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CMS Students Treated to K-9 Demonstration by CPD

By Eric Zengota
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CLAREMONT, NH—On Friday, June 14, the last day of the school year, Claremont Middle School students were treated to a K-9 demonstration by members of the Claremont Police Department.

Sgt. Tyler Petrin, aka “the handler,” and his partner, Maverick, a 3-year-old Belgian Malinois, showed the students and faculty what they had learned in weeks of training that included thousands of repetitions of commands. Capt. Stephen Lee — who had his own K-9 partner for nine years when he served with the New Hampshire State Police — described how the K-9 program helped the police capture criminals and protect the Claremont community.

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Sgt. Tyler Petrin with Maverick listen while Capt. Stephen Lee explains how the K-9 program works (Eric Zengota photo).



IRS to Assess Claremont School District with “Significant Penalties” for Failure to Comply with Certain Filing Requirements

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—SAU 6 Acting Superintendent Cory LeClair released a statement on

Wednesday announcing that the Claremont School District had failed to comply with certain filing requirements and is being assessed with “significant penalties” as a result. In the message to the community, LeClair wrote,

“Dear Members of the Claremont and Unity Community:

“The SAU 6 Board recently learned that the Internal Revenue Service intends to assess

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the Claremont School District with significant penalties as a result of the District's failure to comply with filing requirements required under the Affordable Care Act. At present, the IRS intends to impose a fine on the Claremont School District in the amount of \$160,000 for failing to comply with the filing requirements, and an additional \$160,000 for failing to provide full-time employees with certain forms and information as required by the Affordable Care Act.

"After conducting a further inquiry, Acting Superintendent LeClair and the SAU 6 Board determined that the SAU 6 Finance Department failed to satisfy these filing requirements. The SAU 6 Board is also aware that SAU 6, the Claremont school district and the Unity school districts each failed to meet other IRS filing requirements.

"The SAU 6 Director of Business and Finance is responsible for assuring that the SAU and the school districts are in compliance with IRS reporting requirements. Mr. Michael O'Neil, who was the Director during the rele-

vant time period, is no longer employed by SAU 6. Acting Superintendent LeClair and the administrators remaining in SAU 6 are currently handling the responsibilities of the Finance Department in addition to their regular duties. The SAU is actively searching for a new Director of Business and Finance.

"The SAU 6 Board has engaged legal counsel to prepare and file a request for a waiver of the fines resulting from the failure to satisfy the filing requirements. The SAU 6 Board will retain an accounting firm to assure that the SAU and school districts are currently in compliance with all IRS requirements. Required filings for the last fiscal year will be filed with the IRS within the next few weeks.

"This is the second time this year that the SAU 6 Board has informed this community about a significant error that has resulted in a financial loss. Neither of these incidents should have happened. The checks and balances that were in place to oversee the districts' finances were simply not adequate to identify these problems. The SAU 6 Board, with the assistance of Acting Superintendent LeClair and the SAU 6 staff and administrators, has laid the groundwork for the new SAU administration to be able to assure greater oversight over the Business and Finance Office. We are also determined to do everything possible to minimize the impact that these errors may have on the community. We are hopeful that the IRS will recognize that there is no public benefit to diverting local tax dollars intended to fund the education of Claremont and Unity students to pay a federal government penalty."

As LeClair stated, this is the second major situation involving financial matters in which the district now finds itself. In late March of this year, LeClair told board members that the districts—Clare-

mont 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 at the time. "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 O'Neill in March 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."

LeClair's last official day with the district is June 30. "My availability, though, will likely change after June 14," she told the e-Ticker News. She has accepted the position of superintendent for Cornish and Plainfield.

To date, the IRS matter is not on the next board agenda. "At this time, I'm not sure when the board will be discussing it further," said LeClair. "To this point, it has been an SAU board item, not a Claremont board item."

The next Claremont School Board meeting is June 19, at the Sugar River Valley Regional Tech Center, at 6:30 p.m.

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Charlestown Man Sentenced to 9 months in Jail for Bail Jumping

NEWPORT, NH—Eric Wortman, 30, of Charlestown, NH, was sentenced in Sullivan Superior Court on June 11 to serve a 9-month term of incarceration at the Sullivan County House of Corrections for bail jumping. That sentence will be served consecutively to the 12 month sentence Wortman is presently serving for a prior conviction for habitual offender.

Wortman’s sentence was imposed by the Court after he entered a plea of guilty to the felony offense of bail jumping. The State and counsel for the defendant presented a negotiated plea that called for Wortman to serve 12- months at the Sullivan County House of Corrections, 3 years of probation, and eligibility for administrative home confinement consistent with the regulations of the Sullivan County Department of Corrections. Wortman was ultimately sentenced to 9 months of incarceration at the Sullivan County House of Corrections.

The bail jumping charge arose after. Wortman was initially sentenced on March 9, 2016, to serve a 12 month sentence at the Sullivan County House of Corrections. Wortman was granted an opportunity to self-report to the Sullivan County House of Corrections on April 1, 2016. Wortman failed to report for the service of his sentence, a warrant for his arrest was subsequently issued, and Wortman was eventually taken into custody during late 2018.

“The law enforcement community of Sullivan County will continue in their efforts to

address the issue of bail jumping,” said the Sullivan County Attorney’ Office. “The Sullivan County Attorney’s Office is determined to pursue appropriate sentences designed to keep the people of Sullivan County safe, while further addressing the significant issue of individuals failing to appear for Court at all phases of the criminal prosecution.”

The Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office was involved in this investigation. The case was prosecuted by Deputy Sullivan County Attorney Justin Hersh.

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Guest Commentary

Can we Make SATs and College Admissions More Transparent?

By Commissioner Frank Edelblut

College Board recently changed the SAT to include a context score, commonly referred to as an adversity score, to better reflect the effect of socio-economic disadvantages in the assessment outcomes.

This adversity score will take into account 15 socio-economic factors in an attempt to scale results for students coming out of adverse environments that bring down tests results for those students. Admitting colleges, but neither parents nor students, will receive the context score. Rather, these adversity scores are intended to help colleges get a better picture of overall student performance and shine “a light on students who have demonstrated resourcefulness to overcome challenges and achieve more with less”, according to College Board.

This new context score isn't the only change facing Granite State students looking to higher education. The University of New Hampshire recently made a college admissions assessment (e.g., SAT or ACT) optional, in line with the rest of the USNH institutions, Plymouth State, Keene State and Granite State Universities. This change follows a number of other universities that have made the national assessments optional. The UNH Faculty Senate stated its primary reason for making the change was to increase the quantity and diversity of the applicant pool, including reducing “real or perceived barriers for applying to UNH for populations that typically do less well on standardized testing.”

It is unclear how the new SAT scores would affect a student's chances of getting into college. These scores are based on where a student lives and the school they attend, not on the individual. Should students in some towns even take the SAT? These changes add ambiguity and anxiety to an already complicated college admissions process.

The New Hampshire Department of Education and the University System are working together to try to give parents and students a better understanding of the admissions process, so that they can make better decisions about taking assessments such as the SAT. We've put together a working group to take a look at these changes, and provide clearer guidance on how assessment tests affect college admissions. Families deserve a clear understanding of what the expectations are for continuing on a post-secondary education pathway.

No one disputes that performance disparities in the education system are real. In New Hampshire, we know that our economically-disadvantaged students perform well below average on statewide assessments. Minority and special education students perform even lower. But will contextualizing (or eliminating) assessments scores for these students be the right answer, or would it fail to address the real problems of our outdated education system?

The goal should not be to merely close the performance disparity on assessment tests with non-transparent scoring or dropped scores, but to actually close the education gap. Changing the way we look at as-

essment tests like the SAT doesn't mean that disadvantaged students are any better prepared for higher education. Higher SAT scores is not the ultimate goal. We should strive for mastery of the academic material so that students can use it as they work towards brighter futures.

Education can seem more like a big business than a student-centered endeavor. College Board itself had revenues over expenses of \$140 million in 2017, with more than \$1.1 billion in net assets and a CEO making close to \$1.6 million. Not bad for a non-profit. Surely, we can do more to prepare all students for these assessments, rather than just tweaking their scores based on their zip codes?

Outside of some small pockets of innovation, the way we educate students has not changed substantively in more than 150 years. This is despite great progress in understanding how students learn.

We need our education system to move from the factory model of a bygone era and into the information age. Children are inherently curious learners. The very least we can do is avoid stifling that curiosity. The way to really make a difference for students coming out of economically-disadvantaged environments is to craft an education system that will nurture and cultivate that natural curiosity, bringing all students to bright futures.

Change is hard. Our children are worth it.

Frank Edelblut is Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Education.

Senators Hassan, Shaheen Join in Introducing Bipartisan Legislation to Establish Affordable Housing Task Force

WASHINGTON, DC — Senators Maggie Hassan and Jeanne Shaheen last week joined a group of their colleagues in reintroducing the bipartisan Task Force on the Impact of the Affordable Housing Crisis Act, which aims to better understand and respond to America's housing affordability crisis by creating a bipartisan housing task force.

The task force would evaluate and quantify the impact of housing costs on other government programs, and provide recommendations to Congress on how to increase affordable housing options in order to improve life outcomes. The legislation was introduced by Senators Todd Young (R-IN), Angus King (I-ME), and Maria Cantwell (D-WA).

“Ensuring that all hard-working Granite Staters and Americans have a stable, affordable place to call home is critical to the strength of our communities and our economy,” Hassan said. “I have also heard from businesses across our state that one of their most pressing challenges is a shortage of affordable housing for their prospective employees. This bipartisan legislation will establish a task force that will help the federal government determine how best to expand affordable housing options to more people in New Hampshire and across the country.”

“Finding affordable housing is a challenge for too many families in communities all over the Granite State,” Shaheen said. “The Affordable Housing Task Force would provide valuable data to Congress as we work on solutions to this important issue. Every American should have a safe and stable place to call their home...”

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Letter to the Editor

Community Thank You

To The Editor:

On behalf of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners, County Manager Ferland and Department Heads, thank you to all who attended, worked and volunteered during the 31st Annual Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, June 9th, at the County’s Complex in Unity NH. With spectacular weather, we saw a great turn out of around 595 people!

Generous food donations were provided by Reinhart FoodService LLC, New England Coffee, and HP Hood Inc.; Leavitt Family Maple provided pure NH maple syrup; and, a donation of the Ruger 9mm Carbine allowed us to raise \$1,015 for the Arts & Education Programs in Sullivan County through raffle ticket sales – congratulations to Jamie Landry for purchasing the winning ticket, drawn that day!

Throughout the morning, the NH Antique Tractor Club, a few from the Car Nutz Car Club of Newport NH, and the Unity NH Fire Department displayed vehicles on the complex green, to the delight of all who attended!

As, always, it’s wonderful to see such community turn out for this event and we’d like to take this opportunity to thank those who attended; the County taxpayers; the families who have loved ones at the Sullivan County Health Care nursing home in long term care, respite or using physical & occupational therapy services there; and those who took tours of the facilities during the event and enjoyed all that the County lands have to offer – from Jessie’s & the Unity Mountain trails, to the Bee Pollinator and Community gardens ... thank you for joining us.

If you were unable to attend the event and would like to schedule a tour of the buildings or lands, or get more information about County programs and services, please call us at (603) 863-2560 Mon.-Fri. 8am-4pm, leave a voice mail message after hours, or email:

commissioners@sullivancountynh.gov.

Signed,

County Board of Commissioners Jeffrey Barrette, Bennie Nelson & George Hebert; County Manager Derek Ferland; SCHC Administrator Ted Purdy; DOC Supt. David Berry Jr.; Facilities & Operations Director Mary Bourque; Natural Resources Director Lionel Chute; and, Registrar of Deeds Janet Gibson

Cortez Masto, Schumer, Klobuchar and Hassan Introduce Legislation to Deter Illegal Robocalls

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) has introduced the Deter Obnoxious, Nefarious, and Outrageous Telephone (DO NOT) Call Act of 2019 with Senators Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) and Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.). This legislation will improve enforcement and enhance penalties for violations made under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA). Though the current statute outlaws initiating a robocall without the consent of an individual, these calls continue to surge. In 2017 alone, over 30.5 billion robocalls were initiated. These calls are generally illegal and are frequently used to defraud and scam elderly Americans. In 2015, Americans lost \$7.4 billion to telephone scams.

“Not only are robocalls a nuisance to Nevadans, they’re often used to target the most vulnerable in America and defraud seniors of their hard earned savings,” said Senator Cortez Masto. “It’s time for Congress to act and put stronger penalties on those who would initiate illegal robocall scams that defraud Americans of their money.”

“Every single day, Americans across the country and throughout New York are inundated by deceitful, unwanted robocalls,” said Senator Schumer. “These calls defraud Americans of billions of dollars each year, and often target the elderly and the vulnerable. This critical legislation will give law enforcement the resources they need to stop robocall predators and hold them accountable for their abuse.”

“Most robocalls aren’t just unwanted and disruptive – they are illegal, and often target seniors and vulnerable Americans,” said Senator Klobuchar. “Our legislation will give law enforcement the tools they need to crack down on scammers and deter criminals from abusing robocalls.”

Zullo Resigns from Claremont City Council

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont City Councilor Jeremy Zullo has resigned from the Council. In a brief statement to the Council dated June 10, Zullo wrote:

"Mayor Lovett and Council Members,
"It is with deep regret that I need to resign from the City Council. I've taken on another business endeavor and am unable to devote the time to the Council and taxpayers that this position deserves and requires.

"It's been a privilege and honor working with you all.

"Sincerely,
"Jeremy Zullo".

Zullo did not attend Wednesday night Council's meeting.

The Council will now be seeking someone to appoint to his seat. Those interested will find an application at: <http://www.claremontnh.com/government/boards-and-committees/default.aspx>.

WCCMA Concert Series

July 15, 6:30pm

Bassel and the Supernaturals*

Chicago-based funk band with a Syrian soul
Outdoor concert at Broad Street Park

July 20, 6:30pm

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Triumphant horns from America's Golden Age
of band music

July 27, 6:30pm

Kinan Azmeh and Dinuk Wijeratne, with City-Band*

Celebrated artists from "The Art of the Duo" collaborate with the virtuosic CityBand in a high-energy night fusing classical, jazz, and Middle Eastern originals.

August 3, 6:30pm

Aardvark Jazztet *

Members of the legendary Aardvark Jazz Orchestra play standards from the songbook of the jazz greats

August 17, 6:30pm

Delphi Trio *

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*Concerts part of the 2-day Music Experience with Saint-Gaudens Memorial (sgnhs.org), and immersive opportunity to explore great artists across 2 days/2 locations.

Concerts are presented at Union Episcopal Church, 133 Old Church Rd, Claremont, NH. All concerts are by freewill donation.

Recycled Percussion Performance Rescheduled

CLAREMONT, NH—According to an official statement released by the Claremont Opera House on behalf of Recycled Percussion, "The Recycled Percussion show [scheduled for] Saturday, June 22, at the Claremont Opera House has been rescheduled to Saturday, August 10, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

"The postponement is due to a broken leg suffered by Tony Zane, the dancer/roller skater on the current tour.

"All tickets will be honored for the new date."

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Petrin and Maverick demonstrated basic commands, such as heel. Petrin's commands were in German: Maverick had learned to respond only to his handler and in that language, so no one else could interfere with his police work. Maverick then sniffed out the one box that contained cocaine (he sniffed and ignored two empty ones). Lee explained that drug detection was a big part of police work; Maverick had learned that certain smells were "on the list" of illegal drugs, and these were what he would react to in a drug search. Maverick also "attacked" Lee — in reality, the captain put on a large padded sleeve and played the part of "the bad guy". Maverick, trained to think of a sleeve — and a suspect — as a chew toy, sank his teeth into the sleeve, releasing his jaws only on Petrin's command.

About two dozen students got to ask questions.

Q. Does Maverick work a lot?

A. He's called out to do his job almost every day. The night before last, we had to track down a suspect. Maverick found him on the golf course. He didn't resist arrest, which was the smart thing to do, or else Maverick might have had to jump on him like you saw just now.

Q. Where does Maverick live?

A. He's with Sgt. Petrin 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If we need them when they're technically off-duty, they'll report in as a team.

Q. What if Maverick has to follow two suspects?

A. He'll follow one suspect and find him, then do the same for the other one.

Q. What happens if Sgt. Petrin is sick?

A. The department calls in another handler so Maverick can keep working.

Q. How long will Maverick work for the police?

A. Usually K-9 officers work until they're 9, but they could work longer if they're still performing at a high level.

"Well, you've seen Maverick do all he's been trained to do," said Lee.

"Can we see him bite again?" one middle-schooler called out.

"Sure," said Lee — and Maverick lunged at the sleeve and brought Lee down to the floor — to cheers and applause.



Top: Identifying the box that has cocaine; Sgt. Tyler and Capt. Lee put on a demonstration of Maverick's training.



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Health Needs Assessment Survey Due July 9th

SPRINGFIELD, VT—The Springfield Area Community Collaborative is conducting a community health needs assessment and encourages participation by residents in all area communities. The Collaborative is a workgroup that includes several area agencies:

Chester/Andover Family Center
Edgar May Health & Recreation Center
Greater Falls Connections
HCRS
Neighborhood Connections
OneCare VT
SEVCA
Senior Solutions
Southern Vermont AHEC
Springfield Medical Care Systems
Valley Health Connections
Vermont Agency of Human Services
Vermont Department of Health

Online completion of the survey is encouraged through the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BK5GY5Q>.

If paper copies are preferred/needed, please call 802-885-7686 to request a supply.

The Needs Assessment will help us determine the need for specific healthcare services throughout the region. The assessment process will be completed by September 30th and the final report will be made available to the public online and in paper format upon request.

The deadline to complete the survey is July 9th, 2019.

All are encouraged to complete the survey.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Anna Smith, Springfield Medical Care Systems at 802-885-7621 or email annasmith@springfieldmed.org.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

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The Historical Society will present the program "20th Century Cornish Farming and Lifestyle Practices". Jim and Sue Fitch and Martha and Dean Zoerheide will share recol-

lections of their grandparents' early 20th century Cornish farming and lifestyle practices. They will show some of the tools and equipment used at a time without modern conveniences. Audience members will be encouraged to add their own recollections in order to pave the way for us. Town Office Building at 488 Townhouse Rd., Cornish, NH.

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Budget Season is Winding Down

For families with school-aged children, the month of June marks the end of classes and the beginning of summer. For the State of New Hampshire, Sullivan County and Claremont, June signals the end of the budgetary process. If all goes well, the adopted budget reflects compromise, addressing agreed upon priorities within an accepted funding framework.

On June 12, Senate Majority Leader Dan Feltes and our Senator, Martha Hennessey, traveled to Claremont to hold a press conference with me in front of City Hall. During the press conference the Senators highlighted areas of the Senate's proposed budget and the impact that it would have on Claremont. It contained provisions that would provide Claremont with additional funding for infrastructure improvements and education, and resources for the prevention of childhood lead poisoning.

Should the Senate's budget remain unchanged, Claremont would receive an additional \$333,485.38 of unrestricted municipal aid in each year of the upcoming biennium (FY20 and FY21). The City could use this money to address infrastructure needs that have been deferred for many years. In terms of education funding, the Senate's budget includes an additional \$1,209,622 and \$2,439,422 for FY20 and FY21 respectively. The budget also includes \$3M to help homeowners and landlords address lead in homes, and staffing at the Department of Health and Human Services to support universal blood lead level screening and prevention efforts.

It is not by chance that the Senate's budget includes increased infrastructure and education funding, and resources to address childhood lead poisoning. Claremont residents have joined the voices of many others throughout NH advocating for this throughout

the budgetary process, and it has worked. The Governor, House and Senate have all recognized these areas in their budget. However, the approaches and funding levels differ.

The final stage of the budget process at the Statehouse is about to begin. A Committee of Conference has been established. It will be the work of the legislators assigned to the Committee to find compromise regarding the differences in the proposed House and Senate budgets. The Committee must reach agreement by June 20 in order for both the House and Senate to address changes proposed by the Committee of Conference on June 27. Should the Legislature agree upon a budget, it will move forward to the Governor's office for signature.

While all of this is occurring in Concord, both Sullivan County and the City of Claremont are also completing their budgets. Because the public hearing for the Sullivan County budget occurred on the same evening as the City Council on June 12, members of the Council could not attend. However, the Executive Finance Committee will be meeting on June 17 at 1pm at the Ahern building in Unity. It will be their responsibility to consider public comments in the context of the Commissioner's proposed budget and make a recommendation to the full County delegation on June 28. The Commissioners' proposed budget contains an 8.25% increase, but the County delegation still has the option of making changes to the proposed budget.

Finally, the Claremont City Council is considering some modest changes to the city manager's proposed budget. In May, Interim City Manager John MacLean presented a budget to the Council that had no increase to the tax rate. Included in his proposed budget was a list of supplementals requested by Department Directors. The Council, based on its own deliberations and input from the public, will decide whether changes should be made to the proposed budget. On June 19 at 6:30pm the Council will meet to determine what the final budget should be. Public hearings will be held during the meeting and there will be ample time for input and discussion.

Public input is critical to any budgetary process. Thank you to all who have traveled to Concord or contacted legislators during the State's budgetary process. To those who have reached out to County delegates or Claremont City Councilors, and attended public hearings, thank you. It requires a significant amount of

time and effort, but your voices are being heard.

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

Change of Plans for Newport Opera House Activities for Young People

NEWPORT, NH—The Newport Opera House Association (NOHA) announced that they are postponing their popular Summer Drama Camp for this year but are planning on rescheduling for 2020.

"We are disappointed that we had to delay our Summer Camp until next year but we are looking forward to the Camp's return in 2020," said Meg Cowan, Executive Director of NOHA. "We are very excited, though, that our Play Writing Festival is still on as part of the Corbin Covered Bridge Celebration coming up this Columbus Day Weekend," Cowan continued.

NOHA's Play Writing Festival is open to 4th through 7th grade students from local schools. Budding playwrights are asked to put pen to paper and create a dramatic piece about the celebrated Corbin Covered Bridge focusing on its history or a personal experience featuring the bridge or even a fantasy where it is part of the dreamscape.

Six winners will be selected; three from students in grades 4 and 5, and three from students in grades 6 and 7. The winning plays will be staged at the historic Newport Opera House with performances taking place on Friday, October 11. Each play should consist of approximately 5 pages and they must arrive at the NOHA office no later than June 30. The Play Writing Festival is open to young people from all communities.

For more information about the contest, contact the NOHA at 863-2412 or via email at info@newportoperahouse.com.

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RANDOLPH, VT—On Wednesday, June 19 at 1:00 p.m. at the Randolph Senior Center, Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) will be hosting an educational event titled “Tick Talk Vermont: Tips and Tricks for Avoiding Tick Borne Illnesses”. Topics will include: types of ticks and the diseases they carry, how to identify symptoms that you may experience after a bite, and how to be proactive in preventing tick bites.



The chances of contracting a tick borne illness is very high in the Green Mountain State. According to the Vermont Department of Health, Vermont has the second highest rate of reported Lyme disease cases in the U.S. Tick borne illnesses are not only treatable, but most are preventable. Tick Talk Vermont aims to prepare you to fully enjoy the warmer months in Vermont.

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a non-profit organization that has provided home health and hospice care services in Vermont and New Hampshire since 1907.

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- Experience with email marketing.
- Demonstrated skills with Google Analytics and digital metrics/campaign performance.
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30 Local Leaders Graduate from Leadership Upper Valley

Vital Communities congratulates its 13th graduating class

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VT—Vital Communities celebrated the graduation of the Leadership Upper Valley Class of 2019 on Wednesday, June 12. The commencement ceremony marks the program's 13th graduating class, as 30 local leaders completed the 10-month program with a deeper understanding of the challenges, opportunities, and wealth of resources in the Upper Valley.

"For more than a decade, Leadership Upper Valley has introduced rising community leaders to the complicated issues the region faces and challenged them to produce fresh and innovative solutions," said Rob Schultz, manager of Leadership Upper Valley at Vital Communities. "The members of this year's class span a wide range: from employees of small businesses and nonprofits to the largest employers in the area, as well as from all reaches of the Upper Valley. The breadth of their perspectives allowed them to forge unique connections and bring new ideas to their work. Leadership Upper Valley helps participants know our region, know themselves and have a strong network to support their leadership."

This year's Leadership Upper Valley graduates include:

Andrea Brown, Bar Harbor Bank & Trust
Bryan Huot, LaValley Building Supply
Cindy Stevens, Claremont Soup Kitchen
Donna Girot, CATV
Erin Wetherell, Upper Valley Haven
Heide Scheurer, Kendal at Hanover
Jane Hague, St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Jill Dorman, Co-op Food Stores
Jill Ross, David's House
Kathleen Romano, Community Member
Kendra Colburn, Equity Solutions VT
Kirsten Vigneault, Dartmouth-Hitchcock
Lauren Whittlesey, Resource Systems Group

Lionel Chute, Sullivan County New Hampshire
Melissa Mellen, West Lebanon Feed & Supply
Michael Urnezis, Ledyard National Bank
Mitchell Stagnone, Tyler, Simms & St. Sauveur CPAs
Monique Priestley, The Space on Main
Nancy Sansevere, Hypertherm
Nikki Ranieri, Upper Valley Humane Society
Pamela Piper, Community Member
Rachel Darrow, Vital Communities
Robert Mayo, A.B. Gile
Sara Lang, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation
Sarah Hastings
Shelly Bragg, Geokon
Sylvie Desautels, Namaste Gardens
Tausha Shute, Claremont Savings Bank
Trina Ashline, Mascoma Bank
Wayne Miller, Center for Recovery Resources

Leadership Upper Valley runs annually from September through June. Each month, students spend a full day together learning from subject-area experts about a different aspect of the region, like Health & Human Services, Arts & the Creative Economy, Transportation & Livable Communities and more. Residents and employees in Vital Communities' 69-town Upper Valley service area are invited to apply each spring.

Learn more at vitalcommunities.org/leadershipuppervalley.

Four Members Elected to NHEC Board of Directors

PLYMOUTH, NH—New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) announced the results of the election for its Board of Directors. This year four director positions were open for election by the members, with six individuals running. The four candidates elected by NHEC's members were Tom Mongeon of Rumney, Sharon Davis of Campton, Carolyn Kedersha of Tuftonboro and Alana Albee of Tuftonboro. Mongeon and Kedersha were both incumbents, seeking election to their second terms. Davis will be returning to the board after having previously served as a director from 2003-2018, and Albee will be serving her first term as a director.


NHEC members also overwhelmingly approved an amendment to the NHEC Code of Bylaws. The amendment provides a procedure for the Board to directly enforce the existing director qualification requirements and is a product of NHEC's periodic review of its bylaws and policies intended to keep its governance documents up-to-date and in line with industry best practices.

Below are the results of the 2019 election.

Thomas Mongeon	3,953
Sharon Davis	3,945
Carolyn Kedersha	3,675

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Alana Albee	3,299
Harry Blood	3,277
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Bylaw Amendment

Yes	4,897
No	408

NHEC is a member-led cooperative that is governed by an 11-member Board of Directors, who are elected by the members they serve.

King Arthur Flour Announces Voluntary Flour Product Recall

NORWICH, VT—King Arthur Flour, Inc., announced Wednesday, June 13, that in cooperation with ADM Milling Company, the Norwich-based company is voluntarily recalling 14,218 cases of 5 lb. Unbleached All-Purpose Flour due to the potential presence of Escherichia coli bacteria (E. coli).

The recalled Unbleached All-Purpose Flour (5 lb.) was distributed through retailers and distributors nationwide. No products sold through the company's website, Baker's Catalogue, the Baker's Store in Norwich, VT, or the Baking School in Burlington, WA, are included in this voluntary recall, said King Arthur Flour in a statement.

The product affected by this voluntary recall is the Unbleached All-Purpose Flour (5 lb.) from these six specific lot codes and three Best Used By dates, which can be found on the bottom of the side panel, below the nutrition facts panel:

BEST USED BY 12/07/19 LOT: L18A07C
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 BEST USED BY 12/14/19 LOTS: L18A14A, L18A14B, L18A14C

E. coli causes a diarrheal illness often with bloody stools. Although most healthy adults can recover completely within a week, some people can develop a form of kidney failure called Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS). HUS is most likely to occur in young children and the elderly. The condition can lead to serious kidney damage and even death.


King Arthur has been informed by ADM Milling Co. that certain wheat used to make these lots of King Arthur flour has been linked to an ongoing outbreak of E. coli infections. No illnesses have been reported

to date in connection with King Arthur flour.

Consumers who have any of these affected products should not consume them and should throw them away or return them to the place of purchase for credit or refund.

Related information can be found online at kingarthurfour.com/voluntaryrecall. Customers with any questions regarding this recall or King Arthur Flour products are encouraged to call the King Arthur Flour Consumer Hotline 7 days a week/24 hours a day at 866-797-9178.





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Twin State Radio Club to participate in 2019 Amateur Radio “Field Day” June 22 – 23

HANOVER, NH—Members of the Twin State Radio Club, Inc. (TSRC) and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) will be participating in the nationwide Amateur Radio Field Day disaster communications exercise, June 22 – 23 at the Frances C. Richmond Middle School playing fields in Hanover, NH. Since 1933, ham radio operators across North America have established temporary communications facilities in public locations during Field Day to demonstrate disaster readiness and showcase the science and skill of Amateur Radio. TSRC has been participating in Field Day since the club's founding 64 years ago.

This event is free and open to the public and all are encouraged to visit anytime between 2pm Saturday June 22 until 2pm Sunday June 23. Members of the public will have the opportunity to get hands-on radio experience, see the latest in radio technology, learn about digital and satellite communications as well as learn about how they can get involved in Amateur Radio.

For more than 100 years, Amateur Radio — sometimes called “ham” radio — allows people from all walks of life to experiment with electronics and communications technologies, as well as provide a free public service to their communities during disasters, all without needing a phone or the Internet. Field Day demonstrates ham radio's ability to work reliably under any conditions from almost any location and create an independent communications network. Over 35,000 people from thousands of locations participated in Field Day in 2018.

“Amateur Radio provides critical communications and relief services in the wake of disasters ranging from the California Wildfires, to tornado outbreaks and historic flooding in the midwest, as well as after Hurricanes Maria, Irma and Harvey when the entire power and communications infrastructure were down for extended periods of time,” said Dan MacMartin, president of TSRC. “In the aftermath of disasters like these often entire regions are left with no power, no landline and no cell phone service, Amateur Radio is often the sole means of communications in disaster affected areas and Amateur Radio Operators help establish communications and help coordinate relief efforts. Exercises like Field Day help Amateurs around the country develop skills

necessary to provide assistance when disaster strikes. It gives us an opportunity to practice deploying portable communications facilities and operating under emergency power in challenging conditions.”

“It's easy for anyone to pick up a computer or smartphone, connect to the Internet and communicate, with no knowledge of how the devices function or connect to each other,” said Sean Kutzko of the American Radio Relay League®, the national association for Amateur Radio. “But if there's an interruption of service or you're out of range of a cell tower, you have no way to communicate. Ham radio functions completely independent of any infrastructure, can interface with tablets or smartphones, and can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. Hams can literally throw a wire in a tree for an antenna, connect it to a battery-powered transmitter and communicate halfway around the world. In today's electronic do-it-yourself (DIY) environment, ham radio remains one of the best ways for people to learn about electronics, physics, meteorology, and numerous other scientific disciplines, and is a huge asset to any community during disasters if the standard communication infrastructure goes down.”

Twin State Radio Club is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization that provides an educational resource to members and the public for Amateur Radio, electronic communications and related technology and helps make it easy for anybody in the Upper Valley to get involved in ham radio and join the over 725,000 licensed hams in the US. The club provides and maintains communications facilities and equipment designed to facilitate day-to-day communications between licensed Amateurs, and provides communications support for public service events and in times of emergency. In July, as it has for over 30 years, TSRC will be coordinating the efforts of nearly 50 regional Amateur Radio operators and providing extensive communications support for the 38th annual Prouty Century Ride.

For more information about Field Day, contact Dave Colter wa1zcn@myfairpoint.net; visit www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio and the TSRC at www.w1fn.org to learn more.

Upcoming Cyanobacteria Monitor Training

SPRINGFIELD, VT—The Black River Action Team is hosting a cyanobacteria (toxic blue-green algae) monitoring training session on Thursday, July 18th, from 5:30 - 7:00 PM in Springfield VT. Directions and parking information will be given upon registration with Angela Shambaugh by emailing angela.shambaugh@vermont.gov, or by calling BRAT Director Kelly Stettner and leaving your contact information at (802) 738-0456.

If you or anyone you know goes swimming, boating, fishing, tubing, wading, or otherwise recreating in a lake, pond, or even slow section of river, you need this information. If your dog goes in the water, you need this information. A cyanobacteria bloom can be harmful to your health and your pet's health.

Everyone is welcome, information is not limited to just Vermont.

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Hospice Volunteer Training

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Saturday, September 21, 9:00 am - Noon
Wednesday, September 25, 5:30 - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, October 2, 5:30 - 8:00 pm

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Smart Financial Moves for 'Gig' Economy Workers

Not that long ago, most people worked for some type of an organization, such as a business or the government or a school district. But today, more and more workers are going their own way and joining what's known as the "gig" economy. If you will be one of them, you'll want to make the right moves to advance your financial goals in what can be a challenging work environment.

But first, you may find some comfort in knowing the prevalence of gig work. About 36 percent of U.S. workers are now gig workers, according to a study from the Gallup organization, which defines the gig economy as one made up of a variety of arrangements – independent contractors, online platform workers, contract workers, on-call workers, temporary workers and freelancers. People join the gig economy for many reasons, but most of them, like you, could benefit by considering these actions:

Establish your own retirement plan. When you're a full-time employee, your employer may offer a 401(k) or similar retirement plan. But as a gig worker, you need to save for your own retirement. Fortunately, you've got a lot of attractive options. Depending on your circumstances, you might be able to open a SEP-IRA or even a "solo" or "owner-only" 401(k), which offers many of the same features of an employer-sponsored 401(k). Both these plans allow you to make pre-tax contributions, which can lower your taxable income. Plus, your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis. (Keep in mind that taxes will be due upon withdrawal, and any withdrawals you make before you turn 59 ½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.)

Create an emergency fund. Working in the gig economy can bring rewards and risks. And one of those risks is unpredictable – and often uneven – cash flow. This can be a cause for concern during times when you face a large unexpected expense, such as a major car repair or medical bill. To avoid dipping in to your long-term investments to pay for these costs, you should establish an emergency fund containing at least six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account.

Address your protection needs. Many companies provide some life insurance as a benefit to their employees, though the coverage is often inadequate. But, as is the case with your retirement plan, you will need to meet your own protection needs if you work in the gig economy. In addition to purchasing enough life insurance to protect your family, you also may want to consider disability insurance. A financial professional can help you determine what types of coverage, and how much, you require.

Keep track of your expenses. If you do your gig work out of your home, you may be able to deduct some of your expenses – phone lines, utilities, internet, newspapers, equipment, mileage and so on – from your taxes. Consequently, you will need to track all these costs. And you will need to consult with your tax advisor on what can, and can't, be claimed as a business necessity. These aren't the only moves you may need to make as a gig worker – but they can help provide you with a steady path in a world in which you can't always tell what lies around the corner.

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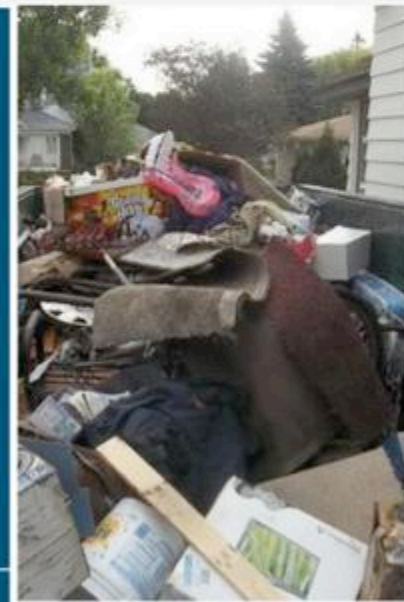
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City Manager Search Update

CLAREMONT, NH—Asst. Mayor Allen Damren provided an update at the Wednesday City Council meeting. He said that 56 applications had been received and that the search committee had set aside 13 to be examined further. Damren said they have settled on interview questions that will be done via phone and that they are looking toward the end of June to have the first interviews done here as the phone interviews will precede the in-person interviews. He added that they have “very good candidates.”

Damren said that they are looking for a start date for the new City manager to fall within the first two weeks of August.

Interim City Manager John MacLean said he was optimistic “you will have a new City manager by August.” He said he would be preparing a hand-off letter to the council regarding the status of ongoing projects.

No discussions regarding salary—up to \$130,000—or benefits, relocation cap, etc., have been discussed with applicants yet.

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll



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It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus

Soup's On!



I know that this isn't the season to be talking about soup, but I was coerced into it. My wife had this wonderful chicken soup and got her friend to give her the recipe. Now, we all know I don't make soup. I've tried and never had any success until now. I had been making a huge mistake and didn't realize it until I read to the bottom of this recipe. Revelation!

If it's too warm for you to try this now, you should save this until Fall. I just made this last week and it is wonderful. So here goes and I'll fill you in on my past mistake at the end.

Jordyne's Marvelous Chicken Soup

2 quarts low sodium chicken broth
2 onions diced
4 carrots diced
4 stalks celery diced
1 1/2 teaspoons dried sage
1 1/2 teaspoons dried thyme
4 black peppercorns
4 whole cloves
2 Bay Leaves
1/2 pound curly noodles (1/2 bag)
3/4 pound cooked chicken diced

Cook chicken with salt and pepper in oven until done. Set aside and dice when cool.

Put all ingredients EXCEPT noodles and the chicken in a large pot and cook for 1 to 2 hours, or until carrots are soft. Add chicken, continue to cook over low heat.

Cook the noodles separately and add them to each bowl to prevent them from falling apart. Sometimes I use egg noodles instead.

When I got to the end of the recipe, I suddenly realized what I had been doing wrong all this time. I had been adding lentils, noodles, or rice early on in the process. They absorbed a lot of liquid and made paste instead of soup. I should have held off and added any of that until just before serving. This time I used cooked rice and added it just before serving. Between the kitchen and dining room the rice absorbed just enough and the result was very good.

Now this may not be news to most of you, but for me it was enlightening.

I also found out the when a recipe calls for low sodium, it allows the cook to season to their taste. You don't have to deal with someone's idea of enough salt. It gives the cook more flexibility. I always thought low sodium was for health reasons. Maybe it started that way, but I see it differently now. I see a lot of things differently as I get more experienced. Pam may substitute “older”, but that's OK, too. *(Editor's note: I'll give you a pass on this one, Johnny...)*

Sweet pepper sauce works great on hot dogs, too, not just sausages. Play with your food. All the best cooks do.

Write to Johnny at etickernews@gmail.com.

Above and Beyond

Claremont PD Works to Meet 'Gold Standard' of International Accrediting Agency

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—"Yes, it's voluntary. And yes, it takes a lot of work. But this is the right thing to do. Why wouldn't every agency aim for accreditation?"

Mark Chase, Claremont's Chief of Police, is clearly dedicated to law enforcement standards that provide best practices related to life, health and safety procedures. That's why he's continued the department's membership in CALEA, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. CALEA provides the most comprehensive, disciplined — and yes, challenging — framework for addressing high risk issues in a contemporary environment.

CALEA is a private, non-profit corporation founded in 1979. Its purpose is to develop public safety standards and administer an accreditation process through which agencies can demonstrate that they voluntarily meet professionally-recognized criteria for excellence in management and service delivery. It is the foremost public safety credentialing authority in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

The Claremont Police Department began its journey in 2005. The initial phase included development of a compliant, written-directive system as well as a review and update of systems, equipment and training. In November 2009 it became a CALEA-Recognized department. It gained Law Enforcement Accreditation status in November 2012, and was reaccredited in November 2015.

In each four-year period, the department submits annual reports and participates in annual remote web-based assessments. The fourth year brings an on-site assessment.

Claremont's on-site assessment begins today. The CALEA team is made up of public safety practitioners from similar, out-of-state agencies. They will review written materials; ride along with officers; interview business leaders, elected officials and educators; and visit offices and other locations where compliance can be witnessed.

In the spirit of community involvement, the public can comment on the reaccreditation process.

Maintaining compliance with the standards under which the department was initially accredited is an exacting, time-consuming process. Bill Wilmot wouldn't have it any other way. In 2005 as a newly retired Deputy Chief, he was hired as a part-time Accreditation Manager. Ever since, he's guided the department through the process with the precision it requires.

In order to be reaccredited at the basic, "tier 1" program level, the Claremont PD must comply with 189 of 459 standards, including a **Code of Ethics (1.1.2)**, **Military Deployment and Reintegration (22.1.9)** and **Records, Maintenance and Security (26.2.2)**. (A look at three standards reveals their complexity.

Following the several standards relating to Evidence has resulted in reduced legal risks for the department. CALEA accreditation is widely acknowledged and respected by the courts, and has been a major factor in judgments in favor of Claremont. The wealth of detail that informs the recording and reporting of evidence can also stop a case in its tracks. Wilmot relates how a lawyer phoned to say he was going to base his client's defense on evidence. "Did you know we're CALEA certified?" asked Wilmot. "Oh. No ..." was the lawyer's reply, and he hung up. "Even the City's insurance agent gave us a pat on the back," says Wilmot, "for saving a lot of legal fees."

The standard on **Pursuit of Motor Vehicles (41.2.2)** reflects the evolution of such incidents. When Wilmot was first with the force, pursuits — the high-speed chases and crashes that made it to the evening news —

were fairly common. Too common, he says, as agencies began to realize that they were often for minor incidents, and some resulted in injury or death to other motorists. These days, Claremont officers will evaluate the situation and initiate a pursuit for only the most serious crimes, such as a robbery or a shooting — but always, states Wilmot, "with an eye to the safety of the motoring public." (See Pursuit of Motor Vehicles sidebar.)

Many standards address the **Use of Force**. If an incident involves anything beyond normal handcuff procedures, officers must file a use of force report. "Beyond normal" might include tasers, pepper spray, baton, wrestling to the ground or discharge of a firearm. A non-accredited agency may — informally and volun-

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tarily — report use of force. In contrast, the CALEA standard requires that each officer involved in an incident file a report. In 2018, according to Wilmot, Claremont had 42 incidents that produced 70 reports.

On his PC, Wilmot manages the program that follows, records and reports on compliance. A screen displays each standard, related written directives and proof of compliance. Proof can be a document or even a photograph, such as one showing that officers responding to a traffic accident are wearing reflective clothing.

The program is also the starting point for a series of tasks. Claremont reports crime statistics to the FBI through NIBRS (National Incident-Based Reporting System). Command staff (senior officers) periodically reviews the reports, looking for trends and patterns. Use of force incidents, for example, tend to involve a 30-year-old male, who is impaired by alcohol and/or drugs, and is emotionally disturbed. Administrative analysis of the data should be predictive, Wilmot points out, in order to make critical decisions for the department and, where feasible, adjust policies and procedures.

From time to time the department needs a new standard. This could be due to a new one issued by CALEA, State law or the purchase of new equipment such as body cameras. Claremont can rely on the CALEA network to help devise the appropriate standard. For example, Claremont didn't have a K-9 policy before Maverick joined the force in 2018 to partner with Sgt. Tyler Petrin. Wilmot contacted other accredited agencies, who shared their policies. He adapted parts of theirs, judged "what made sense for Claremont" and wrote up the standard. Chase and Command Staff — including Capt. Stephen Lee, who had nine years of K-9 experience with the New Hampshire State Police — reviewed and approved it. The Police Commission voted to add it to the policies & procedures manual. It's now standard **41.1.5 — Police Service Canines**.

Further support comes from Wilmot's colleagues in NNEPAC (Northern New England Police Accreditation Coalition). The working group meets monthly in Concord to discuss topics of interest. Peer review and assistance are other critical benefits of CALEA membership. Agencies even perform mock assessments for other members to help them get ready for the next formal CALEA assessment.

All of this work supports Claremont PD's overall mission to be transparent and accountable. "Securing our re-accreditation from CALEA is part of our effort to be the best our department can be," says Chase. "It's a lot of extra work, but definitely worth it."



Chief of Police Mark Chase reviews a CALEA-compliant standard written by Accreditation Manager Bill Wilmot, left. Following Chase's approval, the Police Commission votes on adopting the standard. New standards are added to the department's policies & procedures manual. Two thick binders of the current manual contrast sharply with the small goldenrod-colored one, which dates from the 1970. (Eric Zengota photo).

Pursuit of Motor Vehicles

41.2.2

(M M M M) (LE1) Pursuit of Motor Vehicles

A written directive governs pursuit of motor vehicles, to include:

- a. evaluating the circumstances;
- b. initiating officer's responsibilities;
- c. designating secondary unit's responsibilities;
- d. specifying roles and restrictions pertinent to marked, unmarked, or other types of police vehicle involvement in the pursuit;
- e. assigning dispatcher's responsibilities;
- f. describing supervisor's responsibilities;
- g. specifying when to terminate pursuit;
- h. engaging in inter and intrajurisdictional pursuits involving personnel from the agency and/or other jurisdictions;
- i. requiring a written report and an administrative review of each pursuit;
- j. conducting a documented annual analysis of pursuit reports; and
- k. conducting a documented annual review of pursuit policies and reporting procedures.

Commentary

The agency should have clear-cut policies and procedures for pursuits. All sworn personnel should be provided with this written directive. Agencies may wish to consider frequent discussion and review of these policies/procedures during shift briefings and/or in-service training sessions.

A review of incidents involving vehicle pursuits may reveal patterns or trends that indicate training needs and/or policy modifications. The absence of pursuit reports does not remove the requirement of reviewing the policies, procedures and practices associated with the reporting process. (M M M M) (LE1)

ON JUNE 6&7, 2019 AFTER GRADUATION - THE STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2019 WAS ABLE TO COME TOGETHER AND CELEBRATE, ALL WHILE EATING (SO. MUCH. FOOD.), PARTICIPATING IN (TOO MANY TO LIST THEM ALL) GAMES AND ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING "GAGA BALL", WHICH WAS A HUGE HIT ALL NIGHT LONG-GOOGLE IT!), LISTENING TO MUSIC, SOME WATCHED THE BRUINS GAME FOLLOWED BY HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3 – SENIOR YEAR, (A FEW SNUCK IN A NAP), FUN WAS HAD AT THE PHOTOBOOTH, SOME PLAYED BINGO, WENT SWIMMING, OTHERS TOOK TO A BLINDFOLDED MAKE UP CHALLENGE! SOME EVEN PLAYED MUSICAL CHAIRS AND DUCK DUCK GOOSE! ALL WHILE WINNING PRIZES! AT THE END OF THE NIGHT THEY WERE SERVED BREAKFAST AND THEN IT WAS (FINALLY) TIME FOR THE RAFFLES.

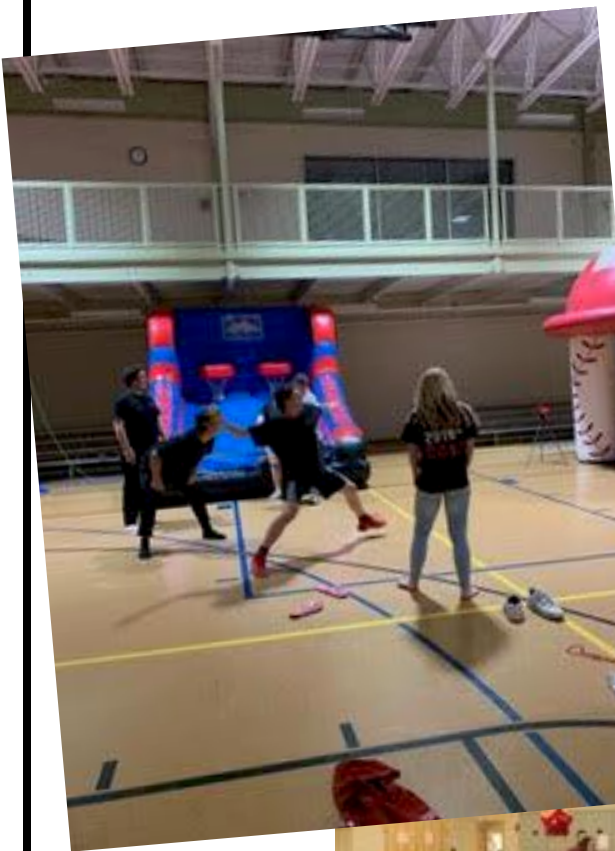
AT 5AM WE SENT THEM EACH ON THEIR WAY, WITH SOME PRETTY SPECTACULAR GIFT PACKAGES!

THE STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL POST GRAD COMMITTEE AS WELL AS THE CLASS OF 2019 WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES, ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THIS ANNUAL - ALL NIGHT - SUBSTANCE FREE EVENT, COULD NOT HAVE GONE ON WITHOUT THE GENEROSITY OF EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS.

WE LIVE IN AN AMAZING COMMUNITY AND WANT YOU ALL TO KNOW HOW MUCH WE AND THE CLASS OF 2019 APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY THROUGHOUT THESE PAST 10 MONTHS!



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PRIDE Day in Claremont Draws Vendors, Large Crowd Saturday



Left: Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand; TLC's Maggie Monroe-Cassel shows her skills flipping a crepe; the flag in Broad St. Park; Pride flag around a young woman's shoulders; Matt Mooshian, Committee Chairman at Rural Outright, with the proclamation from the NH House; supportive buttons.

Photos by Eric Zengota

Over 50 vendors and several hundred people filled Barnes Park on Saturday to take part in Rural PRIDE Day in Claremont. Rural PRIDE is an annual event hosted by Rural Outright, a community program of TLC Family Resource Center, bringing together and celebrating the area's LGBTQ+ community. Booths from local nonprofit organizations and family-friendly vendors as well as performances from local talents were on hand for the event, as well as speakers. Presidential candidate Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand mingled with the crowd, and several other presidential candidates were represented at the park. The rainbow pride flag was raised in the gazebo in Broad St. Park last week, as part of June 15 being officially declared Pride Day in Claremont. A number of City officials attended Saturday's event as well.

\$107,700 in Scholarship Awards Given at the SHS Alumni Banquet

Submitted by Carolyn LeBlanc

CLAREMONT, NH—Following the parade, the Stevens High School Alumni Association annual meeting and luncheon was well attended with a wonderful buffet catered by the Women of the Moose. Plenty of delicious finger rolls, potato salad, macaroni salad, fruit and all the fixings to choose from.

At the annual meeting, the following slate of officers were voted in for 2019 - 2020

Officers:

President – Douglas LeBlanc '63
1st V President – Richard Girard '61
2nd V President – Mary Picknell Woodman '61
Secretary – Janet Mower Eno '62
Asst. Secretary – Beverly Hanks Janelle '53
Treasurer – Carolyn Bowles LeBlanc '62

Executive Board:

Barbara Young Ferland '57
Beverly Hanks Janelle '53
Denise Mozden Liveston '70
Cameron Williams '10
Robert Stringer '61

Nominating Committee:

Heather Girard '06
Elyse Gagnon Crossman '06
Denise Mozden Liveston '70

In Memoriam:

Janet Mower Eno '62

The date for 2020 Stevens Alumni Weekend is set for June 13th, and the theme will be "Board Games".

The banquet was well attended with more than 270 attendees. Dinner was catered by Country Kitchen, under new ownership, Tonya Gibbs, with Yankee Pot Roast. We had many positive compliments about the caterer so you can bet we will have them back again.

Barbara Hoopis Decook '46 received the gift for the oldest attending alumni member and also holds the distinct honor of having attended 73 consecutive reunion banquets. She is quite a lady.

Gary Gardner '69 from Sacramento, CA, received the gift for the furthest away.

The 50 year class, 1969, presented gifts to Stevens High School and Stevens Alumni Association.

Heather Callum '94 gave the welcome to the newest members of the Alumni Association and senior class president, Leeann McCarthy gave the response.

The Rector Priscilla Hull accepted our invitation to attend and give the Invocation and Benediction

Of course, the highlight of the evening was the presentation of the scholarship awards to 74 post grad students and class of 2019 graduates for a total amount of \$107,700.

The following post grad students received awards:

The Currier Perpetual Scholarships go to

Ruth Ramjit	2015
Tre Robidoux	2015
Collin Belt	2016
Sarah Mullen	2016
Hans Schneider	2016
Timothy Berry	2017
Robert (Alex) Carpia	2017
Logan Bonneau	2017
Sierra Meunier	2017
Dylan Sabalewski	2017
Michael Miller	2017
Alexis Parlman	2017
Jennie Morey	2017
Drew Grenier	2018
Bradon Jarvis	2018
Jacob Rider	2018
Taya Simmons	2018
Nicholas Stone	2018
Courtney Gallow	2018

Class of 1945 Memorial Scholarship

Andrew Friend	2017
Emma Shea	2017

Class of 1950 Memorial Scholarship

Colby Hussey	2017
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Class of 1951 In Memory of Beryl McLin Garneau

Jazmyn Griffin	2017
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Class of 1954 In Memory of Beverly Bonneville Michaud

Alaina Bandanza	2016
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Class of 1961 Scholarships

Aidan Cahill	2018
Alyson Lizotte	2016

Class of 1962 Anonymous Donor Scholarships

Haydan Parker	2016
Nate Treadway	2017

Class of 1981 Scholarship	
Mitchell Paquette	2018

The Piwowar Blicharz Scholarship and The Joseph Rosinski Memorial Scholarship	
Sydney Bellimer	2016

Stevens High School Alumni Memorial

Ryan Shattuck	2016
Jack Fitzpatrick	2017
Cody Schoolcraft	2017
Ethan Sweet	2017
L. Amber Duford	2017
Elyse Scott	2018
Emilee Vivian	2018

Rosinski Family Scholarship

Kyle Greene	2017
Rebecca Moody	2017

Class of 2019 Scholarship Recipients

Jessica Powers presented the Barbara G Richards Business Scholarship Award to Abigail Miller.

Connie Kincaid-Brown presented The Duncan Littlefield Music Scholarship to Dean Ferland

Stevens High School Alumni Memorial Scholarships went to the following:

Alyssa Alberto
Hannah Costa
Jennifer Currier
Julianna Davis
Isaiah Forrest
Taelor MacDonald
Emily Currier

The following scholarships are in memory of the named scholarship and some are supplemented by the original memorial fund.

Karsten Kleyensteuber	Guy K.C. Wilson Scholarship
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Ryann Rider	Frederick W. Carr Scholarship
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Hannah Lee	Class of 1935 Scholarship
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Savanna Callum	SHS Class of 1937 Scholarship
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Cameron Eaton Dennis Prudhomme Scholarship and SHS Alumni Memorial

Raegan Burt Rosinski Family Memorial
Ashlyn Marsh Rosinski Family Memorial
Sarah Ruest Rosinski Family Memorial and the Paran Stevens Music Award

Matthew Szelangowski SHS Memorial and Class of 1965 Anonymous Cash Award

Ian Fitzpatrick Mike Brousseau and SHS Alumni

Dean Ferland Dorothy Judd Goodhue Memorial

Kaitlyn Chambers Marie McCarthy Grenier Scholarship

Ethan Johnson Walter Paskevich Music Scholarship

Audrey Puksta Milford Osgood Memorial Scholarship

Tryanna Liolis Class of 1958 Memorial Scholarship

Logan Heino Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship

Ashlee Brown Donald James Rollins Class of 1972 Award and SHS Memorial

Brooke Bonneau Bud and Bucky Tucker Memorial

Madeline Ferland and Samuel E. Heller Family
Brandon Perry Memorial Scholarship

Leeann McCarthy Robert Hughes Scholarship

Abigail Miller Robert B. Averill Scholarship

Hailey LaClair Magoon-Paquette Scholarship

Julia Belaire "Queeney" Quimby Scholarship

Jesse Baril Steve Doody Memorial Scholarship

Sophie Foote Rotary Club/Jeff Patten Memorial

Amilia Parizo and Maddie Vaine both received the Class of 1962 Anonymous donor awards

Mike Cahill on behalf of the Class of 1989 on their 30th reunion, presented two scholarships to Hannah Lee and Reagan Burt

So ends the Stevens Alumni 148th reunion Weekend and now onto 2020 and the 149th reunion for this the "Oldest Active High School Alumni Association in the Country". If anyone has thoughts or ideas to help this organization stay active, do not hesitate to contact us at 603-542-8987.



A number of proclamations were read at Wednesday's City Council meeting. They included, from top left/clockwise: (pictured with Mayor Charlene Lovett), honoring the dedicated work ethic of Norman LeBlanc as a custodian at City Hall, now retired; Peter Companion, retiring after 37 1/2 years with the Claremont DPW; Parks & Rec employee Ivy Condon, for her work in many different community activities and being chosen for the Vital Communities Leadership program; declaring June 15 as Pride Day in Claremont, Matt Mooshian, Committee Chairman at Rural Outright, receiving the proclamation from the mayor. Also recognized with a letter of appreciation was Peg Watson, Asst. Welfare Director, who was asked to fill in as Executive Asst. to the City Manager for several months (Eric Zengota, CCTV photos).

Questions Remain Concerning Application to Open C&D Transfer Station

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Council Chambers was filled with residents attending the June 10th Planning Board meeting, interest generated by the ongoing discussion of an application to open a construction and demolition transfer station on Industrial Blvd. American Recycling is seeking the permit to expand its current business by opening the additional operation. As reported a couple of weeks ago, debris brought in by truck would be sorted, with the C&D loaded onto rail cars to be shipped to the midwest. The company currently recycles material, including metal. An existing building on the property would be removed and the debris trucked in would be deposited on a concrete slab and sorted. Recyclables would go to their existing business across the street while the C&D would be loaded into rail cars for shipment. There is a rail siding on the property, and the owners expect to increase its number of rail cars from five to likely 10. Such cars would have sides but no tops and would depart the property at night.

Many of those attending were concerned over environmental and trucking issues, and a number of residents addressed the board. The operation would see approximately 30 to 50 trucks bringing material to the site daily; not all would be tractor trailer truck size but rather a combination of trucks. If approved, the business would likely receive some 300-500 tons of debris a day.

Janice Lambert, who with husband John, owns a significant amount of property, including where the train station sits, across from Industrial Blvd., said it was almost unheard of to have such an operation with an open air slab. She asked what would happen in the winter time and during big storms. She added that the City had been working hard to get train ridership up and that “We don’t need to be the dumping ground for everyone else’s waste.”

John Lambert said that while American Recycling “is a very good company for recycling metal”, the proposed operation would be dirty, dusty and noisy. “It’s not the right place,” he said.

Others brought up issues related to traffic,

the condition of the roads in Claremont and the effect of continuous heavy loads bearing down on them as well as fine dust traveling towards Maple Ave. and the school located there. Residents of Westwood Village expressed concerns about increased noise levels as well as property values and air quality. A statement from State Rep. Walt Stapleton, who was unable to attend the meeting, was read on his behalf by a friend. In the statement, Stapleton said that he had been in the railroad business for 50 years and with the answers given at the site visit City officials and residents took the previous week, he was favorably impressed with the plan that would include increasing rail siding activity.

Several residents called for the operation to be run inside a building rather than as an open-air business. Reb MacKenzie said the back of her throat “felt caked with dust” from the on-site visit and was one of those calling for it to be a housed operation. Brian Rapp said that Industrial Blvd. was not the right place even though the company “does a good job” with its recycling business, saying that “we would have to deal with dust”, not knowing exactly what’s in it.

The current owners of American Recycling received praise for cleaning up the site compared to past owners and running a “good” operation, including from a couple of employees. The property is leased for its current operation located there.

Francesco Finocchiaro, VP, and David Schiebel, Pres., both spoke in defense of the application; Francesco also said it was “operationally harder” to do inside a building; they also said there is a stormwater pollution prevention plan in place for both sides of the street. The debris would be wet down to contain dust.

Planning Board member Charlene Lovett said that “We as a board have to do some due diligence to address concerns...we haven’t done enough...We’re still in the analysis process...” Board member Bruce Kolenda agreed, saying, “Dust is a big concern.”

With a call to further address the issues of dust, water and noise, the board approved a motion of continuance until the July 22 meeting, something several residents called for.

Steven Graduates Excel

Students Named to President's List at
Plymouth State University

June 7—Some 837 students have been named to the Plymouth State University President's List for the Spring 2019 semester. To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 or better for the Spring 2019 semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

Christine McElreavy, Claremont, NH
Christian Stone, Claremont, NH
Ryan Shattuck, Claremont, NH
Brianna Bailey, Claremont, NH
Mariah Davis, Claremont, NH
Sydney Bellimer, Claremont, NH

Financing Master Class

CLAREMONT, NH—The NH SBDC Finance Master Class provides both start-up and early stage businesses information on how to strategically navigate their way through the many resources available to fund or finance their start-up capital and operating needs. A local banker will make an in-depth presentation on what to expect when applying for bank financing, and what business support resources are available specifically through banking institutions. This event is co-hosted by Patricia Putnam, Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer of Mascoma Bank.

6/19/19, 6 - 7:30 PM

Claremont Makerspace, 46 Main St. Claremont, NH.

To register, please go here:
<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event/2019/6/19/financing-master-class>.

Rights & Responsibilities of Renting

CLAREMONT, NH—Learn the do's and don'ts of renting. Come away with helpful information for any step in the renting process. Presented by United Valley Interfaith Project.

6/22/19 10 am - 12 pm
Claremont Makerspace, 46 Main St. Claremont, NH. To register, please go here:
<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event/2019/6/22/rights-and-responsibilities-of-renting>.



As the school year comes to a close, the Claremont Kiwanis Club would like to recognize the hard work of our Builders Club students at Claremont Middle School and our Key Club students at Stevens High School. These young agents of change are modeling for our community what it means to be service leaders.

