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Suspect in Active Shooter Incident Makes Court Appearance

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Police
Department, NH State Police and the Sullivan



Michael Burns (Claremont Police Dept.)

County Sheriff's Office held a joint press conference Thursday afternoon, announcing that an active shooter incident in the City earlier in the day had been brought to a successful conclusion with no injuries. Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase reported that his department received a call at 5:20 a.m. of shots fired in the area of Hanover and Centennial Streets. Officers on patrol at the time responded immediately to the areas that had been identified. Chase said that a perimeter was immediately created around the property on Hanover

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Here's Mud in Your Eye...



Saturday morning's rain cleared out in time for the Claremont Parks & Recreation Department's annual Reach the Peak obstacle-course race. Participants from 7 to 70 maneuvered up and down the slopes, sped over the trails and splashed through the water hazards of Arrowhead Mountain. See story, more photos, page B1. (Eriz Zengota photos)



Update on Next Planning Board Meeting, Application for C&D Waste Transfer Site

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Planning Board will hold its regular meeting on August 26th; according to the Planning and Development Office, the American Recycling application for a C&D waste transfer site will be on the agenda. The Board will re-open the public hearing on that American Recycling application. Their attorney has sent a letter to the Board requesting an indefinite extension of the public hearing on their application.

The Board will have to discuss the applicant's request and then vote on how they choose to proceed. They have several options to choose from:

- grant the applicant's request for an indefinite extension;
- deny the applicant's request, close the hearing and deny the application;
- deny the applicant's request, close the

hearing and approve the application or approve it with conditions;

urge the applicant to withdraw their current application and re-apply when they have a complete application. If the applicant agrees to this option, the Board would close the hearing on it at this meeting. The matter would be closed until the new application is received, a new hearing is warned, and the process starts all over again.

They may or may not take public comment while the hearing is open.

City Manager Update

CLAREMONT, NH—Asst. Mayor Allen Damren provided the latest update on the City Manager position at Wednesday night's council meeting. Damren said that Ed Morris of Weathersfield VT, who has been chosen to fill that seat, is on a pre-planned vacation with his family, taking his son out west where he will be attending college. Morris is expected to be back in the area on the 24th, and Damren said that he anticipated that Morris would be signing the contract on the 25th, adding that there were only a couple of things that still needed "to be nailed down, but nothing major." At that point, Morris will be giving his 30-day notice to the Town of Weathersfield, meaning that he will assume the job in Claremont the last week of September. The contract with interim City Manager John MacLean has been extended through the end of October to allow for a period of "overlap" to share information between the two managers before one party hands off to the other, said Damren.

The results of the criminal background check are anticipated to be available in a week or two. —Phyllis A. Muzeroll

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 BBQ IN CLAREMONT

Bring the family and enjoy a Chicken BBQ on August 24th at First United Methodist Church, 38 Summer Street in Claremont. Serving ½ chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, homemade cookie or brownies for \$10.00. Serving from 11am until sold out.

All meals ready for takeout.

Any questions, please give us a call: Deb Snelling, First United Methodist Church, 603-542-5783.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 Rabies Vaccination Clinic

8:30 AM-11:30 AM
Upper Valley Humane Society
300 Old Route 10
Enfield NH 03748

Open to domestic dogs, cats, and ferrets who are at least 3 months of age; \$10 per vaccine, cash only. Dogs must be leashed and cats in separate carriers. No appointment needed. Please bring a copy of previous vaccination if possible.

Questions? Call UVHS (603) 448-6888.

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08/17/2019

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10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Commentary

Thank You

Ordinarily, we do not write editorials. We don't think it's our place to tell our readers how or what to feel about an issue. But this week, we want to say a simple thank you.

Our community was greeted by the unthinkable on Thursday, an active shooter event that was unfolding as residents were waking up and starting their day. Under the steady hand of Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase, his department, the New Hampshire State Police and others, what could have been a truly horrendous day in our little City was brought to a peaceful ending, and despite hundreds of rounds allegedly being fired by the suspect (and none by law enforcement), there were, thankfully, no injuries. Perhaps we should say, miraculously.

We know what has been in the news far too often and we knew, in the backs of our minds, that it was a possibility here last week, something far too awful to truly comprehend.

It was not only gratifying to hear NH State Police Colonel Christopher Wagner compliment our local police department for being so disciplined and well resourced, but to hear him praise the community as a whole and to thank the people who provided food and water to First Responders throughout a very long day in Claremont.

Many of us knew someone in the shelter-in-place zones or had our routes altered because of the events of the day. We think we speak with some certainty when we say that the community retired that night with much to think about, process, and, be grateful for. Personally, we know when we hear the term "active shooter" or something related now, or when we see something on the national news about a community that is still coming to terms with a horrendous event such as a mass shooting, our reaction to it is different. There is a level of understanding that we did not have before.

In many ways, life has become more exhausting than it used to be, and we feel we have to be on our guard more often against so many things. But we can take solace in the fact that no one lost his or her life last Thursday and that we were well protected by so many brave people.

Thank you, Chief Chase, and thank you to everyone in your department, the New Hampshire State Police, all who worked to keep our community safe and to the community at large that pulled together during such a difficult day.

Letter to the Editor

Learn from the Past for a Better Future for Claremont

To The Editor:

From 1987 until 2013 a company in Claremont, NH, received and burned almost two million tons of solid waste, more than the city could produce in two centuries at today's rate of waste generation. Most of that trash left town on the wind along with the profit, helping bankrupt a local utility and two municipal waste districts in the process. Looking forward, will Claremont turn away from its toxic legacy as a 'host community' and say no to another privately-controlled waste disposal company?

Today Acuity Management, Inc., a company based in Methuen, Massachusetts (or Boca Raton, Florida, no one's quite sure) proposes to consolidate hundreds of tons of construction and demolition debris-a-day close to neighborhoods and an elementary school, then send it away by night train to some unsuspecting community in the Midwest. Permitting a private transfer station to collect roughly half of NH's daily generation of C&D waste and bring it through Claremont to be discharged near people's homes and businesses would be going backwards.

Claremont should not do to some distant community what was done here. Acuity wants to more than double the daily volume of waste Wheelabrator used to move into and out of the city, bringing more noise, truck traffic, runoff and dust, and threatening public health and safety. Acuity's C&D waste operation, with its minimal capacity for sorting and recovering materials, would bring through Claremont every year about as much C&D waste as the city would generate in 75 years at today's waste generation rates. Getting at material before it becomes contaminated in mixed loads of waste is where a forward-looking resource management strategy should be heading. Deconstruction, source segregation, and more effective materials management could reduce today's C&D disposal rate significantly.

Not many have yet grasped the scale of Acuity's C&D waste operation or the long-term impacts on economic development for the city. Let's learn from the past and reach for a better future for Claremont and our region.

John Tuthill

Acworth, NH

Former member of the NH House Environment and Agriculture Committee

Beginning Woodworking for Women

CLAREMONT, NH—This class is designed for women who have not had much (or any at all) experience working with wood or tools. Participants will have a chance to explore their creative and practical, problem solving sides, and learn about safety, design, wood, power tools and some hand tools in a supportive learning environment. Machines such as the joiner, planer, table saw, drill press, miter saw, and band saw will be covered as well as drills, routers, and sanders. Each participant will design and build a small project of individual choice. Classes are limited to five participants.

Wear closed toe shoes. Bring something to drink, a pencil with an eraser, and a tape measure if you have one.

Eight-week course:

Thursdays 6:30 - 9 PM.

September 19 - November 7, 2019

Location: Claremont Makerspace

To register, please go here:

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event/2019/9/19/beginning-woodworking-for-women>.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 FILM IN WINDSOR

Free Film: On Friday August 23rd at 7:30 pm, Windsor On Air and the Farmers' Exchange presents a cult film classic: "Manos, The Hands of Fate".

Touted as one of the worst films ever made, come out and see for yourself why. Free Popcorn & other treats.

Admission is free as always, donations gladly accepted. Windsor Farmers' Exchange behind the Windsor Station.

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These elegant blooms in the formal garden of the Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park in Cornish have held up through this summer's storms and scorchers. Almost — one might think — to let the music of Gerry Grimo and East Bay Jazz perk them up as Labor Day draws near. Grimo led the musicians and vocalist Cathy Newton through the songs of Jerome Kern, George Gershwin, Irving Berlin and Hoagy Carmichael, shook the leaves off the trees with Benny Goodman's percussive "Sing, Sing, Sing," and finished the concert with a rousing rendition of "When the Saints Go Marchin' In." August 25 at Saint-Gaudens: The Delphi Trio will perform works by Beethoven, Takemitsu, Mendelssohn and Bolcom, 2 p.m. This last in the summer series will be a free concert to celebrate the 103rd birthday of the National Parks Service (Eric Zengota photo).



Claremont MakerSpace Looking for Volunteers

CLAREMONT, NH—Interested in volunteering at the Claremont MakerSpace in exchange for a discounted membership? Let us know! We're currently looking for volunteer "Desklers" to help staff the CMS's front desk. Deskler responsibilities include giving tours, welcoming participants of classes and events, helping to keep common areas organized and more.

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20th Annual RiverSweep & Raffle Sept. 7th

SPRINGFIELD, VT—The Black River Action Team welcomes volunteers of all ages to lend a hand for the 20th Annual RiverSweep, Sept. 7, cleanup of the bed and banks of the Black River. Meet at the HQ table by the footbridge in the Springfield Shopping Plaza (2 Chester Road), sign in and pick a spot to clean. Grab trash bags and work gloves, fill your water bottle head out to see what you can find. Bring your junk back to HQ by 11:00 a.m. to help us sort and tally the "treasures," clean up and play a little "Junk Jam" while enjoying lunch. Don't forget to grab some chips donated by Deep River Snacks and your free BRAT tee shirt, as your 'thank you' for your time and effort.

New for 2020: Help support the many BRAT programs and projects such as RiverSweep by purchasing a raffle ticket (\$1 each or six for \$5) and enter to win one of several prizes (drawing held at noon)

* Beautiful wall art by Springfield Fence Co/ Hawks Mtn Ironworks



* Hand-made maple cutting boards by Rockledge Farm Woodworks of Ascutney

* One-year subscription to Northern Woodlands Magazine

* Car wash kit by Advance Auto Parts, featuring organic cleaning products from VT Soap Company

* One-year family membership to Brattleboro Museum and Arts Center

* and more!

Bags and gloves provided by CT River Conservancy; a full list of 2019 supporters is on the back of the bright turquoise tee shirts,

imprinted by Clever Cow Designs.

For more information on RiverSweep and other projects, contact BRAT Director Kelly Stettner at (802) 738-0456 or blackrivercleanup@gmail.com.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 19
CORNISH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

6:30 PM

Cornish School Library

Agenda to include:

Administrative Reports

Joint Meeting with Plainfield School Board

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Shooter, from A1

Street, but due to the seriousness of the situation, the perimeter was expanded and the the NH State Police was called in. He said that 911 was used to notify residents in the area and that “shelter in place” alerts were sent out to specific areas of the City as a precaution. The NH State Police called in uniformed officers, the NHSP Tactical Response Team, and other services, such as the State Police helicopter. Additional services included help from the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Department, the Massachusetts State Police with drone equipment and Homeland Security. The American Red Cross also provided support during this incident.

“As additional resources arrived, a combination of road closures and messaging were conducted to ensure the safety of residents in the area,” said Chase. “Immediately following the call, police issued a shelter in place and began evacuating the areas of Hanover Street, Barnes Street, and North Street. A shelter was established at the Claremont Community Center for individuals who had been displaced during this event.”

NH State Police Colonel Christopher Wagner had high praise for the Claremont Police Department and the community at large during the incident, saying that with local resources, “we had everything, fire, rescue, the community was being displayed with how well things were handled; people provided us with food and water. Thank you very much for doing your role to bring this to a safe conclusion.” He added, “We spared no expense to bring this to a safe resolution.”

Chase added that the incident had been “intensive and long standing.” He identified the suspect as Michael Burns, 55, of Hanover Street, with the property being a multi-family apartment. Burns was taken into custody at approximately 2:20 p.m. He was wanted on previous warrants, two counts of simple assault and one count of criminal threatening.

“We shut down a very major part of Claremont [today],” Chase said. The investigation is continuing, and work at the scene was likely to continue into Friday, Chase said on Thursday; he said they were still looking into a motive for the incident. Chase added that the suspect allegedly fired “hundreds of rounds and that’s why they shut down such a large area.”

One resident of Centennial Street said that “The phone call at 7:40 woke us and the Claremont Police Department told us to shelter

in place.” She also reported hearing shots.

Also attending the press conference was Sullivan County Sheriff John Simonds and Lt. Michael Kokoski of the NHSP, Commander of Troop C. Neither of them commented during the presser.

On Friday, Burns was arraigned in Newport on multiple charges; he pled not guilty to four charges of felony reckless conduct with a deadly weapon. He was ordered held without bail. Authorities confirmed reports that he had allegedly been involved in a similar incident in Maine 10 years ago. According to an article on fosters.com, Burns was allegedly involved in a May 2008 incident in Waterboro, ME, and faced “terrorizing charges a terrorizing charges after a six-hour standoff with the York County Sheriff’s Department.

“Sheriff’s officials say they were called Monday afternoon to the home of 44-year-old Michael Burns following reports of a man running naked threatening to shoot neighbors and burn down their houses.

“When police arrived, officials say Burns ran into his home and threatened deputies. Six hours later, he surrendered peacefully. He was taken to the York County Jail and charged with terrorizing, creating a police standoff and indecent conduct.” It appears that the case was not prosecuted. He is also facing misdemeanor counts of criminal threatening and simple assault from



Top: The New Hampshire State Police helicopter could be seen hovering over the City, including directly over City Hall (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo). Below: Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase addresses the media at a press conference Thursday afternoon, with NH State Police Colonel Christopher Wagner looking on (Eric Zengota photo).

that previous incident.

Congresswoman Kuster Leads Workshop on Accessing Millions in Federal Funds

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Last week, a federal funding workshop organized by Congresswoman Annie Kuster (NH-02) introduced Claremont area businesses, non-profits, organizations and communities to federal, state and local grant and loan opportunities to support regional economic development.

Kuster reviewed some recent issues for which she has secured federal funding. She has successfully tackled public education, opioid addiction recovery, a health care clinic, veterans housing in Plymouth, and road and bridge repair.

“But today’s workshop is about how you can learn about the millions of dollars available through federal grants and loans,” said the fourth-term congresswoman. “We all send a lot of money to Washington when we pay taxes. But we don’t see a lot of it coming back to New Hampshire. We’re here to help you get more than a buck back on your federal tax dollars.”

Nine panelists were in attendance.

“We’re fortunate to have so many department and agency representatives all together here,” said Kuster. “There are a lot of grant-makers in this room. Hopefully you’ll find someone here today who can help you.”

The panelists introduced themselves and outlined the types of funding available through grant applications.

Anthony Linardos, State Director, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development. USDA RD supports the rural New Hampshire economy in the amount of \$200 million. One of its many grant and loan programs, Initiative Grants, awards up to \$4 million per project to construct, enlarge or improve essential community facilities such as public safety, fire and rescue, and schools.

Alan Brigham, Economic Development Representative for New Hampshire and Maine, U.S. Economic Development Administration. EDA makes construction, non-construction and revolving loan fund investments in economically distressed areas. “Opportunity zones” are geared to low-income areas and those with special needs such as natural disaster recovery.

Rich Grogan, Executive Director, Northern Border Regional Commission. NBRC, a Fed-

eral-State partnership, provides funds for critical economic and community development projects that lead to job creation and leverage private-sector investments. NBRC has helped to fund 248 projects totaling \$56 million in New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine and New York.

Greta Johansson, U.S. Small Business Administration. “Government buyers are looking for you.” Government agencies are ready to consider buying products and services from individuals and businesses.

Kevin Peterson, Economic Development Director, N.H. Community Development Finance Authority. CDFA has a grant pool of \$8.5 million. Its many programs include Ideas to Innovation Grants for community development, a Tax Credit program, and Housing and Public Facilities Grants for affordable housing and housing rehabilitation, municipal infrastructure and handicapped access.

Christopher Way, Economic Development Deputy Director, State of New Hampshire Department of Business and Economic Affairs. This new agency administers both research and development and economic revitalization zone tax credits, as well as a job training matching fund.

Dave Tillie, Regional Administrator, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



Congresswoman Kuster
(Eric Zengota photo).

HUD’s Community Development Block Grants provide communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs.

Stephen Heavener, Director, Capital Region Development Council. CRDC is a source for non-traditional financing for small business working capital, real estate acquisition and equipment needs. CRDC is seeking impactful real estate development projects and small business borrowers in Sullivan County.

Frank Gardner, Brownfields-Region 1, Environmental Protection Agency. The Brownfields Program provides assessment, cleanup and other grants as well as technical assistance to communities to assess, safely clean up and sustainably reuse contaminated properties.

Kuster’s Nashua office serves as a clearinghouse for all aspects of the federal grant process. To learn more, contact Tom Giancola, Constituent Service and Outreach Coordinator, 603-595-2006 or tom.giancola@mail.house.gov.

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Energy Advisory Committee

Monday, August 19, 2019 6:00 - 7:30 PM
 Visitor Center, 14 North Street

PUBLIC NOTICE

Claremont Development Authority

Full Board Meeting
 Thursday, August 22, 2019 7:30 AM
 Visitor Center, 14 North Street
 Claremont, NH

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, August 22, 2019 6:00 PM
 Council Chambers, City Hall

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Historic District Commission will be conducting public hearings to consider the following Certificate of Appropriateness applications:

HDC 2019-00006 Pleasant Rock LLC, Tilton NH – for vinyl siding on the building at 134 Union Street. Tax map 107, Lot 12. Zone: I-2.

HDC 2019-00007 Valerie Young, Newport NH – for signage at 106 Main Street. Tax Map 107, Lot 3. Zone: MU.

Interested persons may review these applications at the City of Claremont Planning and Development Department, 14 North Street, during normal business hours.

Comments may be submitted in writing to Historic District Commission 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743 or at the public hearing.

David Messier, Chairperson

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CLAREMONT, NH—Repairs to upper inseam and thigh areas of denim jeans don't

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Classified Ads

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The Newport Branch Manager reports to the Retail Manager

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- Prepare various accounting reports as requested
- Perform H.R. related duties as assigned by H.R. Director
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- Ability to work with confidential information in the H.R. department
- Exceptional interpersonal and communication skills: Written and Verbal

The Accounting Assistant/Benefits Administrator reports to the Controller.

Requirements:

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Mayoral Notes by Charlene Lovett



Protect Yourself Against Hepatitis A

If you have not been vaccinated for Hepatitis A, please consider doing so. Hepatitis A is a highly contagious liver infection caused by the Hepatitis A virus which spreads through fecal to oral transmission. Normally, the state of New Hampshire averages about seven cases a year. Since November of 2018 thru August 13, the state has experienced 174 cases. Of those, 101 resulted in hospitalization and one in death. Two of these cases have been confirmed in Sullivan County. The best way to ensure that you are protected and help prevent an increase in the number of cases is to get vaccinated.

Those with chronic liver disease, substance use disorders, unstable housing, gay and bisexual men, and people who are or were recently incarcerated are at highest risk. However, it is recommended that all children, one year and older, and anyone wishing to obtain immunity be vaccinated. The virus is very resilient, living up to three months on surfaces. It is important to note that hand sanitizers, such as Purell, do not kill the virus.

The vaccine for Hepatitis A is very safe and effective. Ideally, it is a two shot series with the first shot providing a 95% protection rate for about 10 years. The second shot is given between six and 12 months later, increasing the protection rate to 97% for life. Most children, 15 years and younger, have received this vaccination as it became a part of the recommended vaccine series about 15 years ago. If you are unsure of whether you previously received the vaccine, it will not hurt

you to be revaccinated.

Because NH has declared the Hepatitis A outbreak a public health incident, it has asked the Public Health Networks to offer free vaccinations to those at highest risk. Working with local partners who have clients who may be at an increased risk, the Greater Sullivan County Public Health Network has been holding free vaccination clinics at the Claremont Soup Kitchen. The next vaccination clinic will be on Wednesday, August 28 from 9:30am to 12:30pm. The cost of the vaccination is \$135 for those without insurance. So, anyone who does not have insurance is encouraged to visit the clinic.

Vaccinations are also available at the Rite Aid in Claremont, and with your primary care providers. If you would like further information on Hepatitis A, please visit www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/hepatitisa/hepa-nh-htm. Together, we can stop the spread of the virus and protect the health of our community.

Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and a member of the Greater Sullivan County Public Health Advisory Council. Please email questions, comments or concerns to her at clovett.ccc@gmail.com.

Next Boating Education Class is August 24th

SUNAPEE, NH—The next NH Boating Education Class will be offered at the Sunapee Safety Services Building on Saturday, Aug. 24th. The class will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On the day of the class, you must bring a valid I.D. and your lunch. You will earn your boating education certificate on the day of the class. Seating for this class is limited to 18 (the 2 classes

already held this summer in Sunapee were filled quickly).

You must pre-register on-line by going to: <https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/nhsp/fob/marine-patrol/boating-education/>. Approximately halfway down the webpage, you will see the link "Search and register for boating education class". Click on the link and scroll until you see the August 24th class in Sunapee and complete the information as requested.

For any questions, contact Nancy Levesque, NH Boating Education at 603-227-2124.

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One Credit Union Breaks Ground for Newport, NH, Branch

SPRINGFIELD, VT— One Credit Union broke ground for a new branch in Newport, NH, on Saturday, August 3rd. More than 250 people came out to celebrate the event and get a Jump\$tart on their finances with One Credit Union. By participating in a Jump\$tart review, attendees learned how they could potentially save money by refinancing with One Credit Union. They also got to jump into the Cash Cube to grab cash and gift cards to local businesses!

With games for young and old, lunch on the grill, ice cream from the antique Good Humor truck, face painting and music from the onsite Q106 team, everyone had a good time. “What an incredibly warm welcome – and I’m not just talking about the weather!” quipped One CU CEO Brett Smith. “Thank you Newport for coming out to welcome One CU to your community and to find out what we are all about.” Joining Smith at the groundbreaking were (left to right) Jan McMahon, President of the Newport Rotary Club, Hunter Riesburg, Newport Town Manager, Brett Smith, One CU CEO, and Jeff Taft, One CU Board Chairman.

Newport will be the 7th branch for the Credit Union whose field of membership consists of anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in the State of Vermont and the counties of Coos, Cheshire, Grafton and Sullivan in New Hampshire. The new branch will be the second in New Hampshire for the Credit Union **(Photo collage courtesy of One CU).**

Mt. Ascutney Hospital Awarded Grant from Couch Family Foundation

WINDSOR, VT – Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) has announced that it has been selected as a recipient of a 2019 Couch Family Foundation Community Grant.

The grant, which will be distributed over three consecutive years, was awarded in June 2019 to support the Family Wellness Coach in **(Continued on page A16)**



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Grant, from A15

the Hospital's Family Wellness Program. The grant was awarded following a detailed application process.

Dr. Joseph Perras, CEO and Chief Medical Officer at MAHHC, expressed the Hospital's gratitude at being awarded the grant. "We are profoundly grateful to the Couch Family Foundation for supporting the health and wellness of local children and families. Our Family Wellness Program is designed to have a significant, long-term positive impact. We look forward to delivering that impact for years to come, for the benefit of the entire Upper Valley."

According to Jill Lord, RN, MS, Director of Community Health and Patient Care Services at MAHHC, strengthening families has been identified as one of the most important priorities for ensuring wellness and better health for the communities MAHHC serves. "As part of our region's Accountable Community for Health," she explained, "Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center regularly conducts Health Needs Assessments of our communities, so we know that providing support and education to local families is one of the most important actions we can take to improve health outcomes for children and for everyone. Our Family Wellness Coach is instrumental in making this positive change happen."

The Family Wellness Coach, who is embedded in the clinics at MAHHC and the Ottauquechee Health Center, is responsible for providing services to families, and program development in the clinic and community settings. "This position is critical to the promotion of healthy families and community," said Lord, "addressing prevention, and the impacts of adverse childhood experiences which are directly linked to significant increased likelihood of chronic disease and mental health issues in later life." She explained that the Family Wellness Coach, employing the Vermont Family Based Approach, works with families to develop tailored action plans, and to provide accessible information about effective, positive parenting approaches, plus concrete support in times of need, in collaboration with partner organizations from nonprofits to local school systems. Says Lord, "We hope to see more kids prepared to learn when they enter kindergarten, more families that know how to encourage wellness, and health care that is centered on families. Thanks to the Couch Family Foundation, we can

deliver a robust program with tangible benefits over the next three years. They're an essential partner in our work."

The Couch Family Foundation was established by Barbara and Richard Couch, with their children, to support organizations and programs that serve communities in the Upper Valley of New Hampshire and Vermont, and Martha's Vineyard. The Foundation provides project-based and unrestricted grants, with a strategic focus on early childhood education. Richard Couch is a co-founder of Hypertherm, a global leader in plasma, laser, and other cutting torch systems, headquartered in Hanover, New Hampshire.

Other funding for the Family Wellness Program has been provided by Laurie and John Chester; the Canaday Family Charitable Trust; the Barrette Family Fund, and an anonymous, Vermont-based foundation.

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Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health CEO and President Named to American Hospital Association Board of Trustees

LEBANON, NH—Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health CEO and President Joanne M. Conroy, MD, is one of seven people who have been named to the American Hospital Association (AHA) Board of Trustees. The new members were announced by AHA, for three-year terms beginning Jan. 1, 2020. The Board of Trustees is the highest policymaking body of the AHA and has ultimate authority for the governance and management of its direction and finances.

Conroy leads Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health, a nonprofit academic health system – New Hampshire’s largest private employer – that includes Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, the system’s 396-bed flagship teaching hospital; the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Clinic, a multi-specialty group practice employing more than 1,800 providers; the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Norris Cotton Cancer Center, one of 51 National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer centers; a children’s hospital; four affiliated member hospitals; Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire; and 24 ambulatory care clinics around the state.

“AHA’s advocacy on behalf of our nation’s hospitals, and the millions of patients cared for by them, is critically important in today’s shifting health care landscape,” noted Conroy. “I’m proud and honored to be selected for the AHA board, and I look forward to fully engaging on the issues that are critically important to all of us who provide, and receive, care at hospitals.”

Earlier in her career, Conroy served as CEO of Massachusetts-based Lahey Hospital and Medical Center (formerly Lahey Clinic). She also served as Chief Health Care Officer for the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) in Washington, DC, for more than five years. In this role, she advanced AAMC’s strategic imperative of leading change to improve the nation’s healthcare system. By working with member medical schools and teaching hospitals, Dr. Conroy helped establish national health priorities and developed best practices to improve health by focusing on medical education, care delivery, research,

diversity and inclusion.

Conroy is board certified by the American Board of Anesthesiologists. She received her undergraduate degree in chemistry from Dartmouth College and a medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina, where she completed her residency in anesthesiology and served as chief resident for one year.

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Description:
White male,
height: 6'7",
weight: 174 lbs.,
eyes: brown, hair:
blond

Reason: Failure to Appear
Original charge: Assault by prisoner, Class B Felony

On July 24, 2019, Taylor Cahill was indicted by the Sullivan County Grand Jury on one count of assault by prisoner.

Cahill was scheduled to appear for an arraignment in Sullivan County Superior Court on Aug. 8, 2019. Cahill failed to appear for that arraignment.

On Aug.12, 2019, the Sullivan County Superior Court issued a warrant for the arrest of Cahill for failure to appear.

The Fugitive of the Week is provided by Sheriff John P. Simonds of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office. if you have any information regarding the whereabouts of this fugitive, please contact either the sheriff's office at 603-863-4200 or your local police department.

The Acworth Village Store's 7th Annual Harvest Dinner

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Be Alert for Opportunities When Preparing for College Costs

Now that summer is winding down, it will soon be “back-to-school” time. When children are young, your logistics for the new academic year may involve little more than a trip to buy school supplies. But if you’d like to send your kids (or grand-kids) to college someday, you need to plan far ahead to meet the financial demands. And, as part of your planning, you also need to be on the lookout for all opportunities to help pay those sizable college bills.

Specifically, you’ll need to be ready to take action in these areas:

Financial aid – You should start thinking about financial aid at least a year before your child heads off to college. For example, you can begin submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on Oct. 1, 2019, for the 2020-21 academic year. And if the past is any guide, you’ll always need to remember that Oct. 1 date for the next school year. The FAFSA helps colleges and the U.S. Department of Education evaluate your financial need and determine how much financial support your child requires. And since a lot of financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, it’s a good idea to submit your forms as soon as possible once the application period opens.

Scholarships – Colleges and universities offer their own scholarships, but you’re not limited to them. In fact, you might be surprised at the number and variety of college scholarships available to your child or grandchild – but to find them, you may need to do some digging. Find out what’s offered from foundations, religious, ethnic or community organizations, local businesses and civic groups. Also, ask the high school guidance office for information. Your own employer might even offer small scholarships. You can find more information on scholarships on the U.S. Department of Education’s website.

College-specific investments – You might also want to consider an investment designed to help you save for college. You have several options available, each with different contribution limits, rules and tax treatments, so you’ll want to consult with a financial professional to choose an investment that’s appropriate for your situation.

Community colleges – Not every bachelor’s degree needs to begin and end at an expensive four-year college or university. Many students now fulfill some of their “general” education requirements at affordable community colleges before transferring to a four-year school – often saving tens of thousands of dollars in the process.

Paying for college is challenging. After all, for the 2018-19 academic year, the average annual cost (tuition, fees, and room and board) was \$21,370 for in-state students at public four-year colleges or universities; for four-year private schools, the corresponding expense was \$48,510, according to the College Board. And college costs will likely continue to rise over the next several years. But, as we’ve seen, by being proactive and having a plan in place, you can go a long way toward coping with these expenses and helping your loved ones enjoy the benefits of higher education.

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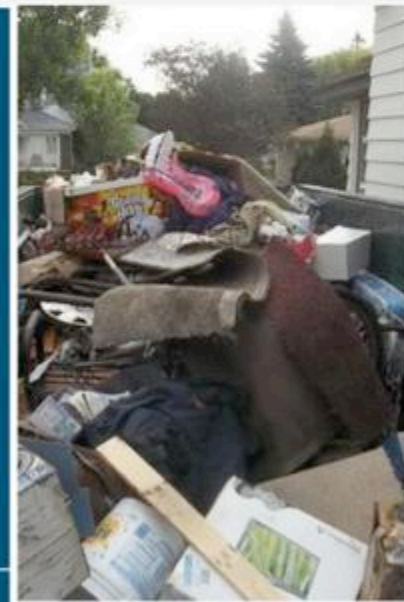
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It's About Food



By Johnny Navillus

Sandwiches

I'm going to try and make this as brief as possible.

It's 1969 and I have "received a hurt" as Shakespeare put it. Three surgeries, post op infection and I'm finally recovering. Weight 140 lbs. And the Army docs want me at 155 before releasing me back to duty.

The dietician has me on high protein, high carbs, Class B rations. Class B includes a quart of beer every evening! At this point all I'm doing is sitting around waiting for my next meal. The doctor decides I can do this at home and gets me a 30-day recuperating leave. Mom, I'm coming home, get the lasagne pan out!

I have six younger brothers and sisters at home. It's absolute chaos. Everyone is so glad to see me that I'm not getting any rest. Might as well be back in Asia. Mom decides that I should go to Swampscott, MA, and visit my Aunt Mary. She lives alone in a big ranch in a very quiet town. I'm all for it. A week or so with my favorite aunt and some peace and quiet.

Aunt Mary picks me up at Logan around noon. Have I had lunch? no. Well, I'll take you to my favorite place for lunch. I'm starving and no alarms in my head as yet. The Wenham Tea Room. You'll love it. Is that an alarm bell in my head? Ignore it.

My aunt's Electra 225 fits right in. Alarm a little louder. Enter and seated. I look around. I'm the only male in the joint. Older ladies with hats and white gloves everywhere. Alarm is really starting to go. I'm planning on a burger and fries and a coke because there probably isn't a beer in three miles.

Menu arrives. Everyone in the place probably hears the alarm blaring in my head. I choose the most filling looking sandwich. Cream cheese and walnut. Gotta be more filling than the watercress.

The alarm is going full blast. They cut the crusts off the bread! I'm going to starve to death in a restaurant! This thing is a 3-inch square! Hit the reset on the alarm before I go nuts.

Back in the car. Aunt Mary, is the Hilltop still in business? She looks at me in horror. I'm so sorry, I didn't realize that wasn't going to be enough for a man. Ten minutes later I'm going to live as I sight the trademark steer as we pull into the parking lot.

Fast forward 20 or so years. I'm standing in a Radiology office talking to an Orthopedic surgeon. He is a good two inches taller than me and built like a defensive lineman. We both have relatives on the North Shore. He says ever been to the Wenham Tea Room? Yes, say I. He then proceeds to tell me about the time his aunt took him there for lunch. My story coming back at me. Small world.

My idea of a sandwich is rare roast beef, turkey, ham, cole slaw with Thousand Island dressing on pumpernickel. Leave the crust on. Thank you.

Before you have lunch with a maiden aunt, have a sandwich.

Why do they call it a sangwich in New Jersey? What's with the "g" added? Where did that come from.

I was going to include a sandwich recipe that I had this week but ran out of space. I didn't mean to run on like that.

Play with your food. They don't in Wenham.

Write to Johnny at etickernews@gmail.com.



Long, lingering summer evenings in Claremont polish the Sugar River into a metallic sheen and turn the sky into a warm, glowing farewell.

Photo by Eric Zengota

Council Tries to Clear the Air About Forensic Audit Request, Moves On

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The City Council spent a considerable amount of time at Wednesday night's meeting, attempting to ease the angst that had been created toward the end of the previous regular council meeting when Councilor Jonathan Stone had requested that the topic of a forensic audit be added as a future agenda item. At the time, Stone did not elaborate as to why he was making the request, and the other councilors did not ask as the hour was late and the meeting was winding down. However, the lack of addressing the issue immediately was found to have stirred the pot in the community, and councilors attempted to put the matter to rest last week.

Early in the meeting, Finance Director Mary Walter read a prepared statement, expressing her concerns and frustration about how Stone's request reflected on her department and staff, saying, "Councilor Stone has publicly implied, by the request for a forensic audit, that someone there is suspected of a criminal act... there is no way to walk back this implication and the detriment of this burden." She added that the City's history of clean audits indicated there was no cause for such a request. Notably, over the last 18 years, audits by three different firms found no problems.

Robert Vachon, who provides auditing services to the City, explained that a financial audit is an independent and objective evaluation of the City's financial report and processes while a forensic audit is an examination of a City's financial records related directly to issues such as employee fraud or embezzlement or vendor fraud. Such an undertaking can cost between \$100,000 to \$200,000 or more. He cited one town that underwent such a process, spent \$100,000, only to find a verifiable fraud disbursement of \$100.

Several councilors admitted they did not know what Stone was looking for or why, and Asst. Mayor Allen Damren apologized to Walter and her staff for "not speaking up immediately", allowing the term "forensic audit" to hit the streets, so to speak, so quickly.

When finally asked directly about his request, Stone said that his biggest concern was that "we've had a lot of surprises come out of the school board and the SAU lately which are

pretty disheartening when you look at why our legislators are going down looking for more money, the mayor going down looking for more money, and we have these huge snowballs that hit us when we end up having huge expenditures that should have been caught earlier... That was my biggest concern for a forensic audit because I thought it would be a high bar to set."

Vachon said he thought the school auditor should have found the problems, although later stating that the auditors who handle the school district work "are good, they work for one of the top firms in the state" that handles government work. "I don't know what happened," he said.

Interim City Manager John MacLean said that he didn't believe the situation at the SAU was an audit issue but rather a "failure to apply within an appropriate time frame."

The SAU 6 lost more than \$360,000 in federal lunch money reimbursements over the past two years for Claremont and more than \$11,000 each year for Unity. It also has been assessed \$320,000 in fines by the IRS for failure to comply with certain requirements under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Stone added, "With a new city manager coming in, I wanted to take a look at the books to make sure there were no surprises that could arise."

Mayor Charlene Lovett said she was uncomfortable with "going too far down the road" talking about the school district and its issues "without the school board being involved. Without all the information, we may inadvertently imply things that are not accurate or true." She suggested it would only be fair to add the issue to the agenda for the next joint meeting between the council and the school board "since it is a community-wide issue and impacts the community." However, there was little appetite on the part of the other councilors to take that issue or that of a forensic audit any further. Stone said that his raising the issue in the first place "wasn't aimed at any one person in particular" and called for an end to the matter.

Also on Wednesday, the council voted to accept a non-cash donation of security cameras and monitoring equipment for the parking garage from Red River. The cameras will be

added to the parts of the garage not currently being monitored, said Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase, who added that "Red River has been a great partner." Many Red River employees use the parking garage, he said. The value of the donation was placed at \$29,925.



Nymen Needs A Hero...

Nymen is a 9-year-old Claremont boy that was diagnosed with FSGS. Nymen receives dialysis three times a week in Boston. He had to have both kidneys removed and URGENTLY needs a donor kidney. If you can help, please email gr8ful1101@gmail.com or visit [facebook/nymenneedsahero](https://www.facebook.com/nymenneedsahero).

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