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American Legion Celebrates Its 100th Anniversary

American Legion Centennial Celebration – A Free Event For All Ages

CLAREMONT, NH – American Legion Post 29 cordially invites the public of all ages to join them on the Broad Street Park commons to celebrate the American Legion Centennial on July 28th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Both the Post and the American Legion organization have existed for one hundred years, serving veterans, their families and the community.

The Centennial Celebration begins at 11:00 a.m. and includes games for the kids, prize raffles, a coloring contest, barbecue and live DJ. Municipal parking is readily available along the common. Children and adults of all ages are invited to join in the festivities. This event is free and open to the public.

After the main celebration ends at 4:00 p.m., adults are invited to stop by the American Legion Post across the street and enjoy some refreshment, a finger food potluck, live band, and more raffles. All adults of the public, 21+, are welcome to attend.

The American Legion said it “would like to thank the City of Claremont for allowing them to serve in the community for one hundred years – and hopefully for many more years to come.”

If you are interested in volunteering your time or donating to an organization that serves veterans and family, please visit the American Legion Post at 119 Broad Street or call (603) 542-9222. You may also contact them if you know of any veterans in distress or family members of veterans that require assistance.

Stepping Up to the Plate for Sick Children

Police Officer Fundraising for CHaD, will Play in Battle of the Badges

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—“I just love baseball! And I’ve always wanted to be a policeman,” says Michael Puksta, an officer with the Claremont Police Department. “What better way to combine the two things I love than playing ball to help sick and injured children?”

Puksta will be playing in the 9th annual CHaD Battle of the Badges Baseball Classic on Friday, Aug. 2. Team Police will face off against Team Fire. The players, all volunteers, are law enforcement and fire & rescue personnel from New Hampshire. The game will be held at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium (home of the New Hampshire Fisher Cats) in Manchester, starting at 6pm.

All funds raised will support the Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock. CHaD provides critical services such as support to children in pediatric intensive care and management of chronic illnesses. Funds also provide family support services such as the Family Center and Molly’s Place.

On game day Puksta will be “out in left field”, which in baseball is a positive thing. Actually, it’s his

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Officer Michael Puksta (Eric Zengota photo)



Gilford Man Sentenced to the New Hampshire State Prison for Domestic Violence

NEWPORT, NH – Nathan A. Berg, 27, of Gilford, NH, was sentenced in Sullivan County Superior Court on July 3, after previously entering pleas of guilty to one felony first degree assault and one felony second degree assault. Berg was sentenced to a period of incarceration of 4-8 years at the New Hampshire State Prison on the first degree assault. Additionally, the Court recommended the defendant receive an assessment for sexual offender treatment at the State Prison to determine whether, and to what extent, treatment is appropriate. The Court ordered that a year of the minimum sentence would be suspended if the defendant successfully completes that programming, is recommended for community treatment after release, or is not recommended for the programming.

Berg was further sentenced, pursuant to a fully negotiated framework, to a 3– 6 year period of incarceration at the New Hampshire

State Prison on the second degree assault. That sentence was suspended, conditioned upon good behavior, for a period of 10 years, and if imposed, will be served consecutively to the first degree assault sentence.

The above first degree assault sentence was imposed, after a contested sentencing hearing, in which the State sought the imposition of a 5 – 10 year stand committed sentence at the New Hampshire State Prison with one year off the minimum following successful completion of the sexual offender programming. Berg had requested a 12 month term of incarceration at the Sullivan County House of Corrections, along with probation and community treatment.

The above referenced investigation was conducted by the Newport Police Department, and the case was prosecuted by Assistant County Attorney Christine Hilliard.

tions/businesses, entertainment, guest speakers, food, and fun for the whole family. More details and schedule to follow. Sign up for vendor space by visiting tlcfamilyrc.org/RecoveryDay, and contact us at recoveryinfo@tlcfamilyrc.org for sponsorship information.

TLC Family Resource Center supports and strengthens all families, children, and youth of Sullivan and Lower Grafton counties with a wide-range of free programs, support groups, and education. The Center for Recovery Resources is a communal space for individuals and families seeking support for substance misuse and addiction-related issues. We host an array of peer-based, non-clinical programs, and services including recovery coaching, support groups, educational workshops, and drug-free/sober community events.

CDA Planning Meeting

CLAREMONT, NH—Catholic Daughters of the Americas will hold a 2019-20 Program Planning meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 6:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Church Hall on Elm St in Claremont. All members and past regents invited and welcome to attend.

The Center for Recovery Resources announces Recovery Day 2019

CLAREMONT, NH—National Recovery Month is an annual observance held every September to increase awareness and understanding of mental health and substance use disorders and to celebrate people in recovery. The Center for Recovery Resources, a community program of TLC Family Resource Center, has announced that Recovery Day 2019 will be Saturday, Sept. 28, from 12:00-3:00 p.m. at Barnes Park in Claremont. Recovery Day works to raise awareness, support the emergence of a strong and proud recovery community, and engage people and families.

Recovery Day 2019 is free and open to all. There will be booths from local and statewide organizations.

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Located in the Brown Block.

Puksta, from A1



preferred position, although, he says, he could play anywhere in the outfield if needed.

He's been getting ready for this event for more than two decades. "I started playing T-ball when I was three years old. Then I played right through to 12th grade on the Claremont Middle School and Stevens High School teams."

Puksta was first inspired to get involved with CHaD baseball when he went to last year's Battle of the Badges. He was impressed by the players' dedication and the widespread community support. Another factor in his decision to play was reflecting on his own recent care. "I had successful surgery at Dartmouth a year and a half ago. I was back to work in six weeks. But when I saw what these kids were going through, I wanted to help raise money so that they could get better, too."

This spring, CHaD organizers put out a call for players. He went to the tryouts in Grantham

and shortly after heard he'd made the team. He's been scrimmaging with his teammates on Mondays in Goffstown, and is confident that Team Police will prevail.

In early April, he and other first-time players toured CHaD. They visited the Intensive Care Nursery, Molly's Place, the CHaD Family Center, and the new in-patient unit.

In early May there was a Buddy Meet-Up, which highlights the personal connection at the core of every Battle of the Badges event. Each player is paired with a young patient. Puksta's Baseball Buddy is 13-year-old Gabriel, who is receiving care for a number of medical issues. "But Gabriel was undergoing treatment that day," says Puksta, "so we'll meet at the game." CHaD's over-all fundraising goal for the 2019



Classic is \$135,000. As of press time, more than \$54,000 has been raised.

To reach his personal goal, Puksta has been busy fundraising for the past few months. He's been selling tickets and accepting donations in person, as well as through his personal fundraising Facebook page. All contributions

can be tagged to his name so that he is credited. (See the "How to Help" sidebar.)

Puksta notes that he is one of only three Team Police players from this part of New Hampshire. (The other two are from Bradford.) "That's why it's important for everyone to come to the game and help cheer us on! All the great kids will be ecstatic to see an awesome turnout!"

How to Help Officer Puksta Hit a Fundraising Home Run

Buy tickets or make a donation in person.

Phone the Claremont Police Department at 603.542.3898. Ask for Michael Puksta, who will arrange to meet you.

Visit Puksta's personal fundraising page on Facebook and follow the links.

(You don't have to have your own Facebook page to access this page.)

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/581872715649489/>

Donate to the event, a team or a player on the following secure site.

Be sure to select the Find and Donate button, then enter Michael Puksta on the Support a Player page before you buy tickets or donate.

https://secure3.convio.net/dhmc/site/TR/CHaD/General-CHaD?sid=1281&type=fr_informational&pg=informational&fr_id=1400

Buy tickets on game day at the Northeast Delta Dental Stadium.

One Line Drive, Manchester. (Municipal and private parking lots nearby.)

The game starts at 6:00 p.m. Arrive early to enjoy supper from the concession stand.

No Paper July 22

Hi all:

I have decided to take a little summertime break and will not be publishing an edition for the week of July 22nd. I will be monitoring things off and on and will post breaking news or items of timely importance on our website and Facebook page if needed.

Thank you for your continued support!

Phyllis "Pam" Muzeroll
Publisher/Editor

Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

A Deeper Look at the County's Expenses



In last week's column, I wrote how the revenue for Sullivan County's Budget is projected to be raised during Fiscal Year 2020; this week I will focus on this budget's projected expenses.

First, \$16,223,042, or the highest amount of expenses for the current budget, which began July 1, 2019, is slated to be used to pay for the operation of Sullivan County Health Care or "SCHC" for short. More popularly known as the county's nursing home, I briefly described last week the various major revenue streams that help pay for SCHC's operation. But even with all the earlier-described streams, county property taxpayers will still have to kick in a projected \$1,050,991 for SCHC, an approximate \$209,000 increase from the previous Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. By the way, the present average census of SCHC residents as of June 28 totals 134 for the 156-bed nursing home. The facility, for the fourth straight year, has been surveyed by State of New Hampshire regulators as having no deficiencies in the care of its residents. Then the second highest expense at \$5,242,147 will be for Human Services, which will pay for the long-term care of eligible county citizens, who are not residing at SCHC. More specifically, part of this projected expenditure will be for those citizens, who living at other county, public, and private nursing homes throughout New Hampshire and the rest of the nation. The other part will be for citizens still living in their own homes. Citizens receiving less expensive long-term care thru the HCBC (Home & Community-Based Care) Program.

Next, the third highest projected expense at \$4,740,951 is for the Sullivan County DOC (Dept. of Corrections). The DOC maintains an 168-bed House of Corrections at the County Complex in Unity. But as of June 28 the average inmate census for the House of Corrections, more popularly known as the "county jail," is only 59 inmates. These inmates fall into either one of two categories. First, those awaiting trial on serious criminal offenses, and are now out on bail. Second, those who have been convicted of crimes for which the sentence is less than one year. More specifically, the small average census is thanks in part to the TRAILS (Transitional Reentry & Inmate Life Skills) Program, which I briefly mentioned last week. This program gives new behavioral skills to participating inmates that have helped many of them avoid returning to the county jail. Consequently, our county has been able to avoid building a much larger jail for more inmates, which would have cost taxpayers a lot more than we are now paying for the DOC.

Continuing down the list of the current budget's projected expenses in decreasing order is \$1,741,309 set aside for maintenance and operations of county facilities. For readers' information, the total area of the

county's facilities is estimated at approximately 240,000 square feet—facilities located in both Newport and Unity. Then there is \$1,206,669 designated for the expenses of county administration, including salaries and benefits for the full time County Manager, and his staff as well as the three part-time County Commissioners. While the Sullivan County Delegation to New Hampshire's House of Representatives is county government's legislative branch, the Commissioners are the executive Branch, delegating the day-to-day executive duties to the county manager, who is accountable to them.

Next, in the decreasing order of the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget is a total of \$1,153,644 for the County Sheriff's Office, followed at \$1,060,459 for the County Attorney's Office. Last week, I briefly wrote about the work of both offices. But I want to add that the High Sheriff and his deputies are expected to log at least 10,000 miles per month for the 12 months of this fiscal year performing their important law enforcement duties.

Now the following two projected and related expenses in declining order include \$907,348 in bonded debt as well as \$469,000 for various capital construction projects. As a brief explanation, bonded debt expense is the repayment of principal and interest for money the county borrowed for two recently-approved major capital projects. The first project was for the addition and renovations to the House of Corrections so as to improve the jail as well as new space for the earlier-mentioned TRAILS Program. The first was completed in 2010. The second project completed in 2012 was for the construction of the Biomass Plant at the County Complex, a plant that uses lower grade wood, not used for construction or paper-making, wood that will be utilized instead for fuel which will produce heat and electricity for the nursing home and jail in addition to the oil that the county had solely relied upon for its energy needs. The plant has saved taxpayers money by using more local energy sources, rather than faraway sources. The \$469,000 is designated for nine more minor capital projects, including a total of \$188,000 for roof and cooling tower replacements at Newport's Woodhull County Building, \$55,000 for replacement of cell locks at the jail, \$50,000 for new washing machines at SCHC, \$50,000 for computer server replacements, \$45,000 for software replacements in the Sheriff's Office, \$35,000 so as to make the County Complex's Ahern Building accessibility under the federal ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act), and \$30,000 for a new tractor at the County Complex.

Continuing in decreasing order the next two projected expenses for Fiscal Year 2020 are \$339,367 for the county's Registry of Deeds Office, the duties of which I explained last week. This expense is followed by \$291,448 for the UNH (University of New Hampshire) Cooperative Extension Service, an agency jointly funded by both the county and State of New Hampshire that not only helps our county's farmers, but also parents and children, among other individuals, with educational and training programs.

Then there is a total of \$259,000 in projected expenses to help fund 13 grants distributed among 13 non-profit agencies which provide vital human services for Sullivan County residents, though some may not be necessarily headquartered in the county. The 13 grants in declining

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declining order are as follows: Turning Points Network (\$65,000); Southwestern Community Services, which is for its public transportation services (\$50,000); TLC Family Resources Center (\$35,000); Claremont Soup Kitchen (\$25,000); Workforce Development Night Classes at Sugar River Valley Technical Centers (\$20,000); Fall Mountain Food Shelf (\$12,000); Lake Sunapee Area Mediation (\$10,000); West Central Behavioral Health (\$10,000); Creative Placemaking Team Project (\$10,000); Valley Court Diversion (\$10,000); Headrest (\$5,000); and Got Lunch!, a Newport-based program that provides lunch for school-aged children during school vacations (\$2,600).

Finally, the list of this fiscal year’s projected expenses concludes with \$191,173 for the Sullivan County Natural Resources Department that helps manage the county’s 2,170 acres of land in Unity, including buildings and grounds. It also helps to teach schoolchildren and adults how to become better gardeners and farmers as well as overall wise stewards of all land in our county.

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Letter to the Editor

Urges Planning Board to Vote “No” on C&D Waste Project

To the Editor:

The Claremont Planning Board is about to vote yes or no on a major project that will affect Claremonters and Claremont’s image as an up-and-comer.

An entrepreneur thinks he could make money by trucking a lot of construction and demolition waste (think demolished buildings) into Claremont, have people sort through the waste material looking for something of value to him, and then hope to ship what he doesn’t want out of town. It can’t be done without Planning Board permits.

As a Claremont native (SHS ’59), I have witnessed the ups and downs the city has experienced. Claremont has a lot to its citizens, and I believe its direction is upward. Respectable, concerned citizens have already organized to oppose this waste project. They are serious and not about to give up. It is obvious that a steady stream of unpleasant “waste in Claremont” headlines in local papers will follow a “yes” vote by the Claremont Planning Board as residents work through the courts to protect their property values and Claremont’s environment.

Another danger associated with permitting a pollution business is that the permit itself becomes valuable and can be sold to a much larger waste company with lawyers enough to overpower Claremont citizens and even the City Government in a court of law.

There are far too many people with cancer and other serious health problems in Claremont already. The last thing Claremont needs is a prolonged hazardous waste controversy on the front pages of the newspapers. Claremonters deserve better. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of care in this case.

A public hearing will be held on Monday, July 22, at 7 p.m. at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center, 152 South St. Interested parties may review the applications at the Planning and Development Department, in the Visitors Center on North Street during normal business hours. Comments may be submitted in person at the hearing, or in writing at 14 North Street, Claremont, N.H. 03743, or by email at cityplanner@claremonthn.com. The sooner the Planning Board acts to end this controversy the better.

William “Bill” Gallagher

Cornish, NH

We welcome Letters to the Editor. Send to etickernews@gmail.com and please include name, address and phone number.

Newport School District Welcomes Interim Superintendent Dr. Brendan Minnihan

NEWPORT, NH—The Newport School Board voted to hire Dr. Brendan Minnihan as Newport Interim Superintendent for the 2019 - 2020 school year. Minnihan has been hired to replace Dr. Cindy Gallagher, who resigned in March to pursue a position working more directly with students.

Minnihan comes most recently from Laconia, NH, where he has served as the Superintendent for the past three years. Prior to his tenure at Laconia, he served as Superintendent at both the Contoocook and the Sunapee School Districts and Assistant Superintendent at Fall Mountain.

Minnihan is a graduate of Indiana University, The University of Pennsylvania, and Carnegie Mellon University. Prior to moving into school administration, Dr. Minnihan taught math grades 7 - 12.

Although Minnihan's contract officially started

on July 1, he and Gallagher began working together prior to that date to ensure a smooth transition.

Sununu Signs Bill Legalizing Sports Betting in NH

CONCORD, NH—Friday, Governor Chris Sununu signed HB 480, an act relative to sports betting, with New Hampshire lottery officials and lawmakers.

"Sports betting is the right bet for New Hampshire," said Sununu. "With the exciting new addition of sports betting, the New Hampshire Lottery will continue to drive critical revenue, putting even more money into our educational system. Today's action will provide financial support and important resources to help our public education system, which will

benefit every child in every school across the state — a win for New Hampshire."

"Sports betting represents an exciting new chapter for the New Hampshire Lottery and our loyal players," said Charlie McIntyre, executive director of the New Hampshire Lottery. "I am proud to be the prime-sponsor of this bill," said Representative Timothy Lang. "This bill brings sports betting - once treated as an illicit activity - into the light, and in doing so, increases the freedoms and protections of New Hampshire citizens. It's not often you get a win like this; this is a win for the citizens of New Hampshire who will now have increased consumer protections and increased liberties, it's a win for New Hampshire businesses as it provides more business opportunities throughout the state, it's a win for the State of New Hampshire..."

The sports betting legislation, which creates a Division of Sports Wagering within the New Hampshire Lottery to oversee sports betting, allows for mobile wagering and prohibits any wagering on New Hampshire college teams or any college games taking place in the Granite State. Players must be 18 or older.

New Book Captures Jewish Life in the Upper Valley

HANOVER, NH – *What Came Before: An Oral History of the Upper Valley Jewish Community* is being released on September 8, 2019. Based on interviews with over 90 members of the community, including rabbis and lay religious leaders, educators, past presidents, business owners, and a selection of actively involved families, the book documents the existence of the Upper Valley Jewish Community up to the 1997 opening of the Roth Center for Jewish Life at Dartmouth College. Dartmouth professor and former provost Barry Scherr explained, "The Upper Valley Jewish Community has been closely tied with Dartmouth and Dartmouth Hillel ever since it came into being nearly a half century ago. My involvement with this project has provided a wonderful opportunity to appreciate more fully just how important the UVJC has been, not only for me and other Jewish faculty at the College, but for the entire Jewish population of the region."

Maps, a timeline and dozens of historic photographs compliment the narrative text. Appendices include a Business Listing, information on the establishment of a synagogue in Woodstock, Vermont and a detailed interview with Ruth Segal, an Upper Valley Holocaust survivor. Archived interview transcripts from the project will be available for study in their entirety at Dartmouth College's Rauner Library, along with original newsletters, photographs, and other printed materials related to the Upper Valley Jewish Community's history. Digital video recordings of select interviews will also be available by request through the Roth Center. Book purchases support the Upper Valley Jewish Community; order forms can be found online at www.uvjc.org.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

FILM: "Iyengar"

7:00 p.m.,

Briggs Opera House, White River Junction

Iyengar: The Man, Yoga, The Student's Journey, directed by award-winning filmmaker Jake Clennell, about the life and teachings of B.K.S. Iyengar, widely considered to have been instrumental in popularizing yoga in the Western world. An Official Selection of the Vancouver International Film Festival, this illuminating documentary was made with the support and cooperation of B.K.S. Iyengar and the Iyengar family, the Iyengar Yoga National Association of the United States, and students and supporters worldwide.

This event is for anyone with an interest in yoga, the mind-body connection, wellness, spirituality or those who just want to feel inspired!



After asking candidates a variety of questions at the Council meeting Wednesday evening, Councilors voted 5-3 to select Kristin Kenniston as the new Councilor to fill the vacant seat. Debora Matteau received three votes to Kenniston's five. Here, Kenniston is sworn in by City Clerk Gwen Melcher (Eric Zengota photo).

Kenniston Elected to Fill Vacant Seat on City Council

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Following a period of questions asked of the four candidates who applied for the vacant seat on the City Council, the remaining councilors voted for Kristin Kenniston to fill the seat. Originally, six people had filed as candidates—Jeremy Herrell, Debora Matteau, Christopher L. Havey, James M. Contois, Patrick Lozito and Kenniston—but Havey and Herrell withdrew prior to Wednesday night's meeting and vote.

Each of the four remaining candidates were asked the four same questions: What motivated them to apply for the seat, biggest challenges in the City, what committees would they want to serve on and how have they personally invested themselves in the community.

Contois was interviewed first. He said that he thought "Claremont is a city on the move", adding that he thought the community had a bright future and he wants to be a part of that. He said he was active on a number of fronts, including being opposed to the proposed C&D waste transfer station. He cited his interest in supporting social justice, saying he wanted to be "involved, I want to help folks." He said the biggest challenges were the C&D proposal

and the schools. He supports a variety of social justice efforts in town. He said he would want to serve on the Planning Board and also had an interest in the Police Commission.

Kenniston described herself as a long-time resident who lives in Ward 2. She works as the Deputy City Clerk in Lebanon and said that in recognizing she is on the front line to the City, she always strives to treat the public with respect and kindness. She has served on the school board and currently on the City Manager Search committee, saying that as a group of 11 on that committee she could see that diverse people can still work together for the common good and wanted to take that experience to the next level. She described budget issues as the biggest challenge, citing the tax rate as the "elephant in the room". She also brought up a program, Citizens Academy, as a way for government to open the doors to the public so they can see how things work and why they are done the way they are, helping to build trust between City staff and citizens. She currently serves on the Historic District Commission but said she would be open to serving on any committee. In the spirit of transparency, she said her husband is a member of the Claremont Fire Dept. and that she occasionally, in her role as Deputy Clerk, has con-

versations with Claremont City Clerk Gwen Melcher but would not as a councilor.

Lozito said he had been to a few meetings, saying the "devil is in the details", and he would want to know what "it is", is it worth spending money on or should the City step back and find out more. He described himself as open and honest and not having an agenda. He said if he didn't know something, he would tell you and ask to help get educated on that topic. He said if he were serving on the council and it wasn't working out, he would say so. He and his wife own their home in town and he said he wants to stay in Claremont. He said the biggest challenge for the community was having bills to pay and figuring out how to do that with the size of the population in Claremont. He said he would want to know more about the various committees in town before he could say on which ones he would want to serve.

Matteau said she has lived most of her adult life in Claremont, a place she described as "great" with the best of the small town feel. Her past experience includes working with the Community Development office at City Hall for the Zoning Administration. She said she felt she had an excellent grasp of how City government works and is "very participatory on boards." She said she was on the school board when the Claremont lawsuit took place. She also has been serving on the City Manager Search Committee and was on the City's Master Plan Steering Committee. She said the biggest challenges included finding and retaining a qualified City Manager, enticing young people to want to settle in Claremont and fixing blighted housing. "We want people to want to come here," she said. She said the tax rate was unfortunate but that she didn't see the state's dependency on that changing any time soon. With her background of handling a \$3.5 million budget in her work, she said she would be interested in serving on the Finance Committee and possibly the Policy Committee. As far as serving on the Council, she said that now was the right time in her life to do so. "I like to come to meetings prepared; I ask a lot of questions."

When it came time to make their choice, several councilors said they had been impressed with all four candidates, and they thanked the applicants for stepping forward. Only one vote was needed, with Kenniston receiving five votes and the other three going to Matteau. Kenniston was sworn in and took her seat with the other councilors.



Pretty Birds...

Five-year-old Alannah King of Goshen, NH, was one of many who attended the Newport Block Party on Friday, July 12th, hosted by the Newport Area Chamber of Commerce. The wooden bird painting station was set up with the hopes of adding another 100 birds to the flock. The event also featured vendors, live music, food trucks and more. The newly painted birds were added to the large-scale public art project in trees throughout downtown Newport taking place this summer. Alannah is the daughter of Gregg and Kelley King; mom reported that her daughter had a great time as she loves to do crafts but was disappointed when it was time to go home! (Courtesy photos).

Got news?

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SAU#6 Superintendent Open House

Every Monday in the month of July 2019,
SAU#6 Superintendent of Schools, Michael Tempesta,
will be holding

Open House receptions at the
Teal Lantern Room at

SRVRTC 111 South Street, Claremont N.H., from 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Light refreshments will be served

The public is highly encouraged to attend

(July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29)

Sullivan County Website Gets a Facelift

NEWPORT, NH—Sullivan County's website has been completely revamped and was recently launched. The County contracted with CivicPlus to develop the new site and provide hosting services for up to four years. The initial development contract was for \$12,700. The domain name is the same—the new site can be viewed at www.sullivancountynh.gov.

Features of the new site include mobile device-friendly layout and accessibility, the latest security features, a user-friendly page design to make it easier to find information, and a rotating slide show of pictures featuring points of interest from across the County.

According to County Manager Derek Ferland, the new site was long overdue. "Our previous website served its purpose, but it was time for an upgrade. We needed to make it accessible for mobile devices while also simplifying the layout. One example is now it only



takes one click to view available job opportunities at the County."

The website's content is organized with global navigation buttons that are permanently displayed along the top of each page along with graphic navigation buttons that direct users to specific functions such as minutes of county meetings, jobs, a county-wide directory, requests for proposals for county projects, and a direct link to Sullivan County Health Care. There are also links to the latest news & announcements as well as an event calendar.

Ferland continued, "This site gives us the capability to incorporate regional economic development and recreational tourism information through the "Discover Sullivan" global navigation tool. We'd also like to work with the municipalities in the county to populate our events calendar to serve as a one-stop shop for all of the great events going on."

CivicPlus was chosen from among 13 proposals. Their other local clients include Newport, Lebanon, and Carroll County. "The development process very smooth and we are really happy with the final product," said

Ferland. Content will continue to be transferred from the old site to the new by county staff and will take several weeks to complete.

JULY 22-26

STEAM Camp at Blow-Me-Down Farm at Saint-Gaudens NHP

Summer Day Camp for middle-schoolers at Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park. Students entering the 6th, 7th and 8th grades can register for this STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) Camp by emailing Kerstin_Burlingame@nps.gov or calling 603-675-2175 x 100.

Saint Gaudens is building relationships with local students by offering learning adventures that foster awareness and stewardship of the history, ecology, culture and art in their communities.

Affordable, tiered tuition (\$25/\$60/\$130 - Whatever families can pay).

July 22-July 26, 9AM-3:30PM at the beautiful Blow-Me-Down Farm.

Campers need to provide own transportation to/from camp daily.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

Apollo 11 Celebration at the American Precision Museum

High School Students: Race Lunar Rovers in Windsor on July 20th

WINDSOR, VT—Can't make it to the moon to race a lunar rover? High school students have a chance to experience the next best thing at the American Precision Museum in Windsor, VT, on Saturday, July 20 beginning at 10:00 a.m. In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing; there is no admission fee for participating in the lunar rover challenge, but prior registration is recommended: 802-674-5781.

Energetic and "skyward looking" high school students are invited to build and race lunar rovers in teams that will compete at the museum. There's space for up to 20 students and five race teams. All materials will be supplied. Lunar racing is free, but pre-registration is recommended.

Students ages 8-12 who join the Junior Apprentice Club can learn to design and 3D print compressed air rockets, which will be launched during the lunar rover races on July 20. Activities for the entire family include: experimenting with simple robotics and building rubber band racers and windmills using mechanical assembly kits. To join a Lunar Rover Team, the Junior Apprentice Club, or for additional information about the Apollo 11 Celebration, please contact the museum at 802-674-5781. This American Precision Museum event is funded by the Vermont Space Grant Consortium under NASA Cooperative Agreement NNX15AP86H.

The American Precision Museum, located in the 1846 Robbins & Lawrence Armory, a National Historic Landmark, is a non-profit museum that traces the beginnings of manufacturing to modern technology through exhibits and daily interactive programs. Open daily, Memorial Day Weekend through October 31, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The AMP is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, offering free admission to active duty military & their families. Information: American Precision Museum: <http://www.americanprecision.org/>; 802-674-5781.



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Photoshop 101

CLAREMONT, NH—Photoshop 101 is a basic introduction to the tools and uses of Adobe Photoshop Software for Photography and photo manipulation. We will be going through the different types of tools in the program. Subjects covered in Photoshop 101 will include:

- File types - What types of files to use for specific purposes & how to convert.
- Resizing images, canvas size and zooming
- Using toolbars
- Layers, adjustments, solid colors
- Levels, curves, contrast, vibrance, balancing
- Transform, rotate, scale, skew, warp and distort
- Adding, removing and changing text
- Selection techniques
- Various other tips, tricks and hints

This class will run two dates, July 24th and August 1st, from 6 - 9 PM. Participants must have basic computer skills & a laptop with Adobe Photoshop 6 or higher.

Location: Claremont Makerspace, 46 Main St. Claremont, NH

To register, please go here:

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event/2019/7/24/photoshop-101>.

Coffee with the Chief on the MV Kearsarge

SUNAPEE, NH—Join us on the MV Kearsarge cruise boat located in Sunapee Harbor for Coffee with the Chief on Saturday, July 27th, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

The Chief has police department news to talk about, including the police department's on-line survey for residents, both full-time and seasonal, to take. And NH Marine Patrol will be talking about lake activity and safety,

The Fire Chief has Fire Department news as well. And, as always, there will be coffee and breakfast treats to enjoy.

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The Sullivan Co Conservation District is partnering with N.H. Fish and Game Watershed Education Program (WEP) to explore the aquatic and terrestrial wonders of the Sullivan County. This is a hands-on workshop that includes field study and mapping technologies. Lunch is included.

This is a FREE workshop that moves around the state. Be sure to take advantage of the fact that it is in Sullivan County this year. There are still a few spots available to register now!

Link: <https://nhfishandgame.com/EventWeb/Event/ReservedEvents>. Event passcode is: WEI2019.



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The City of Claremont is inviting citizens to apply for vacancies which exist on the following volunteer Boards, Committees and Commissions:

Airport Advisory Board	No Vacant Seats
Board of Appeals	5 Vacant Seats 3 Vacant Alternate Seats
Board of Assessors	3 Vacant Seats 1 Vacant Alternate Seat
Claremont Community Television Board of Directors	4 Vacant Seats
Claremont Development Authority	No Vacant Seats
Claremont Housing Authority	2 Vacant Seats
Claremont Planning Board	1 Vacant Seat <i>(City Staff Member)</i> 2 Vacant Alternate Seats
Claremont Police Commission	No Vacant Seats
Conservation Commission	1 Vacant Seat <i>(City Council Rep)</i> 4 Vacant Alternate Seats
Energy Advisory Committee	1 Vacant Alternate Seat
Fiske Free Library Board of Trustees	1 Vacant Alternate Seat
Frances Tolles Home Board	No Vacant Seats
Historic District Commission	3 Vacant Alternate Seats
MT Ascutney Region River Subcommittee of the CT River Joint Commission	2 Vacant Seats 2 Vacant Alternate Seats
Parks & Recreation Commission	2 Vacant Seats 4 Vacant Alternate Seats
Personnel Advisory Board	1 Vacant Seat
Policy Committee	No Vacant Seats
TIF Downtown Advisory Board	5 Vacant Seats
Trustees of Trust Funds	No Vacant Seats
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission	1 Vacant Seat
Zoning Board of Adjustment	No Vacant Seats

Seats for Future Availability

Frances Tolles Home	2 Expire 7/31/2019
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Call deForest Bearse at 504-0341 or stop by the Visitor Center at 14 North Street to find out how you can volunteer, or go online to www.claremontnh.com/government/boards-and-committees. 7/12/2019

Tractor Trailer Accident Spills Full Load of Trash from Claremont on I-89

On July 9, at approximately 5:24 a.m., the New Hampshire State Police – Troop D was notified of a motor vehicle crash involving a tractor trailer along Interstate 89 South Bound in the town of Warner, NH. Upon the arrival of Troopers at the scene, they learned that a 2014 Western Star tractor towing a 2015 East trailer driven by Shilo White, age 46, of Charlestown, NH, was traveling along the Exit 9 on ramp to Interstate 89 South Bound. The tractor trailer was fully loaded, hauling trash from Claremont, NH, to Rochester, NH.

According to the NHSP, “Initial investigation indicated that the vehicle was traveling too fast through the curve of the on ramp, causing the tractor trailer to roll over and slide into the travel portion of the highway. The tractor trailer continued to slid into the path of a 2007 Dodge Dakota, operated by Tyler Cushman, age 25, of Concord, NH. Cushman attempted to avoid a collision by slowing down and changing lanes, but came to a rest amongst the debris that spilled from the tractor trailer. Neither driver was injured as a result of the collision. White was issued a summons for speeding.”

Due to the crash involving a commercial motor vehicle, members of New Hampshire State Police – Troop G were contacted. Members of Troop G are highly skilled Troopers who have received specialized training to conduct roadside inspections of commercial motor vehicles. As a result of the commercial motor vehicle inspection, the tractor, trailer, and driver were placed out of service.

S. G Reed was contacted to remove the tractor trailer from the scene as well as clean up debris that spilled onto the highway. The New Hampshire Department of Transportation and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services were contacted to facilitate cleanup of trash that spilled into the Warner River and fluids that spilled from the tractor trailer.

As a result of the crash, Interstate 89 South Bound was shut down for several hours and traffic was diverted around the scene at Exit 9.

New Hampshire State Police – Troop D was assisted at the scene by the New Hampshire State Police – Troop G, Warner Fire Department, New Hampshire Depart-

ment of Transportation, and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

The collision remains under investigation by Trooper Anthony Pratt. Anyone with information pertaining to this crash is asked to contact

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e-Ticker Business News

VRH Partners with LLS, Subaru for Loves to Care Program

CLAREMONT, NH—Valley Regional Healthcare has partnered with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) and Subaru of America for their Subaru Loves to Care program. Through this program, LLS chapters work with local Subaru retailers to spread love, hope and warmth to cancer patients by delivering warm blankets and "message of hope" cards to patients in hospitals across the country.

On July 8, along with Dan O'Brien Subaru of Claremont, Valley Regional Healthcare joined in to help patients in our own community. "This is what we're about," states Valley Regional's Marketing Coordinator, Kris Richardson. "Partnering with local businesses, along with societies like the LLS, fits right in with our mission of offering our community compassionate, high value healthcare."

Valley received 80 cotton, machine washable blankets. They have a small patch in the corner with the Subaru and LLS logos. In addition, "Message of Hope" cards are completed by people who visit Subaru showrooms during June, which is "Subaru Loves to Care" month. "We've found that they are a great way to let patients know that people in their community, who they don't even know, support them and are sending wishes of hope, strength and courage as they battle their disease," says Laura West of The LLS.

This is the fourth year of the LLS-Subaru partnership. Over the past three years they've touched more than 100,000 patients nationwide through this program.

"We have a small group of professionals who provide quality, personalized care every step of the way," says Kate Derosier, Director of Inpatient Services at Valley Regional. "This program will literally allow us to offer another layer in the exceptional care we provide our patients."

Got Business News?



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Lake Sunapee VNA Welcomes New Hospice & Palliative Care Director

NEW LONDON, NH—Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA) is pleased to welcome Jen Taylor, MSN, APRN, AGNP-C, as its Hospice & Palliative Care Program Director. As a nurse practitioner with a certification in adult-gerontology, she brings a great depth of knowledge, skill and passion to her new role.

Taylor received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Colby-Sawyer College and began her career in the cardiac unit at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. She continued her education to obtain both a master's in nursing and a nurse practitioner certification

from Duke University, and during that time

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Taylor, from A15

worked at LSRVNA as an RN case manager for home care and hospice patients. After finishing school, Taylor taught in the nursing program at Colby-Sawyer College. She then returned to LSRVNA as a staff educator and nurse practitioner in the hospice and palliative care program. Most recently, she was a nurse



Jen Taylor

practitioner in Neurology Associates at Concord Hospital, caring for patients with multiple sclerosis and Alzheimer's disease.

Taylor has a passion for serving the older population, especially in the areas of hospice and palliative care. "When the opportunity came up to join LSRVNA again, I was thrilled to return to home hospice and palliative care," says Taylor. "Returning to LSRVNA truly feels like coming home. I am very excited to be working with a highly skilled and compassionate team in order to provide excellent home hospice and palliative care services to the community."

To learn more about the hospice and palliative care services available through LSRVNA, call 603-526-4077 or visit lakesunapeevna.org.

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NH Delegation Announce More than \$13.5 Million in Federal Funding for Portsmouth International Airport

WASHINGTON, DC— On Tuesday, U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Maggie Hassan (D-NH), and Representatives Annie Kuster (NH-02) and Chris Pappas (NH-01), announced \$13,506,533 in federal funding for a runway reconstruction project at Portsmouth International Airport at Pease. The project will be funded through the Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

"As a joint civil and military use airport, Portsmouth International serves as an important transportation hub for the New Hampshire Seacoast area and is vital to the mission at Pease Air National Guard Base," said Shaheen. "This is significant funding for New Hampshire that will be put to good use by improving safety conditions at the airport, boosting the operations of military and passenger aircraft and spurring economic growth in our state by easing travel to and from the Seacoast region. Securing federal funding for New Hampshire's infrastructure projects will continue to be a top priority for me in Congress."

"I am excited to announce that Portsmouth International Airport at Pease will receive more than 13.5 million in federal dollars to reconstruct the run-

way to ensure that Pease has a strong and safe transportation infrastructure," said Hassan. "Not only will this grant boost economic growth in the region and improve the experience of the civilians who use the airport, but it is also vital for supporting operations at Pease Air National Guard Base."

"Portsmouth International Airport at Pease is an important transportation hub for the Seacoast region, with its flight school, cargo services, and commercial flights," said Kuster. "This funding to reconstruct runways at Pease will help improve airport efficiency and performance, and it is an investment in our state's economic wellbeing. I'll keep working to secure funds to upgrade and strengthen Granite State infrastructure."

"Improving service, safety, and efficiency is vital to the health of an airport, and today's funding announcement is good news for Portsmouth International, which supports Seacoast communities and the National Guard," said Pappas.

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Celebration Time in Goshen as Fire Department Marks its 80th Anniversary

The Goshen, NH, Fire Department marked its 80th anniversary on Saturday with a variety of events, including a chicken BBQ, vendors, a dunking booth, silent auction and of course, a parade. Smokey Bear was on hand, and visitors also had a chance to check out the DART helicopter.



(Photos courtesy of Kelley King).



A Magical Morning for Nymen

Youngster dealing with kidney disease helps trick party-goers

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—For a boy facing a serious health issue, Nymen Koch sure knows how to have fun.

On Sunday, family and friends threw Nymen a surprise party at Time-Out Americana Grill. Nymen, 9, loves the world of magic. So who better to provide an extra surprise than Claremont's own expert — and make-'em-laugh — magician, Dylan Tenney.

Tenney asked Nymen to be his magician's assistant. Together they dazzled the crowd with card tricks, guessing games and producing a cooing dove out of nowhere. And when a goldfish suddenly appeared in a clear glass of water that Nymen was holding, the laughs, gasps and applause echoed around the room.

The party was a welcome break from the boy's usual rou-

tine. He's been diagnosed with FSGS (Focal Segmental glomerulosclerosis), which produces scarring of the kidneys. But as if that weren't enough for a youngster to deal with, Nymen had to have both kidneys removed.

His mother, Debra Chapman, drives him down to Boston Children's Hospital four times a week for dialysis. "It's crucial that we find a match for Nymen," she said. There are two potential donors, one in California, one here in Claremont who are being tested, she adds. "But we won't know for another three months if



Nymen Koch works as Magician Dylan Tenney's assistant (Eric Zengota photo).



they're a match." Nymen, whose blood type is A+, can accept blood from types A+, A- and O.

The expenses of such care are formidable. Nymen has a GoFundMe page, and there will be a Fun Run/Walk for Nymen in Claremont's Monadnock Park on Saturday, Aug. 3 (rain date Aug. 4). See the "How to Help Nymen" sidebar for details.

Throughout Nymen's long and difficult treatment, he's kept his spirits high. After all, if he can keep up with a professional magician, he's sure to have even more positive tricks up his sleeve.

How to Help Nymen

Visit his GoFundMe page

https://www.gofundme.com/f/nymen-kochs-medical-expenses?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=fb_dn_cpgntopstickysmall_r

Donate money, gas cards or food

Contact Tracy Conroy (a friend of the family) at 603-558-4937 / mamaconroy78@gmail.com or
See Nick Koloski at Time-Out Americana Grill, 101 Mulberry St., Claremont, 603-504-6653.

Fun Run/Walk for Nymen

Join the runners and walkers in Claremont on Aug. 3 (see page B11 for details)

Kidney match/donation

Give your information at the Fun Run/Walk, and it will be forwarded to Boston Children's Hospital.



Top: Dylan Tenney and Nymen Koch talk magic at Time-Out Americana Grill; below: Time-Out owner Nick Koloski gifts Nymen with a Criss Angel magic kit (Eric Zengota photos).

Estate Plans Can Help You Answer Questions About the Future

The word “estate” conjures images of great wealth, which may be one of the reasons so many people don’t develop estate plans – after all, they’re not rich, so why make the effort? In reality, though, if you have a family, you can probably benefit from estate planning, whatever your asset level. And you may well find that a comprehensive estate plan can help you answer some questions you may find unsettling – or even worrisome.

Here are a few of these questions:

What will happen to my children? With luck, you (and your co-parent, if you have one) will be alive and well at least until your children reach the age of majority (either 18 or 21, depending on where you live). Nonetheless, you don’t want to take any chances, so, as part of your estate plans, you may want to name a guardian to take care of your children if you are not around. You also might want to name a conservator – sometimes called a “guardian of the estate” – to manage any assets your minor children might inherit.

Will there be a fight over my assets? Without a solid estate plan in place, your assets could be subject to the time-consuming, expensive – and very public – probate process. During probate, your relatives and creditors can gain access to your records, and possibly even challenge your will. But with proper planning, you can maintain your privacy. As one possible element of an estate plan, a living trust allows your property to avoid probate and pass quickly to the beneficiaries you’ve named.

Who will oversee my finances and my living situation if I become incapacitated? You can build various forms of protection into your estate planning, such as a durable power of attorney, which allows you to designate someone to manage your financial affairs if you become physically or mentally incapacitated. You could also create a medical power of attorney, which allows someone to handle health care decisions on your behalf if you become unable to do so yourself.

Will I shortchange my family if I leave significant assets to charities? Unless you have unlimited resources, you’ll have to make some choices about charitable gifts and money for your family. But as part of your estate plans, you do have some appealing options. For example, you could establish a charitable lead trust, which provides financial support to your chosen charities for a period of time, with the remaining assets eventually going to your family members. A charitable remainder trust, by contrast, can provide a stream of income for your family members for the term of the trust, before the remaining assets are transferred to one or more charitable organizations.

As you can see, careful estate planning can help you answer many of the questions that may be worrying you. Be aware, though, that certain aspects of estate planning, especially those related to living trusts and charitable trusts, can be complex, so you should consult your estate-planning attorney or qualified tax advisor about your situation. But once you’ve got your plans in place, you should be able to face the future with greater clarity and confidence.

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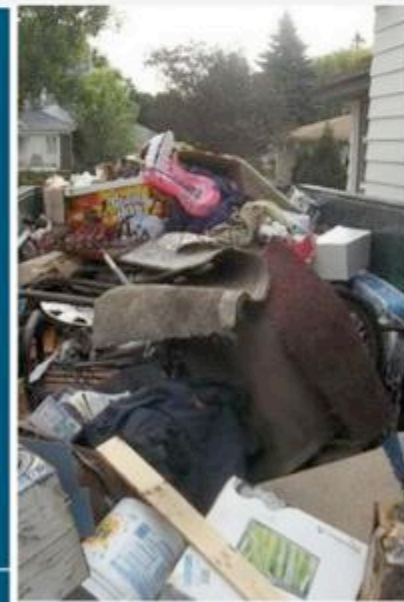
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Wednesday, 7/17 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Claremont Makerspace, 46 Main St. Claremont NH.

To register, please go to:

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event/2019/7/17/intro-to-3d-printing>.



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It's About Food

By **Johnny Navillus**



Cooking with Soft Drinks

People have been cooking with soft drinks for years. If you haven't tried it as yet, here are a couple of ideas to get you started. If you have been using sodas, these may be some new ideas for you.

Cola in chili is nothing new but never really caught on because the cooks never talked about it. It was their secret and sweetens up the dish without giving away the ingredient.

Bar-B-Cue sauce is another item sweetened up with your favorite cola. Some have even used root beer as a secret ingredient.

There is a small chain of steak sandwich shops north of Philly that has a thin sweet sauce they ladle on their sandwiches. When I make this sauce at home, I serve it as a dip. It's really a simple mix of ketchup, Worcestershire and Mountain Dew. Mix the ketchup with the soda until you get the thickness you want and add the Worcestershire.

Now for the latest addition to my repertoire of soda recipes.

Root Beer Sloppy Joes

2 tsp oil
3/4 cup minced onion
12 oz ground beef
1/2 cup unsalted tomato sauce
1/4 cup bottled chili sauce
1/4 cup root beer
1 tsp Worcestershire
2 tsp minced garlic
1 tsp dry mustard
1 tsp chili powder
1 tsp tomato paste

Heat a large skillet (Nana's cast iron) over medium heat. Add oil and coat skillet. Add onion, saute about 3 minutes.

Add beef, cook about 4 minutes or until beef begins to brown, stirring to crumble the beef. Stir in the tomato sauce. Add the rest of the ingredients and bring to a simmer. Let it simmer until it thickens, stirring occasionally.

Serve on hamburger buns.

If you use less than 90% lean beef, you may want to drain off the fat before adding the tomato sauce. Or not.

Play with your food. It's okay to do that, really.

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Signs of Vibrancy Abound in Claremont

Claremont's history of being an economic powerhouse in the Industrial Age has made the transition to the Information Age particularly difficult. Reviving the vibrancy that once was, requires engagement, innovation and investment. Today, we are experiencing all of this, indicating that Claremont is well on its way to becoming a vibrant community in the 21st century.

Citizen engagement is critical in navigating the opportunities and challenges that face any municipality over time. An indicator of this is the willingness of citizens to volunteer their time and energy to serve their community. When Councilor Jeremy Zullo submitted his resignation in June due to an unexpected job opportunity, the City Council had to fill the vacancy within a short period of time to be in compliance with the city charter. Within a few weeks six citizens applied for the position, two eventually withdrawing due to family concerns. Though only one applicant could be selected, all conveyed their commitment to the community and a desire to contribute.

Change in the life cycle of a municipality is inevitable, and innovation is key to embracing those changes in a way that creates opportunity. Claremont is and has long been known for

its innovation in the manufacturing sector. However, that innovation has spilt over to a multitude of other sectors to include, most recently, the cultural arts. On July 10, the City Council approved the sale of a building, vacant since 1993, in the downtown district to the Claremont Development Authority (CDA). The CDA will be working with the West Claremont Center for Music and Art to transform the building into a school of music adjacent to the Opera House.

When people and organizations recognize value, they are willing to invest their resources. This year, Claremont has seen a number of new businesses open, and other businesses expand. Currently, McGee Toyota is preparing to build on a new and larger site on Charlestown Road. The local housing market is experiencing a huge increase in real estate transfers. Sullivan County Registrar of Deeds, Janet Gibson, reported that Claremont led the county in real estate transfers in March, April and May of this year. According to the real estate agents with whom Ms. Gibson spoke, people are coming from Lebanon to buy property they can afford.

Rebuilding the vibrancy that once existed in Claremont has been a long term goal. It has taken time and commitment, requiring engagement, innovation and investment from all sectors of our community. However, the signs are here that we are achieving success. Citizens want to serve and improve their community. Organizations and businesses are working together to find innovative ways to bring new life to the downtown district. Finally, people and companies are investing their resources, recognizing the value of being here.

To the many who have joined us on this journey, thank you for your contributions. To those yet to join, we invite you to participate.

Together, we are transforming Claremont to be a vibrant community in the 21st century and a place of choice in which to live, work and play.

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

THURSDAY, JULY 18

The Library Arts Center presents the SUMMER PERFORMANCES for KIDS!

A Series of entertaining outdoor performances Free admission, Thursdays in July at 10:30am on the side lawn of the Library Arts Center & Richards Free Library
58 N. Main Street
Newport, NH

*Rain Location: Newport Recreation Dept. 65 Belknap Ave. Newport, NH Free, and open to all! The Summer Performances for Kids are a long-time tradition at the Library Arts Center. Come for an outdoor performance on the side lawn for fun, engaging and enriching performances for kids. Bring a blanket or beach chairs and enjoy a morning of artful entertainment. Area families, pre-schools, day care centers & summer camps are all welcome.

The 2019 Performance Schedule:
July 18-Musician Kathy Lowe presents a Family Concert
July 25-Storyteller, Simon Brooks presents Stories from Nature
August 1-The Hampstead Stage Company presents "The Jungle Book"
**Bring a blanket or a lawn chair as the morning dew often makes the ground a bit moist.

The Summer Performances for Kids are made possible by generous support from the Friends of the Richards Free Library

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About two dozen people gathered on the lawn of the Trinity Episcopal/Prince of Peace Church in Claremont Friday evening to hold a candlelight vigil as part of the “Lights for Liberty” event across the country to bring attention to the plight of those in detention centers at the southern border (Photos by Dakota T. Bonner and Reb MacKenzie).

Two Dozen Attend Lights for Liberty Event in Claremont

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—In Claremont at Trinity Episcopal/Prince of Peace Church Friday night, about two dozen people gathered for the Lights for Liberty National and International Action for U.S. Refugee Crisis. “There were 24 of us all together,” reported Reb MacKenzie. They included clergy, state reps, attendees from Vermont, Unity, Acworth, a variety of members of various faiths, members of the UVIP, children and someone from Rochester, NY, visiting family.

“Almost all of us had a parent, grandparent, or great grandparent who sought refuge in the United States of America,” said MacKenzie. “This is a strong tie that binds us and our compassion for those who are now seeking refuge, many today for reasons that are life and death matters. This evening was alive with ideas for action and ways to contribute to some solutions to this humanitarian crisis!”

MacKenzie added, “Tonight we discussed fundraising events, educating ourselves and our communities about the challenges that refugees face, committing to connection with our legislators on all levels, speaking with local law enforcement about their policies for interacting with ICE, using civil disobedience when our consciences are violated by reprehensible acts of our government, and involving more influential members of our community.” The evening began with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and singing the National Anthem.

According to *Fortune* magazine, “Lights for Liberty’s stated goal is to end ‘human concentration camps’ and the group plans to keep going after the vigil, with a chief objective of supporting the numerous organizations at the local and regional level that are doing hands-on work with recent immigrant arrivals. The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum rebuked Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez for calling the detention centers ‘concentration camps,’ but since then more than 400 Holocaust scholars have signed an open letter supporting the comparison. It started with five core events, in New York City, Washington, D.C., San Diego, El Paso, Texas, and Homestead, Fla. After three weeks of organizing, 608 local events in more than two dozen countries have joined the network.”

Cone Charitable Foundation Awards Scholarships

WINDSOR, VT—The Cone Automatic Machine Company Charitable Foundation of Windsor, VT, has announced the awarding of Foundation scholarships for the school year 2019-2020 to the following 2019 high school graduates:

Sarah Putnam, Fall Mountain Regional High School, Langdon, NH; Julia Belaire, Taelor MacDonald and Ashlyn Marsh, Stevens High School, Claremont, NH; Eliza Mabey, White River Valley High School, South Royalton, VT; Ella Jaarsma, Ryland Richardson and Robert Slocum, Windsor High School, Windsor, VT.

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July 22 Planning Board Meeting Moved to CSB Community Center

CLAREMONT, NH—The Planning Board hearing for the proposed C&D waste transfer station at 38 Industrial Blvd. on July 22 has been moved from Council Chambers to the CSB Community Center to accommodate an expected large crowd. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

City Council July 10 Meeting Highlights

- City Manager search update: Of five remaining applicants, one dropped out and another is considering dropping out, with the actual number now teetering between three and four. Due to weather issues, scheduled interviews with two applicants on Saturday were going to be rescheduled.
- The Council authorized the transfer of 56 Opera House Square to the Claremont Development Authority (CDA), making the CDA the owner/landlord for a long-term lease with the West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts (WCCMA). The building at 56 Opera House Square was built in 1876 by the Claremont National Bank. The last tenant was the old Pleasant Restaurant, which closed in 1993. The empty building has been under the ownership of the City since 1995. With the Dental Center needing to expand and interest from WCCMA to have a City center location for its programming, funding was approved for the building from a variety of grant sources. Wednesday, the City approved submitting an application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for up to \$500,000 for the expansion of WCCMA. WCCMA recently was awarded \$400,000 in tax credits by the NH CDFA. The building was sold to the CDA for \$1.
- The Council approved a motion to hire Melanson Roofing of Keene to make repairs on the City Hall roof—to address the degradation of the flat section, over the Opera House stage and seating area, as well as the dome of the roof—where it is leaking badly, dropping water on the stage and risking new lighting. Interim City Manager John MacLean asked the council to waive the RFQ procedure in light of the need to speed up repairs and that the only other company with the means to do the job has no openings for the foreseeable future. Work would begin by the end of October and take about four weeks to complete. Melanson has done roof work on City Hall in the past. The work will include encapsulating the stone coping cap with copper. A cost was placed at \$128,200, including a 10% contingency. Council recently passed the encumbrance budget which includes \$111,742 for the roof. The City also encumbered \$17,000 to replace flooring in Council Chambers, hallway and three entryways. Given the condition of the flat roof, City staff recommended foregoing the flooring and adding that funding to the roof budget. Councilors O’Hearne and Stone voted against the motion to waive the purchasing policy for the purpose of roof repair and which authorized the City Manager to move the project forward as outlined. Councilor Koloski abstained, saying that his landlord has worked with the company hired to do the project.

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll



Story Time...

The Claremont Elks Lodge held another Summer Story Time at the lodge July 9th where Eileen Skowronski read books to the children and each child left with three new books. The lodge will be hosting another story time in August (Courtesy photos).





On July 20, 1969,
humans walked on another world for the first time in history. They collected soil and rock samples, set up experiments, planted an American flag, and left behind medallions honoring the Apollo 1 crew, who died in a fire while training, and a plaque saying, "We came in peace for all mankind."

1969 50th Anniversary 2019

Above: The huge, 363-feet tall Apollo 11 (Spacecraft 107/Lunar Module S/Saturn 506) space vehicle was launched from Pad A, Launch Complex 39, Kennedy Space Center (KSC), at 9:32 a.m. (EDT), July 16, 1969. Onboard the Apollo 11 spacecraft were astronauts (left photo, from left): Neil A. Armstrong, commander; Michael Collins, command module pilot; and Edwin E. Aldrin Jr., lunar module pilot. Apollo 11 was the United States' first lunar landing mission. Photo Credits: NASA.



Astronaut Edwin E. Aldrin Jr., lunar module pilot, walks on the surface of the moon near a leg of the Lunar Module during the Apollo 11 extravehicular activity (EVA). Astronaut Neil A. Armstrong, Apollo 11 commander, took this photograph with a 70mm lunar surface camera. The astronauts' bootprints are clearly visible in the foreground. While astronauts Armstrong and Aldrin descended in the Lunar Module (LM) "Eagle" to explore the Sea of Tranquility region of the moon, astronaut Michael Collins, command module pilot, remained with the Command and Service Modules (CSM) "Columbia" in lunar orbit. Photo Credit: NASA.

After 2½ hours of surface exploration, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin returned to the LM "Eagle" for rest, eating, and checkout of the vehicle in preparation for liftoff. The LM was a two part spacecraft. Its lower or descent stage had the landing gear, engines, and fuel needed for the landing. When the LM blasted off the Moon, the descent stage served as the launching pad for its companion ascent stage, which was also home for the two astronauts on the surface of the Moon. In this photograph, the ascent stage is seen back dropped by Earth just prior to its rendezvous with the CM. Photo Credit: NASA.





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Friday: 5:00pm Ham & Bean Supper – History Hall

Saturday: ALL DAY

7am-9am Pancake Breakfast – Fire House

11am Parade – Lempster Street

9am – 2pm – Venders, Food Trucks, Music

12 noon – Beat the Fire Chief Kids 1K Fun Run

12 noon – Kids Bubble Pit

1pm – Magic Show

2pm – Glimpses of Lempster History Talk

3pm - Fireman's Muster Includes Neighboring Depts.

4:30pm -7pm Pulled Pork Supper – Fire House

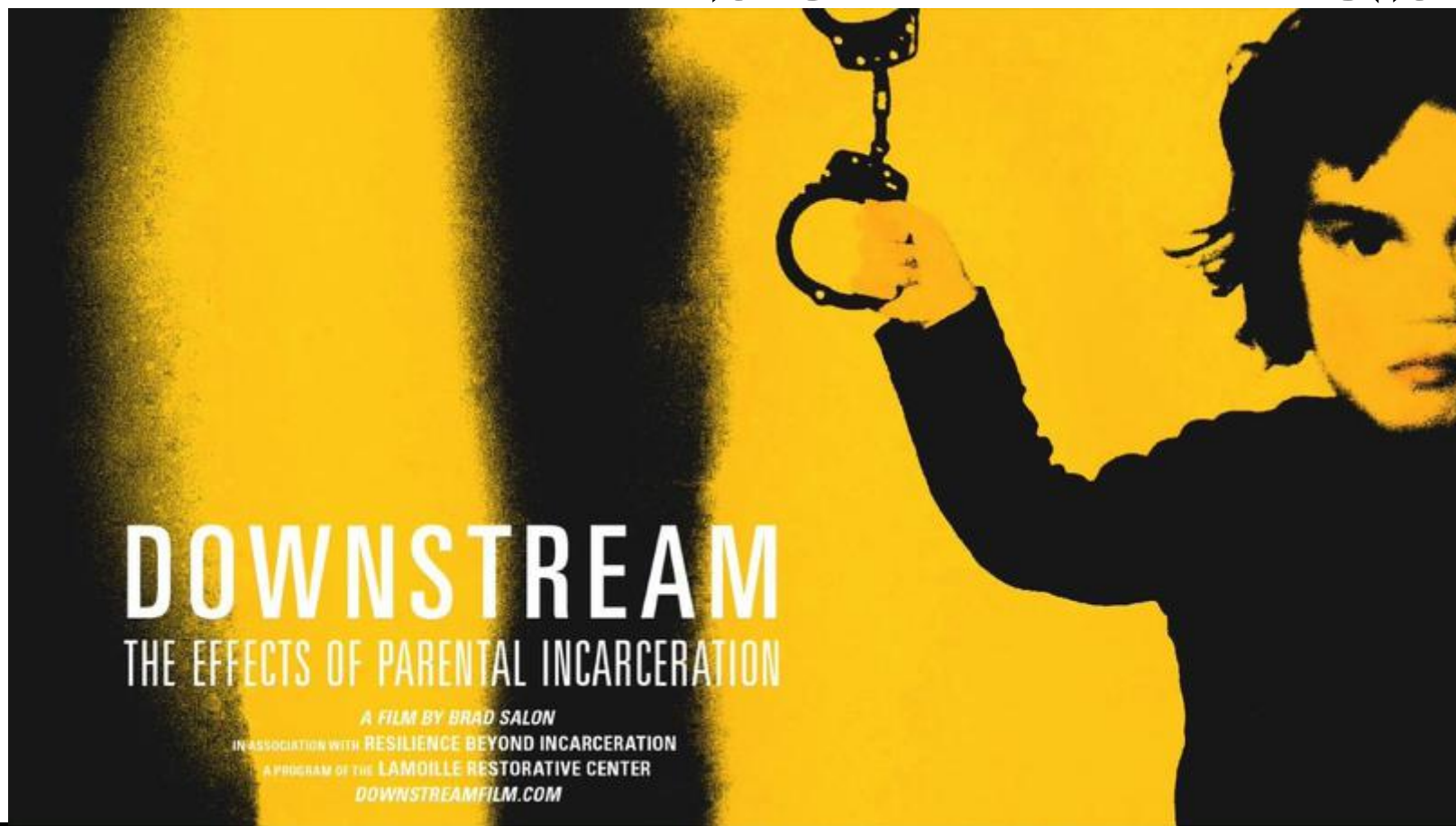
7pm – Lempster's Got Talent (Show)

SUNDAY:

1pm – How to Clean & Repair Gravestones

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FREE FILM SCREENINGS



DOWNSTREAM is a one hour documentary film featuring the compelling stories of those left behind when a parent goes to prison. Vermont children and caregivers share their experiences, revealing the complex and emotional terrain they navigate in the wake of a parent's incarceration. Film reviewers have been deeply moved by the courage, vulnerability, and wisdom they show.

The film also includes the voices of a number of Vermont leaders and advocates whose perspectives help give larger context to the children's and family's stories. Those appearing in the film include: elected and state officials, educators, a law school professor, and a pediatrician.

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