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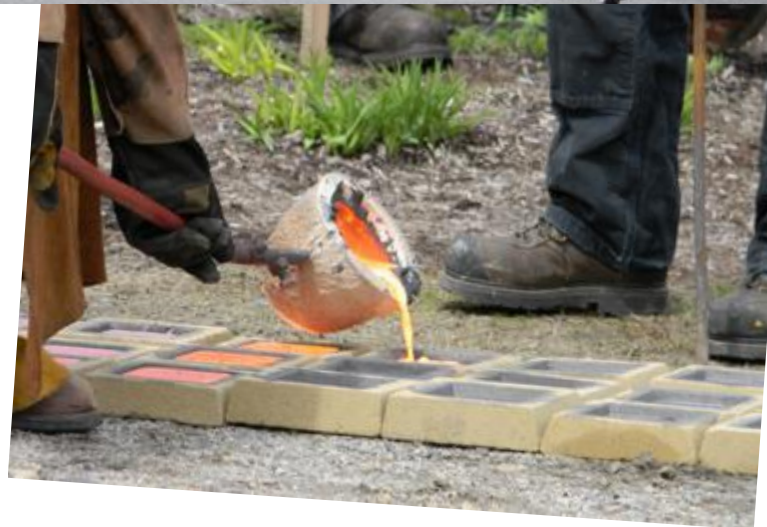
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May 6, 2019



It was a busy day in Claremont for sure on Saturday with the Special Olympics, Steppin' Up Walk/Run, Iron Pour at the Visitors Center Green, marionette show and Prom all taking place. Details inside (Photos by Eric Zengota, Phyllis A. Muzeroll, Dakota T. Bonner).

SAU 6 Asst./Acting Superintendent Chosen for Dual Post in Cornish, Plainfield

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH—It was announced last week that SAU 6 Assistant and current Acting Superintendent Cory LeClair has been hired to serve as Superintendent for Plainfield School District SAU 32 and Cornish School District

SAU 100. According to a press release, "The Plainfield school board, with the support of the Cornish school board, has named Ms. Cory LeClair as the Superintendent of schools for both SAU 32 and SAU 100 starting July 1st, 2019 to succeed Dr. Frank Perotti, Ed.D. Ms. LeClair is currently the Acting Superintendent (Continued on page A2)

Acting Superintendent Cory LeClair at a recent School Board meeting (CCTV)



LeClair, from A1

of the SAU 6 Claremont School District. Ms. LeClair completed her Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Administration at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts for Superintendent Endorsement and Licensure. Prior to obtaining her superintendent licensure, she earned a Master of Science in Education Reading and Literacy at the State University of New York at Geneseo, and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Wellesley College in Massachusetts.”

Kate Whybrow, chairperson of Plainfield school board, reported that LeClair was “selected from a strong pool of qualified candidates in a process that allowed the two districts to work closely with one another. “This was the sort of collaboration and outcome that we hoped for when we entered our agreement with Cornish for shared SAU services two years ago.”

LeClair is currently serving as the Acting Superintendent for SAU 6 since the recent resignation of interim Superintendent Dr. Keith Pfeifer following an incident at the Dow Building in February. He had been on paid adminis-

trative leave prior to resigning. She was one of two finalists for the position of permanent superintendent at the SAU 6. Michael Tempesta was the other finalist and was chosen for the position by the SAU 6 board. He presently is 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

LeClair will start her new job July 1st, as will Tempesta. It is not clear whether the position of assistant superintendent will be filled. When asked by the *e-Ticker News*, SAU 6 chair Mike Petrin said that “The only position that the board hires is Superintendent. It would be the Superintendent’s job to hire other SAU employees but with him (Tempesta) being so new, I’m not sure what this process will be.” He added, “I will be bringing it up for discussion at our next meeting.”

LeClair’s new job is a part-time position (.75-.8 FTE) and serves two small K-8 schools in two neighboring towns. Plainfield Elementary School serves 200 K-8 students with a total operating budget of approximately \$7M. Cornish Elementary School serves 90 preK-8 students with an operating budget of approximately \$3.5M. Each school has an independent school board made up of five members. Both schools send high school students to neighboring communities.

“The schools pride themselves in serving our students with a high-quality education, a dedicated staff, supportive administrators and attentive communities,” said Whybrow.

LeClair has served in the Claremont area since 2010

when she became the School Improvement Coordinator, serving in that capacity for four years. From there she became the Director of Federal Programs for a year for SAU 6 and then Assistant Superintendent of Schools in July of 2015.

**SUNDAY, MAY 19
SIP AND PAINT IN CLAREMONT**

Sip N Paint to benefit Sullivan County Humane Society! Sunday, May 19, at Time Out Americana Grill in Claremont. Click on the link below to see the picture that we will be painting. This is open to all skill levels so do not worry if you are not the next Picasso!

Painting for charity. This is a fun relaxing event that gives you the cutest painting to hang in your home or give as a gift.

Cost is \$30.00 and includes everything you will need to create your masterpiece!

Children who are able to sit for several hours are invited to take part in this event.

For more info and to register, visit: https://www.pinnaclestrive.com/index.php?n=sip_n_paint_may_2019.

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier



Bills That Would Help Children

Children who need protection and special services in our state, even if their parents cannot afford such services, should be a little more hopeful because of two pieces of legislation given preliminary approval by New Hampshire's House of Representatives last week.

First, by an overwhelming 272-87 roll call vote on May 2, the House passed Senate Bill 6, which would appropriate additional money for the New Hampshire Health & Human Services Dept. to hire up to 57 new child protective service workers over the next two fiscal years. The bill's proposed appropriation, totaling approximately \$8.6 million, would take effect on July 1, 2019, and includes about \$6 million in state dollars, with remaining \$2.6 million in federal funds. The bill was passed after just a brief debate on the House floor, and a unanimous 16-0 recommendation by the House Children & Family Law Committee, which beforehand had examined the legislation, to pass it. Proponents of the bill like Rumney Rep. Francessa Diggs, a Democrat, declared that it was "an appropriate and needed action." But opponents like Epsom Rep. Carol McGuire, a Republican, stated that the measure's appropriation to hire more child protective workers was not needed because there is already money in House's proposed operating budget approved on April 11.

Senate Bill 6 now goes to the House Finance Committee for further review of its \$8.6 million appropriation, and a possible second vote by the full House on June 6 at the latest.

Next, by voice vote on May 2, the House followed up by adopting Senate Bill 125, which would allow parents the option of not having to reimburse state government for voluntary services provided by the CHINS (Children In Need of Services) Program, if they cannot afford to pay. But CHINS, which provides such services as counseling for children, could be reimbursed by parental health insurance companies, if applicable. Bill supporters such as Exeter Rep. Skip Berrien, a Democrat, stated that "financial costs should not interfere" with parents being able to access appropriate voluntary CHINS Programs. But opponents like Fremont Rep. Josh Yokela, a Republican, declared that the bill was a slippery slope that would lead to parents getting mandatory CHINS Programs at taxpayers' expense.

Like Senate Bill 6, Senate Bill 125 now also goes to the Finance Committee for more examination of its possible costs to the state's operating budget as well as a possible second House vote by June 6.

Another child-related measure given preliminary approval by voice vote on May 2 by the House was House Bill 82. This bill would require all the state's public schools to make at least one free or reduced-cost meal available to students, who meet federal eligibility guidelines. It would also require the New Hampshire Dept. of Education to request an appropriation from the federal government sufficient to provide a

free breakfast to students eligible for reduced-cost meals. Senate Bill 82 was passed with no floor debate, and a recommendation by a 15-3 majority of the House Education Committee to adopt the bill. The bill now proceeds to House Finance for further study of its possible costs.

I did vote for preliminary approval of Senate Bills 6, 82, and 125. I believe all three bills are good pieces of legislation that Finance Committee will hopefully deem worthy of support in some form or as a part of the final version of the operating budget that should be agreed to by both the House and New Hampshire Senate by the end of June. More specifically, our children are one of our most important resources and our future, in my opinion. Therefore, I believe state government needs to do all it can to protect children from abuse and neglect as well as insure that they and their caregivers get needed help in order to flourish.

In other business on May 2, the House again gave preliminary approval to House Bill 187, which should help improve our state's OHRV(Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle) and snowmobile industry. The bill was approved after brief floor debate, and a recommendation by a 12-4 roll call majority of the House Transportation Committee.

Senate Bill 187 has several provisions. The provisions include several increases to OHRV and snowmobile registration fees. Such registration fee hikes would be less, if New Hampshire residents provide proof that they are members of an organized, non-profit snowmobile club in the state that is a member of the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association. The registration fees for OHRV and snowmobile dealers as well as rental agents would also increase by various amounts. Next, the definition of antique snowmobiles would be changed so as to include all snowmobiles manufactured prior to the year 1995, rather than the current definition which classifies antique snowmobiles as those manufactured prior to 1969, and would also be extended so as to cover all antique vehicles manufactured prior to 1940 that have been converted to travel over snow. Such antique snowmobiles would then only have to pay a one-time registration fee.

Furthermore, Senate Bill 187 would stipulate that the money raised by these fee increases would be used for grants to local OHRV and snowmobile clubs as well as counties and municipalities for the construction as well as maintenance of OHRV and snowmobile trails and facilities which would be administered by the Bureau of Trails. The bill would also allow snowmobiles registered in other states or Canadian provinces to operate in New Hampshire for up to three consecutive days in the winter without having to register as non-resident snowmobilers. It would also create an eight-member Snowmobile Advisory Commission

Senate Bill 187 now goes to the House Ways & Means Committee for more examination of its proposed registration fee increases, and then a possible second House vote by June 6. I voted for Senate Bill 187's preliminary approval because the present public-private partnership between the volunteer snowmobile clubs and state government is working according to the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association, a partnership that helps the snowmobile industry contribute an estimated \$586 million to our state's economy according to the association. Finally, OHRV and snowmobile registration fees haven't been raised in almost 10 years, and the proposed fee increases would still mean that NH's fees are lower than VT's. **Email: joelcloutier@comcast.net**.

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Letter to the Editor

What You Can Do to Help Address Climate Change Issues

To The Editor:

The recent “Earth Day” reminded us again that the bad news keeps coming. Hurricanes, wild-fires, drought, unpredictable rain and snow storms, more acidic oceans, and rising seas are bringing more disease and more misery. Global warming is creating many shifts in growing regions and hastening the disappearance of animal species.

Last week the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a 150-page document that states again that Americans need to start planning for climate change. The EPA director, Andrew Wheeler, stated at his confirmation hearings that, [Climate Change] “ is a huge issue that needs to be addressed globally.”

Researchers have suggested that unless the United States slash the use of fossil fuels and the accompanying increase in carbon emissions into the atmosphere, climate change will cost, just our country, billions of dollars annually by 2100. Even today, with the emergence of renewables and the growing awareness of the importance of solar and wind energy, 70% of electricity demand in the world is fueled by coal, a fossil fuel. The United States and China are using fossil fuels to satisfy ever-growing energy demand. The evidence of human-caused climate change is overwhelming. Deserts are growing larger. Insect life is decreasing by as much as 45% in some areas. Coral reefs are collapsing, and the attendant marine life they harbor are disappearing, affecting the ocean’s food chain. Seas off the east coast of the U.S. have risen 9 inches since 1900.

The U.S. military, intelligence officials, and the White House Office of Science and Technology are ringing alarm bells over the link between climate change and more severe wildfires, flood, and storms. Climate.gov, the U.S. government’s main climate change website, showcases how weather science has evolved and data is collected, and how computing power has enhanced how researchers understand this problem. The American Meteorological Society has compiled evidence that human-caused carbon emissions have contributed to record heat waves, drought, wildfires, and intense storms. The polar ice caps are melting with coastal cities impacted. In 2016 alone the Alaskan shoreline retreated an average of 75 feet. One wildfire in California last year killed 85 people and cost 16.5 billion dollars in damages.

Despair is not the answer to this problem. At least eight of the world religions and major philosophical societies believe in the Golden Rule: 'So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.' This reminds us to sacrifice and act together for the common good.

What can you do? Educate yourself about the problem of burning fossil fuels. Write letters to your newspaper, tv stations, local and state governments demanding action in reducing carbon emissions. Help spread the word to your friends and colleagues. Support community efforts to increase solar, wind and water, and renewable options to mitigate climate change. We can do this! Make a real change in what looks like a depressing future for our children and those not yet born. Will we save ourselves? It is up to you and all of us working together to make a new way forward now.

Robin Burns Hutchins, Rebecca B. MacKenzie, Claremont, NH

Shaheen, Cruz Introduce the Bipartisan Preserve Charities and Houses of Worship Act

WASHINGTON, DC— Thursday, U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Ted Cruz (R-TX) introduced the bipartisan Preserve Charities and Houses of Worship Act, to repeal a mandate requiring charities, houses of worship and traditionally tax-exempt organizations to pay federal taxes on employee fringe benefits.

“Places of worship and charities shouldn’t bear the burden of a mistake in the 2017 tax bill, which is precisely why this common-sense legislation to right that wrong is urgently needed,” said Shaheen. “This bill would help non-profit organizations and faith groups dedicate more of their limited resources to their missions of service for our communities, rather than calculating and paying new taxes that should never have been imposed in the first place. I’m glad to partner with Senator Cruz on this effort...”

Sullivan County Grand Jury Indictments Released

NEWPORT, NH—The Sullivan County Grand Jury released the following indictments last week:

Shad Steven Oliver Wright, 31, Springfield, VT, indicted for Operation after Certification as Habitual Offender, Feb. 16, 2019; Operation after Certification as Habitual Offender, March 24, 2019.

Corey M. Quimby, 39, Claremont, NH, indicted for Operation after Certification as Habitual Offender, March 24, 2019.

Nicholas Currier, 40, Springfield, NH, indicted for Felony Burglary, "did enter a certain Irving/Circle K convenience store" in Grantham, NH, not open to the public at that time, Dec. 31, 2018; Felony Burglary, "did enter a separately secured section of a certain Bar Harbor Bank and Trust building" in Grantham, NH, not open to the public at that time, Dec. 31, 2018.

Heather Lord-Hill, AKA Heather Lord, AKA Heather Pacetti, 36, Claremont, NH, indicted for Escape, from official custody, April 4, 2019.

Michael Von Kahle, 37, Concord, NH, indicted for Convicted Felons/Felon in Possession, a firearm, Feb. 28, 2019; Armed Career Criminal, Feb. 28, 2019; Habitual Offender, Feb. 28, 2019; Possession of Felons Prohibited, Feb. 28, 2019; Possession/Intent to Distribute, Fentanyl/Subsequent Offense, Feb. 28, 2019; Possession/Intent to Distribute, Crack Cocaine/Subsequent Offense, Feb. 28, 2019.

Michael Hayes, 39, Middletown, CT, indicted for Convicted Felons/Felon in Possession, June 12, 2018; Convicted Felons/Felon in Possession, June 12, 2018.

Chad Schute, 30, Newport, NH, indicted for Habitual Offender, March 30, 2019.

Arthur Detullio, 62, Newport, NH, indicted for Duty to Report, failing to register in the State of New Hampshire, being a convicted sexual offender, on or between Oct. 31, 2018, and March 30, 2019.

Donald Lemelin, 51, Newport, NH, indicted for Habitual Offender, March 13, 2019.

Justin S. Butler, 27, Goshen, NH, indicted for Receiving Stolen Property-Firearm-Committed on Bail, Jan. 29, 2019.

Erica L. Belknap-Morris, 31, Newport, NH, indicted for Theft by Unauthorized Taking—Value \$1500 + Released on Bail, Sept. 15,

2018, 2010 Acura automobile, approximate value \$10,000, committed while released pursuant to RSA Chapter 597 (Bail and Recognizance), Sept. 15, 2018. (The car was lo-

cated in the water off the Claremont boat landing. Her whereabouts remain unknown).

Michael P. Wood, 21, Newport, NH, indicted
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H₂OOOOOO! An excessive number of cool rainy days has transformed Claremont's river into sparkling spun Sugar (Eric Zengota photo).

Indictments, from A6

for Forgery, Jan. 11, 2019.

James A. Santaw, 31, Claremont, NH, indicted for Sale of Heroin-Conspiracy, March 21, 2019; Sale of Heroin, March 21, 2019.

Kerri A. Yaqoob, 29, Claremont, NH, indicted for Sale of Heroin-Conspiracy-on Bail, March 21, 2019; Possession of Heroin, Intent to Sell-On Bail, March 21, 2019; Possession of Fentanyl, Intent to Sell-on Bail, March 21, 2019; Possession of Bath Salts alpha-PHP, Intent to Sell-on Bail, March 21, 2019.

Tyler N. Barry, 27, Claremont, NH, indicted for Criminal Mischief-Conspiracy, Discharge of a Firearm at an Occupied Structure, "near Chestnut Street, with said damage being one or more bullet holes, Dec. 20, 2018, while on release, to wit, the said offense committed while Tyler Barry was on release pursuant to RSA Chapter 597" (Bail and Recognizance).

Matthew Barry, 25, Newport, NH, indicted for Criminal Mischief-Conspiracy, Discharge of a Firearm at an Occupied Structure be committed, "Matthew Barry giving Tyler Barry a Ruger

9 mm pistol, Matthew Barry encouraging Tyler Barry to fire the 9 mm pistol out the window of a vehicle driven by Brandon Teeter at occupied structures near Chestnut Street, said damage being one or more bullet holes", Dec. 30, 2018.

Talyen R. McGuire, 30, Claremont, NH, indicted for Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, Jan. 26, 2018; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, Jan. 26, 2018; First Degree Assault, Jan. 26, 2018.

Jordan Richardson, 19, Goshen, NH, indicted for Sale of Controlled Drug—Conspiracy, Dec. 8, 2018; Felonious Use of Firearm, Dec. 8, 2018; 1st Degree Assault, Dec. 8, 2018; 2nd Degree Assault—Firearm, Dec. 8, 2018; Use of Person 17 or under to Sell Drugs, Dec. 8, 2018; 2nd Degree Assault—Firearm, Dec. 8, 2018.

Kurt Richardson, 42, Goshen, NH, indicted for Sale of Controlled Drug—Conspiracy, Dec. 8, 2018; Felonious Use of Firearm, Dec. 8, 2018; Reckless Conduct Deadly Weapon, Dec. 8, 2018; Use of Person 17 or under to Sell Drugs, Dec. 8, 2018.

Newport Community Job Fair Set for May 10

NEWPORT, NH—The public is invited to participate in Newport's Community Job Fair on Friday, May 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Towle School 86 N. Main St. Newport. Sponsored by the Newport Area Chamber of Commerce, Economic Corporation Of Newport, Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce, Newport School District and The Town of Newport.

This event will host numerous employers and agencies that will be promoting their available jobs, internships, training courses and career opportunities. Meet local employers with vacancies and learn about jobs & training courses. Free admission.

More information can also be found by visiting <https://www.newportnh.gov/economic-development>.

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Community Comes Together for Turning Points Network's Steppin' Up Fundraiser

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—For a change, it did not rain as hundreds of people—with some baby strollers and dogs mixed in—walked and ran to raise important dollars for Turning Points Network and its work fighting domestic abuse and violence in the the 13th annual Steppin' Up to End Violence 5K Walk & Fun Run on Saturday. Saturday afternoon, TPN reported the following numbers from the day's event: Total to date: \$74,299.00 People in attendance: 553 adults 193 kids for a total of 746 people and 25 dogs in attendance.

Teams: 77

Top Teams: TPN's Be the Change, KCPC Saints, Shapiro Schleppers

Top Runners:

Women:

Courtney Hood – Charlestown, NH

Kristi Snider – Claremont, NH

Sarah Goldfine – Woodstock, VT

Children:

Flynn Flint – Sunapee, NH

Jacoby Roberts – Claremont NH

Micah Wright – Acworth, NH

Men:

Todd Bersaglieri – Newport, NH

Bud Marro – Claremont, NH

Eric Callum – Unity, NH



"We had a wonderful turnout at the 13th Annual Steppin' Up to End Violence 5k Walk and Fun run!" said TPN in a statement Saturday. "Thanks to the perfect weather, a total of 746 people and 25 dogs (553 adults and 193 kids) stepped up today to help us raise to date, \$74,299.00! We had 77 teams, 10 of which were

power of 10 teams, and over 80 passionate volunteers. The top five fundraisers were the TPN's Be the Change, KCPC Saints, Shapiro Schleppers, Peacekeepers, and SuuperTruupers! Such a great job by everyone! Congratulations to Liza Draper, the New Hampshire winner of the 2019 Visionary Voice Award. The award, presented by Marie Linebaugh from the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, recognizes the creativity and hard work of individuals around the country who have demonstrated outstanding work to end sexual violence.

"Turning Points Network's staff



and board would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who volunteered, sponsored, donated and participated this year. An extra special thank you to Julia, a survivor, who told her moving story to the crowd. In the words of one walker, 'I saw what my sister went through, I wouldn't wish that on anyone.' This is just one example of the power of standing with survivors, and Steppin' Up to help them."

Top: Officer Josh Wade handled traffic control while the participants turned on to Chestnut St.; below: runners led the way; left: Chris Irish's dog Ruhe was eager to sign up at the dog table. (Photos: Phyllis A. Muzeroll, courtesy).

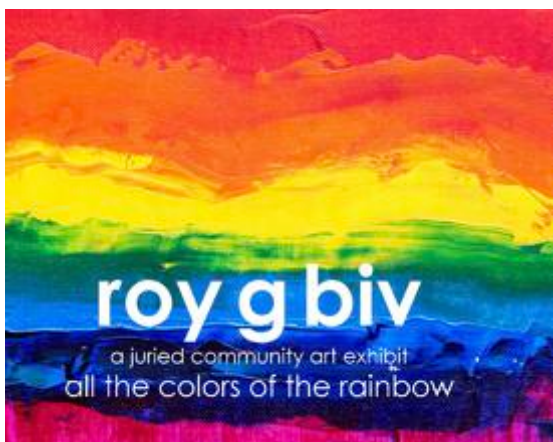


Classified Ads

Library Arts Center Gallery
58 N. Main St.
Newport, NH

ROY G BIV: All the Colors of the Rainbow – A Juried Community Art Exhibit

Exhibit Dates: Through July 25, 2019
Gallery Hours: Tues.-Fri. 11-4, Sat. 10-2



Work in this juried show includes pieces submitted by regional artists in all the colors in the rainbow/spectrum—Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet—(Roy G. Biv). The show features work by both professional and amateur artists, as well as artwork by children. Sponsored by: MJ Harrington & Co. Jewelers.

DOLLHOUSES: Obsession on a Small Scale - New Exhibit at the Library Arts Center in Newport

Exhibit Dates: Through July 25, 2019
Gallery Hours: Tues.-Fri. 11-4, Sat. 10-2

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CHARLESTOWN, NH

Owned by the same family for many years! 1800 farmhouse with a three-story barn, smaller house still exists on the property, total of 47 ac of land, some open field and wooded acreage. Two separate lots being sold as one. Lots of potential for development or a great residence. **\$350,000**

Classified Ads

Sullivan County Fugitive of the Week

ERICA L. BELKNAP-MORRIS

DOB: 08/08/1988

LKA: 270 John Stark Highway,
Newport, NH

Description: White female, height: 5', weight: 89 lbs., eyes: brown, hair: brown

Reason: Failure to Appear



Original charge: Theft by Unauthorized Taking, Class A Felony
Criminal Mischief, Class B Felony
Conspiracy to Commit Forgery, Class B Felony
Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card, Class A Misdemeanor

On Sept. 13, 2018, Belknap-Morris was arrested and released on bail. As part of her conditions of release, Belknap-Morris was required to appear in Sullivan County Superior Court on Sept. 20, 2018. Belknap-Morris failed to appear and as a result the Sullivan County Superior Court issued a warrant for her arrest.

On Oct. 24, 2018, Belknap-Morris was arrested and charged with Theft by Unauthorized Taking, Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card and Criminal Mischief. She was released on bond.

On Oct. 26, 2018, the Sullivan County Superior Court set a dispositional hearing date of Dec. 6, 2018, in reference to Belknap-Morris's case. She failed to appear for the disposition hearing and as a result, the Sullivan County Superior Court issued a warrant for the arrest of Belknap-Morris for failure to appear.

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The Sullivan County Fugitive of the Week is provided by Sheriff John P. Simonds of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office. if you have

any information regarding the whereabouts of Belknap-Morris, please contact either the Sheriff's Office at 603-863-4200 or your local police department.

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Stuff a Cruiser...

United Way of Sullivan County and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department joined forces to hold a "Stuff a Cruiser" event on Thursday, May 2nd, at Shaw's in Newport and Market Basket and Hanford in Claremont. The nonperishable food benefits the Claremont Soup Kitchen. Cindy Stevens, CSK Executive Director, said that the event resulted in collecting 1,646 lbs. of food. "This food drive is an amazing turnout every time," she said. "We have a great community!" Pictured, from left: Dawn Ranney, Executive Director UWSC; Sheriff John Simonds; Gordon Ranney, United Way volunteer (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo).



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Iron Pour: Where Science Meets Fun

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—There was a large turnout Saturday at the Visitors Center Green in Claremont, area residents drawn to a unique event, an Iron Pour, put on by the Iron Guild from Maine. It was hosted by local artists Ernest and Phil Montenegro. Earnest Montenegro (top second photo from left) is the sculptor of the piece “ourhandsthenandnow” (top left photo) that sits in the Green and was commissioned for the 250th celebration of Claremont’s founding.

Molten iron was poured into sand molds that visitors had purchased and in which they had drawn designs with small nail-like tools to be cast in iron. Table and chairs were set up on the Green for people to work on their molds, which one person said, were harder to etch than she expected; however, she added that the process had been “fun”. Two tons of old radiators had been broken down and prepared to provide the molten iron for the pour, Montenegro said, holding some broken bits in his leather-gloved hand during the demonstration.

The dozens of molds were laid out in long rows, checked with levels for evenness, and coated with graphite which was heated to prepare them for the molten iron. The broken radiator bits were dropped into the portable furnace to turn them into a liquid. After a while, the molten iron began to run out a small opening in the front like a lava stream, into a hand pouring ladle to transfer the fiery orange substance into the molds. As the iron cooled, visitors could see the squares change color. Those working with the furnace and molten iron were clad in heavy leather garments and gloves and protective footwear as well as head and eye protection. The pieces were ready to go within an hour of pouring, said one attendee who purchased several molds.

Also on hand for the event were: Stonehouse Forge, to do a blacksmith demo, American Precision Museum with a display and drumming by the Unity Percussion Ensemble (Top right photo).

(Photos by Phyllis A. Muzeroll, Dakota T. Bonner). See more photos, page A14.

Claremont Savings Bank Foundation Accepting Applications

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.



Looking like a solid rather than a liquid, a narrow stream of molten iron flows into a hand pouring ladle; artist Ernest Montenegro holds some of the broken iron bits to be melted down for the pour; filling the sand molds with the molten iron. The different colored squares show the differing stages of cooling (Top and middle photos by Dakota T. Bonner; bottom photo, Phyllis A. Muzeroll).



From mold to finished product

(Courtesy photos)



e-Ticker Business News

One Credit Union Announces Expanded Service Area at Annual Meeting

SPRINGFIELD, VT—At the 67th Annual Meeting held at the Capitol Plaza in Montpelier, Brett Smith, President and CEO of One Credit Union, announced that the Credit Union has been approved to expand its field of membership to now include the entire State of Vermont and Cheshire, Coos and Grafton and Sullivan Counties in New Hampshire.



Board Chairman Jeff Taft addresses members (Courtesy photo).

“With the required regulatory approvals in place, One CU is now able to meet its growing demand for membership. Throughout Vermont and our neighboring counties along the Connecticut River in NH, we will be able to service the financial needs of more people,” stated Brett Smith. Chairman Jeff Taft noted the unprecedented demand for One CU services. “In my nearly 50 years of service to the Board, it’s been a remarkable journey to see where we

have come – and even more exciting to see where the Credit Union is going!” exclaimed Taft.

At the meeting, Linda Moore, Ricky Padgett and Jeffrey Taft were unanimously re-elected to three-year terms as Directors. The Board also announced Peter McDougall of Paul, Frank + Collins, and Cheyenne Holland of Silver Light Consulting will be joining the Supervisory Committee.

Jill Lord, Director of Community Health, Earns Miles Jensen Award

WINDSOR, VT –Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) is proud to announce that Jill Lord, RN, MS, Director of Community Health at MAHHC, is the recipient of the 2018 Miles Jensen Award. Since 1991, this award has been given annually by Housing Vermont “to an individual who has made an outstanding volunteer contribution to affordable housing in Vermont,” according to the organization. Additional criteria include empowering underprivileged people, and donating time to create grassroots support for community improvement. The award is named for Miles Jensen, a founding member of Housing Vermont who advocated for low income people and social justice.

The award was presented to Lord by Nancy Owens, President of Housing Vermont, in a ceremony at MAHHC attended by Hospital CEO and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Joseph Perras. According to Owens, the award acknowledges Lord’s work with residents of Windsor, Vermont’s Union Square Apartments, which is owned and operated by Housing




Vermont. She explained, “In 2015 we began surveying residents about their satisfaction with their housing and to learn what programs or other activities they might be interested in having. Jill connected us with the concept of the Learning Kitchen.” As part of the Learning Kitchen program, residents learned new cooking skills, healthy meal planning, and took a trip to the grocery store to purchase ingredients for a low-cost healthy meal they prepared.” Jill made this possible by connecting us with a MAHHC Nutritionist and Chef who provided the instruction and good humor, which kept residents engaged,” said Owens. She points out that the Learning Kitchen addresses a pressing need in Vermont, explaining, “As many as 10 percent of all Vermonters don’t have regular access to nutritious food each day, and as many as 15 percent of Vermont’s kids don’t have enough healthy foods in their homes.” She adds that the program also helped to foster community among Union Square Apartments residents, saying, “Thanks to these classes, a group of three women began to plan their meals together in an effort to save money, but this turned into a friendship which still continues today. We can’t make an apartment building a home without community support and connection.”

Perras called Lord’s work with the Learning Kitchen a perfect example of how she contributes to the health and wellness of the communities served by MAHHC. “This is just

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Jill Lord, Director of Community Health, Earns Miles Jensen Award from Housing Vermont for Contributions to Affordable Housing (Courtesy photo).

Award, from A15

one of the many opportunities Jill has seized on to improve the health of the entire population, driven by the goals established by our regular Community Health Needs Assessment and other quality measures," says Dr. Perras. "She has an amazing ability to reach out and form connections that benefit everyone. We're proud of her for earning this deserved award, and for all of her many efforts to make life better for the people of our region."

Lord, who has served as Director of Community Health since 2016 holds an MS in Human Services Administration from New Hampshire College in Manchester, NH, and received in BSN from the University of Vermont in Burlington, VT. She has been a nurse

for 40 years and was Chief Nursing Officer and Director of Patient Care Services for the Hospital for nearly 25 years prior to her current position.

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The Claremont Cool Cats led the parade on the track in Monadnock Park on Saturday, followed by the teams from Connecticut River Valley Special Olympics, Fall Mountain and Upper Valley Hawks (Eric Zengota photos).

More photos, page A18

100 Athletes, 1,000 Dreams

CLAREMONT, NH—On Saturday, May 4, a Special Olympics New Hampshire Regional Meet was held for the first time in Claremont. Track & field, softball throw and bocce events took place in Monadnock Park. The pool at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center was the site of the swim meet.

In the words of Mark Brislin, director of Claremont Parks & Recreation:

“It was an honor to host the Special Olympics Regional Meet and witness all the athletes who participated and gave it their all. Their months of training led to exciting contests, in which the participants cheered on not only their teammates but also all the other athletes.

“This meet would not have been possible without the 70 volunteers who helped make the event run smoothly and ensured a true welcoming, community event.

“A color guard and bagpipers from our Fire Department took part in the opening ceremonies. Officers from our Police Department and from the New Hampshire State Police presented ribbons to the winners at the award

ceremonies following each event.

“The day was also an excellent opportunity to showcase the wonderful facilities we have here in Claremont. We received many compliments from participants and spectators saying that Claremont is ‘the’ place to host future meets.”

Below: 1500 meter race; right: long jump.





More Scenes from the Special Olympics New Hampshire Regional Meet in Claremont

Photos by Eric Zengota and Abigail Kier

Financial Gifts Can Brighten Anyone's Mother's Day

Mother's Day is fast approaching. This special holiday reminds us of the joy we receive from the powerful bond between mother and child. To help mark the occasion, you may want to consider making certain financial gifts, including the following:

For your mother:

IRA contribution – If your mother is still working, she is eligible to contribute to an IRA, but she might not always fully fund it – so you may want to help. You can't contribute directly to your mother's IRA, but you can write her a check for that purpose, though, of course, she can use the money however she likes. In 2019, the contribution limit for a traditional or Roth IRA is \$6,000, or \$7,000 for individuals 50 or older. (A Roth IRA does have income limits that can reduce the contribution amount or eliminate it altogether.)

Insurance premium – If your mother has life, disability or long-term care insurance, why not offer to pay some of the premiums this year? Long-term care premiums, in particular, can be quite costly, especially for older policyholders.

Introduction to a financial professional – If your mother doesn't already work with a financial professional, consider introducing her to yours, or to someone else who is recommended by friends or relatives. A financial advisor can help your mother move toward her retirement goals – and, at some point, also can work with legal and tax professionals to assist your mother with her estate plans.

For your children:

529 plan contribution – If your children are still of school age, you may want to contribute to a college savings vehicle. One popular choice is a 529 savings plan. When you invest in this plan, your earnings can grow tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified educational expenses. (Be aware, though, that withdrawals not used for qualified education expenses may be subject to federal and state taxes, as well as an additional 10% penalty.)

As the 529 plan owner, you have flexibility in using the money. For example, if you've designated one of your children as the 529 plan's beneficiary, and that child decides not to pursue any higher education, you can switch the beneficiary designation to another child or to yourself.

You can choose the 529 plan offered by any state, but your contributions might be tax deductible if you invest in your own state's plan. Tax issues for 529 plans can be complex, so, before investing, consult with your tax advisor.

Shares of stocks – Giving stock shares to children is a good way to help them learn some of the basics of investing. You can track the progress of their stocks with them, and even do some research together about why prices may be going up or down. By getting children involved early, you may help instill a lifelong interest in investing.

Charitable gifts – Many children are now concerned about various social issues. You can help encourage this involvement – and possibly an appreciation of the value of philanthropy – by making a gift to a charitable group whose work aligns with your child's interests.

We don't need to exchange presents on Mother's Day to show our appreciation for one another, but certain financial gifts can help provide needed support – and even some valuable life lessons – for your loved ones.

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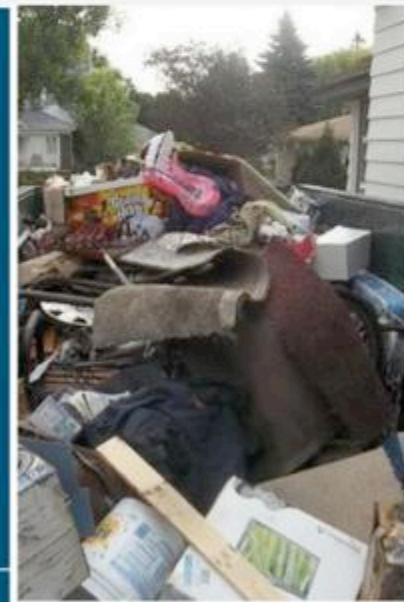
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It's About Food By Johnny Navillus



Spring?

The calendar says May but it feels like mid April. I think my calendar is broken.

I came across a great tip the other day. For those of you who make your own soup...When it is finished, pour it into your slow cooker, set it on warm and let it simmer for a couple of hours. This brings all the flavors out and gets them together. It also relieves you from stirring occasionally to prevent burning. And it frees up a spot on your stove. The aroma will still get out and drive people to the brink of starvation. This was a great idea, especially freeing up a spot on the stove.

Since we are already on the subject of the slow cooker, here is a great tasty dinner put together in minutes before work and ready for dinner when you get home.

Barbecued Pork Chop Supper

- 6 small red potatoes cut into quarters
- 6 medium carrots cut into one inch pieces
- 8 bone-in pork chops about 1/2 inch thick
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 bottle barbecue sauce (28 oz)
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1 cup cola
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

Place potatoes and carrots in a 5 qt. slow cooker. Top with the pork chops. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Combine the barbecue sauce, ketchup, cola, and Worcestershire sauce. Pour over the pork chops. Cover and cook on low for 8 to 9 hours.

The potatoes and carrots form a platform that keeps the chops from sticking to the bottom. Whenever I do meat in the cooker, I usually try to have some base to keep it off the bottom. It isn't always necessary but when in doubt err on the side of caution.

One beef bouillon cube dissolved in one cup of boiling water may be substituted for one cup of broth when necessary. I may not have a can of broth on hand, but I do have bouillon cubes hanging around.

The next dish features two of my favorite ingredients. Merlot and mushrooms. It cooks in about 5 hours, although 7 is good, too.

Chicken Merlot and Mushrooms

- 3/4 lb sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 3 pounds boneless skinless chicken thighs
- 1 can tomato paste (6 oz)
- 3/4 cup chicken broth (see above)
- 1/4 cup Merlot (to taste)
- 2 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried basil 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon pepper 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Place the mushrooms, onion and garlic in the slow cooker. Top with the chicken thighs. In a bowl combine the tomato paste, wine tapioca, sugar, basil, salt and pepper. Pour over the chicken. Cover and cook for 5 to 6 hours. You could use chicken breasts and cook for 8 hours.

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SHS Gifted with \$25,000 Donation from Marro Family

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—It was announced at Wednesday night's school board meeting that the Marro family has made a donation of \$25,000 to Stevens High School. Speaking for the family, Arline Marro said her late brother-in-law Paul Marro had bequeathed the money to SHS out of his love for the school. The money is to be used for football and the band as Marro had requested, she said. Some will also go to the arts department.

Marro graduated from Stevens High School, in 1958, and from the University of New Hampshire in 1963, where he played on the football and lacrosse teams and developed many lifelong friendships with his teammates. He passed away in June of 2017.

SHS Principal Pat Barry said that Marro "loved his high school years and was active in football, basketball, track and band."

SHS Head Football Coach Paul Silva, present for the announcement along with other coaches, said, "The kids are going to benefit so much," adding that the first thing purchased would be head phones to replace the current ones that no longer work, "so that we can ac-

tually hear each other...I can't thank you enough on behalf of the coaches, the program and the school," he told the Marro family members. "It's amazing. Thank you very much."

Arline Marro said that the family decided to give some of the money to the arts department as well as band "so they can put on more shows," she said with a smile.



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Claremont Opera House Theater Seat Restoration Project Underway



CLAREMONT, NH—Thanks to the NH State Council on the Arts (\$20,000), Mascoma Bank Foundation (\$10,000) and Claremont Savings Bank (\$2,000), the Claremont Opera House Theater Seat restoration project has begun. These grants will enable COH to repair the seating on 300 of the 519 seats in the orchestra level. The per chair cost is \$100. According to Louanne Lewit, Executive Director, Claremont Opera House, “Many of the seats are stained from use over the years, and the sun coming through the windows has rotted some of the fabric, exposing the deteriorating foam. Other grants are currently being written to finish the balance of the 219 orchestra seats.”

Lewit said that the restoration is being done by Bartholomew Contract Interiors from Hartford, CT. “BCI and David Eckstein were highly recommended by Friends of the Audi who recently restored their seating in Concord. The Audi awarded BCI with

a Certificate of Excellence award. BCI is using a fabric very close to the original fabric and will be keeping the historical features, such as the under-the-seat hat racks of the seats, intact.

“Because the seats have to be removed and taken to Connecticut for their repairs, BCI will work around the COH show schedule,” added Lewit. “There may be some shows where there will be some seats missing.”

Sponsored by NHSCA, Mascoma Bank Foundation and Claremont Savings Bank, this first phase of the lower level should be completed by June, in time for the annual full house for Jenkins and Stardancer Dance Recitals. When the lower level, which is showing more wear is completed, the balcony level will be addressed.

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