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Back To School Festival Returns After COVID Pause

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—It's back, and the SAU 6 could not be happier. "It" is the Back To School Festival, slated for Saturday, Aug. 28, from 10am to noon, at Barnes Park. Last year's popular event was cancelled due to the pandemic.

"While we were not able to hold an in-person event last year, we were blessed with many donations from the community which helped us to provide backpacks, school supplies, clothes, shoes, and lanyards to students," SAU 6 social worker Courtney Porter told the *e-Ticker News*; Porter organizes the festival which has grown over the years. "Business donors included NFR, Claremont Savings Bank, Mascoma Savings Bank, Claremont Dollar Tree and Women of the Claremont Moose. Individual donors included Sherry Abbey, Nancy Berry, Roz Caplan, Sandy Cragin, William Quinn, and Ellen Usery."

Having to cancel last year's event was a disappointing decision that had to be made; still, it wasn't an easy thing to do, said Porter. "I was heartbroken when we had to cancel our event last year. The Back to School Festival is a staple in our community, it brings everyone together in an effort to start the school year off on the right foot. For many families, learning materials can be a costly expense; by providing backpacks, SAU 6 strives to ensure every student arrives the first day of school ready to learn. In addition to free school supplies, many of our community partners join us at Barnes Park to share resources and materials that can help families with other aspects of daily living. This is truly a whole child approach to supporting our students and families."

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In this file photo from 2019, SAU 6 superintendent Mike Tempesta attends to one of the booths offering free books.



Claremont Woman Arrested For Alleged Possession of 5,000 Bags of Heroin/Fentanyl

CLAREMONT, NH—On July 16, 2021, at approximately 11:00 a.m. the Claremont Police Department stopped a motor vehicle that was being operated by a suspected suspended driver. According to Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase, "The vehicle was stopped and the operator was identified as Jamie Huntley, Claremont, NH, age 36. Huntley currently has a

suspended operating privilege from a DWI conviction. She was arrested and will be charged with driving after suspension.

"During her arrest, a large amount of suspected heroin/fentanyl [allegedly] was located along with cash. [Allegedly], over 5,000 bags of the drugs were located and seized. The

drugs seized have an estimated street value of over sixty thousand dollars," said Chase.

Huntley is being held without bail at the Sullivan County House of Corrections and was scheduled to be arraigned at Sullivan County Superior Court on July 19 on charges to include:

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Possession With the Intent to Sell.

Chase said that "This incident is currently being investigated by the Claremont Police Department as well as the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force, which includes the Lebanon Police Department, Newport Police Department and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office."



**Jamie Huntley
Claremont Police Dept.**

Drowning Claims Life of Cornish Man

CORNISH, NH—On Thursday, July 15, at approximately 12:15 AM, New Hampshire State Police - Marine Patrol Unit received information about a 72-year-old, adult male, discovered deceased on his property by a family member, in Mill Brook. Members of the Cornish Fire Rescue, Cornish Police, NH State Police – Troop C and Marine Patrol Unit responded to the scene.

The investigation revealed the property owner was attempting to traverse a homemade bridge across the brook earlier in the day on July 14 when he lost his footing, fell approximately 8 feet into the rocky water, and drowned.

Following the initial announcement, law enforcement later identified the deceased as Michael W. Ranney of Cornish, NH.

Upon arrival, responders learned a two-vehicle crash occurred on the bridge near mile marker 66/40 North, which caused both lanes of traffic to be at a standstill. According to the Vermont State Police, a pick-up truck hauling drilling equipment was unable to come to a stop and collided with several of the stopped vehicles, which caused approximately nine (9) vehicles to sustain front and rear end damage. There were no reported injuries. The roadway was closed for approximately two hours while vehicles were being recovered and roadway debris cleared.

Updated SHS Honor Roll

CLAREMONT, NH—An updated Honor Roll for Stevens High School includes the following students:

Victoria Dalke and Jesse Foote — Grade 10.

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Multi-Vehicle Accident in Area of Mile Marker 66 on I-91 North

On July 12 at approximately 0623 hours, Troopers from the Royalton Barracks, Westminster Barracks, and Middlesex Barracks were dispatched to the area of mile marker 66 on I-91 North in the Town of Hartland, VT, for a report of several vehicles which crashed at that location. Hartford and Hartland Fire and Rescue also responded as well as the Agency of Transportation and an Inspector from the Department of Motor Vehicles commercial team.

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VTSP Identifies Victim Killed in Hot-Air Balloon Accident in Bradford

After continued investigation, the Vermont State Police is releasing additional information about a hot-air-balloon accident that occurred Thursday, July 15, in the town of Bradford.

In the late afternoon hours, four passengers and a pilot took off in the balloon from Post Mills Airport. Some time later, the balloon began to descend and briefly touched down in a field. When contact was made with the ground, the basket tipped, and a passenger fell out. During this sequence, the pilot became entangled in gear affixed to the balloon as it re-ascended and ended up entrapped underneath the basket, where he eventually fell to the ground from a height. The pilot landed in a field off Waits River Road and was pronounced dead on scene. He was later identified by the VTSP as Brian Boland, 72, of Post Mills, VT.

The balloon continued north for about 1.5 miles until it became caught in a grove of trees in Piermont, New Hampshire, at which point the three passengers remaining in the balloon were able to climb down safely. None of the four passengers was injured in the incident.

Investigation into the circumstances surrounding this accident was turned over to the NTSB and FAA.

Independence Day Parade Winners Announced

The Brownsville Independence Day Parade Committee announced the following Independence Day parade winners:

Shriners Clowns won for the "Most Humorous" entry
 Ascutney Trails Association Youth Committee who rode fancy red, white & blue-decorated bicycles won for the "Most Patriotic" entry and
 The Klene Family Cousins (from CA, NY & VT) "TOGETHER once again" slogan won for "Most On Theme".

Honorable Mention went to:
 Amy Dexter & Tom Allingham's 2 mini don-

keys in patriotic costume,
 Ascutney Outdoors' float and
 Moonlighters' Snowmobile Club float
 Impressive trophies were awarded by the West Windsor Volunteer Fire Department to: Weathersfield Fire Department for most unique engine and Proctorsville for best appearing tanker.

A link to a video of this year's parade may be found at: <https://iplayerhd.com/player/Parade>.

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. Gary Merchant

Claremont Stands to Lose \$2,131,506



Last week my colleague, Rep. John Cloutier, wrote about House Bill 2 (HB2), commonly referred to as the “budget trailer bill”. House Bill 1 (HB1) sets the budget based on the amount the state expects to raise in taxes and user fees, or receive from the Federal government. It also outlines how those funds will be spent over the next two years. HB2 normally only addresses the budget’s implementation. This year however, the Republican-controlled state legislature shoehorned unrelated policies into HB 2 such as the language included on divisive concepts. It is hard to see how this gag rule, which impinges on our First Amendment rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution, belongs in a bill meant to focus on the state’s finances!

The previous New Hampshire state budget provided property tax relief through increased funding of education and additional support to municipalities. As a result, even with the increased funding to schools and municipalities, along with a pandemic, state coffers overflowed with a surplus at the end of the budget cycle on June 30. The surplus was great enough for the state to add \$50M to the state’s rainy-day fund — creating the largest balance in the fund’s history.

But the priorities revealed by this new budget are fundamentally different than last year. The coming budget represents a sharp change in values. I refer to this year’s budget as “Robin Hood” for the wealthy. While Robin Hood and his merry men took from the wealthy to give to the poor, the Republican-controlled legislature here in the Granite State did just the opposite.

This budget is chock full of opportunities for the wealthy to increase their fortunes — at the expense of the Granite State’s working families. Giving tax breaks to the wealthy reduces state revenue and so cuts into the funding sent to local municipalities. This in turn means cities like Claremont will be forced either to increase local property taxes or eliminate essential services.

Another problem is the \$100 million reduction in the state-wide education property tax (SWEPT). On the surface this change seems to benefit all communities. Upon closer examination though, it becomes apparent that the state also reduced funding for Fiscal Capacity Disparity Aid, a program that provides additional funding to property-poor communities like ours that are unable to raise revenues through property taxes at the same rates as the rest of the state and have median family incomes below the state average. This budget slashes funding for public education in 59 property poor towns, including Claremont, while sending MORE money to property rich communities across the state.

Projections for Reaching Higher Education NH show that Claremont can expect savings of roughly \$372,497 on SWEPT. Sounds good, right? Until you realize that a decrease in Fiscal Capacity Disparity Aid for Claremont of \$2,504,003 is also included in the budget. The state giveth and the state taketh away. The result: Claremont stands to lose \$2,131,506, which would increase the property tax rate by \$2.86 per \$1000, or \$429 per year on a house assessed at \$150,000. For Charlestown, the tax increase on a house assessed at \$150,000 would be \$338 and for Newport it would be \$222. On the other end of the economic scale, a property rich town such as Rye would see a tax reduction of around 5%, or approximately \$75 on a house assessed at \$150,000.

That’s not all. With this budget, New Hampshire becomes the first state in the nation to use taxpayer dollars to reimburse investors bilked by a Ponzi scheme. Some \$10M of taxpayer money, our hard-earned dollars, is being used to reimburse reckless investors who failed to do due diligence before putting their money into a get-rich scheme. Why are we footing the bill for their poor judgment?

Wait, there’s more: The budget completely eliminates the Interest and Dividends Tax over the next five years. Eliminating it might sound like a great idea, until you consider who benefits. Only those with substantial resources typically receive interest and dividends from investments. In fact, half the \$100M in revenue generated from this tax annually comes from just 2 percent of taxpayers. Amazingly, nearly a third of the revenue comes from less than 0.3% of taxpayers — fewer than 200 individuals. These folks are not the ones who really need a break. A better way to benefit small investors would have been to raise the threshold of the tax, not eliminate it.

The budget delivers more good fortune to large corporations through a reduction in the Business Profits Tax (BPT). Supporters of the budget will tell you that this reduction in the BPT helps grow small in-state businesses. In reality, small business are not the true beneficiaries. The BPT is paid by a very short list of companies; many are out-of-state corporations. Most of the revenue this tax generates is derived from only five percent of corporations; 76 companies pay half of the tax. The fact is that many small in-state businesses pay more in local property taxes than they pay for the BPT. Cutting this main source of revenue for the state of New Hampshire is nothing more than a talking point for the next election cycle.

A state budget is about priorities and those reflect values. The budget Sununu signed strips funding from needy communities in favor of tax cuts for fewer than 200 individuals and 76 large corporations. The wealthy will benefit, while working families are saddled once again with the burden of continual increases in their local property taxes. What does that say about our values here in New Hampshire?

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Letter to the Editor

Thank a Firefighter for Protecting Us

To The Editor:

I have previously written about the skill and bravery of our fire department. Once again the fast work of our Claremont Fire Department saved lives and property. On June 28, 2021, at 9:42 PM the Claremont Fire Department was dispatched and responded to a fire at a Union Street location in a building's attic caused by a lightning strike. The Fire Department was on scene 3 minutes later (!!!) at 9:45 PM. The Fire crew entered the building and found fire in the attic above a third-floor apartment. The fire was brought under control at 10:58 PM. Fire crews remained on the scene well into the morning. No residents were injured. One firefighter was transported to Valley Regional Hospital for an undisclosed injury and was released a few hours later.

This is impressive work by our chief and firefighters. They put their lives on the line everyday for us and they keep us safe. Sadly, a brave firefighter was injured. The response time and the injury to a firefighter highlight the skill and bravery of OUR team charged with protecting us.

Today, please thank a firefighter for protecting us.

Jim Contois

Councilor, Ward II

Claremont, NH

NH Delegation Announces More than \$3.1 Million for NH Small Rural Hospitals to Bolster COVID-19 Testing & Mitigation

WASHINGTON, DC—Wednesday, U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Representatives Annie Kuster (NH-02) and Chris Pappas (NH-01) announced that New Hampshire small rural hospitals will receive \$3,100,512 to bolster COVID-19 testing and mitigation. Specifically, the funding was allocated through the American Rescue Plan and awarded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ (HHS) Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP). Small rural hospitals — those with fewer than 50 beds and Critical Access Hospitals — are vital health care access points and trusted community resources. The federal dollars can be used by Granite State small rural hospitals to expand COVID-19 testing, boost access to testing and strengthen mitigation efforts.

“While New Hampshire has made tremendous progress in the fight against this pandemic, we’re not out of the woods yet. The dangerous and highly-contagious Delta variant of COVID-19 is spreading across the country, while here in our state, areas like Coos County are experiencing a significant spike in COVID-19 cases,” said Senator Shaheen. “The continuing threat this virus poses to our communities highlights why these federal dollars are so important. This funding will allow our small rural health care providers to expand access to COVID-19 testing and strengthen mitigation efforts catered to the unique needs of our rural communities.”

“Although we have made significant strides, the threat of COVID-19 remains,” said Senator Hassan. “In addition to vaccinating more Americans, we must continue ensuring that communities have access to COVID-19 testing..”

“Our New Hampshire health care workers have done an incredible job caring for our communities and keeping us safe throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and though we have made great progress getting shots into arms and saving lives, the Delta variant is spreading quickly across the country and this virus still poses a serious threat to the health and wellbeing of Granite Staters,” said Representative Kuster. “...It’s essential we continue to support testing and mitigation efforts – especially in rural areas of our state.”

“Our rural hospitals and health care providers were seriously strained by the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds are a crucial step in our continued efforts to support rural hospitals and providers throughout the state and get them the assistance they need to continue fighting to end this pandemic,” said Representative Pappas.



NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – July 16, 2021

CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Friday, July 16, 2021, DHHS announced 44 new positive test results for COVID-19. Those results included 35 people who tested positive by PCR test and 9 who tested positive by antigen test. There were now 249 current

COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire as of Friday's data.

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are nine individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 48% being female and 52% being male.

The new cases reside in Rockingham (11), Merrimack (5), Grafton (4), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (4), Coos (2), Carroll (1), Cheshire (1), Strafford (1), and Sullivan (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (4) and Nashua (4). The county of residence is being determined for six new cases.

There were currently 17 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since

the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 99,907 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

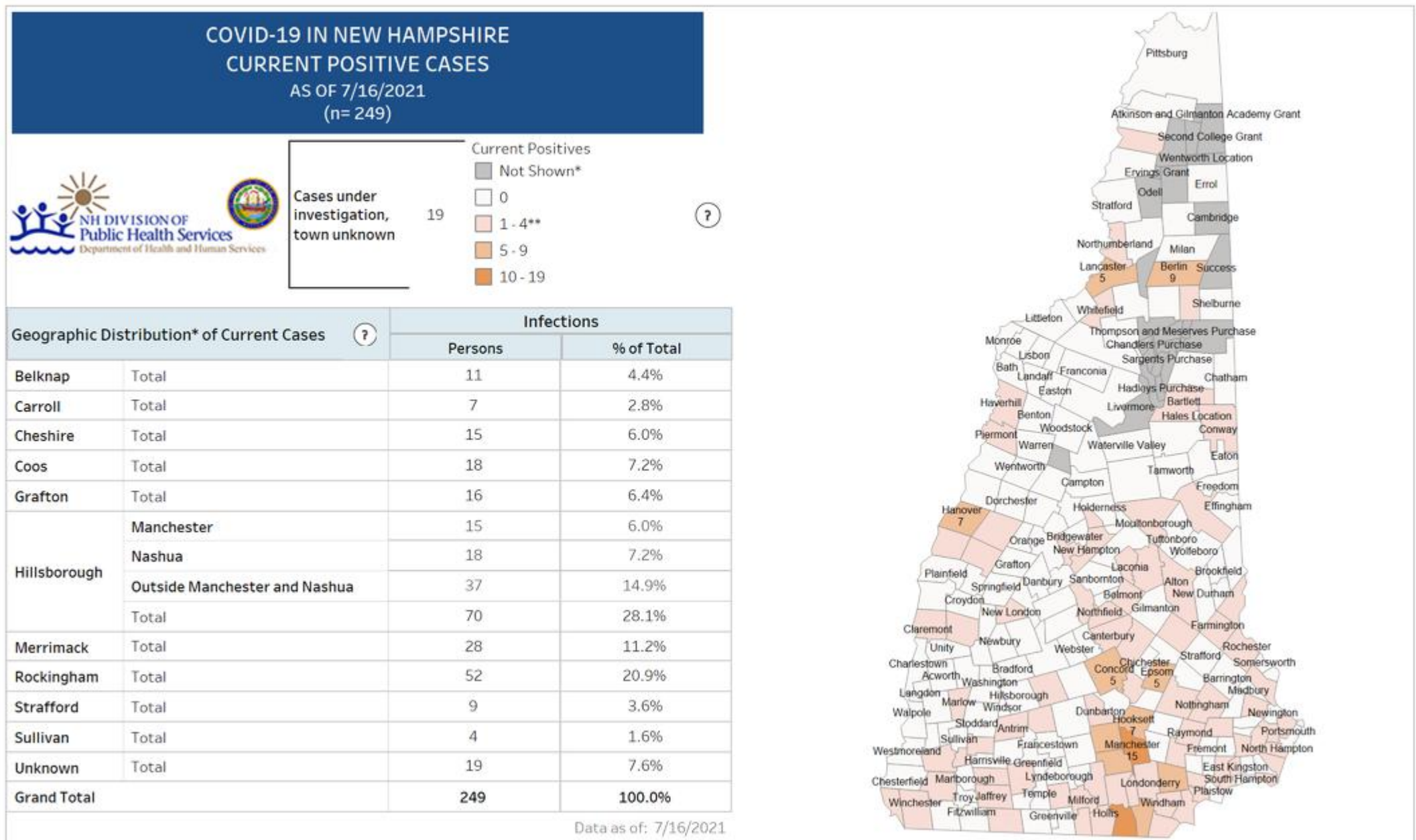
As of Friday, the 16th, there were 1-4 current positively identified cases in Claremont and in Newport. DHHS reported 4 in Sullivan County.

COVID-19 Hotline

211NH has been mobilized to handle all COVID-19 related calls from New Hampshire residents. All residents with questions or concerns regarding COVID-19 can call 2-1-1.

Vaccine Information in NH

For vaccine information, please visit <https://www.covid19.nh.gov/resources/vaccine-information>.



Signaling a Safe Way Through the City

Claremont FD Maintains Array of Traffic Lights

Story and photos by Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—“For a long time we’ve had 15 controlled intersections and three flashers in Claremont,” said fire chief Bryan Burr. “Now that Project Rethink Pleasant Street is changing the traffic pattern, there’s a sixteenth controlled intersection, at Broad and Glidden. The fire department is responsible for all of the traffic lights at these locations.”

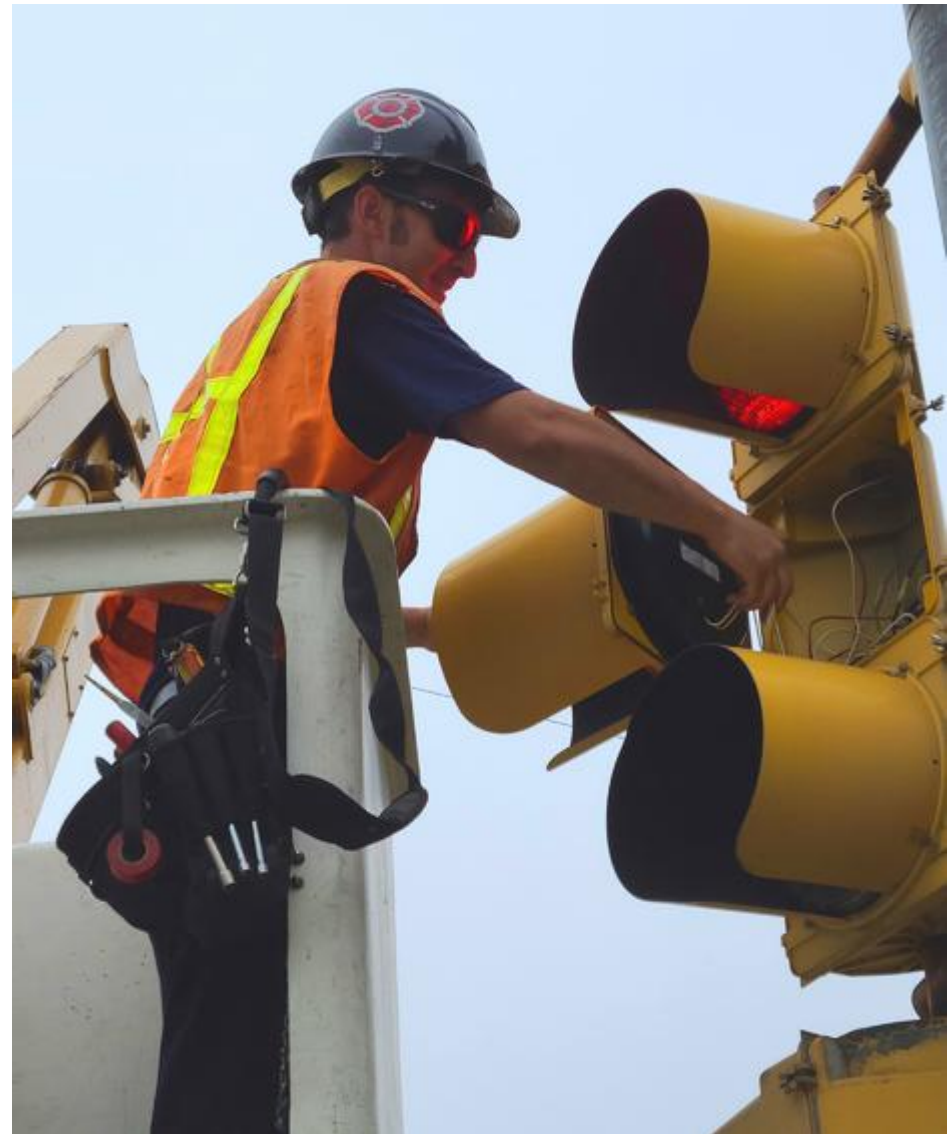
The department’s go-to troubleshooter is firefighter Tim Vezina. He drives Utility 2, which is outfitted with a toolbox, to the signal that needs fixing. He sets up cones to make a safe, no-drive work zone. He straps on a tool belt and adjusts the Versalift to the correct position and height. While 30 feet up there — in all

kinds of weather — he replaces a burned-out LED bulb, checks the others, and wipes all of them down with ordinary glass cleaner.

The job isn’t done, however, when he’s lowered the lift and climbs off the truck. He opens the traffic control cabinet that houses equipment, including controllers, conflict monitors and loop detectors. Signals from the lights are continuously transmitted via loops, thin metal strips that are embedded in the roadway. The strips function efficiently, Vezina pointed out, even under two feet of snow.

He takes a look at the controller’s flashing lights, which are indicating each signal’s particular, timed red-yellow-green sequence. When there are several lights at one intersection — such as the nine where North and Washington intersect — he takes the time to “read” the sequence while observing the traffic. “OK, that’s light 5, so the left-turn lane on Washington is live. And there they go. Now 3 is flashing, so here come the drivers on North making their left on to Washington.”

Vezina, who has been a member of the department for 11 years, is also its fire alarm/traffic light superintendent. “Ideally, I’d like to change out lights at 5am, when there’s almost no one on the road,” he remarked. “But in the real world, I’m likely to be out on Washington Street at the busiest time of day.” On a recent Sunday



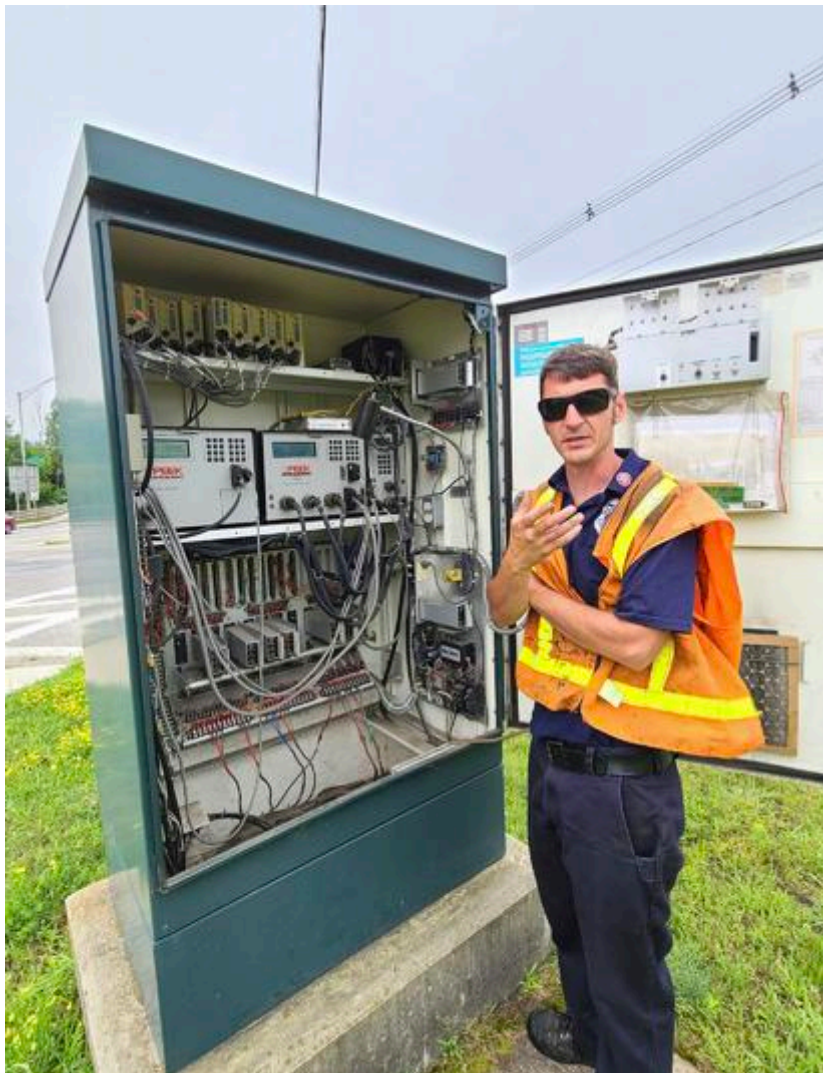
After changing out the bulb for the red light, Tim Vezina inspects the yellow and green bulbs, and finishes by cleaning all of them.

morning, he replaced bulbs in three locations, a not uncommon occurrence, he noted.

If firefighters are traveling to an emergency, they can pre-empt the system by activating a white strobe light on their vehicle. The strobe’s signal, received in the control cabinet, overrides the normal sequence, switching a red traffic light to green.

The signal farthest from the fire station is at the entrance to Home Depot on Washington Street. The closest are on Broad Street at Glidden, and where Broad meets Water and Wall streets. But wherever Vezina is working when a call comes through to the department,

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The traffic control cabinet at North and Washington streets is one of the most complex in the City.

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he gets a notification on his pager, returns to the station, climbs into his fire-fighting gear, and heads off with the rest of the crew to handle the emergency.

VeZina files a monthly report to the fire chief, detailing his work on traffic lights and fire alarms.

Costs are posted against the \$8,500 appropriated for traffic lights maintenance in the department's annual budget. Costs can include buying new load switches (\$300 each) and LED bulbs (\$100 each). If costs exceed \$8,500, Burr noted, the money can be transferred from other line items, the money being fungible. When City personnel cannot repair a major component,

such as a conflict monitor, the department contracts with companies like New England Signal Systems, in Northwood, New Hampshire, that can fix or replace the equipment.

Given the limited budget for traffic lights maintenance, calls to the department to report a "problem" have to be legitimate. Burr tells the story that "one day, by chance, it was Tim VeZina who answered a call from someone concerned about a light. What was the problem? The light was changing to red too fast, replied the caller. But that's a driving issue, Tim told him, not a problem for us to fix."

To report a burned-out or malfunctioning traffic signal in Claremont, call the fire department at 603-542-5156.

Remembering the Dawn: Program of Traditional Abenaki Stories

The Literary Arts Guild for the Center for the Arts announces its next event in their 2021 Literary Art Series, "Native American Beauty Is Diversity." They will be presenting Remembering the Dawn: a bilingual program of traditional Abenaki stories by father and son culture bearers Joseph and Jesse Bruchac.



Left: Several LEDs in this yellow bulb had burned out, creating the dark "streaks" often seen on traffic lights. A replacement bulb costs about \$100. Right: Tim VeZina works on a traffic light at the intersection of Main and Elm streets in Claremont. This is one of the City's 16 controlled intersections. The three flashers are located at South and Broad, Myrtle and Mulberry, and Main at the Citizens Street bridge.



For over 40 years, Joseph Bruchac has been creating literature and music that reflect his indigenous heritage and traditions, as a proud Nulhegan Abenaki citizen and respected elder among his people. He is the author of more than 120 books for children and adults. His best-selling Keepers of the Earth: Native American Stories and Environmental Activities for Children series, with its remarkable integration of science and folklore, continues to receive critical acclaim and to be used in classrooms throughout the country.

His son, Jesse, follows in the custom as a traditional storyteller, musician, and Abenaki language instructor. He works as co-director of his family run education center Ndakinna, where he teaches Native American Life Ways, Martial Arts, and the Abenaki language. He

has lectured at Harvard, Dartmouth, Princeton, and is currently co-teaching (alongside Conor McDonough Quinn) a Wabanaki Language course at the University of Southern Maine. Jesse has also acted as consultant, translator, composer, and language coach for programs on AMC, National Geographic, and PBS.

The event is co-sponsored by The Center for the Arts, Literary Arts Guild, The Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum and the Newbury Public Library. Again, the event is August 4th from 7:00 – 8:30 pm and will be presented virtually on Zoom. The Zoom link can be found on the CFA website at <https://centerforheartsnh.org/literary-arts-series>. There will be a question and answer period after the presentation.

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(boarding & grooming.) This cozy home offers an open concept living room with cathedral ceiling. Cozy up by the soap stone woodstove during those cold days/nights. Updated kitchen with new vinyl flooring. 1st floor laundry room with built-ins and a closet OR turn it into another bedroom, office, den, etc. A bedroom on the main level with a full bathroom across the hall. 2nd floor offers a finished bedroom and a partly finished 2nd bedroom with a roughed-in area for a 2nd bathroom. **\$349,900**

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Please send a completed New London employment application and your resume to the New London Police Department, 375 Main Street, New London, NH 03257. Documents should be addressed to Lt. David Keith and can also be sent electronically to the email listed above.

The positions will remain open until filled.

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Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 6:15 PM
at

Council Chambers, City Hall
58 Opera House Square, Claremont NH

A brief meeting to discuss and make findings on the City of Claremont Lead Services and Main Replacement Project as applies to the Historic District.

David Messier, Chairperson

PUBLIC NOTICE

For a meeting of the CLAREMONT PLANNING BOARD

To be held on
Monday, July 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers, City Hall
Claremont NH

The public is hereby notified that the Claremont Planning Board will be holding a public meeting to review and discuss a request from the Riverbank Church for an administrative waiver of the site plan regulations relative to their plans for 59 Old Church Road.

Richard Wahrlich, Chair

Death Investigation in Bethel

The Vermont State Police is investigating the death of an unknown individual whose body was found Thursday, July 15, outside a private residence in the town of Bethel.

Police were notified at about 6:15 p.m. Thursday that a body had been located in a tent at a property on Findley Bridge Road. Troopers responded to the scene and found decomposed human remains inside the tent. The scene was secured, and an investigation initiated. The body was later transported to the Chief Medical Examiner's Office in Burlington for an autopsy to determine the cause and manner of death, and to identify the remains.

Anyone with information that may be relevant to this investigation is asked to contact the Royalton Barracks at 802-234-9933. Tips also may be submitted online anonymously at <http://vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit>.

The investigation is active and ongoing.

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Private 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Contemporary Home on a 1.09 acre lot with a cathedral ceiling and oak flooring in the living room, an open concept kitchen with lots of cupboard space, a large master bedroom with a full bath and walk-in closet. A large lower level family room, large front porch and a screened-in back porch to a private back yard with a large garden area and mountain views. This is a very well maintained property!

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This 3 Bedroom country home was once an old Unity schoolhouse. It has an open concept kitchen, dining, living area, with a first floor laundry and a bath on each floor. There's decking along the back side that's perfect for family BBQ's, and a small two story barn that can house a vehicle. This is a very charming home with a unique history.

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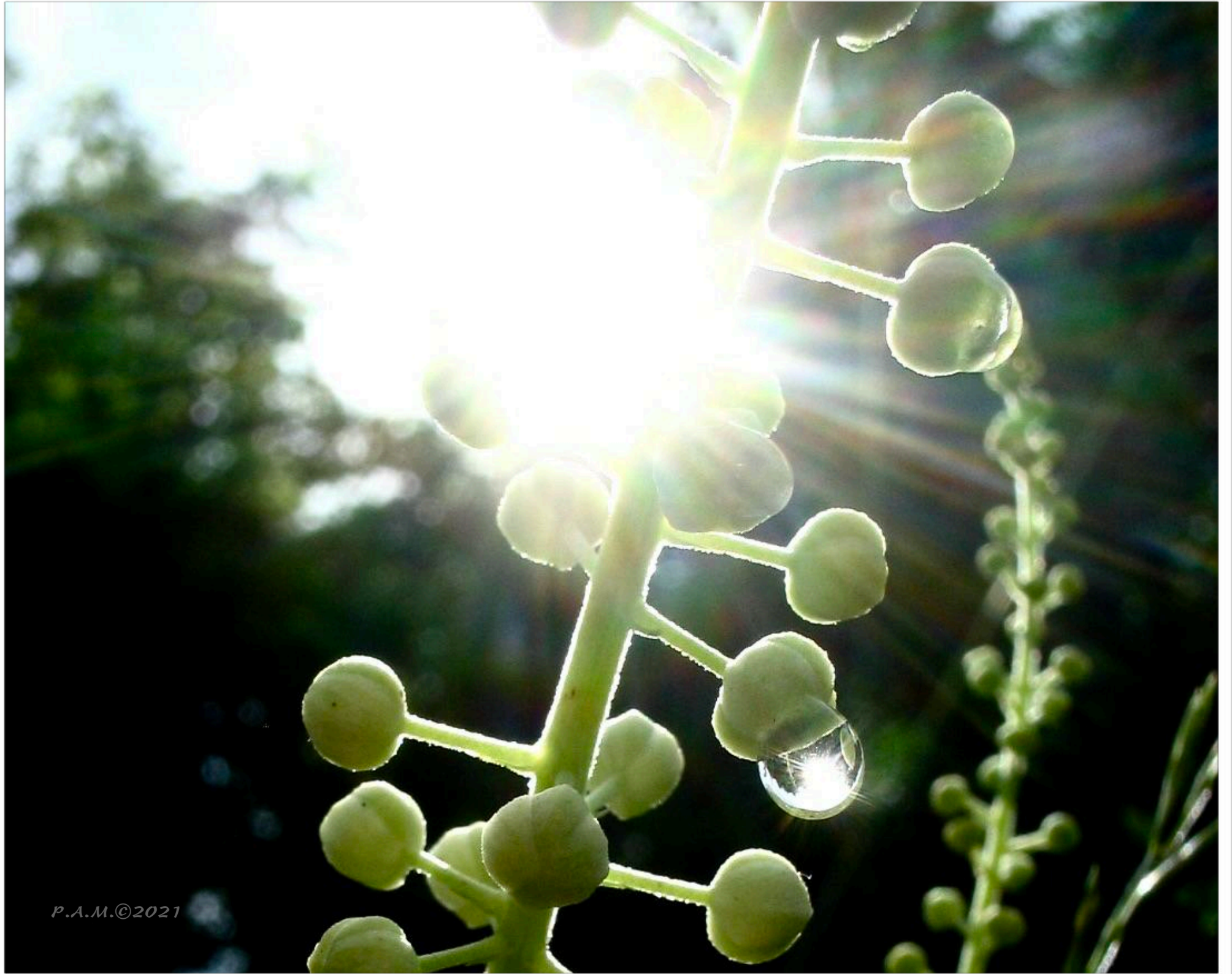
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A rare sighting of the sun these days is captured in a raindrop.

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Festival, from page 1

Asked if this year's event will be different from past festivals, bearing in mind that the pandemic has changed how many things are done now, Porter said, "We are hopeful that this year's event will be as 'normal' as possi-



ble. That being said, we respect the rights of all our students and families and encourage everyone to participate in a manner which feels most comfortable to them."

For those looking to participate, Porter said, "SAU 6 welcomes anyone from our community that shares our passion for creating agents of change. Claremont is a diverse community and our hope is that our event will meet the needs of all our students. From schools to municipalities, from mom and pop stores to large corporate organizations, we hope our event includes a variety of experiences."

In a perfect world, Porter said they would love to offer free backpacks to every student in need, but "for this event, we focus on students enrolled in SAU 6. That being said, no one walks away empty handed. We do our best to share resources with students outside our school district, in addition to connecting them with resources and personnel within their own school district."

Volunteers help to make the festival come to fruition, and each year the athletes of Stevens High School earn community service by volunteering at the event. They help vendors to unload and set up for the event as well as helping at the end to break down and clean up.

Anyone wishing more information may contact Porter at cporter@sau6.org.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

The next Plumbers' License Renewal class at RVCC is coming up on Wednesday, July 21st, at 6:00 p.m. in Claremont. For more information or to register, go here:

<https://rvcc.coursestorm.com/category/plumbing-licensure>.

TUESDAY, JULY 27

Cornish garden club and historical Society meeting, 6pm

Meet by the red barn at CREA. Jim Fitch will do a brief explanation of the beaver deceivers; Lionel Chute, from the extension service, will talk the vegetation in the wetlands. Bring bug spray. Questions? Call Sue Fitch, 675-9391.

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FINANCIAL THINKING

PART 1

Making Sense of HSAs and FSAs

Health Savings Accounts and Flexible Spending Accounts can save you money on healthcare expenses.

There's a way to potentially save money on your total annual healthcare costs. Health Savings Accounts (HSA) and Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) are government programs that can cover certain medical expenses not covered by insurance, while offering tax benefits that have the potential to save you money on your healthcare costs.

Employers can generally offer both types of plans to their employees. If you are self-employed, you can enroll in an HSA but not an FSA. To be eligible for either, you must meet certain guidelines. Below, we provide an overview of both options with their key benefits.



HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT

An HSA is offered by employees or electable by those who are self-employed in conjunction with a high-deductible health plan.

To elect an HSA, the employer or self-employed person deposits up to their entire healthcare deductible amount into an HSA account, which can cover qualified and nonreimbursable healthcare expenses.

Contributing to an HSA: After establishing an account, the account holder can add additional funds to the HSA via a payroll deduction from their gross income, which is money from pretax dollars. This reduces the federal taxable income for the person (most states also exempt the contributions from state income taxes, too). Additionally, any interest or earnings that the

HSA account generates is tax-free. You can also contribute to your HSA with after-tax money, deducting the amount from your gross income on your federal tax return, thus reducing your tax bill.

Non-account holders can also contribute to your HSA. In all cases, certain limits apply to the amount you are allowed to contribute. For instance, in 2020, the limit was \$3,550 for individuals and \$7,100 for families, though taxpayers 55 and older could add an additional \$1,000.

Tax-free withdrawals: The IRS details eligible expenses that an HSA covers in IRS Publication 502, Medical and Dental Expenses.

Withdrawals that you make from an HSA are exempt from federal taxes and in many cases state taxes, too, if you use them to pay for qualified medical expenses.

You can also use your HSA as an investment account, providing you with the potential to increase your returns. However, this carries a risk of loss, too.

Money that is left over in your HSA at the end of the year rolls over to the following year. Additionally, the money remains available if you retire, switch health insurance plans, or start a new job.

Disadvantages: HSAs require that you have a high-deductible health plan, which has the potential to create a more substantial financial burden than plans with lower deductibles.

Additionally, some HSAs charge recurring maintenance or per-transaction fees.

(Continued in next week's issue.)

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Business News

REALTOR® of the Year Named by Greater Claremont Board of REALTORS®

CLAREMONT, NH—Roz Caplan, Century 21 Highview Realty, Claremont, has been selected as the 2021 REALTOR® of the Year from the Greater Claremont Board of REALTORS®. Vi Lunderville, GCBR Past President, presented Caplan with the honor at the board's recent General Membership Meeting. She explained that



Roz Caplan

the committee made their selection after considering the records of nominees for the honor. The basis of judgment, she said, was the contribution of the REALTOR® to the betterment of community life, and Caplan's conduct of business reflecting the Code of Ethics of the National Association of REALTORS®.

"Roz demonstrates REALTOR® Spirit and portrays a strong image of what the REALTOR® Code of Ethics stands for," said the board. "Her professionalism in all dealings with the public, with others working in real estate, and those who are affiliated with the profession, are a fine example for others to take note of and follow."

Caplan currently serves as the Chairperson for GCBR's Education Committee, Grievance Committee, and Membership Committee. She sponsors a school for pre-licensing and instructs new board members on the REALTOR® Code of Ethics and Member Benefits. Roz is a Past-President of GCBR, is involved in multiple civic activities, including President of Temple Meyer David. She has successfully spearheaded numerous fundraisers for organi-

zations and local schools. Caplan is a past recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award from the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce and the Woman of the Year Award from the Business and Professional Women's Club. She holds REALTORS® professional Designations of GRI and CRS, and under her ownership and leadership, Century 21 Highview Realty is a Gold Medallion Office.

The GCBR will now submit Caplan as their REALTOR® of the Year in the New Hampshire Association of REALTORS® statewide competition for the state REALTOR® of the Year ceremony where all Board ROTYs will be recognized and one selected as the state winner.

The 40th Prouty Raises \$4 Million

Prouty Community Reaches Record-Breaking Fundraising Goal for 40th Year

LEBANON, NH – The 40th Prouty, New England's largest family-friendly fundraising event, concluded this weekend with a record-breaking success of raising more than \$4 million in support of cancer research and patient and family support services at Dartmouth's and Dartmouth-Hitchcock's Norris Cotton Cancer Center (NCCC).

This year's Prouty was a hybrid event with supporters participating virtually from June 1-July 11, 2021, and golfing, cycling and walking July 9-11. Despite the ongoing pandemic, more than 2,500 participants and volunteers joined the effort.

"I've never experienced anything like The Prouty before coming here as the director of the Norris Cotton Cancer Center," said Steven D. Leach, MD. "It is inspiring the way our

community gets involved and rallies around the Cancer Center to support cancer research and patient and family support services. This year's event and fundraising effort was astonishing. I was thrilled to ride 100 miles with a dedicated group of Cancer Center supporters and cancer survivors. I am already looking forward to bringing everyone back together for next year's Prouty."

The level of virtual participation was truly inspiring with large groups of participants creating their own Prouty. All around the country people participated by rowing, hiking, kayaking, gravel riding and many century bike rides. "Cancer is personal and impacts too many people we love. For 40 years our community has come together to change that and to make a difference," said Jaclynn Rodriguez, executive director for the Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center. "The Prouty brings hope and care to cancer patients and their families, and for all future generations."

The Prouty began in 1982 when four NCCC nurses, inspired by the courage of their patient, Audrey Prouty, committed to cycling 100 miles through the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Over the past 40 years, thousands of passionate individuals have come together to bike, walk, row, golf and more to make a difference. Since its inception, The Prouty has raised more than \$46 million to support cancer research and patient and family support services **(Courtesy photo)**.



A Broad (Street) Perspective

Claremont's Streets Changed in First Stage of Revitalization Project

CLAREMONT, NH—For the past four days, flashing traffic lights at the intersection of Broad and Glidden streets have been pre-



paring drivers for new one-way patterns and a lengthy road-work zone through which cautious driving is key.

The lights will go live in a programmed sequence on Tuesday. Construction signs will be utilized for guidance for the traveling public.

On Friday, workers from BUR Construction, who had previously excavated part of the Broad Street median, were filling it in with 4 inches of base mix asphalt, smoothing it down with a roller. The abutting parts of Broad Street will be drilled down to the same level, and sealcoating will be applied to the entire area. The new cut-through will allow drivers on Glidden Street (which will become one-way eastbound) to turn left on Broad.

BUR project manager Joshua Perkins took a minute's break from raking asphalt to say, "Next week you'll see us on Pleasant Street." Temporary water main installation is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, and flow assessment testing on Friday.

What happens to all the material that will be dug up on Pleasant Street? "It makes great landfill," noted Perkins. "It's free, and anyone can request it. We'll even haul it for free to your driveway. Some local farmers have already claimed the Broad Street material." Anyone who's interested, he added, could come to Pleasant Street to make a request, or they could call BUR Construction at (603) 287-7125.

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Exploring Career Possibilities

Incoming Freshmen Visit Local Businesses to Consider Their Own Futures

Submitted by Nika Oakes

CLAREMONT, NH—Last week, career counselor Nika Oakes of Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center in Claremont led a week-long summer camp called "Explore Your Future." The concept, created by SRVRTC director Dr. Alex Herzog, introduced incoming freshman students to career opportunities in the trades. This free summer camp embarked on five field trips over the course of the week.

the class toured LaValley Building Supply's headquarters in Newport, NH, to see how they design structures, build the components, and offer a full range of design options for the interior of any building.

At each facility, students learned about the multiple career pathways that one could take as a future employee. From in-house IT professionals, electricians and graphic designers to CNC operators and engineers, there is an array of careers available in our local area for those interested in the trades. Students saw the pride that each company takes in the creation of their products, and took the opportunity to speak directly with those who design and manufacture the products.

Through this summer camp, the students gained a unique insight into manufacturing operations in New Hampshire and Vermont. They also took Career Interest Inventory Surveys; by answering 60 questions about their interests, students were provided with a list of careers that would suit them. Each student then chose three possible careers to pursue after high school.

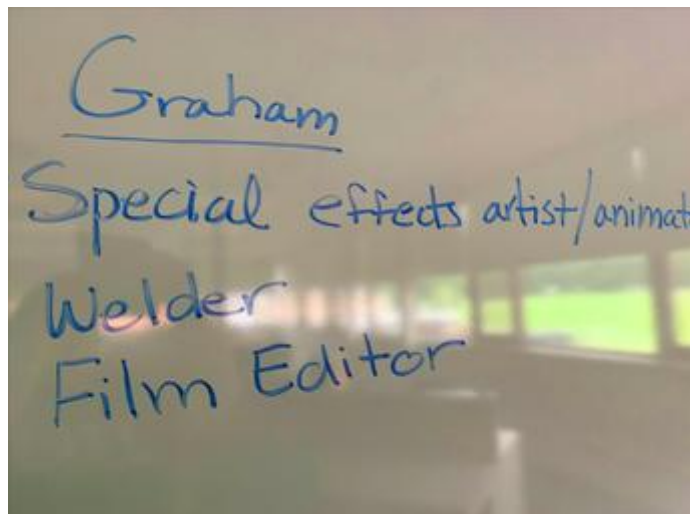
"When students have both exposure to careers and direction in terms of their interests, they are more likely to be successful in choosing a career path," said Oakes. "That is part of my role here as SRVRTC's career counselor."

Left: Trying out the plasma cutter at Hypertherm. Right: Inspecting building components at LaValley Building Supply. Below: Graham took the Career Interest Inventory Survey. Based on the results, he chose these as his top three career choices.



Monday's trip was to Hypertherm, Inc. in Lebanon, NH. Students toured the facility, were taught to use a plasma cutter and participated in activities prepared by their team. On Tuesday, the students were welcomed to G.S. Precision in Brattleboro, VT, where they toured multiple buildings and saw first-hand their manufacturing machinery, which has been in use over the past century.

On Wednesday the students visited Sonnax in Bellows Falls, VT, which manufactures transmission parts. Students learned how workers manufacture, package and ship parts all over the United States. CanAm Bridges, in Claremont, NH, welcomed the students on Thursday for an informative tour on how CanAm creates, connects and transports steel bridge components to worksites. On Friday,



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The Right Emotions Can Be Useful in Investing

You may have heard that it's important to take the emotions out of investing. But is this true for all emotions?

Certainly, some emotions can potentially harm your investment success. Consider fear. If the financial markets are going through a down period – which is actually a normal part of the investment landscape – you might be so afraid of sustaining losses that you sell even the investments that have good prospects and are suitable for your needs.

Greed is another negative emotion. When the financial markets are rising, you might be so motivated to “cash in” on some big gains that you will keep purchasing investments that might already be overpriced – and since these investments are already expensive, your dollars will buy fewer shares.

In short, the combination of fear and greed could cause you trouble.

But other emotions may prove useful. For example, if you can channel the joy you'll feel upon achieving your investment goals, you may be more motivated to stay on track toward achieving them. To illustrate: You may want to see your children graduate from college someday. Can you visualize them walking across the stage, diplomas in hand? If so, to help realize this goal, you might find yourself ready and willing to contribute to a college savings vehicle, such as a 529 plan. Or consider your own retirement: Can you see yourself traveling or pursuing your hobbies or taking part in whatever activities you've envisioned for your retirement lifestyle? If you can keep this happy picture in mind, you may find it easier to maintain the discipline needed to consistently invest in your IRA, 401(k) or other investment accounts.

Another motivating force is the most powerful emotion of all – love. If you have loved ones who depend on you, such as a spouse and children, you need to protect their future. One key element of this protection is the life insurance necessary to take care of your family's needs – housing, education and so on – should something happen to you. Your employer may offer group life insurance coverage, but it might not be sufficient, so you may want to supplement it with your own policy.

Furthermore, you may need to protect your loved ones from another threat – your own vulnerability to the need for long-term care. Someone turning age 65 today has almost a 70% chance of eventually needing some type of long-term care, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This type of care, such as an extended nursing home stay or the help of a home health aide, is extremely expensive, and, for the most part, is outside the reach of Medicare. So, to pay for long-term care, you might have to drain a good part of your resources – or depend on your grown children for financial help.

To keep your financial independence and avoid possibly burdening your family, you may want to consult with a financial professional who can recommend a strategy and appropriate solutions to cover long-term care costs.

By drawing on positive emotions, you can empower yourself to make the right financial moves throughout your life.

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Cone Automatic Machine Co. Charitable Foundation Scholarships Awarded

The Cone Automatic Machine Company Charitable Foundation of Windsor, VT, has announced the awarding of Foundation scholarships for the school year 2021-2022 to the following 2021 high school graduates:

Richard Buckley III, Chaminade College Preparatory, West Hills, CA; Katrina Breen, Dover High School, Dover, NH; Jackson Balch, Hartford High School, White River Junction, VT; Mia Caccavaro, Newport Middle-High School, Newport, NH; Amy Strickland, Peninsula Catholic High School, Newport News, VA; Emily Herbert, Stevens High School, Claremont, NH; Hannah White, White River Valley High School, South Royalton, VT; Blake Archambault, Sadie Balch, Ashley Grela, Chloe Jaarsma, Alyssa Slocum, Ethan Williams and Hannah Wood, Windsor High School, Windsor, VT.

Alleged Shooter Deemed Incompetent to Stand Trial

NEWPORT, NH—The *Valley News* reported on Thursday that the Claremont man who allegedly barricaded himself in an apartment in August of 2019 and fired over 100 rounds during a day-long standoff with law enforcement officials has “been deemed not competent to stand trial.” Michael Burns, 57, reported the *Valley News*, “was initially declared not competent to stand trial...in May 2020” but Sullivan County Superior Court judge, Brian Tucker, ruled that Burns might be “restorable to competency within the year.” Burns, however, was recently evaluated and determined to be “dangerous to the community.”

Burns has been held at the New Hampshire Hospital; an evidentiary hearing will be held in the future to determine whether it would be safe to release him back into the community, reported the *Valley News*.

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll

THURSDAY, JULY 22

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Sports/Recreation

Splash!

CSBCC Pool Site of Invigorating Exercise Classes

CLAREMONT, NH—Two mornings a week, members of the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center check in, change into bathing suits and space themselves out in the shallow end of four lanes of the big pool. For the next 45 minutes, they literally enjoy “full immersion” in a series of exercises.

Dawn Zombeck, an independent fitness instructor, designed the classes, which are open to swimmers and non-swimmers alike. She emphasizes that every participant should work at their own pace, “whatever is most comfortable for you.”

Zombeck described the 9am Wednesday Aqua Tabata class as “the chance to move in the flow at a moderate pace. The focus is on range of motion, strength and stretching.” Various exercises, such as jumping jacks and jogging in place, are done to recorded upbeat music for 20 seconds. A 10-second “active rest” follows; walking or bouncing in place keeps the body in motion. The 20 on/10 off sequence is repeated 10 times for each exercise.

At 7:30 Thursday mornings, Aqua Blast, as Zombeck puts it, “has everyone rocking out to fun music while getting fit through body weight exercises, noodles and weights.”

Is one class more intense than the other?

“Not really,” said Zombeck. “Besides, some of these folks have been with me for a long time. I can get pretty mean with them.” Make sure, she added, “you write that I said that with a giggle.”

The current classes are filled up, and there’s a waiting list. The next calendar quarter’s classes start in October. Registration opens up in September.

Learn about all the classes at the CSBCC and register online at claremontparks.com For more information, call 603-542-7019, or pick up the current program guide at the Center’s reception desk.

Dawn Zombeck demonstrates one of the exercises done in 20-second bursts. “Believe me,” she tells the class, “these are much easier to do in the water than up here on the tiles.”

Story
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Many of the students splash around in CSBCC's small pool. But if they pass a swim test supervised by a Center lifeguard, they get to use the big pool, all the way from the shallow to the deep end.



On Plan B days — when it's raining or the Monadnock Park field is too wet — students are just as excited to play tag relay, Capture the Flag, and Spiders and Flies in CSBCC's gym. Dana Rider, PE teacher at Disnard School, is in charge of sports.

Lazy Summer Afternoons? — No Way!

Students Enjoy Range of Activities After Morning Classes



Dawn Dextraze, education outreach specialist for Sullivan County, leads two Nature sessions every week at Arrowhead Lodge. On Flowers day, youngsters picked wildflowers on what, in winter, is the tubing run; later, they taped the flowers to a paper vase, which they colored in their own style. Dextraze's other topics include Rocks, Insects, Water, Forest, and Observation Skills.

CLAREMONT, NH— This summer, SAU6 and Claremont's Parks & Recreation Department are collaborating on a six-week program of morning academics and afternoon activities. Anywhere from 150 to 200 students in Grades K to 5 attend weekday classes at Maple Avenue School. After lunch, they're bused to the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center, the hub of four activities, each lasting 40 minutes. The kids and their adult guides participate in all four every afternoon, making for an exhausting but exhilarating winding down to the day.



Checking in with art instructor Heather Gallo. Youngsters get to take home what they've created in the CSBCC "studio," such as paintings, clay figurines and beaded bracelets.

Text and photos by Eric Zengota

Calendar Of Events

Weekly Band Concerts

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont American Band, 7:00 pm, Thursdays until Aug. 19, Broad St. Park. Free. Bring a lawn chair.

2021 Lempster Old Home Day

EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 14th

7am-9am Pancake Breakfast / Beat the Chief Roadrace – Fire Dept

9am-2pm Vendor's Market – Food, Crafts, more

9:30am Opening Ceremonies—Flag Raising, Nat'l Anthem, Invocation

11:00am Parade – Lempster Street – kids, floats, tractors, re-enactors

Day Long Vendors, music, food trucks, kids games, demonstrations, etc.

1:00pm Special Show - TBA

2:00pm Historical Talk – TBA

1pm-3pm Dodge Hollow School Open House

5pm-7pm Pulled Pork Supper – Lempster Fire Dept.

7:30pm Variety Show – Meeting House

Sunday, August 15th

10am Cemetery Commission

Demonstration/Talk - TBA

1pm Conservation Commission Hike - TBA

Program on Poor Houses and Town Farms at Silsby Free Library

CHARLESTOWN, NH—**Poor Houses and Town Farms:** Steve Taylor, NH scholar, journalist and Cornish farmer, will examine how paupers were treated historically in New

Hampshire towns and how reformers eventually succeeded in closing these institutions down. Sponsored by NH Humanities To Go. Monday, July 19, at 7:00 PM. This program will be offered in person at the Silsby Free Public Library, 226 Main St. Charlestown and via Zoom. Zoom link is available on the Silsby Library FaceBook page.

Theatre in The Woods to Be Held at Moody Park

CLAREMONT, NH—Amplified Arts returns to the great outdoors this summer with their Theatre In The Woods Series at Moody Park in Claremont, NH, on July 29, 30 & 31 at 7PM. The outdoor production is set in the 1900s and begins with a romantic Valentine's Day outing that ends in an intriguing mystery for a group of schoolgirls and their teachers. What has happened to the three seniors and the mathematics teacher on top of the jagged peaks of Hanging Rock?

Based on the Joan Lindsay runaway best-seller, *Picnic at Hanging Rock*, adapted by Laura Annawyn Shamas and produced with permission from Dramatic Publishing, this unnerving play explores a baffling disappearance that takes its toll on a small community in the Australian countryside. A delicate look at crisis, greed, and honesty at the turn of the century, *Picnic at Hanging Rock* invites its viewers to examine the people of Woodend and the consequences of their actions. Hauntingly and ironically, the play shows that what seems pristine and proper on the outside may not be free of moral corruption on the inside. The final climactic twist is shocking and bittersweet, with an impact that is unforgettable.

Tickets range from \$15 for a single ticket to \$40 for the Picnic ticket that includes space for two in the front row. Tickets are required and must be purchased in advance, no tickets will be sold at the "door". Visit www.amplifiedartsnh.com or find us on Facebook for more information.

New Bus Route from Claremont to Lebanon

Sullivan County Transportation has announced the launch of its new bus route from Claremont to Lebanon. They will be operating a 'soft' opening starting July 19th. They would like it to be by appointment for the first week. They will have stops at the Lebanon Green, Dartmouth Coach, and DHMC. Folks can connect to Advanced Transit to go to shopping areas. It will be fare free during this time. For more information and times, please call the office at (603) 542-9609.

St. Mary Alumni Invited to Participate in SHS Alumni Parade

CLAREMONT, NH—Calling St. Mary Alumni, an invitation has been extended by the Stevens Alumni Parade committee to participate in their parade on Saturday, Oct. 2. Class rosters (1957 to 1971) are available if St. Mary Alumni wish to enter a float in this parade. For more info, call Claire Lessard, president, St. Mary Alumni Assoc., (603) 543-3617.

2021 Summer Concerts Presented by Saint-Gaudens Memorial and the West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts

July 25th - The Fischers and Jennings: Great classical music for piano, violin, and cello
Aug 8th - Family Picnic Day: Creativity and Culture with the Vermont Abenaki Artists Association



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Aug 22nd - Layale Chaker, violinist/composer: Explore the world at the intersection of classical, jazz, Arab, and improvised music
 Aug 29th - Apple Hill String Quartet with Sally Pinkas: Classical and modern works for string quartet and piano

Due to the pandemic, most concerts will be held in person, outdoors at Union Church in Claremont (with registration) or digitally on the Saint-Gaudens Memorial YouTube Channel. Please verify details online before the show at wcc-ma.org for full info including artists chats, ticket registration, and special pop up mini-concerts. Visit SGM online at saint-gaudens.org.

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/west-claremont-center-for-music-and-the-arts-10648461080>.

Fiske Library Resumes Public Programs

On **Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**, **Jerry Schneider** will return with a program on **Pollinators**.

Participants may bring their own t-shirt to paint after the program or Mr. Schneider will also have t-shirts for sale. The charge for the new t-shirts is \$4.00.

The program will be outside and is free.

On **Monday, August 2, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.**, **Steve Blunt** will return to present a program of **Tales and Tails**; the program will be outside and will be free.

On **Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**, Storyteller **Sharon Wood** will be here to present a story based on the Summer Reading Program theme of **Tails and Tales**. The program will be outside and is free.

Throughout the summer on Wednesdays when another program is not scheduled, there will be a craft program created by the library staff—all supplies will be provided free of charge. More information will be forthcoming.

Library staff will also be putting together craft kits which can be picked up by parents if their child can't make it to the craft program.

Please call the library at 542-7017 for more information.

All programs will be outside and when six feet of space is not possible, all attendees are required to wear masks. If you need a mask, one will be provided.

All programs are sponsored by The Friends of the Fiske Free Library.

Concerts on the Common

NEWPORT, NH—The Newport Area Chamber of Commerce has announced that it is presenting its Annual Concerts on the Newport Common June 27th-August 29th. These concerts are free to the public thanks to its generous sponsors.

Schedule:

July 25, 2021: Bel Airs

August 1, 2021: Party Crashers

August 8, 2021: The Flames

August 15, 2021: Just Can't Wait

August 22, 2021: JJ's Music

August 29, 2021: TBD

COH Pop-Up Concerts Series

CLAREMONT, NH—As part of its reopening and updated Membership Program, the Claremont Opera House has kicked off the summer season with a series of smaller pop-up concerts outside at Arrowhead Recreation

Upper Valley Farmers Markets



Find fresh local food and support our farmers at your local farmers market or in the Vital Communities Guide: vitalcommunities.org/guide



Market accepts SNAP EBT



Market doubles SNAP benefits



Market accepts VT WIC Farm to Family coupons



Go on a Quest here! vitalcommunities.org/valley_quest

SUMMER 2021: LOCAL AS USUAL, SAFER THAN EVER

Markets and vendors follow state guidance for COVID-19 safety protocols. Most vendors offer a pre-order system and some markets offer curbside pickup. Summer markets open in May/June and end in September/October.

More details on Farmers' Markets and other places and ways to get fresh local food can be found at vitalcommunities.org.

Canaan Farmers' Market

Sunday 10-2
Canaan Common
Canaan, NH



Lebanon Farmers' Market

Thursday 4-7
Colburn Park
Lebanon, NH



Royalton Farmers' Market

Thursday 3-6
South Royalton Green
South Royalton, VT



Chelsea Farmers' Market

Friday 3-6
Chelsea North Common
Chelsea, VT



Newport Farmers' Market

Friday 3-6
on the Common
Newport, NH



Springfield Farmers' Market

Saturday 10-1
280 Clinton Street
Springfield, VT



Enfield Market

2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10-1
Huse Memorial Park
Enfield, NH



Norwich Farmers' Market

Saturday 9-1
281 Route 5 South
Norwich, VT



Sunapee Farmers Market

Saturday 8:30-11:30
68-72 Main Street
Sunapee, NH



Greater Falls Farmers' Market

Friday 3-7
17 Depot Street Bellows
Falls, VT



Randolph Farmers' Market

Saturday 9-1
Gifford Hospital Green
Randolph, VT



Wilmot Farmers' Market

Saturday 9-12
Wilmot Flat Green
Wilmot NH



Hanover Farmers Market

Wednesday 4-7
Middle School Hanover, NH



Most farmers' markets and many farm stands accept SNAP/3SquaresVT and Vermont WIC Farm to Family coupons. **Double your SNAP** benefits at nine markets! Look for signs to the SNAP EBT booth to take advantage of these extra bucks, which are called Crop Cash or Granite State Market Match.

Hartland Farmers' Market

Friday 4-7
Hartland Library Fields
Hartland, VT



Woodstock Market on the Green

Wednesday 3-6
Woodstock, VT



Area. These pop-up concerts have something for everyone, are geared to get you out of your seats dancing, and are part of increasing the membership support of the COH.

Aug 6th: Latin Night with Cuarteto Carioca brings the vibrant sounds of latin music to Claremont. Based in the Monadnock region, their infectious blend of Brazilian Sambas, Choros, and Bossa Nova; Cuban boleros and rumbas; and Argentine Tangos bring smiles to faces. These talented musicians blend their individual skills with the voice of a classically trained mezzo-soprano. Get ready to practice your salsa dancing!

Sept. 11 - Dixieland Jazz with the COH Orchestra, led by Director Gerry Grimo and members of the East Bay Jazz, will take you back to the start of jazz in New Orleans. You'll want to tap your toes and sway to classic hits from Louis Armstrong and other well known artists from the period.

Tickets for all summer pop-up concerts are \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for K-12 students. Silver and Gold Members receive free tickets in reserved pods according to their membership selection. Tickets and Member Program information is available online at www.claremontoperahouse.org.

All concerts run from 6-8PM. In the event of rain, the concerts will be canceled.

44th Annual Orford Flea Market

August 7th & 8th, 2021 (Saturday & Sunday)

Saturday – 9am to 5pm

Sunday – 9am to 4pm

Rain or Shine

Sponsored by the Orford Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

On the Common, Rt. 10, Orford, NH

It's our 44th Annual Flea Market with up to 190 vendors. There will be a delightful mix of wares: antiques, handcrafted items, and the usual treasures. The OVFD Inc. will be selling hamburgers, hotdogs, French fries and refreshments. The Church will be selling breakfast sandwiches and later, pie & ice cream.

Phone: 603-353-4855

Email: ovfdinc@gmail.com

Lake Sunapee VNA Offers Three Grief Support Groups

NEW LONDON, NH – Lake Sunapee VNA

now offers three virtual grief support groups for the community. The “Newly Bereaved Widows Group” is for women who have experienced the loss of their husband within the last year and is held on the third Thursday of every month from 10:00-11:00am. The “Widow to Widow Group” is for women in all stages of grief and meets on the first Monday of every month from 3:30-5:00pm. Newly bereaved widows are welcome at this group as well, especially if they are feeling the need for more frequent support. In addition, a “Bereavement Check-in” group is available for men and women on the third Wednesday of every month from 4:00-5:00pm.

All of these groups provide an opportunity for participants to come together in a safe place of compassion and confidentiality. Attend once, multiple times or as needed. If interested, email your contact information to loconnor@lakesunapeevna.org and a member of the Lake Sunapee VNA bereavement team will call you with further details.

Charlestown VFW Bingo Schedule

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown VFW Bingo is offering a weekly opportunity for some entertainment and socializing while helping us to raise funds for our many Veterans programs. Wednesday nights at 5:00 p.m. for early birds and 6:30 p.m. for regular fun and games. Currently, we play 12 regular and two 2 part games, as well as a 50/50 game, Winner-take-all game, Carry Over Coverall game and a Jackpot game. The Governor's emergency order concerning COVID has expired. It is now time to take the lessons we have learned over the past year plus and act accordingly. If you're sick – stay home. Cover your nose / mouth when you cough, wash and / or sanitize your hands frequently, and we'll all be healthier. The attendance limitation has also ended. In keeping with the state CDC recommendations, if you have a compromised immune system you may still wear a mask for your own protection. We still have masks and hand sanitizer for anyone that may desire either product. The Charlestown VFW Post is located at 365 Lover's Lane Rd, Charlestown, NH.

Updates to our schedule and the weekly carry over coverall game can be found on our Facebook page.

SHS Alumni Celebration Info

CLAREMONT, NH—As plans for the 150th shift into high gear, the Stevens High Alumni has highlighted the many ways alumni, businesses and donors can get involved:

For general information on the association — and to pay your dues or make a donation — go to stevensalumni.com

Email alumni@stevensalumni.com

Phone the office at 603-542-8987

Find out more about Alumni Weekend at stevensalumni.com/news/10408/alumni-weekend-2021/

- To order imprinted “Class of YYYY” shirts, visit inkfactoryclothing.com.

MONDAY, JULY 26

7 pm; Book Discussion —“The Great Gatsby,” published in 1925. Books are available. Call or e-mail the library to obtain a book.

This event will be held outside at the library, in celebration of the Centennial of the Philip Read Memorial Library.

Sponsored by the Friends of Philip Read Memorial Library.

Contacts: prmlfriends@gmail.com or mary.king@plainfieldlibraries.org or 603-675-6866.

Book Sale at Library

The George H. Stowell Free Library at 24 School Street in Cornish Flat has just added an assortment of books, DVDs, and audiobooks to its in-house book sale. Come check out the recent additions for sale at the bargain price of 25 cents each or 5 for \$1.00. The library is open on Wednesdays (3-6 pm) and Saturdays (9-12 pm). No appointment needed.

TUESDAY, JULY 27

Cornish garden club and historical Society meeting

Rescheduled: Tuesday, JULY 27 at 6 PM.

Meet by the red barn at CREA. Rickey Poor will not be able to do her talk on the property, but Jim Fitch will do a brief explanation of the beaver deceivers. Then Lionel Chute, from the extension service, will introduce us to the wonderful vegetation in the wetlands. As before, bring your bug spray and whatever you need to be comfortable.

www.facebook.com/etickernews



Notice of Annual Meeting

July 20, 2021 @ 6:30pm

Location: Claremont Opera House Theater
Enter and exit through the elevators by Police Department

Agenda:

1. Welcome - Felicia Brych Dalke, Board President
2. Review Nominations and Elect New Board for 2021-22 - Felicia
3. Review Annual Financial Reports from FY20-21- Clay Hawkins, Board Treasurer and Andrew Pinard, Executive Artistic Director
4. Update on Bylaw Changes - Felicia
5. Overview of Season Program and Approach to Sponsorships - Andrew
6. Open items from the public - All comments welcome

Claremont Senior Center News

“Let a smile be your umbrella on a rainy, rainy day.” Hi, everyone. Well, that just about sums it up. It seems the sun has gone south. Maybe someday soon we will see it again. In the meantime, we have a lot of things for you to do instead of a nap, which we guess is not that bad. Let us see if we can help. Oh! Bring in that umbrella smile.

B9, I 22, N 38, G 56, O 72. BINGO!!! “Every time it rains, it rains, pennies from heaven.” And we have the money. Come and get it on Wednesdays at 1pm. Doors open at 11am. Food available. No cards sold after 12:25pm. We had a very nice crowd last week. Come on over and collect those “pennies”.

Our last concert will be on Friday, Aug. 6, 6:30–8:00pm. The Firehouse 6 will grace our lawn with the music so loved by audiences. We are so lucky to have the here, Thank you, Roz Caplan, for sponsoring. There will be ice cream sundaes available and a 50/50. Bring a lawn chair and join us for great music. Rain or shine, open to the public and free.

Our kitchen is serving up a storm. They served for the Penny Sale, the Men’s Breakfast and now for the Tuesday and Thursday take-out meals.

Tues. July 20-BBQ Chicken, French Fries, Vegetable and Dessert.

Thurs. July 22-Chicken Salad W Roll, Tomatoes and Cukes, Dessert.

Take-out only, pick up: 11:45am-12:15pm. Members-\$4, nonmembers-\$5. Call 543-5998 to reserve your meals. Open to the public.

On Sunday, Aug. 1, We will hold a Re-Open House. Time 1–4pm. Every room and the outside will be occupied with activities that you can indulge in. We will be featuring cribbage, chess, Mahjonn, knitting, adult coloring, pool, ping-pong. The computer room is open to view our take-out puzzles and books. Outside will have corn hole. Cars from the car show and horseshoes. (A new court is coming.) Come and see what we offer. Chat with our volunteers. A one-month free trial membership will be offered. This will give you a chance to experience our Center activities.

Don’t forget the Car Show is back!! Sunday, Aug. 29. Check next week’s letter for all the details.

Well, that’s it for this week. We are now open all day Fridays for your pleasure. Work on our

two puzzles or grab a book and read. The girls will be knitting, and the game room will be busy with Mahjonn. Don’t forget Game Nights Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6–9pm. The Hand and Foot Card Game (like Canasta) is fierce. See you next week.

Thought of the Week: “Whenever skies are gray, don’t worry or fret. A smile will bring the sunshine and you’ll never get wet.”

Laughter and good conversation always welcome here. And even bad jokes.

Open Monday—Friday, 9am-3pm, plus Tuesdays and Thursdays for Game Night, 6–9pm.

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Rd., Claremont, NH. Tel: 543-5998. Mask rules posted.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday 7/11:

8:48 PM: Engine 4 responded to Central St. for a medical call.

Monday 7/12:

11:13 AM: Engine 4 responded to Heritage Drive for a medical call.

1:06 PM: Engine 4 responded to Beauregard St. for a check of well-being.

Tuesday 7/13:

11:11 AM: Engine 4 responded to Central St. for a medical call.

11:50 AM: Engine 4 returned to Central St. for a public assist.

Wednesday 7/14:

10:19 AM: Engine 4 responded to Pleasant St. for a well-being check.

3:05 PM: Engine 4 responded to Durham Ave. for a detector issue.

4:23 PM: Engine 4 responded to Charlestown Rd. for a detector sounding.

5:33 PM: Engine 4 responded to the Skate Park for a medical call.

5:45 PM: Engine 4 responded to Highland Ave. for well-being check.

8:35 PM: Engine 4 responded to Hanover St. for a medical call.

Thursday 7/15:

6:50 AM: Engine 4 responded to Prospect St. for a medical call.

1:53 PM: Engine 4 responded to Broad St. for a medical call.

3:19 PM: Engine 4 responded to Washington St. for a fuel spill.

Friday 7/16:

4:46 AM: Engine 4 responded to Collin Place for a medical call.

9:58 AM: Engine 4 responded to Summer St. for a medical call.

10:40 AM: Utility 1 responded to Airport Hill on Sullivan St. for a tree in the roadway.

12:00 PM: Engine 4 responded to Spring St. for a smoke investigation.

1:06 PM: Engine 4 responded to Bellevue Ave. for a medical call.

1:41 PM: Utility 1 responded to Ferry Landing Rd. with the rescue boat for a boat retrieval.

3:18 PM: Engine 4 responded to Clay Hill for a smoke detector sounding.

6:15 PM: Ladder 1 responded Mutual Aid to Windsor for a structure fire.

8:11 PM: Engine 4 responded to Plains Rd. for a smoke investigation.

Saturday 7/17:

1:05 AM: Engine 4 responded Mutual Aid to Ascutney for a structure fire.

12:48 PM: Engine 4 responded to Webster Ave. for a backhoe on fire.

2:26 PM: Engine 4 responded to Hanover St. for a medical call.

Be Aware, Prepared, and Responsible; Purchase a Hike Safe Card

CONCORD, NH – The Fourth of July marked the beginning of the busy summer hiking season in New Hampshire. As you make plans to get outside to hike, bike, kayak, or climb, be sure you have your voluntary Hike Safe card.

Outdoor enthusiasts are also encouraged to purchase this voluntary card for 2021 because card proceeds help defray the costs of training and of search and rescue equipment for Fish and Game Law Enforcement Conservation Officers, preparing them to come to your aid if the unexpected happens.

The 2021 Hike Safe cards cost \$25 for an individual, or \$35 for a family, and are good for the calendar year ending December 31, 2021. The price is the same for both residents and nonresidents.

Cards can be purchased online at www.wildnh.com/safe and at New Hampshire Fish and Game Department Headquarters, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH.

The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

To watch the meeting via Zoom, click the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81529457408?pwd=dmpEQ1BRNXNibVFUblYNU1nWnZIQT09>

Passcode: 739587

Or by telephone: 1-646-558-8656, Webinar ID: 815 2945 7408, Passcode: 739587

(Please note: This link is provided for viewing only. This platform will not be monitored during the meeting. For citizens wishing to speak to the Council directly, please join us in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

AGENDA

- 6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL
- 6:34 PM 3. AGENDA CHANGES
- 6:35 PM 4. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
Minutes of July 14, 2021, City Council Meeting(s)
- 6:37 PM 5. MAYOR'S NOTES
- 6:42 PM 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
- 6:45 PM 7. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))
8. OLD BUSINESS
- 6:55 PM A. Access to Stevens Brook Trail – Conservation Commission Update
- 7:05 PM B. Heritage Commission Update
- 7:15 PM C. Donation Policy Approval
9. NEW BUSINESS
- 7:25 PM A. UVLSRPC Presentation (City Manager)
- 7:35 PM B. City Tree Policy (City Manager)
- 7:50 PM C. Request to Review City Code Chap. 6, Art. II Open Burning (City Manager)
- BREAK
- 8:15 PM D. Airport Master Plan Update (City Manager)
- 8:25 PM E. Ordinance 589 Police Commission – First Reading (City Manager)
- 8:40 PM F. Ordinance 590 Alcoholic Beverages – First Reading (Council/City Manager)
- 8:55 PM G. Sustainable Workforce Compensation Discussion (Mayor Lovett)
- 9:05 PM H. Zoom Discussion (Councilor Stone)
- 9:15 PM 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 9:20 PM 11. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 9:25 PM 12. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Remembering Loved Ones...

Life Tributes

Obituaries May Be Found On Our Website

We post obituaries on our website to make them available in “real time,” as they are released by funeral homes. We will continue to publish them here weekly, as well, for your convenience if you wish to print out any of them.

www.etickernewsclaremont.com

Dolores E. Pollard, 71

Dolores (Dee) E. Pollard, 71, of Claremont, NH, passed away on Sunday, June 13, 2021, peacefully in her home.

She was born in Bellows Falls, VT, on August 2, 1949, the daughter of Floyd L. and Elaine D. (Bowers) Pollard.

She is survived by her partner, Fred Mack of Claremont; her daughters, Stacey L. Wilk of Lebanon, NH, and Shannon D. Wilk of San Diego, CA; and one brother, Mark D. Pollard of South Charlestown.

Per Dee's request, there will be no services.

The Stringer Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

SATURDAY, July 24 10:30AM-12:00PM

Summer Art & STEM Series comes to Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park. Sketching from Nature with Kelly Art aficionado, Kelly, will be back, inspired by Mother Nature herself.

Meet at the Caretaker's Garage at Saint-Gaudens NHP

For ages 10-13, up to 8 participants
FREE

All workshops are for kids (appropriate ages listed with descriptions below), except for the family hike, where all ages can join.

While kids are doing the workshops, families may visit the buildings, gardens, grounds, and trails.

Every Saturday from 10:30AM-12:00, ending on August 14th.

You bring the creativity, we'll bring the materials.

Reservations are required as we are keeping group sizes small.

Register by emailing marie_clifford@nps.gov To learn about Destination Inspiration: Summer Art & STEM Series at Saint-Gaudens NHP, check out our website: <https://www.nps.gov/saga/planyourvisit/things2do.htm?fbclid=IwAR0LSmcAtDsNgGWgN32rDua-fMw7IEKpRATwGVXJofOp4EdjPcl4CbSyC1U>.

Panels and EVs and E-bikes

HANOVER, NH—Join us on Wednesday, July 21, at the Hanover Farmers Market from 4-7 p.m. and meet ReVision Energy and Solaflect Energy associates in person. Sustainable Hanover will host a variety of electric cars and bikes - talk to their owners and learn how

enjoyable going electric can be! If you're lucky, you'll be treated to a solar baked cookie! Location: Richmond Middle School, 63 Lyme Rd. Hanover

For more information on solar, go to <https://sustainablehanovernh.org/solarize> and sign up to talk to our clean energy partners. They can also guide you through the consideration of complementary technology, be it heat pumps, home battery storage, an EV charger, or an electric hot water heater.

Questions? email sustainablehanovernh@gmail.com.

MONDAY, AUGUST 2 FISKE FREE LIBRARY

Get Ready for Summer Reading 2021

On Monday, August 2nd, at 2:30 p.m., performer Steve Blunt will present a program in the theme of Tales and Tails- in story and song! All programs are free and open to the public-all programs will be outside and we ask that masks be worn if a six-foot distance can't be maintained.

Sponsored by: The Friends of the Fiske Free Library; call 542-7017 for more info.

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-Dr. Sam Given

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SUNDAY
AUGUST 8
2PM

The Claremont Opera House
more info and tickets @ cohnh.org

All Aboard!

The Vermonter Returns to Claremont Station

By Eric Zengota and Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—For area train enthusiasts and riders, July 19 was a special day indeed, as it marked the return of Amtrak's Vermonter service, including its stops in Claremont. Before the pandemic interrupted Amtrak service all over the country, the Vermonter stopped twice daily at Claremont's Amtrak station at 12 Plains Road. Passenger service, with the southbound train arriving around the noon hour, and the northbound before 6pm, was suspended in March of 2020.

Today, Monday, the train was welcomed back by the community, represented by local officials, members of the Claremont's Station Host Association, some members of the Claremont American Band and interested members of the public as well as riders.

About 50 people turned out for the event, and even though the train was a good 45 minutes late, people waited patiently. Twelve passengers boarded at the Claremont stop, two got off.

Officials attending were City manager Ed Morris, Mayor Charlene Lovett, Senator Sha-

heen spokeswoman Bethany Yurek, Senator Hassan spokesman Bobby Graham, and Congresswoman Kuster spokesman Tom Giancola. Also, Claremont State Rep Walt Stapleton, who is also part of the Claremont Station Host program. Also attending were City councilor Jim Contois and his wife, Reb MacKenzie, and Chamber director Elyse Crossman.

This is not the first time that train service in Claremont was greeted with fanfare. Some 32 years ago, July 17, 1989, the Montrealer (the route at that time) was feted with speeches as well as music by the First New Hampshire Ancient Fyfes. Officials included Vermont Gov. Madeleine Kunin and New Hampshire Gov. Judd Gregg (see photos, page 34).

In her remarks, Lovett said that "Claremont is very fortunate to be the only community on the western side of the state to have Amtrak service and the only New Hampshire stop on the Vermonter line which provides passenger rail from St. Albans, VT, to Washington, DC....As we...wait for the arrival of the Vermonter, I would ask that you consider train travel. The seats are larger than on airplanes, you can work while traveling, the tickets are often cheaper..." She also said that for those



Mayor Charlene Lovett addresses the crowd during the festivities. Below: Arrival and boarding.

who travel with bikes, the Claremont Cycle Shop at the station can help with bicycle service needs, and Stations Hosts are available to answer train travel questions.

A table with an array of brochures was set up for anyone seeking more information.

In her letter to the City, Shaheen said in part, "...Thank you to Amtrak's hardworking crew, the City of Claremont and its diligent staff, the dedicated volunteers of the Station Host Asso-

(Continued on page 33)





Left: City manager Ed Morris speaks during the event; right: band members going over some music; below: those attending the event at the station; departure.

worked together in the past few months to make this day an exciting reality..." Hassan wrote in part, "The service of the Vermonter is important for New Hampshire residents and businesses and I am grateful to hear of its re-opening..." She is working to extend this line to Montreal.

Kuster said in part, "it is a pleasure to be able to congratulate you on this milestone. The new waiting pavilion represents the hard work and commitment of the City of Claremont and Amtrak to support travelers, including both residents and tourists, and to expand the transportation infrastructure of western New Hampshire..."

Morris said in part, "... We can go out to the world and the world can come to us..." He also mentioned how the community is working on its cultural arts scene and he thanked all the



volunteers for their hard work to grow the community in so many ways.

All Photos by Eric Zengota

(More photos on page 34)

Train, from page 32

ciation of Claremont and everyone else who





Left: Linda Fletcher's first train ride; right: Joanne Peniuk traveling to Brattleboro, VT, for shopping and returning Monday evening.



Claremont City councilor Michael Demars took the train to Bellows Falls, with plans to bike the 23 miles back to town.



Some 32 years ago, July 17, 1989, the Montrealer was greeted with speeches as well as music by the First New Hampshire Ancient Fyfes (Courtesy photos).