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March 12th is Voting Day for School District Warrant

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Ward I - Claremont Middle School

Ward II - Claremont Middle School

Ward III - Disnard Elementary School

For an explanation of the Claremont School District Warrant, please visit our website and go to the Current Issue tab on the Home page to access the PDF:

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Newport School District Budget for 2019-2020 will not be Impacted by Governor's Proposed Budget

NEWPORT, NH—The Newport Community will vote on the School District's proposed budget and warrant articles on Tuesday, March 12.

"Two warrant articles, 7 and 8, are money articles," said SAU 43 Superintendent Cindy Gallagher. "The Governor has also included these costs in the proposed budget. On the Newport School District Warrant, Article 7 is the Autism Program for Richards School, and Article 8 is the fire alarm panel in the CTE center. The Governor's proposed budget is based on contingent funding available after July 1, 2020. This has created confusion regarding funding sources and the need to vote on the articles in the current warrant."

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SAU 6 Board Announces Tempesta as New Superintendent; See page A29



About 70 people—teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, school board members, members of Claremont and Unity communities—attended a meet and greet Monday night at the Teal Lantern to talk with and listen to the two finalists for the superintendent's position: Cory LeClair, presently the Assistant Superintendent of SAU 6, and Michael Tempesta, presently the Executive Director of the Central Massachusetts Special Education Collaborative in Worcester, MA. Tempesta has previously held positions as the Superintendent of Schools in Saugus, MA, and Principal at Milford (MA) High School and Ashland (MA) High School, and Assistant Principal at Sharon (MA) High School (Eric Zengota photos).

Newport, from A1

Gallagher continued, "The purpose of the 'Capital Infrastructure Revitalization Fund' from HB 2 in the Governor's proposed budget is to provide targeted funding for the state and local infrastructure projects and other one-time strategic investments."

Newport School Board Chair, Linda Wadeston said, "Should this money become available, we will seek reimbursement for these projects."

The possible future effect of the Governor's proposed budget

Gallagher explained, "Article 7 of the Newport School District 2019-20 Warrant is for an Autism Program in the elementary school. The warrant is for \$200,000. If the voters approve this article, then the District will be able to provide services to up to six students in the elementary school. If the Governor's proposed funding survives the State's budget process, then the District would then apply for the targeted aid funds and they could be used as revenue to offset costs for the program in the 2020-21 year. If the voters deny Article 7 on

Tuesday, then the District could still apply for the contingency money and use it as revenue to offset costs if the program is approved for the 2020-21 year.

"Article 8 of the Newport School District 2019-20 Warrant is for the repair of a fire alarm panel in the CTE center. The warrant is for \$78,000. If the voters approve this article, then the District will be able to repair the panel in the 2019-20 school year. If the Governor's proposed funding survives the State's budget process, then the District would then apply for the contingency funds and it could be used as revenue in the 2020-21 year. If the voters deny Article 8 on Tuesday, then the District could still apply for the contingency money and use it as project revenue in 2020-21."

Any questions regarding the warrant articles may be directed to Gallagher at (603) 865-9500 or cgallagher@sau43.org.

The Newport School District Budget vote will be held on Tuesday, March 12; polls at the Newport Opera House, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To see the PDF for the 2019 Newport School District Warrant, please visit our website and go to the Current Issue tab on the Home page.

Cornish Elementary School Gymnasium
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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

Capital Punishment Debate

If New Hampshire's House of Representative gets its wish, capital punishment in our state could soon be history, despite the objections of Gov. Christopher Sununu.

On March 7 by an overwhelming 279-88 roll call vote, the House approved House Bill 455, which would repeal the Granite State's limited penalty for certain capital crimes and replace it with life imprisonment without any possibility of parole. The bill was adopted after emotional debate on the House floor between death penalty opponents and supporters as well as an "Ought to Pass" recommendation by a majority of the House Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, which had beforehand examined it. It now goes to the New Hampshire Senate for further consideration. But the measure's overwhelming majority of approval in the House means that if the Senate also adopts it by at least a two-thirds majority which would be 16, assuming all 24 senators are voting, then death penalty repeal would become law under the New Hampshire Constitution, even if Gov. Sununu vetoes it as he has previously stated he would. The bill is sponsored by a bi-partisan coalition of 12 legislators led by Hampton Rep. Robert Cushing, a Democrat.

During the floor debate, Rep. Cushing, who has sponsored similar death penalty repeal bills in previous terms, made another eloquent speech in favor of House Bill 455. He mentioned again that despite the fact that both his father and brother-in-law were murdered, he opposes capital punishment. He declared, "If we let those who kill turn us into killers, then evil triumphs, and we all lose. That does nothing to bring back our loved ones. All it does is widen the circle of violence."

Kingston Rep. David Welch, a Republican, who is also a co-sponsor of House Bill 455, made a slightly more emotional speech supporting the bill. Rep. Welch admitted that he used to be a death penalty supporter, but he declared that his stance changed after the death of his wife over two years ago. He said that the grief he experienced since losing his wife has been "horrible, and has not diminished." Then he added, "An inmate on death row has loved ones that care for him in spite of what has done. The victim's family goes through grief similar to what I went through. When the inmate is put to death, there's another family going through that grief. Both families are innocent, and both went through the same thing."

Nevertheless, death penalty supporters like Merrimack Rep. Jeanine Notter also made emotional speeches against House Bill 455. Rep. Notter stated that the death penalty is still needed to punish some heinous killers like the convicted murderer of Mont Vernon's Kimberly Cates who was killed in a home invasion in 2010 as well as the convicted murderer of Manchester Police Officer Michael Briggs, who was killed in the line of duty in 2006. In the case of Officer Briggs' murderer,



that killer was sentenced to death shortly after the murder occurred, and is now on death row and still appealing his death sentence in the courts. Under the bill as currently written, repeal of the death penalty would not apply to Officer Briggs' killer, who is the only New Hampshire inmate on death row. But supporters also claimed that if House Bill 455 becomes law, and the death penalty is repealed, then some court could later make the bill's provisions retroactive so as to apply to Officer Briggs' killer.

I voted for House Bill 455, and thus repeal of the death penalty, as I done before, when similar repeal bills have been considered. I am pleased that that the bill was approved by a veto-proof majority in the House, and hope the Senate will not only pass it, but pass it by a similar veto-proof majority. I voted for repeal because the death penalty, which hasn't been imposed in New Hampshire in over 80 years, is unnecessary because our state overall is one of the safest in the nation. Furthermore, the death penalty is often only imposed on our poorest and non-white citizens, who can't afford the best lawyers to represent them in capital murder cases before the courts. In fact, in all of American History so far, I can never recall a wealthy individual ever being executed for any crime. Finally, there have several cases, even in recent years, of individuals being mistakenly convicted of capital crimes, and sentenced to death. Later, new evidence was found that exonerated these individuals, who were in jail, but at least alive. Because our criminal justice system is not perfect, I believe it is better to sentence those convicted of capital crimes to life in prison without parole, rather than execute them, and then later discover an error was made.

In other business on March 7, the House by a 198-163 roll call vote approved House Bill 611, which would allow New Hampshire voters to request absentee ballots for all elections without requiring them to list a reason for the request. Under Part I, Article 11 of the New Hampshire Constitution as well as current state law, voters can only request absentee ballots, if they are going to be away from their town or city ward on Election Day, or confined to their homes because of physical disabilities, or busy with religious observations. This new "no excuses" absentee ballot legislation, was passed after brief debate on the House floor, and a recommendation by a majority of the House Election Law Committee to adopt it.

House Bill 611's approval followed defeat of a similar measure, CACR (Constitutional Amendment Concurrent Resolution) 6, a proposed amendment to the state constitution, which would have permitted voters to request an absentee ballot for any reason. While 208 representatives voted for CACR 6, and only 158 against it in a division vote, it failed to achieve the required 60 percent majority or 240 votes necessary to pass a constitutional amendment in the House. House Bill 611 now proceeds to the Senate for more examination.

For the record, I voted for both House Bill 611 and CACR 6. I voted for both because I believe we need to make voting more convenient for our citizens, including voting by absentee ballot. Many citizens today lead very busy lives with various work and family obligations. Allowing more of them to legally obtain absentee ballots could lead to higher voter participation in all elections.

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Guest Commentary

Please Vote Yes on Proposed Operating Budget

By Frank W. Sprague
Chair, Claremont School Board

Please vote YES to support Claremont School District’s proposed operating budget for the 2019-20 school year.

It is important to know that if the proposed budget fails to pass, the default budget will become the operating budget “by default”. The 2019-20 default budget will be less than the proposed school budget for the first time in a number of years. This is largely due to reductions in staffing that were made in the proposed budget; those reductions now must be deducted from the default budget as well, by state statute. This creates a moving target for cost savings and handicaps efforts to pass a regular budget as voters find a lower number tempting. The intention being to give voters of SB-2 districts more of a choice than in the past. This new statute does not serve Claremont well as we have made reductions by necessity due to continued reductions in state aid and fixed cost increases. The school board has the unenviable task of maintaining the quality of our schools with sensitivity to already overburdened taxpayers.

This year the Claremont School Board formed a budget subcommittee to work with directors and administrators to develop the proposed budget. This process involved over 30 hours of face-to-face meetings to go over budget requests line by line for every aspect of the school budget from instruction, to roof repair, and everything in between. The committee brought their recommendations to the full board and it was approved unanimously. This was a collaborative process that resulted in a responsible budget without the contentiousness of previous years.

If the proposed budget fails, further cuts will be necessary, possibly eliminating elementary alternative programming, technology for classrooms, expansion of Career and Technical Ed. programming, much needed maintenance and repairs and security upgrades to our buildings, as well as other painful cuts. The newly negotiated contract with the Claremont Administrators Association will be nullified as well.

Mayor Charlene Lovett, school board member Jason Benware, and I have worked with our local representatives and have testified in Concord in support of bills to increase state funding for our public schools in Claremont. During our testimony, we all emphasized that our schools are the cornerstone of our city, prospective employers look at the quality of the schools and programs when determining expansion or relocation. Communities that do not or cannot invest in their schools and the people in them are destined to stagnate. Citizens of Claremont we appreciate your support, past, present and future.

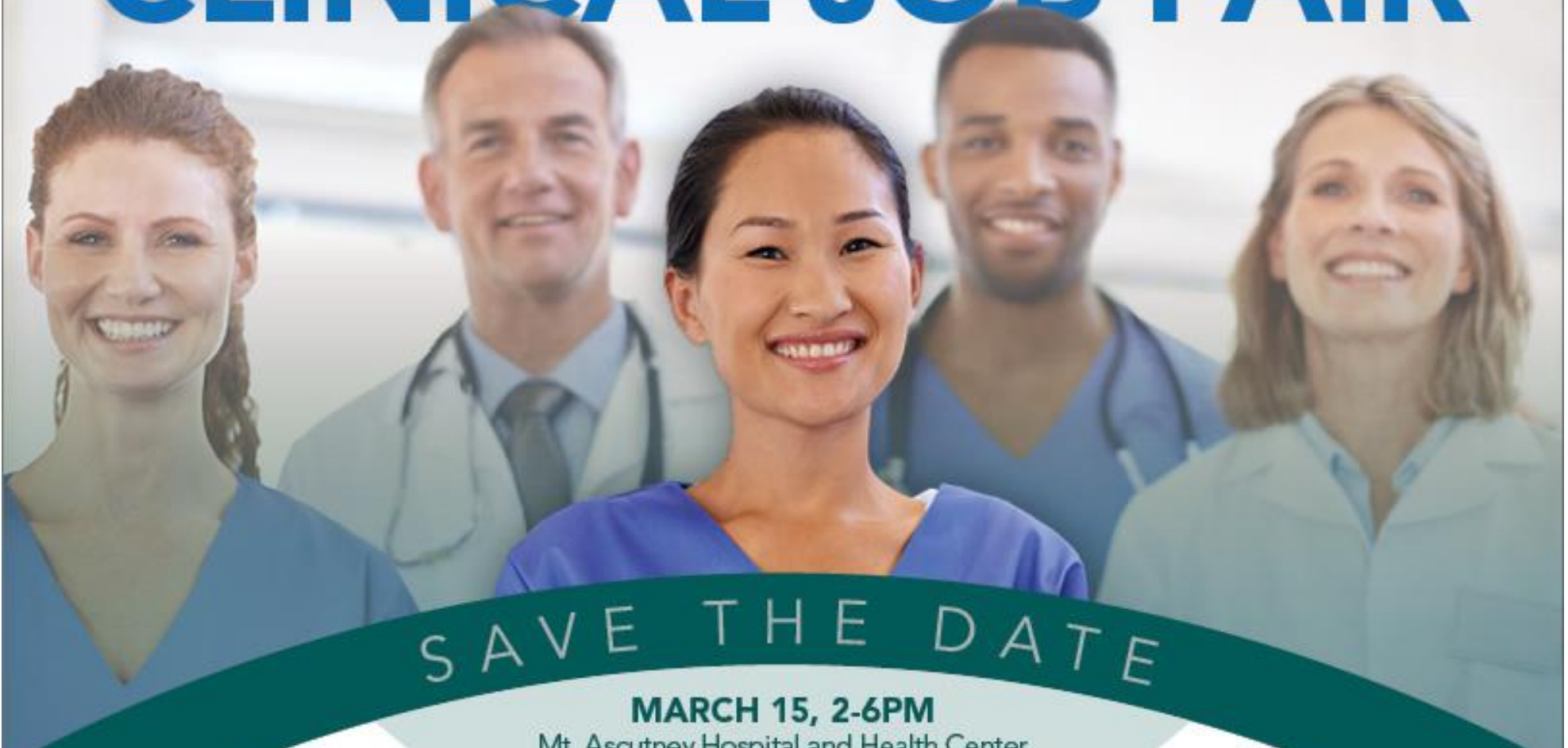
Legislation Introduced to Tackle Rate of National Guard, Reserve Suicide

WASHINGTON, DC—As part of her efforts to support servicemembers in New Hampshire and across the country in civilian life, Senator Maggie Hassan has joined Senators Jon Tester (D-MT), Jerry Moran (R-KS), and others in introducing bipartisan legislation to address the high rate of suicide among members of the National Guard and Reserve.

Currently, members of the National Guard and Reserves undergo annual health assessments to identify medical issues that could impact their ability to deploy, but almost always they must pay out-of-pocket for any follow-up care. The bipartisan Care and Readiness Enhancement (CARE) for Reservists Act would improve access to consistent mental health care, regardless of the deployment status of members of the National Guard or Reservists.

“The suicide rate among members of the National Guard and Reservists is alarming, and we must do more to increase access to mental health care and support services to all who sacrifice to defend our freedoms,” Hassan said.

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Sullivan County Corrections, Tech Center Team up for Summer Carpentry Course for Inmates

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont School Board approved a request Wednesday night for a new summer carpentry course for up to a dozen low-level inmates. Tech Center Director Alex Herzog told the board that with its desire to find additional ways to use the school, he had met with Sullivan County Corrections Superintendent Dave Berry to create a program that would use the facility in the summer while benefiting inmates interested in learning new skills.

The course will take place evenings, from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. and run for six weeks, from July 8 to Aug. 15. Most of the inmates who would be eligible are in addiction counseling during the day; evening hours would ensure that no children would be in the school at the same time. The class would have an instruction portion in the beginning, said Herzog, followed by hands-on work. "I've already talked to our instructor Michael Bennett," he added. "He said he would be willing to do the program."

Projects could include picnic tables, framing lean-tos for the Scout camp, mini libraries for the community, and a gazebo that is being designed for the Sullivan County Nursing Home.

"We have discussed and agreed upon a price of \$7,500 to cover our expenses," said Herzog. He added that he had been working with County Commissioner George Hebert and "he was very ecstatic about making this happen."

School board member Rebecca Zullo asked about the "convictions" of the inmates who would be participating; Berry said they would be misdemeanor offenders who are already participating in TRAILS and eligible for work release and electronic monitoring. A community corrections official would be on-site during the classes.

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Sullivan County Fugitive of the Week

MICHAEL ROGERS
DOB: 08/26/1972

LKA: 175 Levitt
Road, Plainfield, NH

Description: White
male, height: 5'6",
weight: 160, eyes:
brown, hair: brown



Reason: Failure to Appear

Original Charges:

Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, Class
A Misdemeanor (2 counts)

Reckless Conduct with a Deadly Weapon
(automobile), Class B Felony

Bail Jumping, Class A Misdemeanor

Bail Jumping, Class B Felony

On Oct. 25, 2017, Rogers was indicted
by the Sullivan County Grand Jury on two
counts of Aggravated Driving While Intoxi-
cated Subsequent Offense and one count
of Reckless Conduct With a Deadly
Weapon (automobile).

On Nov. 13, 2017, Rogers failed to ap-
pear for an arraignment in Sullivan County
Superior Court and on Nov. 15, 2017, the
Sullivan County Superior Court issued a
warrant for Rogers' arrest for Failure to
Appear.

On Nov. 22, 2017, Rogers was arrested
and released on personal recognizance
bail. As a condition of bail, he was ordered
to appear in Sullivan County Superior
Court on Jan. 11, 2018.

On Jan. 11, 2018, Rogers failed to ap-
pear and as a result, the Sullivan County
Superior Court issued a warrant for his ar-
rest for Failure to Appear.

On April 19, 2018, Rogers was arrested
and posted cash bail. As a condition of bail,
he was ordered to appear in Sullivan
County Superior Court on May 15, 2018,
for a dispositional conference.

On May 9, 2018, legal counsel for
Rogers was notified that the May 15, 2018,
hearing was being moved to May 17, 2018,
in Sullivan County Superior Court.

On May 17, 2018, Rogers failed to ap-
pear in Sullivan County Superior Court and
as a result, the Sullivan County Superior

Court issued a warrant for his arrest for Failure
to Appear.

On May 23, 2018, Rogers was indicted by
the Sullivan County Grand Jury on one count
of Bail Jumping, Class B misdemeanor and
one count of Bail Jumping, Class B Felony.

On June 7, 2018, Rogers failed to appear in
Sullivan County Superior Court for an ar-

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Snowmobile Accident in Claremont Injures One

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According to the NHF&G, Kevin Ferland of Claremont was attempting to cross Charlestown road when his ski struck a rock. In an attempt to steady the machine, he placed his foot on the ground while still moving. Once he did this, his leg remained in place as the machine continued moving. He then suffered a non-life threatening leg injury and was transported to Valley Regional hospital for further medical care.

As the snowmobile season begins to come to a close, riders are reminded that as snow melts it creates more hazards in the trail. A trail may change drastically throughout the day as temperatures warm up.

Comedian Juston McKinney Returns to COH

CLAREMONT, NH—New England's Juston McKinney returns to the Claremont Opera House Saturday, March 23, 8:00 p.m., with lots of new material.

Tickets can be purchased at www.claremontoperhouse.org, where you have the option to print at home; by calling 603-542-4433; or in person at the Opera House Box Office at the City Hall Complex.

Fire Destroys Newport House

NEWPORT, NH—A structure fire at 289 Maple St., Newport, was toned out a little after 8:00 a.m. on Sunday. A 2nd alarm was called; due to the instability of the house, crews fought the fire from the exterior only. The home is considered a total loss. The cause is under investigation but may have been started by a wood stove in the basement.

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The following list of streets and roads will be posted for a 6-ton limit effective **March 11, 2019**. This posting is due to spring thawing conditions and will remain until the ground stabilizes. We sincerely regret any inconvenience this may cause; but such action is necessary to protect the road surfaces.

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Claremont Singer's "American Idol" Audition to Air March 17

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Area fans, and even those who are not regular viewers, of "American Idol" will have an extra reason to tune into the program on Sunday, March 17: Claremont resident and singer Evelyn Cormier will be auditioning before this season's star-studded panel of judges.

Cormier, 20, said that auditioning on "Idol" had not been a goal of hers, even though her friends had been encouraging her to do so. "It wasn't something I wanted to do," she said, admitting the whole idea was a bit scary. But as so often happens in life, one thing led to another, and the opportunity "landed in my lap" said Cormier in a phone interview with the *e-Ticker News* arranged by Superjuice, a communications agency with offices in New York, Beverly Hills and Atlanta handling "American Idol" press relations, on Friday. The experience was "definitely nerve-wracking," she admitted, made more so by the fact that she had arrived for the auditions, held in New York City, early in the morning and ended up being the "2nd to the last" contestant that day. Cormier said waiting all day just added to her nervousness as she bided her time. Contestants were able to order food via Uber Eats during the day while they waited. "That was pretty helpful," she said.

This year's panel of judges includes Katy Perry, Lionel Richie and Luke Bryan. "It was intimidating," said Cormier, when asked what it was like to perform before the judges. Although there were lots of people in the room, camera people and others who make the show work, Cormier said that after a bit, she didn't even notice all the activity swirling around her.

Cormier has been involved with music pretty much all of her life, having started taking violin lessons at the age of 4. Those continued for seven years. "I've always loved to sing," she said, although early on, her family thought she should continue the music lessons and turned thumbs down on singing. "I was the worst violinist ever," she laughed, and as her violin teacher was also a vocal coach, she finally got a chance to try her first love. "She felt I had talent and was the first person who encouraged me."

Eventually her father taught her the guitar. She has sung with the Lake Sunapee Baptist Church and began writing her own music as a teen.

To date, Cormier has released a number of songs. Her first recordings were done in a home studio; now she is working with Rocking Horse Studio in New Hampshire, with producer Brian Coombes. "He is awesome," she said. "He believes in my talent." Cormier, whose father and brother provided the music for her early work, is now working with studio musicians since connecting with Rocking Horse Studio.

Cormier describes her music as having a soulful melancholy style, and her voice has been described as "deep and rich". Her influences are eclectic, from The Cure, Lana Del Ray, The Cranberries, Dinosaur Jr, to Elvis Presley. Her Debut EP, "Ghost", includes "Champagne", "Got To Be Gone", "Kind Eyes", "Carte Postal" and "Let It Run". She has also released six singles: "Lost", "Eyes", "Nickels and Dimes", "A Little Wild", "Window Pains" and "Yard Sale Guitar". Her official video of "Let It Run" was shot in Claremont and Unity. Her music is available on Amazon, Bandcamp and CD Baby.

Although, for obvious reasons, she was not allowed to comment on how her audition went, Cormier did reveal that she sang "Wicked Game" by Chris Issak.

Cormier's name may be familiar to some. She appeared on TLC's "90-Day Fiancé" a couple of years ago, where her relationship (and marriage) with David Vázquez Zermeño of Spain was profiled.

Cormier continues to live in Claremont, although she often has to travel to L.A. for her music career. "I plan to stay in Claremont as long as I can," she said fondly of her home town.

"American Idol", now on ABC, airs at 8:00 p.m.

For more information, visit evelyncormier.com.



AMERICAN IDOL - Coverage. (ABC/Nicole Rivelli)

EVELYN CORMIER

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3D Print Club

CLAREMONT, NH—Join us as for 3D PRINT CLUB! Every week, we'll get together and participate in a freestyle design session. In a freestyle, participants simply design what they want to. There will also be various design challenges each week if you're looking for inspiration, and an instructor will be present to offer advice and otherwise help troubleshoot as you create and print designs. Instructor-supported software (and software available on the Makerspace computers) includes Tinkercad and Fusion 360. If you're an experienced 3D designer, bring your laptop and favorite design software! We'll also spend time cleaning up our prints and discussing what goes into making the best print possible. This event runs as a 3 month session. Date: Tuesday, March 12th, 6 - 8 PM

Location: Claremont Makerspace, 46 Main Street,

To register, please go here: <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event/2019/3/12/3d-print-club>.

Cone Charitable Foundation Scholarship Program

CLAREMONT, NH—The Cone Automatic Machine Company Charitable Foundation scholarship program will continue for the coming school year 2019-2020. This scholarship is available to the children or grandchildren of former employees of Cone-Blanchard Machine Company having a minimum of five years of continuous service with Cone-Blanchard Machine Company who meet the eligibility requirements.

Eligibility Requirements, Terms of Award Payments, and Applications may be obtained by writing to Cone Automatic Machine Company Charitable Foundation, PO Box 65, Claremont NH 03743. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than May 10, 2019. Scholarship awards will be announced in June 2019.

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner March 16

CLAREMONT, NH—Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us on March 16, Saturday, at First United Methodist Church, 38 Summer Street as we serve up our famous Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner with all the fixings and assorted homemade desserts. We start serving at 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is by donation. Everyone is welcome. Extra parking at Century 21 next door after 5:00 p.m.

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Claremont Highlighted at EPA Summit

On Thursday, March 7, DPW Director St. Pierre and I traveled to Westborough, Massachusetts, to attend the 2019 Summit: Get the Lead Out – Creative Strategies for Lead Lines. Hosted by Region One of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Summit was organized to inspire water utilities and public officials in New England to take action to remove lead from water distribution systems. EPA Region One invited Director St. Pierre and I to share our story on how Claremont as a community mobilized to address the issue of childhood lead poisoning and our progress in removing lead from our water distribution system.

Our success and that of North Providence, Rhode Island, in addressing childhood lead poisoning was highlighted at the Summit. In addition, presenters from other New England communities shared their approaches to removing lead from their water distribution systems. Officials from EPA Region One briefed attendees on tools and funding resources now available to communities to help address the issue. By the end of the event, attendees were equipped with new tools and strategies to advance the removal of lead from water distribution systems throughout New England.

One of the tools that EPA officials presented at the Summit was the “Protect Your Tap” program, now be-

ing piloted in Claremont. The EPA and New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services created this 10-minute lead test to help residents determine if they have lead in their drinking water. By taking the test, residents will know if they have lead lines bringing water into their homes, how to reduce their exposure to lead and how to get their water tested.

Lead in drinking water is an important public health issue. There are no safe levels of lead as even low amounts of lead in the blood can result in harm to the health and development of children. Lead exposure can also harm unborn babies, causing premature birth, lower birth weight and delayed mental and physical development.

While testing of Claremont’s water is well within EPA’s standard for lead levels, the goal is to completely remove lead from the distribution system as no level is safe. Having residents participate in this 10-minute test will not only inform them, but also assist the City in achieving its goal. The only way to be sure whether lead is in the drinking water is to have it tested by a state accredited laboratory. “Pro-

tect your Tap” provides information about how to get drinking water tested.

To find out more about lead in the drinking water of your home, please consider taking the 10-minute test at <https://goo.gl/iecyM9>. If you have any questions or need further information about this program, please contact Director St. Pierre at 603-542-7020. Your participation in this pilot program will not only benefit you and your family, but the community as a whole.

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

Turkey Dinner March 23

CLAREMONT, NH—Turkey Dinner open to public, Saturday, March 23 (5:00 - 6:30 p.m.); \$10 per person / under 10 - \$6.00. The Baby Quilt Raffle will be drawn at this dinner at 6:00 PM. Raffle tickets are \$1.00; six tickets for \$5.00.

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Celebrate Local Food at the 18th Annual Flavors of the Valley

WHITE RIVER JCT, VT—Taste the flavors of the Upper Valley at the region's premier local food expo, Flavors of the Valley. The 18th annual Vital Communities event is set for Sunday, April 7, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Hartford High School gymnasium.

Attendees sample local foods from more than 45 vendors—including fresh produce, artisan breads, award-winning cheese, tasty jams, hand-crafted sweets and more. It's the not-to-be-missed event of the year for everyone who loves local food.

New in 2019, Vital Communities is selling a limited number of discounted advance tickets at vitalcommunities.org/flavors. Advance ticket holders can enjoy a quieter first hour of the event from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. General admission tickets will be available at the door starting at 12:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$30 per family in advance, or \$12 per person or \$35 per family at the door. Children under seven are free. Cash, check, and credit are accepted at the door.

"Every year, Flavors of the Valley kicks off spring in the Upper Valley. It's really a celebration! Attendees get to taste everything our farms have to offer, connect with old and new businesses, and visit with old and new friends," said Becka Warren, Food & Farm Communications Coordinator at Vital Communities. "The Hartford High School gym is full of smiles and satisfied taste buds. We can't wait!"

Attendees should bring their own plates, cups and utensils to help make this zero-waste event a success. Those who bike to Flavors of the Valley can enter to win special prizes. This year's Vital Communities 25th Anniversary Super Quest

will debut at the event, so Questers can get a head start on the adventure before the official May 1 launch date.

See a list of Flavors of the Valley vendors for 2019 and buy advance tickets online at vitalcommunities.org/flavors.

NECA Invites Local Businesses to Help Them Celebrate Pi Day

CLAREMONT, NH—Since 2013, the New England Classical Academy (NECA) has celebrated Pi Day on March 14th with a pie throwing fundraiser to embrace the wonder of math and science, and have some fun. If students collectively raise a specific amount, then all teachers get a pie in their face! Besides the "pieing event", there also are various activities

all students participate in to celebrate Pi Day, such as guessing the volume of candy in a jar, building electronic circuits, memorizing digits of pi, solving pi problems, or playing circle games.

This year, NECA is inviting companies from across the Upper Valley that value math and science to join them and promote careers in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math). STEAM subjects provide a foundation for students to pursue virtually any career choice, and NECA strives to create a love of these subjects in their students from an early age.

NECA is a K-12 school, which has operated in Claremont since 2009, with students attending from across the Upper Valley and from as far away as Greenfield, MA. As a non-profit school, they keep tuition low by holding events to raise funds for special programs, and after

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their recent move to a new location, they have new needs for their math and science programs. "This year we are reaching out to STEAM organizations in our area, in the hope they will consider sponsoring one of our Pi Day wish list items", said Executive Director Liz Wilber. This list of items includes rental fees to use the River Valley Community College biology/chemistry labs, graphing calculators for upper school students, and field trips to local science museums/centers.

"We also want our students to hear about interesting STEAM facts from local organizations", said Wilber, "which will particularly help the older students see the significance of their studies and open their eyes to possibilities for their futures". NECA sent invitation letters to 50 companies in the area, but any organization that focuses on math and science is invited to join. If your company is able to sponsor a Pi Day wish list item or would like to talk to students about STEAM facts, please contact neca.development@gmail.com or call 603-543-3400.



House teams competing in a Pi Day challenge (Courtesy photo).

Crowdfunding Platform Created by Women, for Women

Welcome New Hampshire entrepreneurs! iFundWomen New Hampshire is a crowdfunding ecosystem designed to help women-led startups, small businesses, non-profits, passion projects, and side hustles raise startup cash to launch and grow their ideas.

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fund through iFundWomen New Hampshire will have access to one-on-one crowdfunding coaching, offered by New Hampshire entrepreneur and iFundWomen Certified Crowdfunding Coach, Kristin Hardwick.

The success of this initiative, which at the moment has no sunset date, will depend on robust outreach across the state. The more people who apply, the more eyes will be on the funding campaigns, the more likely women will achieve their funding goals.

To learn more, visit https://beta.ifundwomen.com/new-hampshire?fbclid=IwAR1a6OCZSk9s9-pl_FS61pbbCY_i6Fp-Db2CgP6w8kkqCwi0At-Bfrjo11I3E.

"I'm thrilled to help bring iFundWomen to New Hampshire because it's an amazing service that I wish I had when starting out," said Hardwick.

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Specifically, you might want to put together a team comprised of your financial advisor, your CPA or other tax professional, and your attorney. Together, this team can help you with many types of financial/tax/legal connections.

For starters, you may decide, possibly upon the recommendation of your financial advisor, to sell some investments and use the proceeds to buy others that may now be more appropriate for your needs. If you sell some investments you've held for a year or less and realize a capital gain on the sale, the gain generally will be considered short-term and be taxed at your ordinary income tax rate. But if you've held the investments for more than a year before selling, your gain will likely be considered long-term and taxed at the lower, long-term capital gains rate, which can be 0%, 15% or 20%, or a combination of those rates.

On the other hand, if you sell an investment and realize a capital loss, you may be able to apply the loss to offset gains realized by selling other, more profitable investments and also potentially offset some of your ordinary income. So, as you can see, the questions potentially raised by investment sales – "Should I sell?" "If so, when?" "If I take some losses, how much will they benefit me at tax time?" – may also be of importance to your tax advisor, who will need to account for sales in your overall tax picture. As such, it's a good idea for your tax and financial advisors to communicate about any investment sales you make.

Your tax and financial advisors also may want to be in touch on other issues, such as your contributions to a retirement plan. For example, if you are self-employed or own a small business, and you contribute to a SEP-IRA – which is funded with pre-tax dollars, so the more you contribute, the lower your taxable income – your financial advisor can report to your tax advisor (with your permission) how much you've contributed at given points in a year, and your tax advisor can then let you know how much more you might need to add to move into a lower tax bracket, or at least avoid being bumped up to a higher one. Your financial advisor will be the one to recommend the investments you use to fund your SEP-IRA.

Your financial advisor can also help you choose the investment or insurance vehicles that can fund an estate-planning arrangement, such as an irrevocable living trust. But to establish that trust in the first place, and to make sure it conforms to all applicable laws, you will want to work with an attorney experienced in planning estates. Your tax professional may also need to be brought in. Again, communication between your various advisors is essential.

These are but a few of the instances in which your financial, tax and legal professionals should talk to each other. So, do what you can to open these lines of communication – because you'll be one who ultimately benefits from this teamwork.

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Enjoy your favorite entrée from the menu while helping to support United Way in their mission to provide Sullivan County nonprofit agencies with much needed and deserved funding.

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It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



Light?

Cooking light. Who? Me? Riiiiight.

I received a text last week asking for a light dinner because she had a heavy lunch.

Me: Like what?

She: Oh, anything light.

Me: I don't have any fish.

She: Salad and soup would work.

Me: OK.

So, Spring Mix salad, dried cranberries, walnuts, skip the cheese.

Soup. Tomato Basil Bisque should work. A little on the heavy side but....

A can of tomato soup. A can of Half and Half. At least it wasn't cream. Give me a break.

Basil, ginger, a touch of maple syrup and served with a dollop of sour cream. At least it wasn't whipped cream.

I'm really not the guy to ask for a light menu. Where I come from, a light dinner is lasagne with beef and pork. Skip the sausage and it's considered light. No meatballs and spaghetti on the side and it's REALLY light.

Seriously though, cooking light is better for you for all sorts of reasons. If you have been following this column for any length of time, you know I don't do light. I believe in moderation. Keep your servings small and don't go heavy on the bread and pasta. I also adhere to the theory that a glass of red wine is good for your heart. I just wish I had more than one heart. For those of you who don't subscribe to that theory, I have you covered. There is a huge number of books out there devoted to light and healthy cooking. I urge anyone interested in that style to go online. There are many sites that are devoted to any style you want. I just prefer rustic and plenty of red meat.

Spring has been so long in coming that I'm still in Winter mode. There's nothing like single digit temperatures that makes me want a hearty dinner. Coming in from the cold makes me want to eat and not cook, so here is another beef stew recipe, for any cool or cold spell.

Sweet and Sour Beef Stew

2 pounds stewing beef cut into cubes

1/4 cup flour

1 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon pepper

1 cup chopped onion

8 large carrots

1/4 cup brown sugar

1/2 cup vinegar

1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

Mix flour, salt and pepper and coat beef with mixture. Place carrots in bottom of cooker. Add meat and onions. Combine remaining ingredients and add to cooker. Cook on low for 7 to 8 hours.

As I was entering this recipe, I realized that by no longer browning my meat in shortening or oil or whatever, I am cooking light. Sorta. Maybe. Let me have my fantasy.

Play with your food. Lighten up where you can.

Write to Johnny at etickernews@gmail.com

Area Students Nominated For Presidential Scholars Program

CONCORD, NH – More than 80 New Hampshire students have been nominated by the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars and the U.S. Department of Education to be candidates for the United States Presidential Scholars Program for 2019. The program, which started in the 1960s, honors some of the most distinguished graduating seniors in the Granite State. Students are chosen due to their academic, artistic, leadership, and technical success and involvement in their high schools and communities.

More than 4,500 students who scored exceptionally well on the SAT or ACT were invited to submit nomination materials. State education commissioners may also nominate candidates for consideration.

“We can all be proud of these New Hampshire students who have worked so hard and the teachers who have helped prepare them for this important distinction,” stated Frank Edelblut, the commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Education. The following area students were nominated to the program: Emily J. Bregou, Hanover - Hanover High School

Victoria Burroughs, Newport - Newport Middle High School

Kaitlyn Chambers, Claremont - Stevens High School

Benjamin Jachim-Gallagher, Newport - Newport Middle High School

Haoxiang Hou, Meriden - Kimball Union Academy

Karsten Kleyensteuber, Claremont - Stevens High School

Rosa S. Mccann, Hanover - Hanover High School

Iroha Shirai, Hanover - Hanover High School
Jacob W. Slaughter, Hanover - Thetford Academy

Rachel Swindell, Wilmot - Kearsarge Regional High School

William J. Tanski IV, Grantham - Lebanon High School

Elizabeth Tremblay, Lempster - Newport Middle High School

Semi-finalists will be named in April and scholars in May. New Hampshire winners will be invited to Washington, DC, in June, as part of the recognition program and will receive a medallion at the White House.

For more information about the program,



Claremont Middle School would like to congratulate Aiden Goodrich. A seventh-grader, Goodrich scored in the top 100 of all New Hampshire qualifying students on the National Geographic Bee exam. He will now advance to the Championship round at Keene State College on March 29th. Way to go, Aiden! (Courtesy photo).

visit <https://www.presidentscholars.org>.

Stuff a Cruiser Event

NEWPORT, NH—United Way of Sullivan County and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department have joined forces to hold a “Stuff a Cruiser” event on Friday, March 22nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Shaw's in Newport, Market Basket and Hannaford's in Claremont. The nonperishable food will benefit the Claremont Soup Kitchen and donations are greatly appreciated.

“We thought we would take this opportunity to support the wonderful work of the Claremont Soup Kitchen,” Dawn Ranney, Executive Director of United Way of Sullivan County said. “The cold winter months have been exceptionally hard for our friends and neighbors, so Sheriff Simonds and I decided it was a great time to help.

“Many donations come forward during the holiday season, but with additional winter heating expenses, the need is great,” Simonds said.

Ranney added that The Claremont Soup Kitchen “provides an essential service to those who find themselves food insecure. CSK has expanded their reach by adding additional ser-

vices and locations in Sullivan County. A priority of United Way of Sullivan County has always been to support the local community in any way we can.”

“Sullivan County is lucky to have agencies like these two who are willing to step up, make the commitment to help and make a difference,” Cindy Stevens, CSK said. “We are grateful for their support.”

Sew A Weekender Bag

CLAREMONT, NH—A weekender bag is a great way to gain access to the CMS sewing department and come out with an incredibly versatile and stylish carry-all. During this workshop, participants will complete a two-color, lined, twill bag 15” x 5” x 16”.

No previous experience necessary, although some familiarity with a sewing machine is preferred. Basic skills of sewing a seam, pressing, and top-stitching will be reviewed and used. All necessary components for completion of bag will be provided.

To register, please go here:

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event/2019/3/16/make-a-weekender-bag>

Date: Saturday, March 16th, 1 - 3 PM

Sunapee Police Help Out with NH Special Olympics

New Hampshire Special Olympics held its 2019 Winter Games at Waterville Valley Resort on March 3rd, 4th and 5th. Once again, Sergeant Timothy Puchtler and his wife, Joan, were there to help out with the games and to represent the Sunapee Police Department. This is just one of the events that the police department participates in throughout the year to show support for the athletes and the entire New Hampshire Special Olympics program.

Sgt. Puchtler is pictured in the attached photo along with some of this year's medal winners. Congratulations to all! (Courtesy photo).



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Bellows Falls Suspect Jailed Without Bail Following Officer-Involved Shooting

ROCKINGHAM, VT—During the manhunt overnight Friday in the Bellows Falls, VT, area for an individual accused of several

aggravated assaults, the Vermont State Police encountered the suspect, John-Victor Wetherby, at 22 Cota Heights Road in Rockingham. Ac-



John-Victor Wetherby (VT State Police)

According to law enforcement, the “preliminary investigation indicates the suspect was armed. During the ensuing confrontation, a member of the state police fired his weapon at Wetherby, who was struck and injured.”

Wetherby, 33, of Bellows Falls, was transported to Springfield Hospital, where he was treated for a single graze-type wound and then released into the custody of law enforcement. No state troopers, members of the Bellows Falls Police Department, who also were on the scene at the time of the 12:30 a.m. incident, or other individuals were harmed during the encounter.

An investigation into the officer-involved shooting is in its earliest stages by the Vermont State Police Major Crime Unit and Bureau of Criminal Investigations, said authorities. Per policy, the trooper involved has been placed on paid administrative leave for a minimum of five days, and then the member will return to work on administrative duty status. The trooper’s name is being withheld at this time, as is standard practice. The state police investigation will be independently reviewed by the Vermont Attorney General’s Office and the Windham County State’s Attorney’s Office to determine whether the use of force was appropriate. The exact number of shots fired and additional details regarding the confrontation remain under investigation. Charges against Wetherby related to the encounter with police are expected pending further investigation and consultation with the Windham County State’s Attorney’s Office.

Wetherby is suspected of an aggravated assault that occurred at 12:59 p.m. Friday, March 8, on Hyde Street in Bellows Falls. He also had a warrant for his arrest on suspicion of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and violation of probation from the Windham County Sheriff’s Department.

City Reopens Two-Way Travel near Main and Union Streets

CLAREMONT, NH – Claremont City officials announced the reopening of Main Street near the Main and Union Street intersection to two-way travel, beginning last week. The change took place on Tuesday, March 5. The lanes have been narrowed with no shoulders, so motorists are asked to proceed at a slower speed traveling through that area.

“This measure is being taken due to deteriorating structural integrity of a building at 139 Main Street,” said the Claremont Planning and Development Office in a written statement. “The city will exercise caution to protect public safety in this area.”

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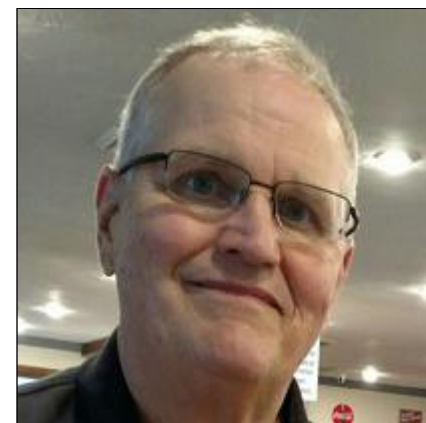
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Splashes, Strokes and Speed

Young swimmers who want to improve their technique — and begin to compete — are joining the Tiger Sharks swim team, only one of the many aquatic activities held at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center.

Girls and boys ages 6 to 19 can register for summer and winter seasons that last on average four months. Their commitment is intense. They practice four days a week and compete in one to two meets each month.

Abbey Rouillard describes herself as a “lifer” in the program. She started swimming with the Tiger Sharks when she was 8 years old, and is now not only the team’s coach but also of the Stevens High School swim team. At every practice she maps out that day’s work on all the strokes a competitive swimmer needs plus entering the water (i.e. diving) from the “box” (platform) at the start of a race. Swimming alternates with mandatory 2-minute rest periods.

Swimmers 6 to 10 practice first, then clear the pool for the 11 to 19 group. All the Tiger Sharks, however, cheer one another on at practice and at meets. Their shouts of “Go! Go!” and “You can do it!” echo off the tile walls of the pool area even as the swimmers race to improve their times.

Rouillard is not the only crossover to Stevens. Sophomore Lauren O’Grady and freshman Liam Clark are also on the high school team. Different practice schedules allow them to swim for both teams, which gives them additional time to steadily improve as well as compete in qualified regional and State competitions. All the Tiger Sharks travel to other venues to compete throughout their season. Travel is required.

The goal of the program is to improve swimmers’ competence and confidence in a competitive, team-oriented and fun environment. The team fosters individual excellence and team spirit and makes a positive and solid impact on the community.

The focus is instructional but is not to be confused with the Center’s Learn to Swim program. Swimmers 10 and under must be able to

jump feet first into the deep end and swim 25 yards without stopping. Swimmers 11 to 19 must be able to swim 25 yards without stopping using freestyle and backstroke.

Tiger Sharks are expected to regularly attend scheduled practice sessions and team competitions. Parental support is needed to develop the level of success that will be needed for this program to strive toward excellence. Parent volunteers are required to help at home and away meets.

Short Q & A with Abbey Rouillard

What are some highlights of this season?

We had a lot of kids qualify for Regionals this year and a lot had best times at that meet. As well as a few qualifying for Silvers (the next highest meet) which is a really big accomplishment for these kids. They have to get certain times in order to qualify and making those cuts is a hard thing to do. I am super proud of all the hard work these kids have put in this year to accomplish some of their goals.

Why should kids want to swim for the Tiger Sharks?

It's so much fun! We focus on setting both long term and short term goals to work towards while having fun and learning how to work hard in the process. I feel as though swimming is a great life-long skill for all kids to have. Even if they aren't super competitive or want to be, swim team can be a way to get interaction with fellow peers and also kids of older and younger ages.

What are a few goals as a coach to help build the program?

My biggest goal as coach are to keep things fun, new, and exciting. I am constantly reevaluating myself and asking if that workout was a good one and if it accomplished what I intend-



ed or not. I believe that if things are fun, kids are more likely to enjoy swimming and tell their friends about it and gain numbers that way. Along with an open communication with the swim lessons portion of the CSBCC as most of the kids that are good in swim lessons join the swim team, or at least try it. But really, I think that having fun is the biggest goal I set for myself. If you enjoy doing something you're more likely to come back and continue.

The next Tiger Sharks season starts in June. Swimmers can register in person at the CSB Community Center or online at apm.activecommunities.com/claremontparksandrec/Home. Fees range from \$327 to \$367, depending on being a Claremont resident and/or a CSBCC member. USA Swimming requires a copy of a birth certificate for registration.

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**See related story
on page B3**

Calling all Artists/Makers: The Claremont MakerSpace Artist In Residence Program

CLAREMONT, NH—Are you interested in leveraging the Claremont MakerSpace's stellar tools and workshops to create your next work of art? Check out the CMS Artist In Residence Program, supported in part by the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts.

This program is designed to spur innovative, creative projects by regional artists, by offering selected applicants with: Two months of CMS membership, a 10'x10' studio space, a \$600 stipend to help support the creation of new work at the MakerSpace, and \$200 towards classes to learn how to use new tools.

All mediums/disciplines and levels of experience are welcome to apply.

Applications for the April - May residency must be submitted by midnight on March 18.

Learn more and apply at: www.claremontmakerspace.org/special-programs

Questions: info@twinstatemakerspaces.org.

Meriden Fire Department Wild Game Dinner



**Saturday
March 23, 2019
5-7 PM @ KUA**

**KUA Dining Hall
Rt. 120 – Meriden, NH**

Menu Includes:

Wide selection of Wild Game - Bear - Boar - Elk - Venison - Turkey - Ham - Fish Chowder - Venison Chili along with homemade beans, potatoes and much more!

Try our Anadama bread made right at the Meriden Deli Mart and top off the evening with an ICE CREAM SUNDAE

Adult \$20 at door (**\$18 advance sale**)

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MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT

Advance tickets are recommended – **CALL 603-469-3090 for tickets**

Tickets on sale at the door, Meriden Deli Mart and Anne's Country Store

Overcoming Adversity Leads Newport Student-Athlete to Set Sights on 2019 Down Under Games

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

NEWPORT, NH—A craft and vendor show will be held March 16th, from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m., at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center to help raise funds for a Newport student invited to help represent New Hampshire on Team USA, in Cross Country, for the 2019 Australian Down Under Games. Cassie Gilbert's story is unique and one that tells of overcoming physical challenges and adversity.

Her mother Andreya Berry said that "She was born with Agenesis of the Corpus Callosum (ACC), where she is missing the nerve fiber endings in her brain that transmits information from one side to the other. We were told to be prepared for a child that would never walk or talk. Cassie has beaten all odds, even though she learned how to walk at 2 years old with a mirror in front of her, and to talk at almost 4 years old, using music to learn how to talk. She started running with a family friend about three years ago and found her passion. She has made Varsity on her high school cross country team two years in a row. She runs 5Ks and now has been selected to be on Team USA for the Down Under Games."

Gilbert, 17, lives in Newport but goes out of district to Kearsarge Regional High School. "That is where she is on Varsity cross country team," said her mother.

Along with the craft and vendor show on the 16th, the Live Free or Die Riders are also doing a raffle as well to help, and tickets will be available to buy at the event. There will also be an April 6 event at the Newport, NH, high school, a vendor craft show in the gym, to help raise funds, all of which will be used for trip to the Down Under Games. A letter was sent to her school inviting her to represent New Hampshire on the 2019 Cross Country Team. She is slated to depart for Queensland, Australia, in late June to compete for individual honors and a team championship title. Each participant must raise money to cover the cost of the 10-day trip.

Down Under Sports was founded in February of 1989 by a New Zealander. The games are intended to "use the common language of sports to bridge the continents and provide a forum for athletes from around the globe to compete head-to-head in the sport they love."

If anyone would like to make a donation to her Down Under donation page, please visit this link: <https://downundersports.com/payment/GJC-JXN>.

To follow her journey, visit https://www.facebook.com/Cassie-Cross-Country-Journey-in-2019-Down-Under-Games-513534872475353/?ref=br_rs.



Cassie Gilbert (Courtesy photos)

Tap, Strike or Pound

All-female Taiko drummers group makes sure the beat goes on

CLAREMONT, NH—In Japanese, "genki" means "happy." No doubt about that: the Genki Spark drummers brought smiles, laughs and a lot of percussive joy to 60 children and adults at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center on Saturday. The performers are a multi-generational pan-Asian women's arts and advocacy group that uses Japanese taiko drumming, creativity and personal stories to empower all people. Discover more at [the-genkispark.org](http://genkispark.org).

This was the latest in the Claremont Hop-Stop series made possible through the Hop's Community Venture Initiative in partnership with the Hopkins Center at Dartmouth College, the West Claremont Center for Music and Arts, and Claremont Parks & Recreation.

Up next: Music for Earth Day with kiddie

rocker ShirLaLa, Saturday, April 6; and tricks of the trade with the Tanglewood Marionettes, Saturday, May 4. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. for

the 3:00 p.m. performance, at the CSB Community Center. Free admission.

Story and photo by Eric Zengota





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4th Tuesday, 4:00-5:00pm

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SAU 6 Board Announces Tempesta as New Superintendent

CLAREMONT, NH—The SAU 6 Board released an update Saturday night, on its superintendent search, announcing that Michael Tempesta had been chosen as the new Superintendent. The board released the following statement:

SAU 6, following its Board Meeting this past Thursday, is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael Tempesta as the next Superintendent of Schools, to take the helm on July 1, 2019.

Michael Tempesta is presently the Executive Director of the Central Massachusetts Special Education Collaborative in Worcester, MA. He has previously held positions as the Superintendent of Schools in Saugus, MA, and Principal at Milford (MA) High School and Ashland (MA) High School, and Assistant Principal at Sharon (MA) High School. He began his educational career as a High School English teacher at Ashland High School.

Mr. Tempesta completed his Bachelor of Arts from Plymouth State (NH) University, his Master of Education from Framingham (MA) State College, and is finalizing a CAGS degree from Lesley (MA) University.

The SAU 6 Superintendent Search Committee has been meeting since November 1, 2018 and engaged in a very rigorous process to:

1. Develop a list of measurable SAU 6-specific superintendent success factors/competencies that included input from the community through a widely distributed survey.
2. Screen the 15 candidates application and narrow the pool of those qualified to the best five.
3. Conduct a two-hour interview to assess the five against the success factors and reduce the number to the three most qualified.
4. Conduct an intensive three-hour interview of the three to identify two finalists for the position of SAU 6 superintendent.

Mr. Tempesta toured the schools in SAU 6 last Monday, briefly meeting staff and students, prior to his introduction to the community, school board, and staff during a public "Meet and Greet" at the Sugar River Vocational Tech Center. The evening's event was well attended and the public had the opportunity to ask questions and to provide written



Michael Tempesta

feedback to the Search Committee in the final stages of its work.

In his letter of application he stated it was "with enthusiasm, vision and confidence" that he applied for the position of Superintendent of Schools.

Furthermore, he stated that unifying staff and stakeholders and leading positive school change will be important in regard to the current challenges facing SAU 6.

According to his colleague in the Saugus Public Schools, "as Superintendent, Mike consistently demonstrated a genuine concern for, interest in, and understanding of our staff, students, families and community. He understood the needs of the District, but, more importantly, he was able to make suggestions and take actions that enabled us to appropriately service all students. Mike led by example and earned the respect of the Saugus Public School's Leadership Team."

She goes on to state, "Mike is a skilled, committed, and capable school leader. Nothing has served Mike better during his Superintendent term than good judgment and consistent communication with all. He is a credit to our

profession and will be a welcome addition to your school system."

As a former resident of New Hampshire, Mr. Tempesta and his family are looking forward to relocating back to the White Mountains. Mr. Tempesta's experiences as a teacher, coach, principal, superintendent and now educational collaborative executive director for the last twenty-five years will serve him well in the leadership and vision of SAU 6.

The board had narrowed its choice of candidates down to two, Tempesta and Assistant Superintendent Cory LeClair, who has been serving as acting superintendent since interim superintendent Dr. Keith Pfeifer was put on paid administrative leave a couple of weeks ago following an undisclosed incident at the Dow Building. LeClair has previously held positions as School Improvement Coordinator (Claremont), Response to Intervention Coordinator and Classroom Teacher (Attica, NY), YMCA Youth Director (Warsaw, NY), and Caseworker Children's Home of Jefferson (NY) County.

LeClair completed her Bachelor of Arts from Wellesley (MA) College, her Master of Education from the State University of New York at Geneseo, and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 LOW COST RABIES CLINIC CLAREMONT

On Saturday March 30, Sullivan County Humane Society will be holding a rabies clinic for dogs and cats from 9:00-11:30 a.m. at the Claremont Mason Lodge, 40 Maple Ave. Shots are \$10/each. No appointment necessary.

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

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

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