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SAU 6 Apportions Its \$1.3 Million Windfall

Claremont Voters to Consider Warrant Article at Special District Meeting

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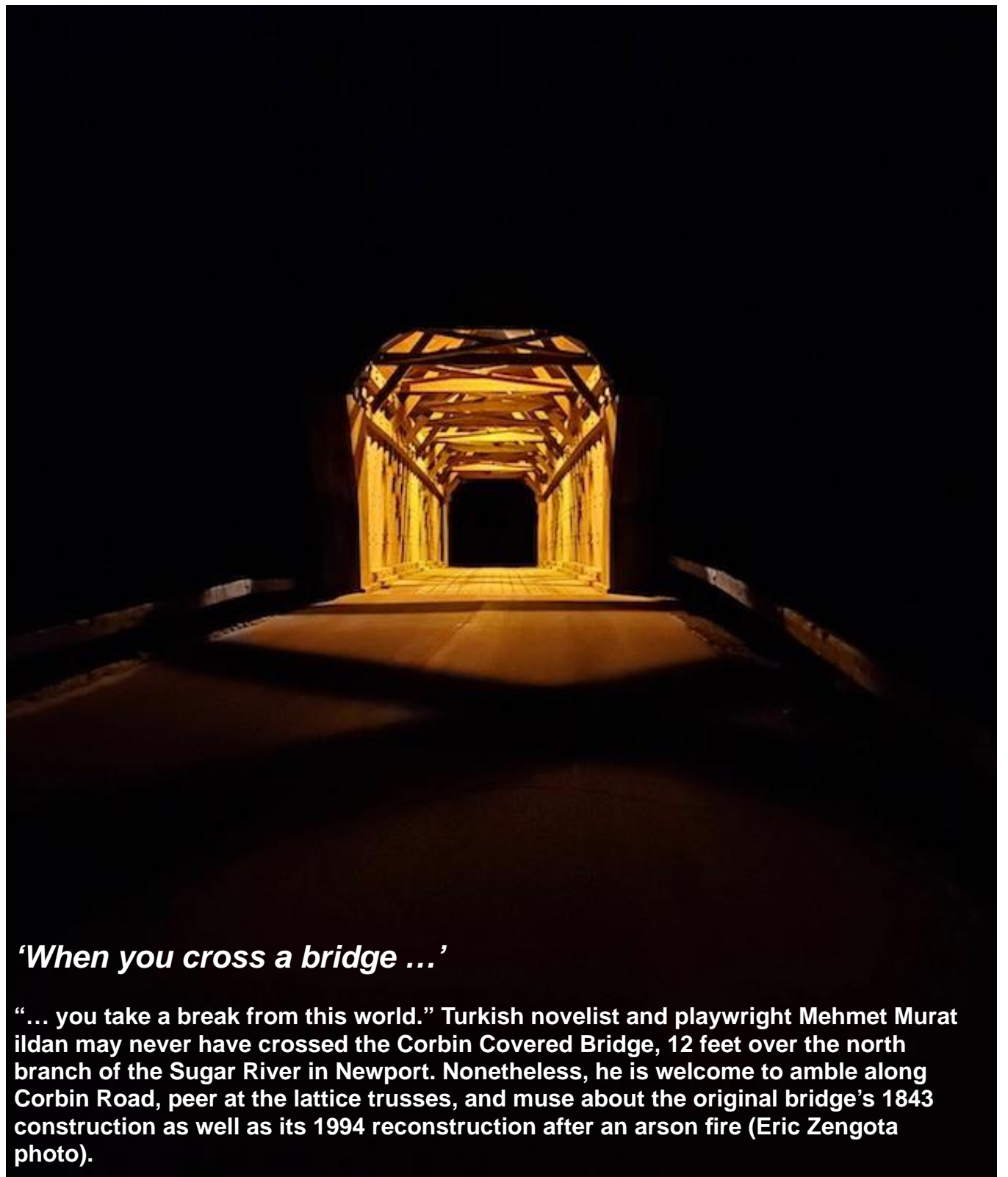
CLAREMONT, NH—School superintendent Michael Tempesta, SAU 6 staff and the Claremont School Board have spent the last several months — in meetings and at a retreat in October — deliberating on how to spend \$1.3 million in additional funding for the school district. The money is part of the State of New Hampshire’s compromise budget for the current fiscal year. (Under the same budget, SAU 6 will receive an additional \$1.6 million next fiscal year.)

On Thursday, Claremont citizens will have the opportunity to vote on the district’s budget proposal. In brief, \$650,000 will fund special education costs, and \$650,000 will be returned to the City for taxpayer relief.

At the school board meeting on Nov. 6, Tempesta gave a presentation describing the special education programs that will, he said, “have as their primary focus meeting the needs of students in Claremont. We’ve been sending many students out to other districts because we don’t have the programs here in their own community.”

In a separate interview, Benjamin Nester, the district’s director of special education, noted the problems of “sending out”. In the 2017-2018 school year, 10 students were sent to other districts; eight were sent out in the

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‘When you cross a bridge ...’

“... you take a break from this world.” Turkish novelist and playwright Mehmet Murat Ildan may never have crossed the Corbin Covered Bridge, 12 feet over the north branch of the Sugar River in Newport. Nonetheless, he is welcome to amble along Corbin Road, peer at the lattice trusses, and muse about the original bridge’s 1843 construction as well as its 1994 reconstruction after an arson fire (Eric Zengota photo).

Vote, from A1

2018-2019 school year. SAU 6 paid tuition to the districts, at a cost of \$60,000 to \$115,000 per student (depending on their level of need). Tuitions cost the district an average of \$550,000 every year. What's more, travel time can be as much as three hours a day, an additional challenge to students least likely to handle such a "commute".

The district's proposal aims to reverse that trend, keeping tuition money in SAU 6 and allowing special education students to spend more time with family and community. As the proposed programs evolve and gel, said Nester, "other districts would then send their students to us, and their tuitions would be a revenue stream for the City."

Tempesta, who started as SAU 6 superintendent on July 1, had for the previous four years been the director of the largest special education collaborative in Massachusetts. Here in Claremont, he said, "we want to create programs where we're always getting tuitions, which will be seed money for other programs. We aim to position Claremont as the regional hub for special education."

PRIDE, one of the programs that would benefit from increased funding, is already in place at Maple Avenue School. It was funded last school year with the goal, said Tempesta, "to educate kids for what they need right in their neighborhoods. The new money would enable us to have an additional classroom dedicated to autism education."

Other proposals for the \$650,000 windfall are an in-district autism program focused on vocational preparation, and an "alternative program" based in Stevens High School, which would address drop-out prevention and credit recovery as well as off-site mentorship and job training.

Who will benefit from these programs? "We're required by law to educate all students," Nester explained, "but there's a cohort of at-risk students. Some are disabled or diagnosed with autism. Others have social or emotional behavior problems. High school students, especially, are prone to delinquency."

A difficult family environment can often result in a student's having "a trauma history," said Nester. "For example, one or both of their parents may be in jail. In the most serious cases, the court is able to unilaterally remove children from their home and place them in appropriate living and education settings. Our aim is to keep them — and all students — in school so that they graduate."

The school board approved the warrant at the Nov. 6 meeting. As it states in part, citizens of Claremont who are qualified to vote in District affairs are notified of a Special School District Meeting "for the purpose of explanation, discussion, debate and voting" on a warrant article. The meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 6:30pm, in the Stevens High School auditorium. The article on the warrant asks, "Shall the

Claremont School District vote to establish a Special Education Expendable Trust Fund...for the purpose of funding special education costs and to raise and appropriate the sum of... (\$650,000) to be added to the fund, such sum to come from increases in the District's Adequate Education Grants received from the State of New Hampshire in the current fiscal year, with no money to be raised from taxation; and further to name the School Board as agents to expend. (Majority vote required).

"(The School Board Recommends this Article)."

The warrant is dated Oct. 30, 2019.

The Claremont Board is scheduled to hold its next regular meeting on Nov. 20 at 6:30pm at SRVRTC John Goodrich Community Room.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

TUESDAYS

ZUMBA IN PLAINFIELD

Want to have fun, laugh and get fit dancing? Join us for Zumba on Tuesday evenings at 6:30-7:30 PM! We are located in the Community Baptist Church in Plainfield on Rte 12A. First class is free then \$6.00 per class.

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New London Police Charge Suspect with Possession with Intent to Distribute in Drug Arrest



Shane Fortier (NLPD)

NEW LONDON, NH—The New London Police reported that on November 9, the Department conducted a motor vehicle stop on Main Street in New London. According to the police, the operator and owner of the vehicle was known to the officer and was identified as Shane Fortier, 31, of Wilmot, NH. According to the report, Fortier was allegedly found to be driving with a suspended license and registration, and was subsequently arrested.

During the inventory of the vehicle, a baggie of crystal-like substance allegedly was located in the center console and later identified as a controlled drug, said the police. The inventory was ceased and the vehicle was seized pending the application for a search warrant, which was later granted. During the search of the vehicle, more items believed to be controlled drugs allegedly were located within the vehicle, along with a substantial amount of cash.

A felony arrest warrant was applied for and granted for the charge of Possession of Controlled Drug with Intent to Sell. Fortier was arrested on the warrant on November 15, and is currently being held at the Merrimack County Department of Corrections



on a probation violation. Fortier will be arraigned on December 5, 2019, at the Merrimack Superior Court to answer to the New London charge.

The charge of Possession of Controlled Drug with Intent to Sell is a Class A Felony, which is punishable by up to 15 years of imprisonment and/or up to a \$4,000 fine.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 Plainfield/Cornish Energy Committees' Meeting 7 pm Philip Read Memorial Library

The Joint Energy Committees of Cornish and Plainfield will meet to discuss actions for reaching the goal of 100% renewables for electricity by 2030.

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

Gun Rights Vs. Gun Safety

Other than Gov. Christopher Sununu's vetoes of the operating budget and its trailer bill, his most controversial vetoes involved the conflicting issues of gun rights versus gun safety.

More specifically, these vetoes were of four related public safety measures—House Bills 109, 514, 564, as well as 696. All were vetoes of bills that had been approved by simple majority votes of both New Hampshire's House of Representatives and Senate, but sustained by the House for lack of a two-thirds majority necessary to override the vetoes and bills which generated a lot of emails, both for and against from many Granite State citizens, including my constituents.

First, there was House Bill 109, which would have required all commercial firearms sales or transfers in New Hampshire to be subject to criminal background checks. The measure would have excluded private, noncommercial sales or transfers between individuals, provided neither individual is prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm under state or federal law. It was sponsored by a group of 11 Democratic legislators led by Concord Rep. Katherine Rogers, and included Plainfield Rep. Lee Oxenham as well as Hanover Sen. Martha Hennessey.

House Bill 109 was approved by the full House on a 203-148 roll call vote March 13 after very intense floor debate, including attempts by many Republican representatives to either drastically amend or "politely" reject the bill by tabling it. The legislation had been recommended for passage by a majority of the House Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee. The measure then passed the full Senate May 23 on a 13-10 roll call with a successful floor amendment offered by Sen. Hennessey, and after a majority of the Senate Judiciary Committee had also recommended it. Next, the House concurred with the Senate's amendment by voice vote. The amended bill then was vetoed by Gov. Sununu Aug. 9, and the veto was sustained by the House Sept. 18 on a 218-162 roll call.

Second, House Bill 514, would have established a three-day waiting period, excluding weekends and holidays, between purchase and delivery of a firearm. But under the bill's final version, the waiting period would not have applied to the trade-in of firearms to licensed importers, manufacturers, dealers, or collectors. Also the waiting period would have not applied to the purchase of a rifle or shotgun, if the individual making such a purchase had successfully completed a 16-hour hunter education course offered by the New Hampshire Fish & Game Dept. or held a valid New Hampshire Hunting License. Finally, the waiting period would have applied to rifles or shotguns purchased by state, county, or municipal law enforcement officers, state or county correctional officers, or active duty United States Armed Forces members. The bill would have taken effect Jan. 1, 2020.

House Bill 514 was sponsored by a group of eight Democratic repre-



sentatives again led by Concord's Katherine Rogers. An amended version of bill was adopted March 19 by the full House on a 199-147 roll call after some floor debate, and a recommendation by a majority of the Criminal Justice Committee to approve it. The Senate then passed its own amended version of the measure May 23 by a 13-10 roll call, after a majority of the Judiciary Committee had recommended the amended version. Next, the House concurred with the Senate's version June 13 by a 197-160 roll call. Finally, the Governor vetoed the bill Aug. 9, and the House sustained the veto on a 217-163 roll call vote Sept. 18.

Third, House Bill 564 as finally passed would have prohibited the carrying of firearms on school property by most individuals, with a few exceptions. The exceptions would have included motor vehicle drivers picking up or dropping off students or staff, provided their firearms remained in the vehicle. Additionally, on-duty law enforcement officers, including school resource officers, and on-duty members of the Armed Forces or New Hampshire National Guard would be allowed to carry firearms. Finally, individuals authorized by name and in writing by the local school boards or school administrators would have been permitted to carry firearms on school property. Such authorized individuals could have included teachers, paraprofessionals, administrative assistants or custodians, whose names would not have been subject to public disclosure under our state's "Right-to-Know" Law. But school boards would also have been required under the bill to first hold a public hearing to solicit their residents' input before authorizing specified school staff to carry firearms.

House Bill 564 was sponsored by a group of six Democratic representatives led by Manchester's Mary Heath. The bill was given final approval by the House April 4 on a 213-159 roll call after a majority of two House committees—Education as well as Criminal Justice & Public Safety—had both recommended amended versions of the legislation. Next, the Senate adopted its own amended version May 23 by a 13-10 roll call after a majority of its Judiciary Committee had recommended the amended version. A House-Senate Committee of Conference then hammered out a compromise version of the bill, which was subsequently passed by both bodies June 27. It was then vetoed by Gov. Sununu Aug. 8, with the House sustaining the veto Sept. 18 on a 216-164 roll call vote.

For readers' information, the Governor wrote the exact same veto message for House Bills 109, 514, and 564. In the thrice-used message, he declared, "New Hampshire is one of the safest states in the nation, and we have a long and proud tradition of responsible firearm stewardship. Our laws are well-crafted, and fit our culture of responsible gun ownership and individual freedom. Our focus as a nation must be on addressing the root causes of hate and violence. Here in New Hampshire, we have taken multiple steps to address our mental health needs and to build a more welcoming and tolerant state. From the school safety task force, to rebuilding our state's mental health system, including the largest investment of resources in decades, to establishing the Governor's Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion, and to establishing the State's first Civil Rights Unit to step up prosecution of

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hate crimes, we are taking major steps to ensure the safety of our citizens is paramount. Part I, Article 2-a of the New Hampshire Constitution states, ‘All persons have the right to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves, their families, their property, and the state.’ This language provides what many believe to be more expansive legal protections for gun ownership than the second amendment to the United States Constitution. These three bills would not solve our national issues, nor would they prevent evil individuals from doing harm, but they would further restrict the constitutional rights of law abiding New Hampshire citizens.”

The fourth vetoed measure, House Bill 696, which would have established a procedure for protective orders for vulnerable adults, such as the physically and mentally-disabled as well as the elderly. The bill’s intent was to help protect the just-described vulnerable adults from physical, emotional, and sexual abuse as well as financial exploitation. A seemingly non-controversial measure which became embroiled in the gun rights versus gun safety debate, when one section allowed law-enforcement officers to at least temporarily confiscate the firearms of anyone abusing or exploiting a vulnerable adult. The bill was sponsored by a group of nine Democratic lawmakers led by Hampton Rep. Robert Cushing, and included Sen. Hennessey.

House Bill 656 was approved by the full House on two separate roll call votes, after both its Health, Human Services, & Elderly Affairs as well as Criminal Justice Committees had recommended the same amended versions of the bill. The first roll call occurred Feb. 27 by a 208-132 margin, while the second happened April 4 on a 219-156 margin. Then the full Senate adopted its own amended version May 23 by a 13-10 roll call, upon the recommendation of its Judiciary Committee. Next, a House-Senate Committee of Conference hammered out a compromise version of the legislation that passed by both bodies June 27-the House on a 199-143 roll call, and the Senate by voice vote. Finally, Gov. Sununu vetoed the bill July 19, and the veto was sustained by the House Sept. 18 on a 217-156 roll call.

In my next column, I plan to write about why the Governor vetoed House Bill 696. Also how I voted on the four previously-listed firearms-related measures and why. jocloutier@comcast.net

Members of NNE Congressional Delegations Call on Customs and Border Patrol to Disclose Criteria & Effectiveness of Highway Checkpoints

WASHINGTON, DC – Wednesday, Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Bernie Sanders (I-VT) sent a letter to the Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) with Representatives Chris Pappas (D-NH1), Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH2), Peter Welch (D-VT At-Large) and Chellie Pingree (D-ME1), calling on the agency to provide information on the use of temporary highway checkpoints in northern New England over the past year. In the letter addressed to Acting CBP Commissioner Mark Morgan, the group questioned whether the lack of arrests stemming from the random stops of vehicles on local highways warranted the harmful economic impact and inconvenience to travelers in the region.

The members cited an instance on I-93 near Woodstock, NH, during Laconia Motorcycle Week, which did not result in any arrests but caused significant traffic delays in the region, as well as similar occurrences in Lebanon, NH, and in South Hero, VT.

Their letter states, “Ensuring that we maintain effective security along our Northern border is a top priority, and we continue to work to secure needed investments in border security operations and technology. We also recognize the difficult job CBP personnel face in enforcing our nation’s immigration laws, which are in desperate need of reform. Given our current challenges, our border protection resources must be used strategically and effectively. We have a number of questions regarding the agency’s policies and processes for the implementation of these activities, with a particular focus on temporary highway checkpoints and the consideration of community and economic impact.”

The delegation closed their letter with a series of questions for CBP to respond to and detail justification for the checkpoints.

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NEWPORT, NH—The 66th annual Area Choir Christmas Concerts will be held Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 PM and Sunday, Dec. 8, at 3:30 PM and 7:30 PM at South Congregational Church, 20 Church Street, Newport, NH.

The Area Choir is an ecumenical choir of singers from more than 20 New Hampshire and Vermont towns and cities who meet annually to rehearse and perform three Christmas concerts as their gift to the area communities.

Directed by David Chaves, with Billie Joyce Bell on piano, and Beverly Caldon, organist, the nearly 70-voice choir will perform more than a dozen Christmas favorites along with time for the audience to join them in singing several familiar Christmas carols. The South Church Earle Pollard Memorial Handbell Choir will also play.

No admission charge; a free-will offering will be accepted. Major business sponsor this year is LaValley Building Supply. Begin the Christmas season with this wonderful area tradition!

Save These Dates for 2020 NH Boating Education Classes

SUNAPEE, NH—Due to the overwhelming response to the classes offered in 2019, the Sunapee Police Department is once again partnering with NH Marine Patrol to offer three NH Boating Education classes in 2020. The classes will be on June 6, July 18, and August 1. All classes will be offered at the Safety Services Building from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You will earn your boating education certificate on the day of the class. Seating is limited to 18 and classes fill 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 date of the class in Sunapee that you would like to attend and complete the information as requested.

For any questions, please contact Nancy

Levesque, NH Boating Education at 603-227-2124.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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County Presents Plans for Major Sullivan County Health Care Renovation

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

UNITY, NH—County officials are conducting a series of presentations about plans for a major renovation at Sullivan County Health Care. The first was held on Wednesday at the City Council meeting. Sullivan County Health Care Administrator Ted Purdy, Facility & Operation Director Mary Bourque, County Manager Derek Ferland and County Commissioners Jeff Barrette, Ben Nelson and George Hebert were present.

The facility consists of three joined buildings - Sanders (built in 1931), Stearns (built in 1970), and MacConnell (built in 1997); Sullivan County Health Care (SCHC) is a long-term care and physical rehabilitation center that is home to over 150 residents. SCHC's renovation and revitalization is the largest undertaking of Sullivan County's Capital Improvement Plan.

The renovation's goals are to "improve resident spaces meeting today's expectations and regulatory guidelines by creating a more home-like environment to support positive resident outcomes, as well as address deferred maintenance needs of the aging facilities. Resident rooms will be reconfigured to give every resident a window, increased number of private bathrooms and showers, efficient work spaces for staff, and enhanced spaces for families to visit. A new addition will replace the existing Sanders building and allow for flexible furniture layouts and improved energy efficiency, something that could not be accomplished with a renovation of the nearly 90-year old structure."

The project will also improve energy efficiency with window replacements in Stearns, as well lighting upgrades and a building energy management system throughout the entire facility.

Project milestones:

- Planning & Feasibility Phase: Completed Summer 2019
- Initial Design: September - December 2019
- Present Construction to Delegation for Approval - January 2020
- Construction: TBD

Positives from the renovation cited include:

- Main Street concept for resident services



- Resident rooms with bathrooms and showers
- Added family bathrooms and meeting areas on floors
- Openness
- Distributed documentation stations for nursing staff.

Design Opportunities cited:

- Increase operational savings by optimizing deliveries and movement of goods through facility.
- Incorporate "lessons learned" from recent renovations at Rockingham County.
- Design solution at 156 beds with flexibility to increase mix of private pay and physical rehabilitation residents.
- Relocate Commissioners' offices to Unity.
- Sanders replacement provides flexible space built with higher energy efficiency.

The price tag for the project has been placed at around \$35 million, although that figure has yet to be refined, said Project Manager, Mary Bourque, Director of Facilities and Operations.

Although County Commissioner Chair Jeff Barrette said it was likely there would be an impact on county taxpayers, County Manager Derek Ferland said he "may have" a way to fund the project without it affecting county taxpayers. He said it depends on decisions made by "our elected officials during the next budget cycle." He added that they hope to make recommendations to the county delegation in January.

Ferland said that basing the necessary borrowing on a rate of 3%, the most recent data point, for 25

years, they might be able to combine reimbursement the county gets through the NH DHHS IDN project, which is part of the federal government's Medicaid plan, with a retiring bond to pay for the renovation. While expecting the DHHN IDN money to continue, Ferland did say, "...but we don't know what will happen after 2020....we have been told it will continue..." That, combined with an expiring bond in Jan. 2020, would come to about \$3 million to service the construction project debt without impacting the tax rate.

Additional public presentations about the project have been scheduled as follows:

- Mon. Nov. 18th 8:00 p.m., Sunapee, 23 Edgemont Road
- Mon. Dec. 2nd 7:00 p.m., Acworth, 13 Town Hall Road
- Wed. Dec. 4th 6:00 p.m., Plainfield, 110 Main Street
- Mon. Dec. 16th 6:30 p.m., Newport, 15 Sunapee Street

• Current working estimate	\$35,000,000
• Annual payment:	\$1,991,688
• <i>Assumes 25 year note @ 3% interest</i>	
• Additional net ProShare payment:	\$2,400,000
• <i>Began receiving this in June/'18 as part of NH DHHS IDN project</i>	
• Expiring bond payment:	\$681,200
• <i>Community Corrections Center—last payment Jan. 2020</i>	
• ProShare + expiring bond = \$3,000,000 to service construction project debt without impacting tax rate	
(County data)	

First responders were called to the scene of an accident shortly after 5:00 p.m. on Saturday in Claremont due to a vehicle striking the pole at the end of the triangular space at the intersection of Chestnut and South Streets. One person was transported to the hospital with unknown injuries. Traffic cones were set up at the top of Osgood Ave. due to a situation with a power line affected by the crash. Eversource was called to the scene for repairs. (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo).



Town Clerk & Tax Collector's Office Closed Nov. 19-22

SUNAPEE, NH—The Town Clerk & Tax Collector's Office in Sunapee will be closed from Nov. 19 through Nov. 22 to allow the Town Clerk to attend a necessary educational conference.

If you would like to make a payment for taxes, please feel free to deposit your payment in the lock box outside the front door as this will be checked daily.

If you need a certified copy of a birth, marriage, divorce or death certificate, you can go to any Town or City Clerk's Office in the State of NH.

If you would like to have a registration processed, unless it is an emergency, i.e., registration overdue or 20-day plate has expired, you are asked to wait until her return. If it's an emergency, you can go to the Town Clerk's Office in Newport at 15 Sunapee St. and they will perform the town portion only; you will be directed to the DMV Office in Newport to complete your registration.

Please note the Town Clerk & Tax Collector's Office will be open on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 7:30-11:30 a.m.

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This well-kept 3 bedroom, 2 bath double wide offers a whole house generator and central air. Open concept, center island and a den.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Santa is coming to town!

He will be at the Claremont Rent-A-Center in the Market Basket Plaza on Dec 7th from 10-2. Kids, families and pets welcome to visit with Santa and get their picture taken. Photos will be printed while you wait-or you can have the electronic version e-mailed to you! Prices are as follows: 4x6 \$5, 5x7 \$7, e-mailed image \$7. Yummy treats will also be available! To benefit Sullivan County Humane Society.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Managing Forests with Climate Change in Mind

7 pm

Free Public Talk, Cornish Town Offices

Dode Gladders, UNH Cooperative Extension Forester in Sullivan County, will review the basics of forest ecology with an emphasis on the importance of diversity in resilient forests. Impacts and management tools for invasive species will be addressed, and the presentation will touch on some other forestry topics of local interest in the Cornish area. Dode holds a Master's Degree in Silviculture and managed the forest health program for the state of Delaware for nine years before moving to New Hampshire in 2013.

Programmed by the Cornish Conservation Commission.

DECEMBER 14 AND 15

City Center Ballet presents the enchanting holiday tradition, Clara's Dream, a nutcracker story.

Saturday, Dec 14 at 1:00pm and 7:00pm

Sunday, Dec 15 at 2:30

Lebanon Opera House

Visit CityCenterBallet.org for tickets. \$10-\$38

Clara's Tea a per-performance feast of delicious treats served by the Pastry Chefs of Clara's Dream. Saturday, Dec 14 at 11:00am, Sunday, Dec 15 at 1:00pm. Lebanon Ballet School; \$15.00.

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CLAREMONT Energy Advisory Committee

PUBLIC Meeting

Monday, November 18, 2019 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Claremont Development Authority

Full Board Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 2019 7:30 AM

Visitor Center, 14 North Street
Claremont, NH

PUBLIC NOTICE

Conservation Commission MEETING

Thursday, November 21, 2019, 6:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall
Gary Dickerman, Chair

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLANNING BOARD HEARING

Monday, November 25, 2019 7:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall

Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held concerning the following application:

(PL 2019-00016) Riverstone Church, 739 Main Street – Application for Site Plan Approval for adding 26 spaces to the existing parking lot at 739 Main Street. Tax Map 68, Lot 4. Zoning District B2.

Interested parties may review the application at the City of Claremont’s Planning and Development Department, 14 North Street during normal business hours. Comments may be submitted in person at the hearing, or in writing at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or by email at city-planner@claremontnh.com.

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e-Ticker Business News

DHMC Becomes Northern New England's First Accredited Pulmonary Hypertension Care Center

LEBANON, NH— The pulmonary hypertension (PH) program at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) in Lebanon, NH, has been designated a Regional Clinical Program (RCP), a designation of the PH Care Centers accreditation program launched in 2014 by the Pulmonary Hypertension Association (PHA). DHMC earned the distinction by assuring that individuals with pulmonary hypertension, a life-threatening lung disease, receive care following expert consensus guidelines from clinicians who specialize in their often-misdiagnosed condition.

“This designation signals to patients and their families that our program has met the rigorous standards of the PHA,” said Bruce Andrus, MD, Director of Pulmonary Hypertension Clinic at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. “We are proud that our work as a team of clinicians, nurses, care managers, pharmacists, and rehab staff has been recognized by the PHA.”

Pulmonary hypertension, also known as high blood pressure of the lungs, affects children and adults of all ages and ethnic backgrounds. It can result from the arteries in the lungs becoming damaged, narrowed or stiffened, forcing the right side of the heart to pump extra hard and leading to right heart failure and death. Symptoms of PH are non-specific — they include shortness of breath, fatigue and chest pain. People with PH can go months, even years, believing they have less life-threatening illnesses, such as asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

“Our success with this designation is based on work started in 2003, when the program was founded by Ed Catherwood MD MS, Susan D’Anna APRN, and Sherry Duveneck RN,” Andrus said. “Thanks to their foundational work, we now have a very experienced team and provide a systematic and comprehensive



(L-R) Members of Dartmouth-Hitchcock's Pulmonary Hypertension team; Deborah Cantlin, MSN, RN, Dawn Paquin, BSN, Bruce Andrus, MD, Susan D'Anna, APRN, Carolyn DeMark, BSN (Courtesy photo).

evaluation of patients with suspected pulmonary hypertension. We're supported by top notch echocardiography and cardiac catheterization laboratories and radiology services. Our strong partnership with the pulmonary hypertension program at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston allows for collaborative care for patients in our region with advanced disease.”

To be accredited, a RCP must demonstrate a commitment to providing expert-level care, proficiently evaluating PH patients based on published evidence-

based guidelines and providing expert treatment of patients with pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH). PHA rolled out the PHCC program to improve the quality of care and outcomes for people with PH.



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FDA Issues Warning Letter to Dollar Tree Stores for Receiving Potentially Unsafe Drugs

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued a warning letter to Greenbrier International, Inc., doing business as Dollar Tree, for receiving over-the-counter (OTC) drugs produced by foreign manufacturers found to have serious violations of federal law. The warning letter outlines multiple violations of current good manufacturing practices at contract manufacturers used to produce Dollar Tree's Assured Brand OTC drugs as well as other drug products sold at Dollar Tree and Family Dollar stores.

"Protecting patient health and safety is our highest priority, and the FDA continues to investigate and take action against companies that place U.S. patients at risk. Americans expect and deserve drugs that are safe, effective and that meet our standards for quality. The importation and distribution of drugs and other products from manufacturers that violate federal law is unacceptable," said Donald D. Ashley, director of the Office of Compliance in the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. "In this case, Dollar Tree has the ultimate responsibility to ensure that it does not sell potentially unsafe drugs and other FDA-regulated products to Americans. We will remain vigilant in our efforts to protect the U.S. public from companies who put the health of Americans at risk – whether through the manufacturing and distribution of products we regulate or other means."

The warning letter details Dollar Tree's receipt of adulterated drugs from manufacturers that received FDA warning letters in 2018. The warning letter also details Dollar Tree's use of contract manufacturers that also received warning letters for similar issues between 2016 and 2019. Manufacturers that received these warning letters were placed on import alert, which are used to prevent potentially violative products from being imported into the U.S. market. The FDA notified Dollar Tree of warning letters sent to these manufacturers at the time the warning letters were sent.

The warning letters sent to the contract manufacturers used by Dollar Tree show a pattern of serious violations of the law, such as not testing raw materials or finished drugs for pathogens and quality. The FDA's warning letter to Dollar Tree details the corrective actions the agency requested. Among those, the FDA has requested the company implement a system to ensure that they do not import adulterated drugs.

Report any adverse events to the FDA's MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting program:

- Complete and submit the report online at www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm; or
- Download and complete the form, then submit it via fax at 1-800-FDA-0178.

Nissan Recall for 400,000 Vehicles Over Potential Fire Hazard

Nissan is recalling nearly 400,000 vehicles in the U.S. because of a braking system defect that could cause them to catch fire, reported NPR. "Owners are advised to park affected vehicles outside and away from structures if the anti-lock brake system warning light comes on for more than 10 seconds."

The Japanese automaker says a pump seal may become worn down and cause brake fluid to leak. It is working on a fix, and owners of affected vehicles will be notified beginning in early December 2019. The affected models are: Nissan Murano SUV, model years 2015 to 2018; Maxima sedans, model years 2016 to 2018; and the Infiniti QX60 and Nissan Pathfinder SUVs, model years 2017 to 2019.



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What's a NH Farmer to Do About Climate Change?

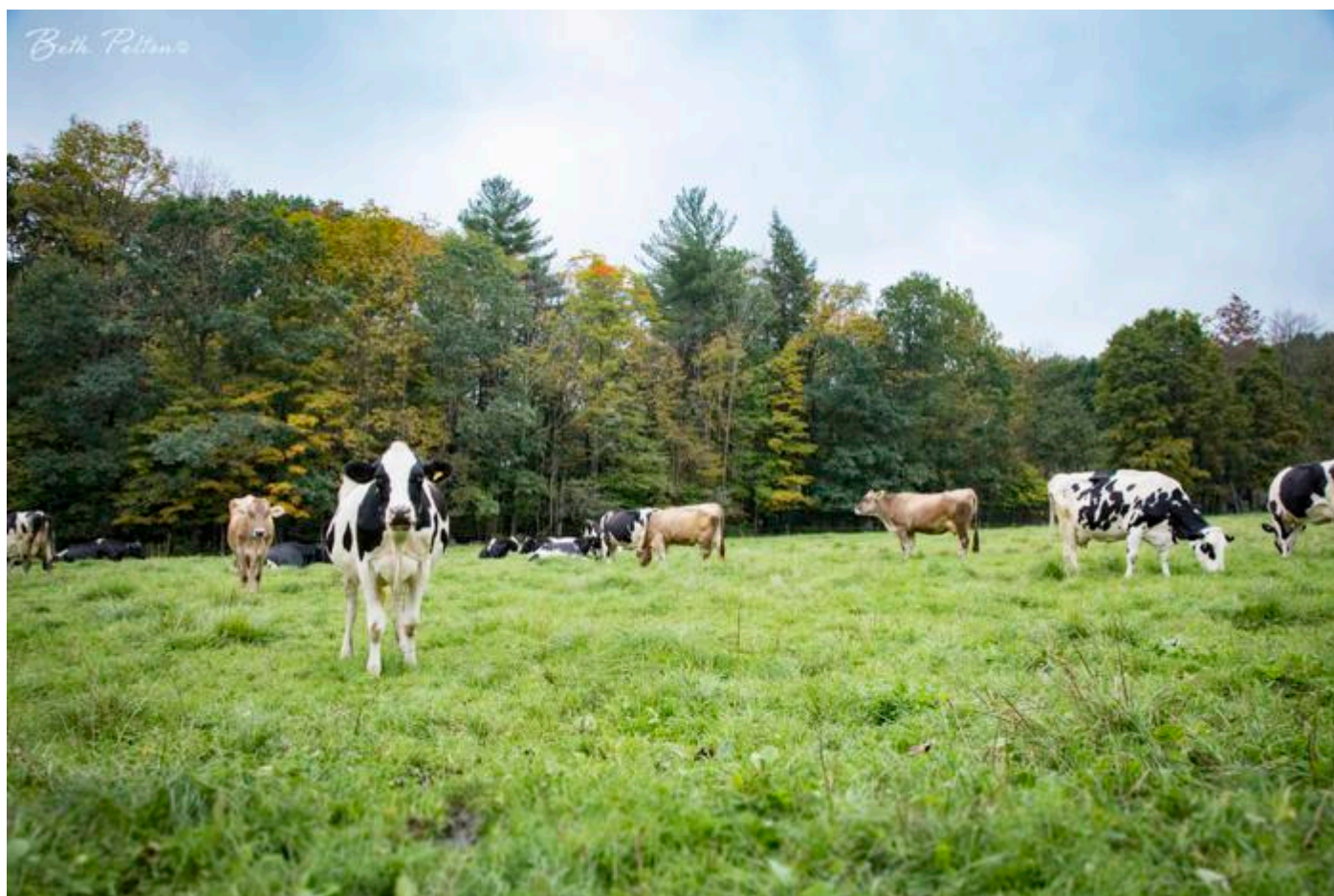
By Roger Stephenson

Field of View: Climate Change Through a New Hampshire Lens

Over the years some New Hampshire farmers have shared with me how they see climate change hitting home because of milder winters.

And the Fourth National Climate Assessment (NCA4) explains how climate change is expected to impact the environments that support agriculture in the Northeast. State climatologist and University of New Hampshire Professor Mary Lemcke-Stampone is an author of the report's Northeast chapter. According to the report, the science supports the farmers' observations: milder winters are already changing local ecosystems and environments in ways that are and will continue to impact farming.

A maple syrup producer provided me a bit more detail from composite notebooks stacked in his kitchen cabinet: diaries kept by his dad faithfully recording night and daytime temperatures and tapping dates, a tradition he continued. The records note upward trends of February temperatures and earlier tapping. Winter traditionally is the single most productive time of the year to cut wood because loggers depend on frozen ground to support their heavy machinery. There is no way to make up two weeks of lost time caused by an early winter thaw. Omnipresent and fragrant in springtime the purple lilac now blooms a week earlier than it did in 1970[RS1], making our state flower another icon of warming in New Hampshire.




Cows in the pasture at Stonewall Farm in Keene (Beth Pelton photo).

Some New Hampshire farmers are seeing more than warming. They are also noticing erratic weather patterns. According to the NCA4, over the past 60 years extreme precipitation in the Northeast has increased 70 percent—more than in any other region of the country. In addition to

getting wetter, heavy downpours are becoming more common in New Hampshire.

Scientists anticipate that a warmer, wetter
(Continued on page A17)



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Farmer, from A16

New Hampshire will lead to lower yields of some cool season crops as well as new pests, but wine grapes, peaches and melons will fare better. Agriculture Commissioner Shawn Jasper knows farmers are being confronted with climate change.

At the recent annual meeting of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, Commissioner Jasper joined in unanimous support for a new policy recognizing the risks of climate change and asking for public and private resources to help farmers and producers adapt.

Jasper's department has a limited budget, but farmers are nothing if not resilient, and are working with scientists and other institutions. One example was an event on climate impacts and local farms organized by the Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup where Dr. Joshua Faulkner of the University of Vermont Extension Program discussed how proper soil management is central to a productive farming future.

With different techniques, farmers can enhance farming resilience, improve water quality and capture carbon in the soil. The good news is, according to the UNH Cooperative Extension, sustainable and regenerative farming practices such as zero-till, reduced-till, organic farming and cover crops have increased in recent years[RS2] among New Hampshire farmers.

As part of a 2014 University of New Hampshire Sustainability Institute case study by Climate Fellow Ruby Woodside, Dorn Cox of Tuckaway Farm explains, "We know how to put carbon back into the ground. It is about communicating the practices to people and getting them to value it."

But there is a bigger problem than Commissioner Jasper's budget. At a pancake breakfast in Plymouth I listened to him cite archaic 1940s USDA research to dissuade the audience of human induced climate change.

In interviews he has previously acknowledged the existence of climate change but shifted to doubting the human contribution. His rhetoric is not dissimilar to that of Gov. Chris Sununu who will not join leaders of other states in upholding the Paris climate agreement.

Preparing for the longer and warmer growing season will entail investment in different agricultural products that can thrive under these conditions. It will require limiting damage from

pests that come with warmer seasons, from intense precipitation that can disrupt plantings and harvests, and from late winter or early spring Arctic cold outbreaks that can freeze the spring blossoms that arrive earlier and earlier. Farmers are looking for new solutions as they increasingly feel the effects of our mounting climate crisis on traditional livelihoods. Farmers require more knowledge today to diversify and steward 430,000 acres of managed New Hampshire farmland. Provided farmers have the support of consumers, the scientific community and policymakers, they can lead the way to building even broader community resilience.

The science summarized in the National Climate Assessment indicates that the climate inherited by future farmers will depend upon the actions we take in the next decade to reduce global warming emissions. Last month I received an inspiring brochure created by 12-year-old Maielle Merriam of Epping, "Soil is the Climate Solution," spotlighting local carbon capture solutions.

If the United States is to lead the world, we must inspire the world, and in New Hampshire

both leadership and inspiration can be found in our nation's youth. The New Hampshire Department of Agriculture Markets and Food would do well to consider distributing Maielle's brochure to our farmers.

Roger W. Stephenson has been involved in the communication of climate change science and solutions since 1991. He is the Northeast advocacy director for the Union of Concerned Scientists and lives in Stratham, N.H. He has a B.S. in zoology and a graduate degree in wildlife biology from the University of New Hampshire. He writes Field of View: Climate Change Through a New Hampshire Lens as a public service and InDepthNH.org distributes it to all news outlets in New Hampshire. This column is based on science performed by researchers at leading institutions and on the National Climate Assessment, a congressionally mandated report developed by thirteen federal agencies to help the nation "understand, assess, predict and respond to" climate change. The opinions expressed belong to the writer and do not reflect the publication's views.



Just hangin' or hanging on? Hard to tell which way it was for this squirrel as it ventured out onto a branch (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo).

Intro to Watercolor: Painting the Winter Landscape

CLAREMONT, NH—Painting the beautiful New England winter landscape in watercolor will be explored in this one-day workshop at MakerSpace. Glazing techniques and layering of the subtle tints of snow will be introduced. Value, composition and painting light and shadow will be emphasized. Students will work from photo reference and learn to create a finished painting from a favorite winter subject. The instructor will demonstrate his approach and will provide hands-on guidance to each student. A critique will be held at the end of the session.

The cost of registration does not include supplies. For a list of supplies please email brendan@claremontmakerspace.org.

Registration closes December 5th.

Instructor Robert O'Brien; members, \$110; non-members, \$120. Dec. 7, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information, <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!/event/2019/12/7/intro-to-watercolor-painting-the-winter-landscape>.



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Share Your Bounty with Family

As Thanksgiving approaches, it's meaningful to reflect on the origin of the holiday –Native Americans and pilgrims sharing their bounty of food with each other. As you gather with your loved ones this year, perhaps you can think of ways to share not only your dinner, but also your financial bounty.

In terms of bounty-sharing, here are some suggestions you may find helpful, no matter your age or that of your children:

- **Make appropriate gifts.** If you have young children, you may want to get them started with a savings account to help them develop positive financial habits. You could even make it a Thanksgiving tradition to measure how their accounts have grown from year to year. But you can go even further by starting to fund an education savings vehicle such as a 529 plan. This account can provide valuable tax benefits and gives you total control of the money until your children are ready for college or trade school. Other education-funding options also are available, such as a custodial account, commonly known as an UGMA or UTMA. If you have grown children, you could still contribute to a 529 plan for your grandchildren.

- **Develop – and communicate – your estate plans.** While you may want to be as generous as possible to your loved ones during your lifetime, you may desire to leave something behind as part of your legacy. And that means you will need to develop a comprehensive estate plan. Such a plan will allow you to express your wishes about where you want your assets to go, who will take care of your children if something happens to you, how you want to be treated should you become incapacitated, and other important issues. Your estate plan will need to include the appropriate documents and arrangements – last will and testament, living trust, power of attorney, health care directive, and so on. To create such a plan, you may need to work with a team of professionals, including your financial, tax and legal advisors. And it's essential that you communicate the existence and details of your estate plan to your loved ones. By doing so, you can help them know what to expect and what's expected of them to help avoid unpleasant surprises and familial squabbles when it's time to settle your estate.

- **Solicit suggestions for charitable giving.** Sharing some of what you have with charitable or community organizations will also help fulfill the spirit of Thanksgiving. And you can make it a family affair by asking your loved ones which groups they would like to support. Not only will you be helping a worthy cause, but you'll also be teaching your children about the value of money – in this case, the ability to use money you've saved to help make a positive contribution to society.

By sharing your bounty with your loved ones and your community on Thanksgiving, you'll help create a more memorable holiday for everyone. So, be generous, be creative – and be prepared for how much satisfaction you can get from your actions.

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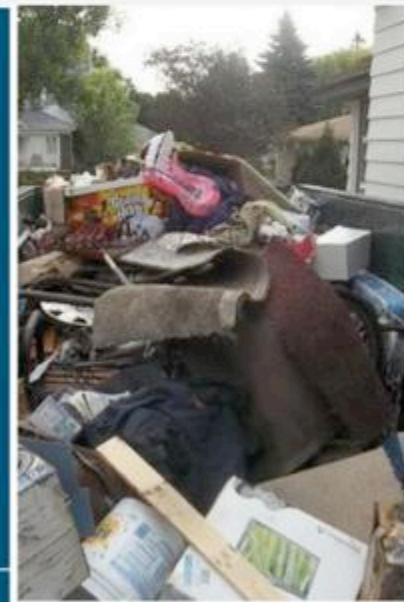
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It's About Food

By **Johnny Navillus**



Magic with Leftovers

Leftovers are great to play with. They are already cooked and while you warm them up, you can have your way with them. I don't understand people who hate leftovers.

Anything you can do with cooked chicken you can do with turkey. Probably better because turkey tends to remain moist if you wrap it up well.

One of the veggies that sells well in my house are green beans. Usually I saute them in butter and olive oil with sesame seeds thrown in to toast with the beans. What I've also discovered is to saute the beans as usual and add mushrooms early on in the process. Soy sauce adds great flavor as well as a couple of drops of liquid smoke. Go easy with the smoke, though. You only want a hint of smokiness. You could do this with asparagus as well.

This other tidbit I stole from a restaurant once. When making your own cranberry sauce, fortify it with blackberry brandy and a splash of vanilla extract. You can skip the brandy if you desire, but the vanilla is a must.

Want to do something different with mashed potatoes? Mash in some chopped chives and some bleu cheese.

Cook up the sweet potatoes as usual. Cut them in half lengthwise. Take out the middle and stuff the skins with cheese and bacon bits like you would for a white potato.

In the unlikely event you have some leftover mashed potatoes and stuffing from Thanksgiving, mix them together and form them into patties. Fry them up like a fish cake and serve as a side. Combine leftover turkey with them and you have a meal.

Layer turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, corn, cranberry sauce gravy, any other leftovers in a baking dish, pop into a 350° oven for 30 to 40 minutes or even less to heat everything through. One-dish turkey dinner. Serve with dinner rolls. What could be simpler?

Change-up! Instead of making that red meat sauce with chopped beef, make it with diced leftover turkey. Heat. Serve over pasta. Come to think about it, you could use any sauce, red or white.

This one is a prize winner in my book. Take stuffing and form it into rolls like 1/4 size of a hot dog. Wrap these in bacon, pop into the oven until the bacon cooks.

When making French toast, try this: In a mixing bowl whisk together milk pumpkin puree, eggs, brown sugar, vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger until well combined. Cook as usual for a really different French toast experience.

I don't include measurements because by this time everyone should know that a recipe is a guideline and not written in stone. Something as common as French toast should not need a recipe. This ain't baking, folks. Baking requires strict adherence to a recipe or the cake won't rise. That's why I don't bake. I like to play too much.

Play with your food. Leftovers are ideal.

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Claremont Police Seek Public's Help in ID'ing Suspects in Alleged Scanning Device Case

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Police



Department is seeking the public's assistance in identifying two men seen in the accompanying photographs.

According to Deputy Chief Brent Wilmot of the CPD, the men were allegedly involved in the illegal use of a scanning device at the Claremont Savings Bank ATMs on Broad Street over the recent holiday weekend. The men allegedly later used the information to make multiple fraudulent withdrawals, totaling a large sum of cash. The Claremont Police Department is in the process of reviewing surveillance footage from nearby businesses in an attempt to identify individuals or vehicles associated with this matter, said Wilmot. Further, CPD detectives are following up with other police agencies to see if similar crimes have been reported.

If you are a Claremont Savings Bank customer and notice some unusual activity on your account, please notify the bank or the Claremont Police Department at 603-542-9538, said Wilmot. You can also re-



Claremont Police Dept. photos

port anonymously to the CPD tip line at (603) 542-7026, ext. 1234.

Claremont Savings Bank also released a statement on Thursday regarding the incident.

"Illegal skimming devices were attached to Claremont Savings Bank's two ATM machines at their Claremont - Broad Street branch during the long Veteran's Day weekend by two unknown men," said the bank. "These devices allowed ATM/debit card information to be stolen. The criminals created debit cards using the information and withdrew cash from consumers' accounts the evening of November 12.

"Claremont Savings Bank is taking the breach seriously and immediately took measures to prevent further fraudulent activity. The customers who were affected had any missing funds credited back to their accounts and were contacted by the Bank. Their ATM/debit cards were closed and they will receive new cards. Customers with questions about the breach or the security of their accounts should contact the bank at 603-542-7711.

"There is an ongoing investigation with the Claremont Police Department and other au-

thorities. If you have any information in regards to this case, please contact the Claremont Police Department Detectives Division at 603-542-7010," said the bank.

Make A Recycled Bag

CLAREMONT, NH—Want to help solidify your basic sewing skills while making a tough (yet pretty!) grocery tote? Using grain feed bags, we will up-cycle these to reusable grocery totes! Choice of pictures and colors available. Do you love Horses? Pigs? Dogs? Purple? Pink? Many choices! And environmentally friendly. This is a great project to help you learn to sew, or practice your basic skills!

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Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6:00pm. To register, please go here:

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event/2019/11/19/intro-to-sewing-make-a-recycled-bag>.



Support Local Small Businesses

Small Business Saturday is a national effort to encourage consumers to shop at local, independently owned businesses on the Saturday following Thanksgiving. This year marks the 10th annual Small Business Saturday which will fall on November 30. In 2018, over 650 mayors and city officials across the nation participated in this effort. At our Council meeting on November 13, I issued a proclamation in support of this and in recognition of the invaluable role that small businesses play in the Claremont economy and in our community as a whole.

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, there are 30.7 million small businesses in the country, representing 99.7 percent of all firms with paid employees. These businesses are responsible for 64.9 percent of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2018. Given such statistics, it is evident that small businesses are the backbone in local economies across the nation.

Claremont small businesses provide jobs, consumer products/services, and attract people to the community. However, their importance is not linked solely to their economic impact. They are also participants in strengthening the social fabric of our community. Often, they are sponsors for local sport or community events. Many times they donate their time and resources for a variety of causes. Without them, we could not thrive.

As any owner will tell you, running a successful small business is challenging. The hours are long, the risk is great, and the rewards are not immediate. Small businesses must be creative and agile in order to compensate for market changes and emerging trends. We can recognize their hard work and their impact to the community through our support.

Participating in Small Business Saturday is one way of demonstrating our support. In 2018, U.S. consumers spent an estimated \$17.8 billion at independent retailers and

restaurants on Small Business Saturday. On average, 67 cents of every dollar spent at local small businesses stays in the local community.

You can help keep those dollars in Claremont. Your participation on November 30 will not only benefit the business at which you shop, but also the community as a whole. If there is a local business that you have never visited, consider taking this opportunity to do so. Your business will be most appreciated.

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

Bernie 2020 Medicare for All Town Hall in Claremont

CLAREMONT, NH—Bernie 2020 Health Care Constituency Director Michael Lighty will host a Medicare for All tour in New Hampshire next week featuring surrogates Paula Jean Swarengin and Amy Vilela and community activist Dr. Michael Dowe. The tour will take place on National Rural Health Care Day to highlight how Medicare for All benefits people in rural areas of the United States.

On Nov. 21st, 6:00 p.m. Bernie 2020 Medicare for All Town Hall will be held in Claremont with Lighty, Vilela and Dowe. This event will be held at the Woven Label Boardroom, Common Man Restaurant, 21 Water St., Claremont.

This event is free and open to the public. Tickets are not required, but an RSVP is encouraged. Entrance is provided on a first come, first served basis. Visit <https://act.berniesanders.com/event/bernie-2020-event-attend/45771>.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 "Useful Tools for Life Planning Course" Sponsored by the Cornish Aging in Place Committee

9:30 am - noon
Cornish Town Offices

Do you have a written Medical Advance Directive?

Have you reviewed and updated it in the last 5 years?

Are you confident it adequately expresses your wishes?

Have you appointed a Medical Power of Attorney/Health Care Agent?

Do you know where all your Important documents are located?

Have you communicated this information to your family and your health care agent?

If you answer "no" to any of these questions, this free course is for you. Certified trainers will lead each class. Limited to 16 participants. You will receive all the materials in a 3-ring binder.

For more info or to register contact: Jody Schubert, 603-675-6081, or email: jodyschubert0@gmail.com; Jan Lord, 603-675-6417 lord.jb.2007@gmail.com.

NOV 29 - DEC 1ST WALPOLE ARTISAN EVENT

Welcome to the 17th Annual Walpole Artisans Tour! This special event is a great way to find locally handmade gifts for that special someone, or even yourself. Held Thanksgiving weekend, Friday thru Sunday, Nov. 29th, 30th & December 1st, and housed at three locations. The tour features original juried artwork, fine crafts, and many special and unique items created by over 20 artisans from the region.

Perfect for the gift-giving season, items for sale represent a wide variety of mediums, including wool and silk scarves, hand-forged jewelry, blown-glass vases and paperweights, cloth and leather handbags, wood and leather candle holders, wooden bowls and pens, etched and carved glass, metal garden sculptures, all-natural skin care products, wooden harps, etched black onyx jewelry, original paintings, holiday ornaments, as well as beautiful and charming note cards. You'll have the opportunity to meet the artisans and talk about their process or their goals.

Visit us at all three locations:

*The Walpole Artisans gift shop at 52 Main Street, Walpole, NH

(Fri - Sat 10 to 5, Sun. 10-3)

*The Walpole Town Hall, 34 Elm Street, Walpole, NH

(Fri.- Sat. 10 to 5, Sun. 10 to 3)

*Sherwin Art Glass, 33 Bridge Street, Bellows Falls, VT

(Fri.- Sun. 10 to 5)

To pick up a tour postcard and for more information, please call 603-756-3020 or visit us on Facebook.

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