likely won't be enough to meet your needs. So, throughout your working years, contribute as much as you can to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Combining these income sources with Social Security can help improve your chances of enjoying the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

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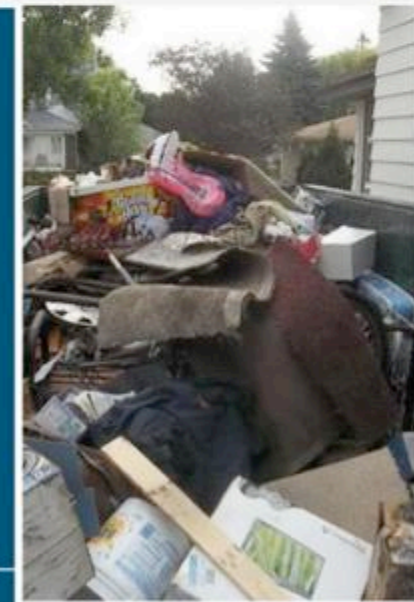
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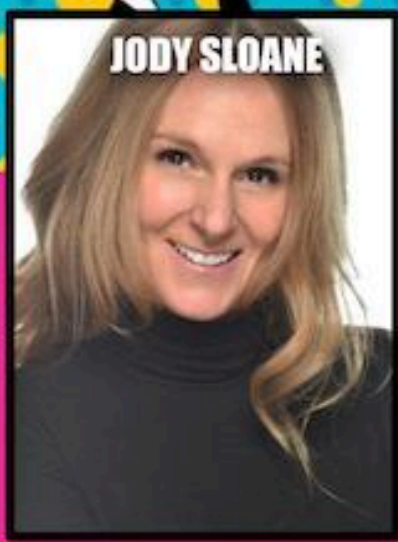
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Mayoral Notes by Charlene Lovett



Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award - A Tribute to Claremont's Business Sector

At this year's Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce President's Awards event, I was asked to present the Business of the Year award to Mascoma Bank. In preparation, I reviewed the selection criteria, nomination letter and background for this year's recipient. Not only was it an opportunity to learn more about a local business, but it was also a reminder of the impact that community-oriented businesses can have on cities and towns.

Formed in 1899, Mascoma Bank is headquartered in Lebanon with 27 branch locations throughout NH and Vermont, including Claremont. The Bank has earned the Cigna's Wellness Award and Best Places to Work Award in both of the Twin States. For the 2nd year in a row, it is among the top 10 "Best for the World" Certified B Corporations. As a B-Corporation, Mascoma Bank is one of over 2,750 businesses worldwide focused on doing business for the right reasons. Certified B-Corporations sign a Declaration of Interdependence acknowledging that together they can make a tremendous impact in the communities that they serve. Mascoma Bank's commitment to this philosophy is captured in its vision "Be a force for positive change for our customers, communities, and employees."

In keeping with this philosophy, Mascoma Bank operates an employee volunteer program, paying participating employees up to 16 hours to volunteer their time in the community and organization of their choice. Additionally, Mascoma donates 10% of its profits to local charitable organizations in the communities that it serves. By making these business decisions, Mascoma Bank has found innovative ways to deliver positive change.

Such was the case in 2019, when Mascoma

presented the City of Claremont with a \$15,000 check to be used towards the installation of air conditioning at the Claremont Fiske Free library. Built in 1903, the Carnegie-funded structure has long been a center for learning and community for people of all ages. Though a well utilized asset of the community, the lack of air conditioning created unpleasant conditions during the summer months. Temperatures climbed into the 90s, negatively impacting patrons, employees and books.

Though it was evident that something had to be done, resolving the issue through the municipal budgetary process was not realistic given financial constraints. Therefore, funds for the \$35,000 project had to be found elsewhere. Combining Mascoma Bank's donation with the \$20,000 from Helen Cormier's estate of \$20,000, the municipality was able to complete the installation of air conditioning last May. As a result, heat related health concerns of patrons and employees are eliminated, shelf life for books and other materials is extended, and the library now serves as a cooling shelter.

Mascoma Bank's contribution to Claremont is just one example of how local businesses have made a lasting impact in the community. There are many others. Here are a few. Claremont Savings Bank's donation of \$3M, enabled the city to move forward with the construction of our award-winning community center. Canam was a critical contributor in the creation of our Hands-Then-and-Now monument, erected in commemoration of our 250th anniversary. Red River has donated tens of thousands of dollars to IT related educational programs and support for veterans. Timberpeg, Pine Hills Construction and Claremont Glassworks provided the resources needed to build the Waiting Pavilion at the Amtrak Station. Small businesses throughout the community give generously to non-profits and individuals committed to improving the lives of those who live here.

As this year's Business of the Year awardee, Mascoma Bank joins the ranks of businesses that are committed to community. It is one of the many in Claremont's business sector to have clearly demonstrated the philosophy that good business is more than a successful economic venture. Good business is the ability to capitalize on success in order to be a force for positive change in community.

Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and welcomes your feedback. Please email

questions, comments or concerns to her at clovett.ccc@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 **Hartland Famous Roast Beef Supper** 4:30-6:30pm

Hartland Congregational Church
10 Station Rd.

\$15 adults, \$7 children under 10.

Prime rib, mashed potatoes, green beans, Homemade rolls and pies.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 **MERIDEN BIRD CLUB EVENT**

The Meriden Bird Club is pleased to announce a return engagement with nationally-known and highly-experienced naturalist and tracker Sue Morse of Keeping Track. In case you missed it last year, Sue led a 4-hour field workshop in and around Singing Hills and then gave a slide presentation in the evening.

This year's event will take place on Monday, February 17 (Presidents Day).

The field exercise has limited room, so sign up early. The cost is \$30 a person and the workshop runs from 10:30 am to 3 pm at Singing Hills.

The slide presentation, Those Mysterious Mustelids, will be at 6:30 pm at Singing Hills. That event is free and open to the public.

To reserve a space for the workshop, or to get more information, contact: Margaret Drye, mdrye@madscape.com or call 603-675-9159.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29 **Upcoming WCCMA Event** **HopStop Family Show: Kids' Dance Party**

3:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Claremont Savings Bank Community Center,
152 South St, Claremont, NH
Free

HopStop Family Show: Kids' Dance Party: Shake and boogie with Hop favorite, DJ (and dad!) Sean/LivemixKings Held one Saturday a month in both Hanover and Claremont, NH, HopStops offer young children and their caregivers free performances that entertain and introduce dance, music, theater and storytelling. These performances are participatory, so come ready to sing, dance and clap along. Bring the whole family!

For more information, please visit <http://www.wcc-ma.org/>.

National School Choice Week 2020 at New England Classical Academy

CLAREMONT, NH—"Every child, every family is unique, and parents should know that they have options when it comes to education," says Miss Liz Wilber, executive director of New England Classical Academy (NECA), in regards to the significance of National School Choice Week (NSCW).

NSCW is a nonpartisan, nonpolitical, independent public awareness effort. During NSCW, schools, homeschool groups, organizations and individuals plan tens of thousands of independent events. These celebratory events raise public awareness of the different K-12 education options available to families while also spotlighting the benefits of school choice. NECA and Claremont Christian Academy are private school options for families in Claremont, NH, and the surrounding area and both are grateful for the awareness built through NSCW, says Wilber.

Every year the students of NECA engage in a school Readathon which encourages them to do over 300 minutes of reading in a week while inviting donations to the school. They also host a formal tea party during a school day; the mayor and other special guests join in and all attempt to follow proper etiquette. The school invites the community to join them for a remaining event in conjunction with this effort:

- Wednesday, February 5, 5:30 – 7p: a "SOUPer Evening of Entertainment and Giving", which will include honoring the Readathon winners, sharing a meal of soup and bread, dramatic improv by the students and other attendees, as well as the chance to hear about an orphanage in Haiti and donate to the cause.

Enrollment is open for the 2020-2021 school year, and interested families are encouraged to apply early, especially for financial aid purposes. NH Children's Scholarship Fund is an organization that provides financial support to families who would like to make the switch from public to private school.

Parents are also encouraged to call for a visit to the school to see its classes in action. The school Facebook page also shows "a great sampling of student activities," says Wilber.

Shaw's Supermarket supports Road To Independence

NEWPORT, NH—Road To Independence, a local nonprofit organization, is pleased to announce it has once again been chosen by Shaw's Supermarket in Newport, NH to be the beneficiary of the GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS PROGRAM. For the month of February 2020, for every reusable Shaw's bag purchased at the Newport store, RTI will receive a donation. So, purchase your reusable bags in February and help support your neighbors!

Shaw's/Star Market GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Program focuses on giving locally to help strengthen neighborhoods and change lives. Every month, at each Shaw's and Star Market store, a new non-profit is chosen to be the beneficiary of the GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Bag. The bag supports Education, Health & Wellness, Hunger Relief, Civic and Military/Veterans organizations. Attached to the GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Bag is the Giving Tag, which allows the shopper to direct the \$1 purchase donation to any cause of their choice.

Road To Independence offers services to the differently-abled community providing opportunities to individuals through our non-riding equine therapy, horticultural, bakery and

community outreach programs. RTI operates the farm program from Goshen, NH and the bakery program at

Aurora Bakery at 29 Main Street, Newport, NH. Through our various program options, participants learn and improve life skills, gain self-confidence and self-esteem, and are active and productive members of our communities.

For more information about RTI and Aurora Bakery, please visit their website at rti-aurora.org.



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Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten pre-registration begins **Monday, February 3, 2020**, for all incoming kindergarten Claremont students for the 2020-2021 school year. In order for your child to qualify for kindergarten, you must be a Claremont resident and your child must be 5 years old by September 30, 2020. Pre-registration will run until May 1, 2020. If you would like to pre-register your child, please go to www.sau6.org to fill out the pre-registration form. For more information or if you need assistance call Brynn Kane at 603.543.4200.

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Bluff School Student Spells Her Way to State Bee

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Chatting, relaxing, fidgeting and otherwise trying to calm their nerves, 10 fourth- and fifth-grade boys and girls from Bluff School sat on folding chairs in front of the gymnasium stage. They were the contestants in the school's annual spelling bee, which would start in a few minutes.

Sitting on the gym floor, facing their school-mates, were most of the rest of the school's 150 students. Fifth-grade teacher Mark Landry, who has organized the bee for more than five years, told them that the contestants were up there because they had the highest marks in their classes. Landry encouraged them to "be an appreciative audience. Be silent and listen to every word because one day you might have the chance to compete."

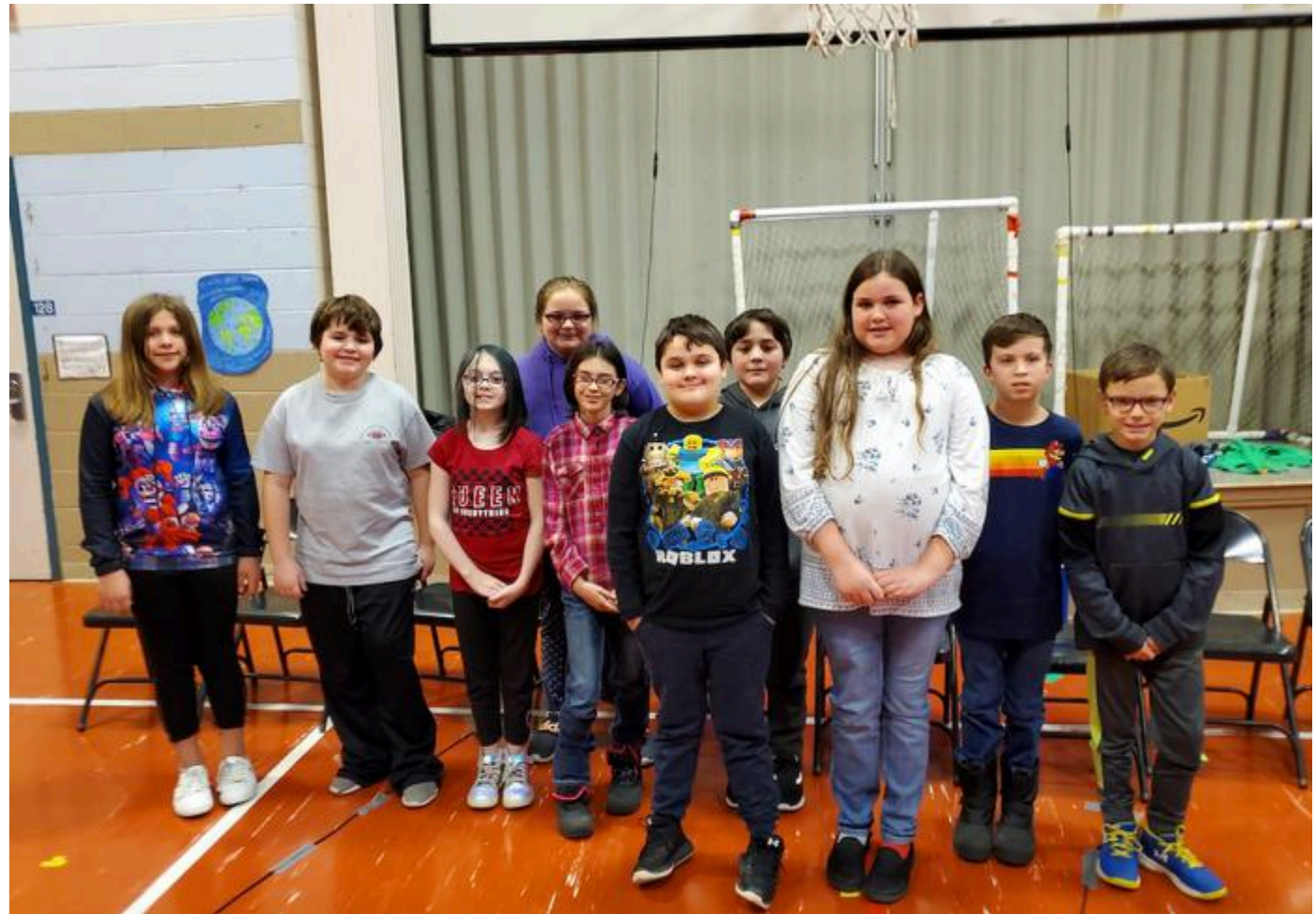
The bee began. The first contestant stepped up to the microphone. Principal Dale Chenette gave the first word (from the master list provided by Scripps National Spelling Bee). The student repeated, spelled and repeated the word, then looked over to the three-judge panel who said, "That was correct." Down sat the first contestant, up stepped the second ... and so the bee moved on, each round providing more excitement as well as tension.

Under the rules, contestants could ask for the meaning of a word or have it used in a sentence. Only a few requested this help.

It wasn't until the 40th word that someone gave an incorrect spelling. Landry later remarked that this was the most words any bee had gone through before the first misspelling.

One by one, contestants were eliminated, but they sat to the side applauding their mates' efforts to the end. After 100 words, four students were left. Then there were three. Then, in the 25th round (another record, said Landry) only two remained: fourth-grader Kevin Carignan, 10, and fifth-grader Olivia Sohngen, 10.

Kevin misspelled "abated." Olivia took a deep breath and ... spelled the 115th word ... which was "solar." The judges said, "That is correct" — and the audience burst into applause, some third- and fourth-graders no doubt saying to themselves, *That's what I want*



to do next year.

Olivia will go on to represent Bluff School at the New Hampshire State Scripps Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 7, which will be held at the Silver Center for the Arts at Plymouth State University.

Will she return to Claremont as c-h-a-m-p-i-o-n? We shall see.



Top: Spelling bee runner-up Kevin Carignan (front row left) and winner Olivia Sohngen (right) are flanked by the eight other contestants. Below: Fellow students sit on the gym floor as they watch the spelling bee at Bluff School (Eric Zengota photos).

**CLAREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
FIRST DELIBERATIVE SESSION**

February 5, 2020

6:30 PM

Stevens High School Auditorium

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

- I. Call to Order for the Annual District Meeting
Tracy Pope, Moderator
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
Heather Whitney, School Board Member
 - B. Introductions
Administration by Michael Tempesta, Superintendent
School Board and Officers by Frank Sprague, School Board Chairman
 - C. Rules of Procedure for the District Meeting
Tracy Pope, Moderator
- II. Approval of District Session Minutes
 - A. February 6, 2019 Deliberative Session
 - B. May 15, 2019 Special District Meeting
 - C. November 21, 2019 Special District Meeting
 - D. December 12, 2019 Special District Meeting
- III. Discussion & Action
 - A. 2020-21 School District Warrant
- IV. Closing Activities for the District Meeting

**PLEASE USE THE STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL EVENT ENTRANCE.
IN THE CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE "SNOW DATE" WILL BE
FEBRUARY 6, 2020**