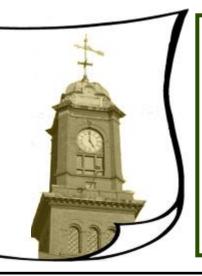


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December 16, 2019

Two-Week New England Surge Results in 100s of Arrests, Seizure of Mass Amounts of Drugs

BOSTON, MA—Drug overdoses are the leading cause of injury-related deaths in the United States and every day communities see the impact that drug abuse has on their neighborhoods. In an effort to address this epidemic, the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) New England Field Division's (NEFD), during a recent two-week surge operation, made 645 arrests and seized 17.9 kilograms of fentanyl, 7,800 illicit fentanyl pills, 13.9 kilograms of cocaine, 3.1 kilograms of heroin, 2.5 kilograms of methamphetamine, 38.1 kilograms of marijuana, 51 firearms and \$1.2 million in cash, announced Special Agent in Charge Brian D. Boyle on Dec. 10.

"DEA's top priority is to aggressively pursue anyone who distributes these deadly drugs," said Boyle. "Those arrested need to be held accountable for their actions because they have chosen to distribute this poison and profit from the misery they spread."

The NEFD said it "would like to thank its many great local, state and federal law enforcement partners who assisted during this two-week operation and for their strong commitment to drug law enforcement in New England." These enforcement actions show what happens when law enforcement works together, added the NEFD in a press release.

"Illegal drug distribution ravages the very foundations of our families and communities," said Boyle. "Every time we take fentanyl off the streets, we save lives. These enforcement actions demonstrate the strength of collaborative local, state and federal law enforcement efforts in New England."

Always for the Children — Especially at Christmas

Kiwanis Club Gives Clothes, Toys to Local Families

Bell-Ringing Continues at Area Stores



Members of the Claremont Kiwanis Club — aka Santa's little helpers — take a minute's rest before delivering the gift-bundles to 150 families (Eric Zengota photo).

By Eric Zengota e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Santa Claus is a busy man all year long, and in December he shifts into high gear. But he cleared his calendar to make an appearance last Friday at the 10th annual Kiwanis Cares event.

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4-H Holiday Part Dec. 19th

NEWPORT, NH—You are invited to join the Sullivan County 4-H Holiday Party hosted by the Youth Leadership Team

When: Thursday, Dec. 19th

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Who: Youth, ages 11-18 - You do not have to

be in 4-H; bring a friend with vou

Why: Holiday Party with a Potluck (bring a

dish to share)

Yankee Swap (\$10 max. price on gift / gift can

be recycled)

Where: Epiphany Church (the stone church),

Cedar Street, Newport

For more information please contact Robin

Robicheau, Parent Advisor/YLT,

first_robin@msn.com.

Christmas Eve Celebration

CLAREMONT, NH—Christmas Eve Celebration, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 24, First Congregational Church, 72 Pleasant Street, Claremont.

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Everyone welcome! Candlelight Communion, special music, For all ages. Bring family and friends.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 TRINITY CHURCH

Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service

6:00pm

44 Main St. Windsor, VT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight service Plainfield Community Church 1094 Rte 12-A

7:00 pm

DECEMBER 24 UNITED CHURCH OF CORNISH CHRIST-MAS EVE SERVICE

We will be having a family candlelight Christmas Eve Service at the Church Vestry on Center Road at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Lessons and Carols at St. Joseph's Church

CLAREMONT, NH—On Christmas Eve, Dec.

1885 Midmer & Son Pipe Organ and will direct

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celia Choir to support the congregation in singing the Christmas carols. Following the service, there will be a gathering in the Parish Hall with Christmas cookies, hot chocolate, coffee and eggnog.

All are invited to attend to help celebrate the Vigil of Christmas.

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24th, at 7:00 p.m., a Service of Lessons and Carols will be held at St. Joseph's Church, 58 Elm Street, Claremont. This Service uses the traditional readings, prayers and carols as heard on Christmas Eve from King's College, Cambridge, and broadcast on the BBC in London. The format for this Service is adapted from the Church's medieval vigil service for Christmas.

Tristan Smith will serve as organist of the the St.

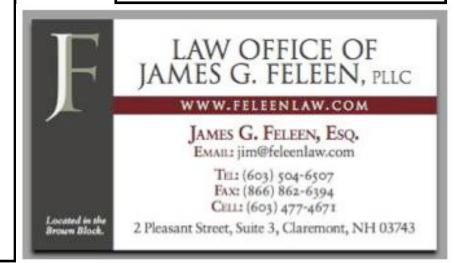
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Recipients

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Shaheen, Collins and Isakson Reintroduce International Violence Against Women Act

WASHINGTON, DC—Thursday, U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) led Susan Collins (R-ME) and Johnny Isakson (R-GA) in re-introducing the International Violence Against Women Act (IVAWA), bipartisan legislation to ensure combatting gender-based violence around the world remains a top diplomatic and development priority for the United States.

"One in three women and girls around the world will report experiencing gender-based violence in their lifetimes. By denying women and girls the chance to rise to their full potential, gender-based violence stunts economic, political and social progress in our communities," said Senator Shaheen. "The International Violence Against Women Act will ensure combatting gender-based violence around the world remains a top diplomatic and development priority for the United States. This not only means stopping sexual abuse and trafficking, domestic violence, early and forced marriages and other forms of gender-based violence, but also changing societal views and norms in places around the world where women and girls are not agents of their own future."

"In addition to being a pressing human rights issue, violence against women and girls contributes to inequality and political instability, making it a security issue as well as a moral issue for us all. Our bipartisan bill would ensure that the U.S. continues to take a leadership role in combatting such violence around the world," said Senator Collins. "I am committed to continuing to work with my colleagues to end gender-based violence and to provide the assistance and resources necessary to achieve this goal."

"The United States must continue to be a leader in the fight to end gender-based violence around the world. The consequences of violence against girls and women at home and abroad are far-reaching, and the International Violence Against Women Act will help us better coordinate these important efforts," said Senator Isakson. "Ensuring that women and girls around the world have the opportunity to reach their full potential, free from the threat of violence, must remain a priority for all of us."

Specifically, the International Violence Against Women Act would:

- Require the State Department and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to develop and implement a U.S. global strategy to prevent and respond to gender-based violence;
- Permanently authorize the State Department Office of Global Women's Issues and the Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues to head that Office;
- Permanently authorize the USAID Senior Coordinator for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment; and
- Require interagency coordination, monitoring and evaluation of programs and regular briefings to Congress.

Senator Hassan, Colleagues Introduce Bipartisan Bill to Support Computer Science Education

WASHINGTON, DC—Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH) joined Senators Jacky Rosen (D-NV), Roger Wicker (R-MS), and Mitt Romney (R-UT) in introducing the bipartisan, bicameral Teacher Education for Computer Science Act (Teach CS Act) to help schools train additional teachers and students in computer science. This week marks Computer Science Education Week, which helps to raise awareness about the importance of computer science and encourage students to explore this field.

"In the 21st century innovation economy, proficiency in computer science can be a real asset for young people preparing to enter the workforce – so it's critical that educators have the knowledge and training to help students learn computer science," Senator Hassan said. "In honor of Computer Science Education Week, I am proud to introduce this bipartisan legislation to strengthen STEM education in New Hampshire and across the country."

The Teach CS Act would amend the Higher Education Act to include computer science education eligibility for multiple teacher preparation grants and graduate fellowships, and authorize a new program for competitive grants for eligible institutions of higher education to establish centers of excellence in teacher education programs for computer science.

Icy Roads Lead to Fatal Accident in Springfield, VT

A fine drizzle and temperatures just below freezing Friday afternoon and night led to black ice on road surfaces throughout the area. Dirt roads fared no better, and dozens of accidents were reported as cars slipped all over the roadways on main thoroughfares and side roads. One driver reported that it took 90



Roads and walkways shining in the dark from icy conditions had become dangerous passageways Friday night (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo).

minutes Friday afternoon to get from Hanover to Claremont safely. "Dump Hill" in Claremont had some of the worst road conditions, leading to a number of accidents. One driver described the road as a "parking lot". At one point, a portion of the road was closed to traffic, and First Responders were busy on-site. Tree limbs, railings, steps and anything else

out in the weather all were coated with the dangerous ice.

At approximately 2:10 p.m., Vermont State Police were notified of a single-vehicle crash on Interstate 91 near mile marker 44/9. Investigation revealed that the operator, Michael Luurtsema, 61, of Springfield VT, was traveling southbound and went off the right (west) side of the road. The vehicle struck multiple trees and sustained totaling damage. Luurtsema was pronounced deceased on scene, said authorities, who added that road conditions were wet and icy.

By Saturday morning, temperatures had risen to the 40s, and puddles in the roads had replaced the ice.

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll

Special Ed Funding Approved Again at 2nd Vote

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—To rectify a technical error regarding the posting of the notice for the November Claremont School District meeting and vote on spending state monies for new special ed programs, the District held another public hearing and vote Thursday night at the SHS auditorium.

The first vote approved using \$650,000 of \$1.3 million in unanticipated revenue from the state, approved in the compromised budget, to create a new special ed trust fund for new and expanded programs; the plan would keep a number of special ed students in district, cut-

ting the higher cost of sending them out of district. There is also hope that the programs would bring in students from other districts, creating a new revenue source for the district.

As was the case last time, there were speakers both for and against using the money as proposed: those *for* saw merit in investing in the new programs while those *opposed* felt

strongly that all of the money should be used for tax relief.

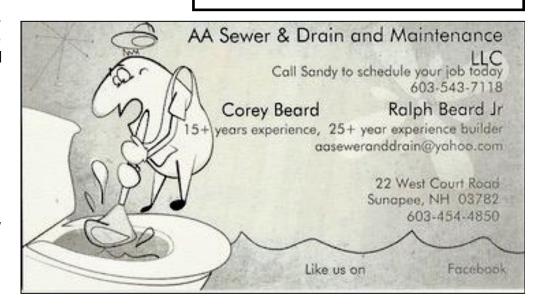
One voter contended that the state might not give the City similar funding in the future if it was not strictly used for tax relief, although there appears there is nothing to indicate that the state specified that the funding could only be used for tax relief.

A voice vote was taken and indicated the article had passed, but a loud voice vote against it was also heard. A standing vote was then taken, with those eligible to vote asked to stand holding cards showing they were registered voters. Paul LaCasse and Scott Pope counted both those for and against the article, with the final tally showing 70 for and 12 against.

Child care during the meeting was provided by SHS students; the help counted toward fulfilling required community service hours.

The public is invited to a Concert performed by the STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL BAND AND CHOIR,
MONDAY, December 16th, 7:15PM at the SHS AUDITORIUM 165 Broad Street, Claremont PLEASE USE THE EVENT ENTRANCE
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appreciated.



City Accepts Two Large Donations from Local Businesses

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Christmas came early for the City of Claremont as two local businesses made sizable donations to the community. The gifts were presented during the City Council meeting Wednesday evening.

The Council approved a resolution to accept a donation from McGee Toyota of \$8,000 for the July 4th fireworks held at Monadnock Park. This marked the third such donation from the dealership to help ensure that the annual event would continue. Difficult budget cuts several years ago had eliminated City funding for the display that brings in people from all over the Valley.

Mark Brlslin, director of Claremont Parks & Rec, said that the event "draws thousands of people into the City, to Washington Street... We're very happy to keep building on this relationship."

Also on Wednesday night, Councilors passed a motion to accept the donation of a police vehicle from Ford of Claremont. Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase said that since the dealership has opened in Claremont, the business has had a "great relationship with the City." Ford owner Chris Gomes is donating a \$38,000 vehicle to the City: a new, fully equipped 2020 Ford Police Interceptor utility vehicle. Chase said the donation represented a "significant savings for the City", both with taxes and response time. The vehicle is currently being equipped for service.

Also at Wednesday night's meeting, departing Councilors Claire Lessard, Kristin Kenniston and Scott Pope received certificates of appreciation and gifts from the other Councilors in thanks for their service on the Council; none ran for re-election.

Also, City Manager Ed Morris reported that progress on removing the deteriorating building at 139 Main Street has slowed due to the unexpectedly high cost of shoring up the adjoining building which must be secured before the demolition at 139 can take place. The cost of \$200,000 is higher than owner Kevin Lacasse had anticipated. "It's a high priority to get this finished," said Morris.



Donations and Appreciation...

Top: City Manager Ed Morris, far left, with City Councilors, representatives from McGee Toyota and Parks & Rec Director Mark Brislin, far right, pose with a check representing an \$8,000 donation for the 2020 fireworks on July 4th. Below: City officials, including Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase, far right, join Chris Gomes (third from right), owner of Ford of Claremont, after announcing a \$38,000 donation to the City: a new, fully equipped 2020 Ford Police Interceptor utility vehicle (Courtesy photos).



Meter Upgrade Project Hits Snag as DPW Works to Complete Program

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH-Claremont DPW Director Vic St. Pierre told Councilors Wednesday that the Department is trying to wrap up the water meter upgrade project it started four years ago but that about 270 property owners are not working with the City to complete the job. The project included changing about 3500 meters; in July, about 500 remained to be done. That number has dropped to about 270 accounts that have not or are not committing to get their meters changed. St. Pierre said they have "contacted them four times now" in a variety of ways: by letter, tagging doors, knocking on doors, sending notices, including notes on water bills, even using brightly colored paper to attract attention. He said they are willing to schedule time to change the meters at the customers' convenience, even if that means overtime or on Saturday to get the job done; upgrading the meters takes an average of about 20 minutes, unless there are other plumbing issues involved.

The new system makes reading meters far more efficient: St. Pierre said they can read 3215 meters in six hours; it takes 27 hours to read the remaining 270. Both systems require rental fees and software support.

Saying that he feels they have given these holdout accounts long enough to respond, St. Pierre asked the Council to approve adding a \$45 Reading Fee Premium to the City Fee Schedule to help offset the extra costs that are being incurred and to prompt those still not in compliance to take the necessary steps. There is no cost for the meter upgrade to the property owner.

Councilor Jonathan Stone asked St. Pierre if they knew why some people were not responding. He said some people were difficult to reach by phone and/or cell phone, although they've attempted to get around that by providing letters and notices. Some properties are owned by landlords who do not live in town and are not interested in cooperating, he said.

"At some point you have to follow through," said Mayor Charlene Lovett, saying she thought reaching out four times was doing their due diligence.

While St. Pierre would welcome adding the \$45 fee to each billing quarter for those non-compliant accounts, Lovett recommended adding it to next quarterly bill and then checking the results to see if any changes in compliance occur at that point.

A motion was made and passed to add the category of a \$45 Reading Fee Premium to the City's Fee Schedule for DPW. Councilors Stone and Andrew O'Hearne voted no. The next quarterly water bills are due to go out in January.

Monday, December 16 Cornish School District Facilities Committee Meeting Cornish Elementary School 5:15pm

Monday, December 16 Cornish School District Board Meeting Cornish Elementary School 6:30pm





Christmas lights produce a medley of color and a feast for the eyes.

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Vermont Man Arrested for Reckless Conduct with a Firearm at UV Restaurant

On November 23, at approximately 4:00 a.m., Lebanon Police patrol officers responded to Denny's Restaurant on Plainfield Road for a report of a male subject who had accidentally discharged a firearm in the restaurant and was injured.

When Officers arrived, they met with the male who was identified, said law enforcement, as Michael Bushey, age 21 of Bethel, VT. Bushey had suffered minor, non-life-threatening injuries as a result of his firearm discharging and striking his leg, said police in a press release. Although there were several patrons near Bushey when his firearm discharged, there were no other injuries. A black .45 caliber pistol was seized at the scene.



Michael Bushey (Lebanon Police)

Lebanon Police Detectives conducted additional investigation into the incident, including a review of Denny's surveillance video, which lead to an arrest warrant being issued on December 12, charging Bushey with Reckless Conduct with a Firearm, a Class B Felony offense.

Bushey was arrested on December 12th and released on Personal Recognizance bail with a court date of December 30, 2019 in the Grafton County Superior Court.

CDA Education Contest

CLAREMONT, NH—Art, Essay, Computer Art, Poetry, Music and Photography are the categories included in the Education Contest sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Any student, boy or girl, in grades 4-12 is eligible to enter the contest. There are three student divisions according to grade level and a student may enter more than one category. The 4th division is for Adult CDA members for Poetry, Art, and Photography. Awards are given for each division in each category. The 2019 themes are "Blessed are the Peacemakers" Mark 5:9 or "Living in Harmony with Others."

Applications are due by February 1, 2020. Applications and rules may be obtained from Arline Marro, CDA Education Chair, (603) 542-5933.

Sullivan County Fugitive of the Week

WILLEM WONSANG DOB: 09/21/1974

LKA: 932 Valley Street, Manchester, NH

Description: White male, height: 5'04", weight: 160 lbs., eyes: brown, hair: black

Reason: Failure to appear

Original charge: First degree assault- bodily injury with deadly weapon, Class A Felony

Burglary- dwelling of another at night, Class A Felony

Conspiracy to commit burglary- dwelling of another at night, Class A Felony Burglary- inflict bodily injury in commission of a crime, Class A Felony

On Sept. 26, 2018, Wonsang was arrested by the New Hampshire State Police for the offenses first degree assault- bodily injury with deadly weapon, burglary- dwelling of another at night, conspiracy to commit burglary- dwelling of another at night and burglary- inflict bodily injury in commission of a crime. Wonsang was released on \$5000.00 unsecured appearance bond.

On Nov. 21, 2018 the Sullivan County Grand Jury indicted Wonsang on the offenses first degree assault- bodily injury with deadly weapon, burglary- dwelling of another at night, conspiracy to commit burglary- dwelling of another at night and burglary- inflict bodily injury in commission of a crime. Wonsang remained on the \$5000.00 unsecure appearance bond as outlined in the Sept. 26, 2018, bail order.

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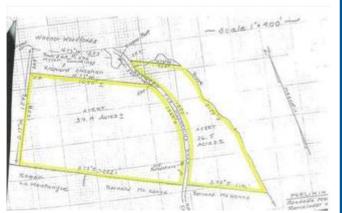
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The Sullivan County Superior Court set jury selection in Wonsang's case for Dec. 2, 2019. The trial in Wonsang's case was scheduled to begin on Dec 9, 2019. Wonsang failed to appear for trial and as a result the Sullivan County Superior Court issued a warrant for Wonsang's arrest on Dec. 10, 2019.

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.

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In this workshop you will learn that selling is really about effectively building relationships and listening to your clients. You'll leave feeling empowered with selling skills you can apply today and an elevator pitch you can modify to fit any customer segment! Topics may include but are not limited to:

- The psychology of selling
- •Identify your unique selling proposition
- •Selling benefits vs. features
- •Describe what your business does in interesting language conveying the value you provide your customers
- •Presenting yourself effectively and comfortably
- •The importance of following up
- •Learn how to adapt your pitch based on your goal and the audience
- •Learn how to keep the conversation going with open ended questions - your call to action

When: Wednesday, January 8th and 15th, both 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Where: Claremont Makerspace

46 Main Street

Cost: \$50.00. *Registration is required. Partial scholarships are available.

To register, please go here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cwe-newhampshire-fundamental-selling-skillspitch-practice-intensive-claremont-tickets-69200024135

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in North Charlestown

NORTH CHARLESTOWN, NH—A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at 4 PM on Tuesday, Dec. 24th, at the North Charlestown United Methodist Church at 471 River Rd (12A) in North Charlestown. The worship on Christmas Eve will be designed to be multigenerational, so be sure to bring all your friends, neighbors and, of course, children of all ages! Chances are you have never experienced anything like it!

Everyone is asked to bring with them a family candle (pillar) and a hand bell for ringing during worship.

Join us and start the 12 Days of Christmas with this joyous celebration!



e-Ticker Business News

McDonald's Honors Local Claremont Restaurant Manager with Prestigious National Award

Thomas to Receive Distinguished Ray Kroc Award for the 3rd time

CLAREMONT, NH— Last week, Claremont McDonald's restaurant manager Roy Thomas was celebrated as he won the distinguished Ray Kroc Award for the third time. The awards are an annual performance-based honor that recognize the top performing McDonald's restaurant managers globally.

Thomas was one of 365 McDonald's Restaurant Managers around the world, from 60 markets, representing the top one percent of restaurant managers, to receive the honor, which includes a cash prize and a trophy. He has worked at McDonald's for 34 years and will be awarded his prize on April 22, 2020 at the Ray Kroc Gala Awards Gala in Orlando, FL.

"To be awarded the Ray Kroc twice was exciting, to receive it for a third time is a feeling that I can't describe," said Thomas. "I wouldn't be able to support my team the way I do if it wasn't for McDonald's providing the resources I as a manager need to succeed. This honor is for me and my team – thank you, McDonald's."

McDonald's independent franchisees and regional management nominate restaurant managers for the Ray Kroc Awards – named after the company's founder – to recognize their hard work, dedication, and commitment to McDonald's and its customers.

"Roy is a great employee and an even better guy; I am lucky to have him on the team for more than 30 years. He was nominated for his commitment to his team and challenging them to be the best they can be," said Charles Coughlin, Claremont McDonald's owner/operator. "We're delighted to recognize again Roy for dedicating so much of himself to both his position and the wonderful team he inspires each and every day."



Roy Thomas, left, with Charles Coughlin, Claremont McDonald's owner/operator (Courtesy photo).

CHaD, Boys & Girls Club of Manchester Partner to Bring "Leader in Me" Program to City's Youth

MANCHESTER, NH – Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (CHaD) has partnered with the Boys & Girls Club of Manchester (BGCM), the leading provider of youth development programs in the city, to incorporate the Leader in Me process into the Club's current after-school curriculum. CHaD is investing in a multi-year partnership to cover the cost of travel, training, and membership that will be introduced after the first year.

"Emotional health is a key component of overall well-being," said CHaD Physician-in-Chief Keith Loud, MD. "The Boys & Girls Club of Manchester advances the social and emotional health of so many children and adolescents through its fantastic programming. We are pleased to help the Boys & Girls Club add the Leader in Me curriculum to its offerings over the course of the next few years."

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Leader, from A13

Now in nearly 4,000 schools across the world, Leader in Me is an evidence-based, K-12 comprehensive-school improvement model and process — developed in partnership with a global community of educators — that empowers students with the social and emotional, leadership and life skills they need to thrive in the 21st century. The process was created by FranklinCovey Education, a prominent and trusted provider of educational programs worldwide. The process is currently being implemented at five Manchester schools. However, BGCM will be the first after-school program in New England to implement the program.

BGCM began including Leader in Me in all aspects of Club programs and activities in the Fall to provide staff with strategies, tools, and language to help build resiliency, establish healthy life-long habits, and promote positive outcomes in children. A leader in the community, BGCM plans to train other youth-serving organizations in Manchester once this program is fully integrated into the Club.

Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center Names Amy Visser-Lynch Chief Nursing Officer

WINDSOR, VT — Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) has announced the appointment of Amy Visser-Lynch, MSN, RN as Chief Nursing Officer (CNO). Visser-Lynch had served as interim CNO at MAHHC since early 2019.

Visser-Lynch joined MAHHC in 2015 as Director of Staff Education. Since then, she has served as Interim Emergency Department Manager, as well as the Interim Director of Outpatient Clinical Practice. She has been a clinical nurse educator at Vermont Technical College and Grace Cottage Hospital. She has also served as a staff nurse in multiple clinical units ranging from the general medical floors to the Emergency Department and special care units. Visser-Lynch is a graduate of Florida Keys Community College, and of Walden

University, where she earned her Master of Science in Nursing with a concentration in education.

Her prior teaching experience includes work as a Clinical Associate for the practical nursing program at Vermont Technical College, and Preceptor to newly hired Emergency Department employees at both Grace Cottage and Homestead Hospital. She has served as a clinic coach at Dartmouth College, clinical educational and professional development support at Homestead Hospital in Florida and taught a range of life support certification classes as a certified American Heart Association instructor.

According to MAHHC President, CEO, and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Joseph Perras, Visser-Lynch has performed admirably since arriving at the Hospital. Perras noted, "She has brought true operation strength to the role, and she is always ready to roll up her sleeves and get the work done." Dr. Perras said that Visser-Lynch's appointment comes with the full support of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health system CNO. Susan Reeves, who will work with Amy

in her ongoing professional development.
"As part of Amy's role with Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center," continued Dr. Perras, "we will also support her engagement in a year-long Nurse Leadership Fellowship through the American Organization of Nursing Leadership."

Visser-Lynch is a member of the American Nurses Association, Vermont State Nurses Association, American Organization of Nursing Leadership, and Organization of Nurse Leaders. Visser-Lynch serves as the Southeastern Vermont Medical Reserve Corp Unit Coordinator and as Nurse Peer Re-

viewer for the Northeast Multistate Division. She is a resident of Townshend, VT.





Holiday Dinner...

The Annual Koloski Family & Friends **Holiday Meal was** held Tuesday at **Time-Out Americana** Grill on Mulberry St. In addition to the free meal for anyone who was seeking a nice holiday dinner or just some companionship, Santa paid a special visit, arriving courtesy of the **Claremont Fire Dept. Right: Volunteers** who helped at the dinner; below: Santa's arrival (Dakota T. Bonner photos).



Schedule for Christmas and New Year Services at St. Mary

CLAREMONT, NH—St. Mary Parish will be offering the following schedule for Christmas and New Years:

Christmas

Tuesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 25th, Midnight Mass: 12:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 25th, Christmas Morning: 10:30 a.m.

New Year, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Tuesday, December 31st,

Solemnity Vigil: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 1st, Solemnity: 10:30 a.m.



Christmas: December 24, 25, and 26

New Year: December 31st (at noon) and January 1st







Turning Points Network Seeking Feedback

CLAREMONT, NH—Turning Points Network is conducting a community needs assessment to provide them with feedback about their services and about any unmet needs of survivors in Sullivan County. Their staff and board of directors will soon engage in strategic planning sessions which will use the results of the assessment to plan more deeply and broadly to enhance Turning Points Network's work with survivors and prevention work.

The survey is open to all survivors, providers, and community members in Sullivan County. There is a raffle open for all participants that will be drawn on January 15th, 2020.

To take the survey, visit https://forms.gle/ViN4d3qP7iTGRjEy6 or go to the Turning Points Network Facebook page. Printed copies can be returned to Turning Points Network's office at 11 School St., Claremont. For more information, call Turning Points Network at (603)-543-0155.

Turning Points Network is a private non-profit agency serving Sullivan County that provides supports for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking and human trafficking, and presents violence-prevention education programs in schools. For more than 40 years, TPN has helped people of all ages move from the darkness of abuse toward the light of respect, healing and hope.

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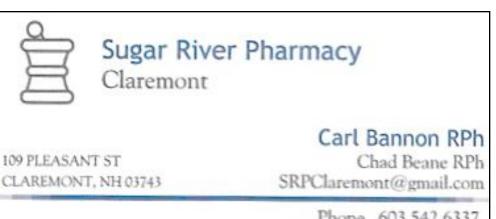
We are so sorry our Claremont Friends will miss this due to a different vacation week, but we are still brainstorming ideas there too, so keep your chin up!

For more information, please visit https://uvcircus.com. \$150.00 non-refundable deposit is required with registration. Final payment must be received by Feb. 1, 2020.

Should we not receive your final balance payment on or before Feb.1, 2020 we will begin registering troupers from our waiting list.

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December 18th, Wednesday, from 9AM - 3PM Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park

Need some Christmas ideas? We're opening up our Park Store for one day!

Plush animals, kids art projects, Lincoln memorabilia, jewelry, t-shirts, hats, mugs, great winter reading selections, and more. Everything from stocking stuffers to one-of-a-kind fine art treasures. We have the newly released DVD 'Enchanted Hills: Legacy of an Art Colony'. Cash or check only.

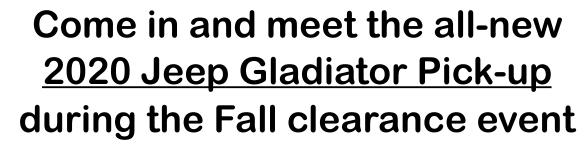
Saturday, January 4th, 10-11:30am Snow Stroll through History at Blow-Me-Down Farm, off Route 12 in Cornish

Join a Saint-Gaudens NHP ranger at the Blow-Me-Down Farm for a Stroll through History around the grounds of the farm. Discover the artists of the Cornish Colony and what drew them to this alluring place. Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear sturdy, warm footwear.

Pre-registration is recommended. To register or learn more call (802) 457-3368 x222 or email us at emma_beck@partner.nps.gov.









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Financial Moves for Life's 'Inflection Points'

You've probably heard or read about inflection points. The term has a specific definition in mathematics, but it's also used widely to describe historical or technological events, such as the Industrial Revolution or the creation of the internet – events that changed human existence in some important way. However, you have personal inflection points, too – and when they occur, you'll need to make the right financial moves.

Here are four of the most important of these inflection points, along with suggestions on dealing with them:

- Marriage When you get married, you and your spouse will need to discuss a variety of financial issues: What assets and liabilities do you each bring to the marriage? Should you combine your finances or continue with separate accounts? Is one of you a "saver" while the other is a "spender"? Do you share similar investment philosophies, or is one of you much more aggressive than the other? You don't necessarily have to agree on everything, but you should at least try to gain enough knowledge so you can avoid unpleasant surprises, such as hidden debts, and find enough common ground so your household can advance toward your common financial goals.
- **New child** When you welcome a new child into your family, you'll need to make sure you have adequate life insurance. You'll also want to review the beneficiary designations on any existing insurance policies, as well as on your IRA and 401(k). And if you can afford it, you may want to start contributing to a college fund, possibly using a 529 savings plan, which can provide you with tax advantages as you put money away for your child's higher education.
- **Divorce** It's unfortunate, but true: Divorce is still pretty common, and it's neither pleasant nor cheap. You might not be able to avoid some of the costs, such as lawyers' bills, but if you and your ex-spouse can work together amicably, you both may be able to avoid serious financial disruptions. You'll need to work out how to divide your financial assets, paying at-

tention to beneficiary designations, which you may well need to change. Also, as a newly single individual, you may need to review and revise your long-term investment strategy to accommo-

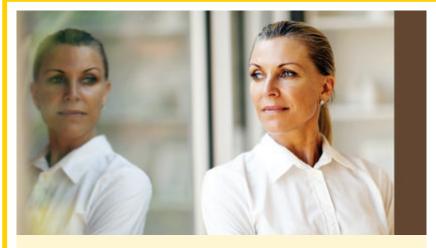
date changes in your goals and your retirement income.

• **Retirement** – By the time you retire, you will have hopefully been investing in your IRA and 401(k) or other retirement plan for several decades. But once you do retire, you'll need to determine how much you can afford to withdraw each year from your various retirement accounts. Your withdrawal rate will depend on your age, your asset level and your retirement lifestyle. And you'll also want to consider other issues: Are you prepared to deal with health care costs? Even with Medicare, these costs may be higher than they were when you were working. And how about your estate plans? Are they up to date? Have you protected your family from the possibility of your estate going through the time-consuming, expensive and public process of probate? You may need to work with your financial, tax and legal advisors to develop an effective estate strategy.

By making smart decisions following your own inflection points, you can ease the transitions in your life – wherever life takes you.

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Learn About Livestock with 4-H 4-H Animal Science Bonanza January 11, 2020 Walpole Elementary School

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Event details will be posted on the website.

Milk and Cheese Please Special Interest Project (SPIN) February 29, 2020 Newport Middle High School 9:00am - 3:00pm

Come learn about several different kinds of cheese, how cheese is processed, where cheese comes from, handwashing, food safety, knife cutting skills, nutrition, and cooking!

Participants will cook their own grilled cheese lunch and practice some ideas they can use at this spring's Grilled Cheese Challenge at the Makers' Expo on April 18.

Open to ALL youth ages 8 to 18. (Younger youth are welcome with an adult.) Youth do not need to be a member of an existing 4-H club in order to participate.



It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



Just Playin'

A really good thickening agent for beef stew is tomato paste. Take a small can and start adding to the stew. Stir some in and see haw that thickens it. If you want it thicker, add more. It usually only takes me a half can to get it where I want it. What to do with a half can of tomato paste? I have no clue. I used to put it in a plastic container and put it in the fridge. After two weeks of shuffling it around I would throw it out. Now I just go straight to the sink monster (disposer).

Last week I sautéed some shrimp in olive oil, many garlic cloves minced, thyme, basil leaves and a pinch of oregano. I had a fair amount of the oil mixture left over. I saved it in a plastic container for what I had no idea.

A couple of days later I was frying some of those really thin pork chops and decided to use the leftover oil. I poured it on a few minutes before the chops were done. Very surprising result. There was no real shrimp flavor left but the chops were excellent. The oil and herbs gave a nice flavor to the pork. I did not start out thinking of this, but it just dawned on me in the process. Play with that leftover stuff. There is always delivery.

Here is a slow cooker dinner that is mainly a guideline. I don't like fennel and neither does anyone else in the house. So I just skip it. A recipe is just a guide. The only really mandatory items are cooking time and temperature and the main item. Everything else is open to interpretation.

Pork Roast Dinner

- 1 boneless whole pork loin roast (3 to 4 pounds)
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 2 teaspoons fennel seeds crushed
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried rosemary crushed
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 1/2 lbs. medium potatoes peeled and cut into chunks
- 1 1/2 lb. large sweet potato peeled and cut into chunks
- 2 large sweet onions cut into eighths
- 1/2 cup chicken broth

Cut roast in half.

Combine the garlic, fennel, rosemary, oregano, salt and pepper. Rub over the roast. Cover and refrigerate for 8 hours.

Place potatoes and onions in slow cooker, top with pork.

Cover and cook on low for 8 to 10 hours.

Serve with applesauce.

However you want to change this, the 8 (or a couple more) hours marinating is essential. Enjoy.

Play with your food. All the best cooks do.

Write to Johnny at etickernews@gmail.com.

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Gallery of Gifts: Handmade Holiday Boutique at the Library Arts Center

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Opening Reception: Fri. Nov. 8, 5-7pm

Library Arts Center Gallery

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Admission is free

The Library Arts Center presents its famous annual holiday exhibit of handmade craft-Gallery of Gifts. The event is a great way to find unique, locally handmade gifts for holiday giving, while supporting local artisans. The juried show features unique and carefully curated handmade crafts and art pieces from more than 100 local artisans, and is also an important fundraiser for the Library Arts Center. Special events are planned during the show, such as a Ladies' Night and an After Hours event.

The Library Arts Center is non-profit art gallery and studio located at 58 N. Main Street in Newport, New Hampshire. The gallery is housed in the former carriage house of the historic mansion occupied by the Richards Free Library, across the street from the Newport Town Common.

For more information on the Gallery of Gifts, as well as the Arts Center's many other programs, visit www.libraryartscenter.org.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 Classicopia Presents - "Four-Hand Holiday", 3pm Old South Church, 146 Main St, Windsor,

Old South Church, 146 Main St, Windsor, VT

Philip Liston-Kraft and Daniel Weiser team up for another of their fantastic holiday programs featuring fun Christmas songs as well as great arrangements of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" and Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue".

We return to the beautiful and historic Old South Church in downtown Windsor, VT, a perfect space for an intimate concert. Door admission is \$20 for general, \$15 for Church members, and free for children 18 and under. Buy discounted seats in advance at Classicopia.org with any major credit card or PayPal.

The Weiser/Liston-Kraft Piano Duo has been described as "simply a force of pianistic energy" who play with "a seamless and tightly knit unity," and who "absolutely smoke the 88 keys." They have been bringing their cap-

tivating, virtuoso, and high energy performances to audiences across the U.S. for over ten years. Most certainly the only piano duo who both attended Harvard Law School, Weiser and Liston-Kraft bring a flair for the dramatic and a high-wire musical choreography that make their concerts a visual and sonic spectacle.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 12:30 PM COOKIE SWAP

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Left: Seven-year-old Tyler was first in line to share his Christmas wish list with Santa Claus. No wonder he's smiling. Right: Santa's ever-helpful elves were on hand to pass out stocking stuffers to each child (Eric Zengota photos).





Kiwanis, from A1

The evening was the culmination of the Claremont Kiwanis Club's months-long project to make sure that Christmas is truly merry for those who might need a little more spirit in their holiday.

Kiwanians rely on the generosity of the many organizations and individual sponsors for donations. They also dip into their own account for funds raised in their other events, the Big Spring Auction and Claremont Brewfest. In the Christmas season, they partner with the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots.

The result of this teamwork means that, this year alone, the club provided gifts for more than 500 children from 150 families in Claremont, North Charlestown and Cornish.

Families are identified by the school system, social services agencies such as Turning Points Network, and Claremont Head Start. They're invited to request what the children want or need, down to specific clothing sizes. On Friday, each family received a huge bag filled with two articles of new clothing

— like coats and sweaters — as well as two toys for each child. The boys and girls chose a few small stocking stuffers, and after visiting with Santa were treated to cookies and cool drinks.

In addition to the evening of giving, Kiwanians and other volunteers are still collecting donations at Market Basket and Walmart on Washington Street.

They'll be ringing their bells from 10am to 8pm, Dec. 20-24. All proceeds fund programs and services for local children, including scholarships to graduating seniors in Sullivan County's public high schools.

Gingerbread House Fun...

The Annual Gingerbread House Decorating Event at Union Church was a sold out event on Saturday, with more than 50 people using their creativity to make festive and tasty decorated houses during the morning session. Cody Butson, left; Maddy Bailey, right, share their creations (Courtesy photos).





