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‘Strong Towns’ for a Stronger City

Urbanist shares history, examples of revitalized communities

By Eric Zengota
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CLAREMONT, NH—Charles L. “Chuck” Marohn Jr. made no promises.

“I have no solutions for you, no quick fixes,” he said to the nearly 50 people — residents and City officials — who attended his presentation on April 2 at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center. “But I can share what other communities have done to reinvent and revitalize themselves.”

Marohn, who in 2017 was named one of the 10 Most Influential Urbanists of All Time by Planetizen, gave an illustrated talk that elaborated on the Strong Towns mission: “to support a model of development that allows American cities, towns and neighborhoods to become financially strong and resilient.”

He’d walked around Claremont earlier in the day. His main take-away: “The bones of your city are amazing.” Claremont grew as a “complex adaptive” system, one that expands and erects buildings according to need, yet could also refashion and reuse those buildings as time demands.

In contrast, a “complicated” system — think housing developments and strip malls built to mostly rigid grid plans — are “mechanical, and they either work or stop working. After 20 years, even the best-designed housing development is one where everybody’s roof goes at the same time, everybody’s appliances need to be replaced at the same time. Such com-

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Mastering (or conquering) Both Course, Coursework Police captain latest Claremont graduate of elite FBI training session

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CLAREMONT, NH—Brent Wilmot was nearing the end of the infamous 6.1-mile Yellow Brick Road obstacle course.

Along a hilly, wooded trail built by the Marines, he had already climbed over walls, run through creeks, jumped through simulated windows, scaled rock faces with ropes, crawled under barbed wire in muddy water, and maneuvered across a cargo net.

“I run every day at home and work out religiously,” said Wilmot, a captain in the Claremont Police Department, which he joined in 2005. “So although it was a tough course to tackle, it was also fun.”

When he crossed the finish line, he was assured of taking home the prize — a yellow brick. Wilmot proudly displays that brick in his office, but its meaning extends far beyond the object. “The brick really symbolizes the Academy and represents what I accomplished with my classmates.”

The Yellow Brick Road is clearly not your typical obstacle course. It’s the final test of the fitness challenge and a key part of Wilmot’s completion of the 275th session of the FBI National Academy.

The FBINA is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement managers nominated by their agency heads because of demonstrated leadership qualities. The

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FBI Director Christopher Asher Wray congratulates Brent Wilmot at the graduation ceremony of the 275th session of the FBI National Academy. Begun in 1935, the FBINA now numbers 51,770 graduates (Courtesy photo).

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munities simply can't adapt."

The current economy, admits Marohn, is a major challenge to growth. Today's young working generation — in their 20s, who normally would have been buying their first homes based on their first jobs — is saddled with more debt (often student loans) and less liquidity than had previous generations. The result: they can't invest in their community. Yet even their parents and grandparents — aka Baby Boomers — have saved on average no more than one year of retirement savings.

Such generational issues can actually inspire individual daring and creativity.

In his hometown of Brainerd, MN (pop. 13,500, 130 miles north of Minneapolis-St. Paul), two residents took a chance that led to the gradual revitalization of the city's commercial strip. "There was a stretch of town where everyone knew 'not to go.' My neighbors bought the worst dive in town. They fixed it up, brought in a talented chef. Now it's the go-to place for a good meal. Even better, that part of downtown is coming back, block by block."

An audience member brought up the time and expense involved in starting a new busi-

ness in cities like Claremont. You're interested in buying a building on Pleasant Street, he said. But by the time you have to bring the place up to code — installing sprinkler systems, for example, or retrofitting for ADA compliance — you realize you can't afford it. You've lost your investment and the building stays empty.

Marohn replied with a contrasting scenario. Some cities have eased up on requiring buildings to be totally compliant with current code before a business can open. If fire and electrical codes are met, the business can open and every month place a percentage of its profits in an escrow account earmarked for, say, ADA work. A sticker in the window lets shoppers know that "we're on our way." When the escrow account is sufficiently funded, ADA work can begin. By "lowering the bar of entry," the local government has allowed the business to be successful and likely sparked further growth in the neighborhood.

Such a process illustrates one of the Strong Towns principles: Every neighborhood has the need and the right to adapt and change, not by a large disruptive leap but by gradual, incremental steps that meet its particular needs.

Most important, Marohn concluded, is encouraging "the people who color outside the lines. You



Chuck Marohn maintains that a neighborhood, town or city has an inherent right to grow by incremental steps in order to revitalize itself, ideally with minimal government and regulatory demands (Eric Zengota photo).

don't need a group or a committee to effect change. Change starts from the bottom up. Ease up on stifling regulations and ordinances. Let people take a chance on your community."

For more information on Marohn and the organization's books, media, articles and podcasts, visit strongtowns.org.

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

City Could See Additional \$



Claremont could get as much as \$5,384,746 in additional state education aid over the next two years, if New Hampshire's next operating budget as recommended by a majority of the House Finance Committee becomes law.

On Thursday, April 11 the full House of Representatives is scheduled to consider the amended version of House Bill 1, which contains the two-year operating budget, as amended by a majority of Democratic representatives on the Finance Committee. The full House will also debate Finance's amended version of House Bill 2, which contains the revenue raisers and other legal changes necessary to implement the operating budget. As originally introduced, both House Bills 1 and 2 were versions of the operating budget and trailer bill as originally recommended by Gov. Christopher Sununu in his Feb. 14 Budget Address to the New Hampshire House and Senate.

Claremont could receive the extra \$5,384,746 in education aid because the operating budget contained in House Bill 1, and paid for through House Bill 2, first boosts education aid by appropriating \$164 million over the next two years, starting on Jan. 1, 2019. But it also generates about \$150 million in new revenues by extending the existing Interest & Dividends Tax of five percent to the capital gains of certain financial transactions. Among the gains exempted are those from the sales of primary homes and increases realized within pension plans. Personal income exemptions from the Interest & Dividends Tax, especially for those over age 65, will also be hiked, with the first \$12,500 of Interest & Dividends income per year exempted for single senior citizens, and the first \$25,000 of such income for married seniors exempted. Consequently, with the hike in personal exemptions, the fairer Interest & Dividends Tax as extended to capital gains should result in the 80 percent of its revenue coming from taxpayers with incomes of above \$200,000 per year.

More specifically, the operating budget as recommended by Finance, restores education stabilization grants to local school districts like Claremont. The recommended budget also fully funds full-day kindergarten without relying on profits from Keno, a form of gambling, a form approved in 2017 to help fund full-day kindergarten. It also establishes a special study commission to develop a long-term plan for state support of public education.

Furthermore, all New Hampshire municipalities, including Claremont, will receive extra state aid in the restored "revenue sharing" program, which had been eliminated by the Democratic legislature in 2008, because that year's economic downturn resulted in decreased state tax revenues. The extra revenue sharing aid is slated to total \$12.5 million for the two-year budget cycle, which begins on July 1, 2019. According

to information I have obtained from the Joint Office of the Legislative Budget Assistant, Claremont's amount of restored revenue sharing will total \$233,297. Other selected Sullivan County municipalities should receive the following amounts of restored revenue sharing, and they include Newport (\$142,559), Charlestown ((\$43,014), Cornish (\$12,372), and Unity (\$9,584).

The operating budget as recommended by a majority of the Finance Committee also makes a number of worthwhile investments in various state programs and agencies. For example, Finance's recommendation provides \$12 million more over the next two years to the University System as well as \$14 million more to the Community College System. Consequently, both higher education systems plan to freeze their students' tuition next year. Also the recommendation provides \$12 million more in critically-needed dollars to the New Hampshire Dept. of Transportation for its essential work that includes maintenance of our roads and bridges, not only in the summer, but in the winter as well. In the area of mental health, Finance's recommendation doesn't fund the Governor's proposed SPU (Secure Psychiatric Unit) for the mentally ill because the committee believes further study is required before actual SPU construction should begin. But for the short-term the Finance recommendation does critically-needed money for a mental health mobile crisis unit as well as more mental health services for children and suicide prevention.

Finally, Finance's recommended budget provides money for a paid FMLI (Family & Medical Leave Insurance) Program, which is also contained in Senate Bill 1 as well as House Bill 712, a basically mandatory program that would provide up to 12 weeks of paid leave for qualifying employees at 60 percent wage replacement administered by the Dept. of Employment Security, and paid for through a payroll tax on employee wages. In contrast, Gov. Sununu's proposed budget did include a voluntary paid FMLI Program in cooperation with the State of Vermont not likely to cover the workers who need such leave as well as not pay benefits. Additionally, the Governor's proposed budget doesn't include additional education aid to communities like Claremont, doesn't restore revenue sharing to municipalities like Claremont, keeps full-day kindergarten funding tied only to Keno, and doesn't provide increased dollars to the DOT for its vital work. Finally, it doesn't provide more money for either the Community College or University Systems.

However, Governor Sununu's budget does include funding for many state and local projects through the use of surplus state money in House Bill 2. Three of these projects are in Claremont, and total \$250,000: \$100,000 for energy efficiency upgrades at Arrowhead Ski Lodge, \$120,000 for sidewalk and drainage repairs, and \$30,000 for energy-efficient upgrades at the Visitors' Center. But most of these projects were removed from House Bill 2 by the Finance Committee because many of the projects either should have been put in the capital budget, or would benefit only a few specific municipalities.

While I agree that the three-listed projects are worthwhile, I can understand the Finance committee's reason for removing them from House Bill 2. Instead, I believe that they could be authorized and paid for through other legislation we in the House and Senate will consider in the next few months. **Email: jocloutier@comcast.net**

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Shaheen Joins Colleagues to Introduce Fentanyl Sanctions Bill To Hold Chinese Government Accountable On Commitment To Crack Down On Lethal Opioids

WASHINGTON, DC—Thursday, U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) introduced the Fentanyl Sanctions Act— the first-ever fentanyl sanctions bill— that would apply pressure on the Chinese government to honor their commitment to make all fentanyl illegal and provide the U.S. with more tools and resources to go after illicit traffickers in China, Mexico and other countries. Shaheen introduced the bipartisan bill with Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and Senators Tom Cotton (R-AR), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Marco Rubio (R-FL), Bob Menendez (D-NJ) and Pat Toomey (R-PA).

“The introduction of fentanyl into New Hampshire’s illicit drug supply was akin to pouring gasoline on an already raging crisis,” said Senator Shaheen. “Fentanyl continues to take loved ones struggling with substance use disorders from every community in New Hampshire. We know where fentanyl is coming from and there needs to be more done at the federal level to stop it. This legislation cracks down on fentanyl manufacturers and their financial sponsors by inflicting painful sanctions, and ramps up support for federal enforcement efforts. Bipartisan cooperation continues to be absolutely necessary to tackling this crisis and this legislation is an important next step for Congress to take.”

Specifically, the legislation would:

- Require imposition of sanctions on drug manufacturers in China who knowingly provide synthetic opioids to traffickers, transnational criminal organizations like those in Mexico who mix fentanyl with other drugs and traffic them into the U.S. and financial institutions that assist such entities.
- Authorize new funding to law enforcement and intelligence agencies, including the Departments of Treasury, Department of Defense and Department of State, to combat the foreign trafficking of opioids.
- Urges the President to commence diplomatic efforts with U.S. partners to establish multi-lateral sanctions against foreign opioid traffickers.
- Establish a Commission on Synthetic Opioid Trafficking to monitor U.S. efforts and report on how to more effectively combat the flow of synthetic opioids from China, Mexico and elsewhere.

House Passes Kuster Co-Sponsored Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization

WASHINGTON, DC—Thursday, Congresswoman Annie Kuster (NH-02), the founder and co-chair of the Bipartisan Task Force to End Sexual Violence, voted to reauthorize H.R. 1585, a bipartisan reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Rep. Kuster is a co-sponsor of this legislation.

“We face the harsh reality that domestic and sexual violence crimes remain all too common and we must continue working toward solutions,” said Kuster. “This reauthorization will be a step forward and will help prevent these crimes from occurring and provide the support survivors need to heal. I am proud to stand with my colleagues in this fight and I will continue to work across the aisle to enhance protections for families in New Hampshire and across the country.”

Since first enacted nearly a quarter-century ago as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, VAWA has dramatically reduced intimate partner violence against women and men. This reauthorization included Kuster’s bipartisan Improve Data on Sexual Violence Act, which would create an interagency working group to study the different terms used to describe acts of sexual violence across four government agencies and provide recommendations to Congress about how to harmonize them. Standardizing the language used in federal agencies will help to streamline and improve the response to sexual violence.

Kuster has long been a champion for survivors of sexual and domestic violence, said her office, sharing her own personal experiences involving sexual assault on the House floor and joining with 17 other Members of Congress to read Emily Doe’s open letter describing her attack and ensuing trial – which marked the first time a victim’s statement has been read in full in the House chambers.

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program serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad, and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge and cooperation worldwide.

Wilmot was one of 251 law enforcement officers: men and women from 47 U.S. States and the District of Columbia, 26 foreign countries, five military organizations and five federal civilian agencies.

“Attending the Academy has been one of my long-term goals,” said Wilmot. “I first applied three years ago and was put on a waiting list. Since then I’ve participated in other FBI training events and have collaborated with them on a case.”

When word came through that he was accepted for the session, he packed his bags and traveled to Marine Corps Base Quantico in Virginia, 38 miles south of Washington, DC. The FBI has a large complex at the base.

The 10-week session ran from January 7 to March 15. Being away from his family for so long was difficult, Wilmot noted. But he was kept more than busy with tightly scheduled days filled with classes that he had chosen beforehand. “I studied the curriculum and enrolled in the classes that would best serve Claremont.”

The Academy offers courses in intelligence theory, terrorism and terrorist mindsets, management science, law, behavioral science, law enforcement communication and forensic science. Wilmot’s most challenging course was Behavioral Analysis as Decision-Support: Theory and Application in Law Enforcement Investigations. “That sounds very abstract,” he said, “but we did a lot of ‘meat and potatoes’ work on the core concept, profiling the criminal mind.”

His “aha!” moment came during the course on Managing the Law Enforcement Image. “We’ve been used to having an adversarial relationship with the media, almost like an inquisition or deposition.” The class focused on messaging strategy, including writing press releases. Doing taped and live interviews “helped us reach the point where there was nothing to be nervous about. We learned that the media can aid us in reaching our goals. Now we can be in the driver’s seat instead of being unwitting passengers.”

Wilmot, who has a Master’s of Science in Criminal Justice Administration from Plymouth State University, earned 17 graduate credits



Claremont graduates of the FBI National Academy hold the bricks they earned for completing the 6.1-mile Yellow Brick Road obstacle course. Left to right: Capt. Brent Wilmot, 2019; Deputy Chief Bill Wilmot (ret.), 1994; Chief of Police Mark Chase, 2012 (Eric Zengota photo).

from the University of Virginia, which accredited the FBINA courses.

Two men literally close to Wilmot were his role models. His father, Bill Wilmot, who retired in 2005 as deputy chief, and Mark Chase, Claremont’s current chief of police, are FBINA graduates. Both traveled to the graduation ceremony on March 15, as did Wilmot’s wife and family.

The personal relationships that Wilmot forged are among “the best things about FBI-NA. There were students from Iraq, Kuwait, Hong Kong, Mexico. They were truly amazing human beings, and now I’m very good friends with many of them.” He found that “the Academy makes you shrink the world. We’re not that different, we’re not far apart.” The challenges that face U.S. law enforcement officers, he said, are the same around the world. “We discussed drugs, recruitment and retention, pay and budgeting issues. I can’t say enough about my classmates. We all face the same problems and work toward solutions.”

The topic that particularly struck Wilmot was officer health and wellness, which he wants to pursue in Claremont. The average life span of a police officer is under 60 years, “which is pretty dismal. It’s a national, industry-wide problem.”

He elaborated upon the concept of five pillars of wellness: physical, spiritual, emotional, social and occupational.

To encourage occupational wellness, for ex-

ample, Wilmot aims to “help our people thrive as officers and individuals. We want them to be happy, well-led and supported on the job, believe in our mission and values, and expect honest feedback as professionals.” Social and emotional wellness, meanwhile, derives from “a robust social life outside the department. Seeing everything through the lens of law enforcement, spending time only with your colleagues, is too narrow a perspective.”

In sum, Wilmot is quick to point out, “the Academy training is not about me, but about other officers and our community. The State of New Hampshire requires eight hours a year of continuing education and development. Claremont sets a higher standard. We’re always finding opportunities to challenge ourselves professionally and intellectually.”

4-H Teen Conference Registration

The 4-H Teen Conference 2019 registration is open. Open to teens completing 8th through 12th grade (Age 14 by 6/23/19). Spend four days on the beautiful UNH Durham campus, make new friends while connecting with old friends, develop Leadership Skills, experience college life at UNH, choose from a range of different and engaging workshops. You don’t need to be from NH or a 4-H member to attend. Follow the links for more information or to register: <https://extension.unh.edu/events/2019-4-h-teen-conference>.

VT 9/11 Memorial Granite Pieces Transported to NYC

Convoy Honored by First Responders as it Traveled Down I-91

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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A memorial created at the Rock of Ages, Barre, VT, commemorating the workers of 9/11 was transported down I-91 Friday afternoon on its way to the 9/11 Memorial site in NYC. Fire departments gathered at overpasses to pay respect and acknowledge the convoy as it passed through the area; these accompanying photos to the right, courtesy of Emily Bernard, were taken near Ascutney, VT.

The Vermont Division of Fire Safety shared that, "Construction on the 9/11 Memorial Glade began in fall 2018 to create a dedicated space to honor the ongoing sacrifice of rescue, recovery and relief



Photos courtesy of Emily Bernard



The memorial, having made it to NYC, being lowered to the site (Courtesy of the Vermont Division of Fire Safety).

workers, and the survivors and members of the broader lower Manhattan community, who are sick or have died from exposure to toxins at the World Trade Center site in the aftermath of 9/11. The Glade will also recognize the courage, selflessness and perseverance of the men and women of the rescue and recovery effort.

"Large blocks of quarried granite have been transformed by the Rock of Ages granite manufacturing company in Barre, Vt. into six monoliths; they will be installed on the 9/11 Memorial Glade. The monoliths will travel six hours south on flatbed trucks and escorted by Vermont Firefighters and Marshals through the Green Mountains and the rolling hills of New England. When they arrive in lower Manhattan, they will meet a scene of workers assembling a 600-ton crane. This crane will safely swing the monoliths onto the site over the 30-foot oak trees on the plaza.

"As the focal point of the 9/11 Memorial Glade, the monoliths' rough edges and large

size will honor the challenges faced by those whom the Glade memorializes."

Many of those who were fortunate enough to see the convoy being honored by groups of fire fighters and large American flags spoke of how powerful the moment was to experience personally, seeing fire fighters saluting as the flatbeds passed by. "This was happening all the way down through NYC today, even saw it in MA and CT as I was driving through," read one comment on the *e-Ticker News* Facebook page. "Amazing memorials and respect for those who are no longer with us." Wrote another, "I was driving north on 91 and saw this is progress. It was quite stirring. First responders with lights blazing and flags flying at every overpass and most of the access roads between the north and southbound lanes."

Ascutney, West Weathersfield, Weathersfield Police, Windsor, West Windsor, Hartland, Springfield, Claremont Fire Departments were among those who participated in gathering along the route to pay their respects.

SAU 6 Misses Out on Federal School Lunch Reimbursements; Action Being Taken to Correct Missteps

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—At the SAU 6 Board meeting on March 28, Acting Superintendent Cory LeClair told board members that the districts—Claremont and Unity—had missed out on reimbursement money from the National School Lunch Program for the food service program in the first half of each of the last two school years. The failure to file the applications by the due dates resulted in Claremont losing out on \$150,722 for the '17-'18 school year and \$188,222 for the current year. Unity's losses were \$11,941 in 2018 and \$11,223 this year.

Fillings are supposed to be done before the start of the school year but in the case of 2018, were not done until Jan. 30. "As a result, we lost out on reimbursement from the beginning of the school year until Jan. 30," said LeClair. This year's filing was not completed until the beginning of February, resulting in the loss of reimbursement money. LeClair added that the administration has taken action to remedy the process "moving forward to ensure that it doesn't happen again."

"Many things happened on the way to filing the application," said Mike O'Neill, Business and Finance Director for the SAU, as a way of explaining what happened. "Many things that we didn't understand, many things that we thought were done already were not done. It's not an excuse and we've taken corrective action to make sure it never happens again."

LeClair said that one of the things recently undertaken was the addition of a food service program assistant that the board had approved of; the position will take over the application preparation, filing that application and "ensuring the things are done on time and in their entirety" so that "future reimbursements are received as intended," she said. Submissions happen electronically, she added, and they have restructured role assignments at the administrative level to strengthen the workflow for "speed and efficiency."

O'Neill said he felt the losses can be covered by "changes in the health insurance."

The food service program assistant is also overseeing problems associated with the

Claremont School District's school lunch debt, contacting families that owe money to see if there has been a change in eligibility status, why the debt exists and related issues.

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on Another.

On Sept. 18, 2014, Laflamme pled guilty in  
Sullivan County Superior Court to Robbery  
by Use of Physical Force on Another and as  
part of his sentence was placed on probation.

On March 3, 2019, the New Hampshire  
Probation Department filed a Violation of  
Probation in the Sullivan County Superior  
Court alleging that Laflamme had violated the  
terms and conditions of his probation.

On April 1, 2019, the Sullivan County Supe-  
rior Court issued a warrant for the arrest of  
Laflamme for violating the terms and condi-  
tions of his probation.

*This information is provided by Sheriff John  
Simonds of the Sullivan County Sheriff's De-  
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### Claremont Singer Continues to Impress “Idol” Judges

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont singer and top 20 performer Evelyn Cormier continued to im-  
pressed the judges on “American Idol” last week, once again earning high praise from Lionel  
Richie, Katy Perry and Luke Bryan. Tonight, Monday, fans will get to see her perform again, this  
time in the duet round. Cormier was paired with Chris Isaak, an American musician and occa-  
sional actor. He is widely known for his hit “Wicked Game”, a song Cormier performed early on in  
the competition and which garnered her rave reviews from Richie, Perry and Bryan.

“Evelyn Cormier is talented beyond her years!!” wrote Isaak on his Twitter page. “It was great  
working with her on American Idol. I’ve been a fan since day 1... See us perform on Monday’s  
ep!”

## Classified Ads

### Make A Recycled Bag

CLAREMONT, NH— Learn to make a tough yet pretty grocery tote from recycled grain feed bags. Choice of pictures and colors available. Do you love Horses? Pigs? Dogs? Purple? Pink? Many choices! And environmentally friendly. Some sewing knowledge is strongly encouraged for this relatively simple project.

Date: Tuesday, April 9th, 6 - 8 pm

Location: Claremont Makerspace

To register, please go here:

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event/2019/4/9/make-a-recycled-bag>.

### 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 dis-

cussing what goes into making the best print possible. This event runs as a three-month session. At the end of each session we'll collect our favorite and best prints and have an open showing.

Date: Tuesday April 9th, 6 PM  
Location: Claremont Makerspace

To register, please go here:  
<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event/2019/4/9/3d-print-club>.

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Theme: Busy Bees

Art on seed packets will measure 3 x 4" tall in final form.

Submission Deadline: April 12, 2019

Submissions: Please submit two digital photos of your art work to Dawn Dextraze at [ddextraze@sullivancountynh.org](mailto:ddextraze@sullivancountynh.org). Please include artist name, grade, and school as well as artwork title. Learn more: [www.sccdnh.org/programs](http://www.sccdnh.org/programs).

## Newport Historical Society to Present Program by Local Filmmaker

NEWPORT, NH—The Newport Historical Society will present a program by local filmmaker, Bruce Cronin, who with Babe Sargent, made a number of delightful comedic short films in the 1970's, including the "Wild Goose" and "Henry Phipps Goes Skiing". Cronin will show, for the first time since it aired on PBS in 1980, his "Bruce & Babe" docu-comedy; (documentary) chronicling the filmmaking endeavors of Cronin and the star of his films, Babe Sargent, presented in a satiric, comedic way. Cronin will be available for questions and discussion on the documentary and his memorable film career.

This program will be held in Newport's Richards Free Library ballroom on Tuesday, April 9, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. It is open to the public, free, and light refreshments will be served, as usual. The Library ballroom is handicapped accessible.



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## MEMBER NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING

The 60th Annual Meeting of the NH Community Federal Credit Union will be held at the credit union office on Friday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m.

There will be light refreshments from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. This meeting allows members to vote for members seeking election to the board of directors and to ask questions about their credit union.

Members running for a board of director position and wanting to be included on the ballot must submit an application, to the attention of the C.E.O., no later than Monday, April 15th before 5:00 p.m. Applications are available at the office.

After the meeting there will be a special drawing for those members in attendance.

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## Claremont Savings Bank Foundation Accepting Applications for Annual Grants

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Savings Bank Foundation will continue in its 16th year awarding grants to not-for-profit organizations in our community. Since the Foundation began in 2004, over \$1,108,148 has been awarded to 219 organizations, many of which are multi-year recipients. These organizations cover a wide variety of causes that reflect the diverse passions of the community. Prior grant recipients include: Arrowhead Recreation Area, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Charlestown Senior Center, Claremont Learning Partnership, Connecticut River Special Olympics, Cornish Fire Association, COVER Home Repair, Friends of Veterans, Richards Free Library, Springfield Family Center and many others.

The Foundation is currently accepting grant applications through May 10, 2019. For eligibility criteria and to apply, visit [www.claremontsavings.com/foundation](http://www.claremontsavings.com/foundation).

## NH Guild of Catholic Healthcare Professionals to Honor Deacon Dr. Wilton

MANCHESTER, NH— On Wednesday, April 24, immediately following the annual White Mass, the NH Guild of Catholic Healthcare Professionals will honor Deacon Dr. James Wilton with the 2019 St. Martin de Porres Award, given annually to a Catholic healthcare professional who exemplifies the virtues of Catholic healthcare.

Wilton serves patients at Valley Regional Hospital as a foot, ankle and peripheral nerve surgeon, and serves parishioners at St. Mary Church in Claremont, NH, as their deacon. Throughout his career, Wilton has been an advocate for the poor by serving on committees that worked to make healthcare available and affordable for patients who had little or no insurance coverage. He provides exceptional

care to each person he encounters, regardless of socioeconomic challenges of poverty, homelessness, unemployment, debilitating health behaviors, and violence.

In 2002, Wilton volunteered to join a medical mission team sponsored by Project Perfect World, an organization that provides for children's health care needs in underserved areas around the world. While on his trip to Guayaquil, Ecuador, Wilton met Sister Annie Credidio, founder of the Damien House, a residential hospital that provides around-the-clock care for over 30 in-house residents and free medical care for more than 700 outpatients affected by Hansen's Disease (leprosy). The primary focus of these medical mission was to perform peripheral nerve surgery to reverse paralysis, restore function, and emanate pain in the arms, hands, legs, and feet.

Upon returning to the United States from Ecuador, Wilton formed a mission team to return to Guayaquil and provide free medical and surgical care to the residents of the Damien House and those in need in the surrounding communities. Seventeen years and 16 trips later, the "Annie's Angels" surgical teams led by Wilton have helped hundreds of patients emerge from physical, emotional and spiritual suffering.

Wilton and his wife, Roxanne Raeside Wilton, relocated to Claremont in July of 2018, where Roxanne is the headmaster for the newly opened John Paul II Academy. They are the parents of five adult children, eight foster children and currently are foster parents for their great-niece Grace (22 months) and great-nephew Benjamin (4 1/2 years). They enjoy serving their parish and working in evangelization and adult formation.

## Leadership Upper Valley Seeks Applicants for Class of 2020

WRJ, VT—Vital Communities invites residents and em-


ployees in the Upper Valley to apply for the Leadership Upper Valley Class of 2020. The 10-month program brings people together to learn more about the region, build personal and professional connections, and get more involved in their communities.

Applications are due by April 30 for the Class of 2020, which starts in September 2019 and runs one day each month through June 2020. More information and the application are available at [vitalcommunities.org/leadershipupper-valley](http://vitalcommunities.org/leadershipupper-valley).

"Leadership Upper Valley offers a uniquely comprehensive overview of the Upper Valley—what it is, how it came to be, and what challenges and opportunities we currently face as a region. Participants gain a stronger sense of the region geographically, topically, and across sectors," says program manager Rob Schultz. "We're eager to recruit the next class of emerging leaders and help them make new connections and find new ways to serve their communities."

Each year about 30 community members spend one day a month learning together about a different aspect of the Upper Valley from subject-area experts coordinated by Vital Communities. The program's 80 hours of professional development include sessions on Education, Arts and the Creative Economy, Health and Human Services, Economic Development, Justice, Government and Politics, Transportation and Livable Communities, and the Environment. Participants develop knowledge of regional issues, people, lifestyles, and

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trends; an expanded network of community partners; and motivation and experience to provide service within the community.

Leadership Upper Valley is open to anyone living or working within Vital Communities' 69-town service area and is limited to 30 participants each year. Participants come from around the region and from a wide range of organizations, backgrounds, and experiences.

Learn more and apply at [vitalcommunities.org/leadershipuppervalley](http://vitalcommunities.org/leadershipuppervalley). Limited scholarships are available; email Rob Schultz (rob@vitalcommunities.org) for details.

## Sullivan County Transit Meeting in Claremont on April 12

CLAREMONT, NH—The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) in conjunction with Sullivan County Transportation (SCT) is hosting a public meeting to present the results of Short-Range Transit Operations Plan on:

Date: Friday, April 12, 2019  
Time: 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Claremont Savings Bank Community Room, 145 Broad St. Claremont, NH

Sullivan County Transportation (SCT) conducted a study to evaluate options for what transit service could look like in the future. Community members shared their thoughts, the analysis is complete, please join us when we present the results and recommendations.

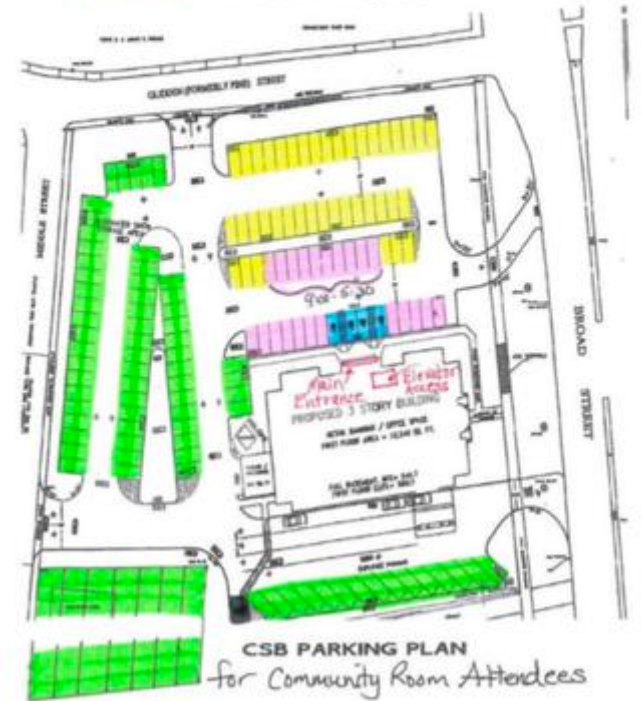
Sullivan County Transportation is a program of Southwestern Community Services.

Light refreshments will be served.

Please park in the yellow highlighted spots in the map designated for the Community Room.

For language translation assistance, please call 603-542-9528.

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## Three to Get Ready

The Claremont Parks & Recreation calendar is always filled to capacity with events, programs and classes. Here's a look at some of what's happening in the next few weeks.



### Call for Volunteers for Special Olympics

Claremont has been chosen as the host site for this year's Special Olympics Regional Meet on Saturday, May 4.

Events will include swimming at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center, as well as bocce and track & field at Monadnock Park.

We're looking for volunteers to help make everything run smoothly.

Volunteers will be required to attend a training session for their event at 8 AM and will need to be able to help with that event throughout the day.

Closing ceremonies are scheduled to take place at approximately 2 PM.

Any group or individual who is interested in volunteering, please contact Mark Brislin, Claremont Parks & Recreation director, by phone at 603-542-7019 or by e-mail at [mbrislin@claremontnh.com](mailto:mbrislin@claremontnh.com).

### Vendors Invited to Farmers' Market

Spring is in the air and we're looking forward to the start of the 2019 Farmers' Market season.

We're still looking for vendors (full and part-time), food trucks or other prepared food vendors, entertainment, volunteers and sponsors.

Remember, we've moved the market to Broad Street Park. It will be held Saturdays, May 25 through September 14, from 10 AM to 1 PM.

Please contact our Market Coordinator for more information and details. Debbie Tardiff, Coordinator, Claremont Farmers' Market, 603-504-0288.

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### Preview Our Program Guide

The next Parks & Recreation program guide will be at the front desk of the CSB Community Center by the third week of April.

The guide, which covers May through August, describes the many events we've scheduled right through Labor Day, and includes links to registration procedures where needed.

Join us for eight weeks of Summer Outdoor Adventure & Recreation camps. Youth sports programs include soccer, baseball, field hockey, basketball and junior mountain biking. Explore area waterways on kayaking trips. Get gritty at Reach the Peak. Watch free movies at the Visitor Center Green and Barnes Park. Race the All Out Trail Run in Moody Park.

And the list goes on!

Pick up your copy at the CSBCC or at any of the distribution points around the city. The guide will also be online — follow the Program Brochure link on [claremont-parks.com](http://claremont-parks.com).

**Mark Brislin — Director, Parks & Recreation — [mbrislin@claremontnh.com](mailto:mbrislin@claremontnh.com)**

## Claremont's Annual Easter Egg Hunt Set for April 20 at Arrowhead

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 20, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., on the hill at the Arrowhead Recreation Area.



Come meet the Easter Bunny, hunt for eggs, and visit with your friends! Wear your mud boots and remember your Easter Baskets!

In the event of inclement weather, the egg hunt will be moved to the CSBCC, right across the street.



### Kindergarten Registration Claremont School District April 1-19, 2019 April 29-May 3, 2019

Any child who is five (5) on or before **September 30, 2019** and who resides in Claremont may register for Claremont School District's 2019-20 Kindergarten classes from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the elementary school your child will attend. Evening registration will be held at the following times:

|                   |          |              |
|-------------------|----------|--------------|
| Bluff School      | May 1    | 6:00-7:00 pm |
| Disnard School    | April 9  | 6:00-7:00 pm |
| Maple Ave. School | April 30 | 6:00-7:00 pm |

To begin registration, go to [www.sau6.org](http://www.sau6.org) and click on "ENROLLING STUDENTS" under Quick Links to complete the online registration. Then please bring your child's birth certificate and proof of residency to your neighborhood school. Computers are available at each school for registration use if needed. If you are not sure in which school area you live or have any questions, call the Superintendent's Office at 543-4200 for information.





## What Can You Do With Your Tax Refund?

We're getting close to the tax-filing deadline. For many of us, this means it's that time of year when we get our biggest financial windfall – a tax refund. If you have recently received a refund, or are expecting to get one in the next few weeks, what should you do with it?

Of course, you could just spend the money on something you want, but if you'd like to maximize the financial benefits from your refund, you might want to consider other options, including the following:

**Invest the money.** In 2018, the average tax refund was about \$2,700. For this year, it might be somewhat lower, due to changes in the tax laws and the failure of taxpayers to adjust their withholdings in response. However, if you were to receive in the neighborhood of \$2,700, you'd be almost halfway to the annual IRA contribution limit, which, in 2019, is \$6,000. (If you're 50 or older, you can put in up to \$7,000). If you have already "maxed out" on your IRA, you could use your refund to fill in gaps you may have in other parts of your investment portfolio.

**Pay insurance premiums.** Let's face it – nobody really likes paying insurance premiums. Yet, if you have anyone depending on you, you will certainly need life insurance, and possibly disability insurance as well. And if you want to help protect your financial resources later in life from threats such as an extended – and hugely expensive – stay in a nursing home, you also may want to consider long-term care insurance. Your tax refund could help pay for some of these premiums, boosting your cash flow during the months you would normally be making these payments.

**Contribute to a college fund.** It's never too soon to begin saving for college, which has grown increasingly expensive over the last several years. So, if you have young children, you may want to think about investing some or all of your refund into a college-savings account, such as a tax-advantaged 529 plan.

**Pay off debts.** You might be able to use your refund to pay down some debts – or perhaps even pay off some of your smaller ones. The lower your monthly debt load, the more money you will have available to invest for the future. Keep in mind, though, that you might not want to look at all debts in the same way. For example, putting extra money toward your mortgage might help you pay it off faster, but you'll also be funding an asset – namely, your house – that might not provide you with the same liquidity as you can get from investments such as stocks and bonds.

**Help build an emergency fund.** By building an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, you can help yourself avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for large, unplanned-for bills, such as a major car repair or an expensive dental procedure. Your tax refund could help build such a fund, with the money ideally being placed in low-risk, liquid vehicles.

Clearly, you can help yourself make progress toward a number of your financial goals with your tax refund – so put it to good use.

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Date: Thursday, April 11, 6 - 8:30 PM

Location: Claremont MakerSpace

To register, please go here:

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event/2019/3/20/intro-to-arduino>

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## It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



### In General

I should be thinking about hot dogs and iced tea for lunch, but this weather has me thinking about grilled cheese and tomato soup. We're well into April and the weather feels like March! Welcome to New England.

When I take my pulled pork to pot luck dinners I get a lot of questions and comments. Many of my guests? Customers? (I don't know what to call them, really) seem to think I smoke my pork butt. I really don't. Since this is a dish I play with, I might as well bring everyone up to date. I have been placing half cloves of garlic in slits in the meat. It adds a measure of flavor I really like. For the smokey taste, I stir in a few shakes of Liquid Smoke into the barbecue sauce. Add a little at a time until you get the taste and aroma you want. It's that simple.

I've seen The Food Network present a recipe for Pulled Pork as a featured recipe. They presented it as Slow Cooker Pulled Pork and implied it would have a smokey flavor. Frankly, I didn't see any ingredient that would help with that other than smoked paprika. They also cook it on low for 8 hours. I do mine for 12 hours. I like it really tender. Mine is less work and I still get rave reviews.

Another thought, pulled pork begs for cole slaw, but some people like french fries with some of the barbecue sauce on them as a side. I have begun to relish this as well. It makes the meal "heavier" but who cares? I just don't tell anyone in the healthcare professions. They have their own issues.

My life has been really hectic lately and I haven't done any real grocery shopping except to pick up dinner ingredients and run. I know this isn't the best way to shop, but it has been all I had.

Recently, I made American Chop Suey and had the meat out and ready for the skillet and found I didn't have any Worcester Sauce. Not the best time to go back to the store. My improv was light soy sauce and a light to moderate sprinkle of chili powder. What surprised me was as I cooked the seasoned meat, the aroma seemed to be slightly sweet. I think the soy was bringing out more sugar from the onions. I doubt the chili powder was doing it. Just remember that soy sauce is salty, so adjust for it.

The result was my fussiest critic, who doesn't like changes to her comfort food, was impressed. The flavor was different but in a good way. The chili powder didn't give a lot of heat, just a different subtle flavor. The soy wasn't standing out either, but both contributed to the final product nicely. I would never have thought of them playing well together.

Play with your food. Don't wait for desperation.

Write to Johnny at [etickernews@gmail.com](mailto:etickernews@gmail.com).



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## Council to use Local Model for City Manager Search

On March 27, the Claremont City Council voted 6-1 to utilize a local model to conduct the city manager search. The Council made the decision after learning from Commissioner Barrette that the Sullivan County Commissioners followed the model for three successful county administrator searches. Though the Council considered hiring GovHR to conduct the search, the Council chose the local model because of its proven success and cost savings. Should the local model not evoke the desired level of response from potential candidates, the Council will reconsider hiring GovHR.

The Council voted to appoint Assistant Mayor Damren, Councilors Lessard and Stone to begin the search by collecting feedback from the Council, Administration and public regarding the qualifications and attributes needed in the next city manager. With support from PRIMEX and city staff, the appointed Council members will consolidate the information, create a profile, and post the position on multiple venues.

Once the position is posted and a deadline established, city staff will create an e-folder as a repository for all received resumes and acknowledgment receipt. If 20 or less resumes are received, the Council will stop using the local model and reconsider hiring GovHR. This decision point would occur about one month into the process. However, if the desired level of response is achieved, the city staff will prepare folders for each candidate and forward them to the Screening Committee.

The Screening Committee is comprised of the three appointed council members, four members of the public and two city department heads. The deadline for members of the public to apply for serving on this committee is April 18. Each member of the Screening Committee will independently consider the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate. The members of the committee will then meet

and select the top 6 candidates. City staff will prepare correspondence inviting the top candidates to an interview.

The Screening Committee will conduct the first round of interviews. Based on the results of those interviews, the Committee will choose three finalists for a second round of interviews. At this point, city staff will hire an outside company to conduct background checks on the finalists. If the background checks on the finalists are satisfactory, the second round of interviews will be scheduled with the City Council.

Though the City Council will be interviewing the three finalists selected by the Screening Committee, they will also have access to all of the resumes. This will ensure that there are options for the Council to consider should the three finalists not interview well. In addition to questions, the Council may also opt to incorporate personality assessments in the interview process.

The entire process is estimated to take 90 days. Costs incurred will be limited to advertising, city staff time, and expenses associated with the interviews. Anyone who would like to share their thoughts on what qualifications/attributes are needed a city manager is encouraged to contact Assistant Mayor Damren, Councilors Lessard or Stone. Those who would like to serve on the Screening Committee need to apply by April 18. Together, we will be successful in finding our next city manager.

*Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and welcomes your feedback. Please send questions, comments or concerns to her at [clovett.ccc@gmail.com](mailto:clovett.ccc@gmail.com).*

## Rabies Clinic and Dog Licensing Event

LEBANON, NH—The Lebanon City Clerk's office has announced that it is teaming up with Stonecliff Animal Clinic to offer a Rabies Vaccination Clinic and Dog Licensing event on Saturday, April 27, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Lebanon City Hall. Dog licenses are due by April 30, 2019, and rabies vaccinations are part of the licensing requirements. The purpose of this event is to help provide a means for owners to easily obtain a rabies vaccination for their dog and li-

cense their dog before the deadline.

This event will take place in the Lebanon City Clerk's Office, at 51 North Park Street. Please use the side entrance to City Hall for both the Clinic and Dog Licensing.

### The Rabies Clinic:

This is available for anyone, regardless of where they reside. The clinic will only be for rabies vaccinations; no other services will be available. The cost for a rabies vaccination is \$18.00. Cash and check only will be accepted for payment, which is due at the time of service.

### Dog Licensing:

This is open for all residents of Lebanon and West Lebanon to license their dogs. This is a great opportunity for those who wish to license their dog in-person but cannot visit our office during regular business hours. If you are not attending the rabies clinic, but wish to just come in to license your dog, please remember to bring a copy of your dog's current rabies vaccination. If your dog has been spayed or neutered since the last time he or she was licensed, please also bring the spay or neuter certificate. And while you're here, don't forget to sign up for the Eighth Annual Top Dog Contest!

For payment for licensing, we can accept cash, check, debit or credit cards. (Please be aware that a processing fee of 2.79% will be charged on debit and credit card transactions).

Send news and photos to [etickernews@gmail.com](mailto:etickernews@gmail.com)

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS City of Claremont Restroom Facility

The City of Claremont is seeking proposals from qualified general and/or plumbing contractors to convert a used office space to a family restroom with ADA accessibility and fixtures. Proposals are due by Thursday, April 18, 2019 by 2:00 PM. Inquiries to: Peter Fennessy, Maintenance Supervisor; 603-504-0298 or email [finance@claremontnh.com](mailto:finance@claremontnh.com). EOE

Proposals may be mailed or delivered to:

City Manager's Office  
Attn: City Hall Family Restroom  
58 Opera House Square  
Claremont, NH 03743





### ***Rogue Robots of 4-H Going to the National Competition in Maryland, June 1st***

The Rogue Robots of 4-H's two middle school Seaperch teams have been working hard since January to prepare for the April 5th Seaperch Competition at UNH. The teams had to design an ROV that could maneuver and underwater obstacle course of hoops and a challenge course that requires the ROV to turn on a beacon using a magnet as well pick up weighted objects and transport them to designated containers. The Claremont Savings Bank Community Center has graciously given the club access to the small pool to practice for this event. The Dolphin Riders (left photo) and Water Wizards 3.0 (right photo) competed against 33 other middle school teams, including prep school and Navy teams. The Water Wizards won first place in the challenge course and took the title of First Place Over All, winning a place to the National Competition (Courtesy photos).



The Polish Easter tradition of Swieconka (Blessing of the Food) will take place at St Joseph Church Hall, 58 Elm Street, Claremont, on Holy Saturday, April 20, at 12 noon. In a tradition that has been practiced for many generations, baskets lined with white linen or lace napkins are filled with a sampling of Easter foods for the priest to bless. Bread, butter, eggs, salt, ham, horseradish each hold special meaning in the blessing basket. In earlier times, the parish priest would visit parishioners' homes to bless food that they set out for him. All are welcome to participate by bringing food to be blessed or just to observe and enjoy the tradition (Courtesy photo).





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## Cyrano De Bergerac to be Presented by NECA at Claremont Opera House

CLAREMONT, NH—Celebrating 10 years of spring productions, New England Drama Club proudly presents the romantic comedy drama "Cyrano de Bergerac" on April 12-14, complete with a celebratory gala. Over the last decade, the New England Classical Academy (NECA) has produced numerous high-caliber student shows, such as "Grimm's Tales", "A Midsummer Night's Dream", "Canterville Ghost", "Les Mis", "The Man Who Came to Dinner" and more. "Cyrano" promises to continue their tradition of excellence in theater.

Thirty-one students from sixth grade to twelfth grade play over twice as many characters in this timeless classic about a man who thinks himself too ugly to be loved. Cyrano's absurdly large nose is almost as famous as the man himself, who is both a soldier and a poet, and he possesses a wit as sharp as his sword. Yet he feels he will never be able to win the love of any woman, and especially not the beautiful and intellectual lady Roxanne (Marguerite Cottrill, 12th). Even worse, she has fallen for one of Cyrano's fellow cadets, Christian (Anthony Abella, 12th). Yet Christian, for all his handsome looks, is tongue-tied when it comes to speaking words of love to her. He begs Cyrano (Zachary Fagan, 12th) to be his "voice" and woo her, but what will come of this plan when Roxanne falls for Cyrano's words and Christian's looks?

Edmund Rostand's play has been adapted into numerous movie versions several times, most notably "Roxanne" starring Steve Martin and Daryl Hannah and debuted as a play in 1897. The comedy of Cyrano's responses to the rude observations of his nose and the beauty of his words of love to Roxanne create a play that takes the audience through a myriad of emotions from joy to sorrow and back again.

"I know that this is a truly great play, because when the seventh and eighth grade read it in class this year, they were completely enthralled and couldn't wait for the next act. They loved how Cyrano both insulted his critics with his cutting humor and developed his plan to help Christian's pursue Roxanne. They were full of angst when both men were sent off to war and visibly moved by the ending of the play," said director Heidi Fagan. "It is a fantas-

tic play to stage and I can't wait to see it on the Opera House stage."

The cast includes Emily King, Corinne Lindberg, Sam Dalke, Joseph Cota, Mal Regan, Patrick Regan, Tim Regan, Camden Fagan, Ella Cottrill, Lanie Goodwin, Autumn Levesque, Lauren Levesque, Ava Meyer, Colt Meyer, Christian Swingle, Isaac Swingle, Sienna Swingle, Athena Steele, Madison Barney, Maria Cota, Carter Buckley, Hudson Buckey, Nora Lemieux and Janessa Walck and special guest Joseph Heacock. Jessica Cota is the stage manager. Guest actors and NECA facul-

ty Dan Regan and Samantha Lavertue are also part of the cast.

"Cyrano de Bergerac" opens April 12 at 7:00 p.m. and performs at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 13 and 14th. There will be a special gala celebration following Saturday's matinee open to attendees by donation across at Trinity Episcopal Church hall from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Tickets are \$10 for regular admission and \$6 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased at the box office a half hour before the show or by calling (603) 543-3400 or contacting the Claremont Opera House at 542-4433.



**The 4-H Fashion Show was held Friday, March 29th, at the Claremont Middle School. A group of 20 4-H youth delighted spectators as they showcased clothing they made for themselves as part of the Clothing and Textiles Project. Youth sewed simple aprons, shorts and skirts to complicated one of a kind prom gowns and leopard print leggings and a bright yellow tunic. For the first time youth as young as age eight competed for a chance to participate in the State 4-H Fashion event in early April. 4-H members were chosen from three age groupings. Winners in the Junior division, eight to ten year olds, were Hana Bundy, Avangalene Johnson and Marley King all of the Fun 4-H Club. Award winners in the Intermediate division, ages 11-13, were Wesley Johnson of the Johnson Family club, Marina Macenfish of Fun 4-H club and Bryanna Geer of the Country Kids. The top senior level sewers included Leilani Macenfish, Hailey King and Caleigh Plunkett all of the Fun 4-H Club, and Rosie Johnson of the Johnson Family Club. A big thanks to the adult 4-H volunteers who stepped forward to teach these youth the fine art of machine sewing. True leaders aren't born, they are grown with the help of volunteers like you! If you would like to find out how you can help 4-H reach out to more youth in Sullivan County contact Robin Luther at UNH Cooperative Extension, Newport office [robin.Luther@unh.edu](mailto:robin.Luther@unh.edu) (Courtesy photo).**



## Claremont House Deemed Total Loss Following Fire

### CPD Vehicle in Multi-Car Accident on way to Scene

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Fire Department responded to a reported building fire at a single-family home located at the address of 21 Holly Hill Road Thursday afternoon. The call was dispatched by Claremont Safety Services Dispatch Center at 1:14 p.m. First arriving engine was on scene at 1:23 p.m. and reported heavy fire from the back of the building. A general alarm was struck requesting all personnel to respond to the scene.

"This was a rural fire located outside the city's hydrant district," said Claremont Fire Chief Bryan Burr. "Automatic mutual aid came from Newport, Ascutney, Cornish, Plainfield, Charlestown, Meriden Fire Departments. The initial responding crew worked to contain the fire from the outside. The fire had extended to the roof and interior portions of the building with extensive fire damage to the back portion."

No persons or pets were home at the time. The home has been deemed a total loss and was insured, said Burr. After extensive overhaul to extinguish concealed hot spots, the fire was reported under control at 3:20 p.m.

The cause has yet to be determined but is not believed to be suspicious, said Burr.

Burr added that "As fire crews were responding to the fire on Holly Hill Road, fire crews were also dispatched to a multi-car accident at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Charlestown Road. The call was reported to the dispatch center at 1:17 p.m. The first arriving fire officer was on scene at 1:25 p.m. followed shortly by Rescue 1 at 1:30 p.m. Up to five people had varying injuries. None appeared to be serious. Damage to two vehicles involved had extensive damage with one having only minor damage. That incident was deemed under control at 1:47 p.m."

One of the vehicles involved in the accident was a Claremont Police car. That driver's name has not yet been released, and investigations by the department as well as the NH State Police are being done regarding the accident. The police officer was responding to the structure fire call when the accident happened.

## Three Arrested as Result of Robbery Investigation in Claremont

CLAREMONT, NH--On March 30, the Claremont Police Department received a report of a robbery, said the department in a statement released today. According to Cpt. Stephen Lee, "The reporting party told patrol officers that, while he was visiting a friend the previous night on Green Street, two male subjects wearing bandanas [allegedly] forced their way into the residence, physically subdued him, and stole several items from him including cash, prescription medications, and his cellular phone."

Subsequent to the investigation into the reported robbery, on April 2, Claremont Police Officers executed search and arrest warrants at 15 Green Street in Claremont. The following subjects were arrested pursuant to those warrants:

Jeremia Kemp, 19, Claremont, NH who is charged with one felony count of Robbery, one felony count of Conspiracy to Commit Robbery, one felony count of Falsifying Physical evidence, and two felony counts of Possession of Controlled Drugs. He was held without bail at the Sullivan County House of Corrections pending his arraignment in Sullivan Superior Court on April 3;

Michael Wood, 20, Newport, NH, who is charged with one felony count of Robbery, one felony count of Conspiracy to Commit Robbery, one felony count of Witness Tampering, and two felony counts of Possession of Controlled Drugs. He was also held without bail at the Sullivan County House of Corrections pending his arraignment in Sullivan Superior Court on April 3;

Rachel D'Agostino, 22, Claremont, NH, who is charged with one felony count of Conspiracy

to Commit Robbery. She was released on bail pending her arraignment in Sullivan Superior Court on April 18.

The investigation into this matter is ongoing, and further charges are anticipated, said Lee. Anyone with information about this investigation is encouraged to call Claremont Police Detective Casey Piehl at (603)542-7010 or e-mail [cpiehl@claremontnh.com](mailto:cpiehl@claremontnh.com).



**Powerful winds whipped through the region on Wednesday, downing trees and wires (Acworth, top photo, Plains Rd, Claremont, bottom photo) in many areas, cutting off power for hundreds of people in the Twin State Valley (Courtesy photos).**



## ‘Get Your Bids in Now!’

The Claremont Kiwanis Club held their annual Big Auction on Saturday, April 6. Final tally: 3,545 online bids and 380 phone-in bids. Prize winners took home more than 250 products and gift certificates with a donated value of \$26,500. All proceeds will benefit local children’s charities and organizations, as well as provide scholarships for graduating seniors in Sullivan County high schools.



Top: Club members — all volunteers — handled the phone bank from 10 AM to 4:20 PM. Bottom left: Joan Baillargeon, auction chairperson, monitors the bidding, while Matt Houseman broadcasts item promos and updates live on Q106 FM. Bottom right: Luke Avery lets the viewers on CCTV Channel 8 know what they really *really* need to bid on.



District 1 Executive Councilor Mike Cryans of Hanover, NH, recently celebrated finishing 100,000 miles of running, from his 40th birthday on January 20, 1991 to March 30, 2019 (Courtesy photo).

Photos by Eric Zengota





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