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Wheelabrator Sold, Future Plans Unknown

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH--The Wheelabrator property on Grissom Lane in Claremont has been sold, according to documents filed with the Sullivan County Registry of Deeds. The new owner was listed as Power Investment LLC, of Farmington, NH, which paid just \$37,000 for the property. Plans for the former trash-to-



energy site are unknown and little is known about Power Investment or its principal officers, Keith Frisbee and Carrie Hurn, as the business has virtually no internet footprint. Attempts to contact Hurn via Energy Resources Group, another company at which she and Frisbee serve as president and vice president, were unsuccessful, and the spokesperson for Wheelabrator was unavailable for comment concerning the sale last week.

The transaction involving the controversial facility prompted immediate responses from



On Thursday, Dec. 28, I.A.A.F. Local 1571 firefighters and Claremont Firefighters Association members hosted a breakfast for retiring Fire Chief Rick Bergeron (left). Stepping down after 40 years as a Claremont firefighter, after moving up through the ranks, he held the position of Chief for the last six years. Family, friends and retired and current firefighters were treated to a breakfast cooked and served by the department's firefighters and got a chance to visit, congratulate and thank him for his service to the City of Claremont and its citizens. Bergeron was presented with a ceremonial fire axe. On Friday, City officials and employees held another get-together to honor Bergeron's service. More, page A23 (Bill Binder photo).

local activist and environmental groups.

"The people of Claremont and surrounding communities, who endured nearly three decades of unhealthy environmental degradation and pollution from the Wheelabrator incinerator, now face the possibility that the closed facility will reopen," said John Tuthill in a press release. "Working on Waste (WOW) calls for dismantling the incinerator instead." In a Call

to Action released by the group, WOW explained why "dismantling the incinerator is in the best interest of Claremont and the rest of Sullivan County. The Call to Action urges the public and their elected officials to make recycling a priority and to oppose any attempt to resume incineration or any other waste processing and treatment at the Wheelabrator site.

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Wheelabrator, from A1

There is no need for Sullivan County to get entangled in another incinerator contract, and there is no need for Claremont to continue as a host community for the incinerator industry. The incinerator operated from 1987 to 2013 amid opposition to the waste and pollution that come with incineration. The "Wheelabrator Incinerator in Claremont, NH: A Working on Waste Report" documents the economic, social, political, public health, and environmental problems that Wheelabrator brought to our area during the incinerator's 26 years of operation. There is a threat the incinerator will reopen, and Sullivan County residents must not let this happen."

Reb MacKenzie of Claremont's ACTS Now citizens group agreed. "Citizens of Claremont and Sullivan County need to develop solar and wind electrical generation as envisioned in the Energy Chapter of Claremont's Master Plan. We must oppose any plan to use incineration at the Wheelabrator site to generate electricity. Incineration creates toxic emissions and de-

rails our development of a recycling-based and renewable energy economy."

According to WOW's Call To Action, "the Department of Environmental Services identified the Claremont incinerator as the largest stationary source of airborne pollution within a fifteen mile radius. The incinerator turned nearly two million tons of valuable resources into toxic air emissions and ash and put area residents at an increased risk of exposure to lead, mercury, cadmium, dioxin, and other dangerous chemicals. Thirty-five local health care providers called this risk unnecessary and unacceptable."

Two other attempts to sell the facility fell through in recent history. In April of 2015, Ed Deely, Jr., of Nashua, NH, submitted the winning bid of more than \$1.6 million at auction for the property, and Stuart B. Millner & Associates was expected to issue a related press release at the end of that week; however, nothing was ever forthcoming. When contacted, the company had nothing to say at the time. After "complications" with Deely surfaced, said the auction house, SBMA determined that reopening the opportunity to other interested buyers was the best course of action for all involved parties at the time.

While Deely said he planned to reopen the facility as an incinerator within 60 days and hire about a dozen employees, questions about Deely's past businesses began to surface within a day of the sale.

During the summer of 2016, a proposal by an investor and attorney from Kentucky to convert the Wheelabrator incinerator into what he called a "hybrid" operation was later dropped. The decision not to go forward with plans followed a presentation to the City Council during which D.B. Kazee stated that he had plans to buy the property and convert it into an

industrial recycling site. At a City Council meeting in early June of that year, Kazee said the plan would call for a five-year PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) in which the facility would be used to recycle and refurbish old industrial equipment that would then be resold. The plant would also use a process called "gasification", burning solid waste materials as well as yard waste and biomass material to generate either steam or electricity to run the plant; Kazee said electricity would be the choice in this case, and excess power generated would then be sold to the grid.

According to the assessor's office, the property is now assessed for \$2 million. Wheelabrator was the City's largest water customer, at around \$240,000 annually. It also paid some \$275,000 in taxes annually. The facility still has a Title V operating permit, which was renewed three years ago. However, there are various steps and procedures associated with transferring permits; each case is different and that determines the degree to which the Department of Environmental Services gets involved in the new start-up process.

According to documents filed with the NH Secretary of State's corporate division, Power Investment identifies itself as a power generation company.

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12/30/2017

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and click on “Who Is My Legislator”

Governor Issues Statement Regarding FirstNet Decision

CONCORD, NH--Thursday, Governor Chris Sununu issued the following statement regarding FirstNet: “Over the past two years the state of New Hampshire has led the country during the FirstNet process in evaluating the technical feasibility and risk management aspects of the country’s new national public safety communication system. New Hampshire was given two options: to ‘opt-in’ and choose the national contractor AT&T’s plan or ‘opt-out’ and go with an alternative plan proposed by Rivada. Following our decision to opt-out and go with the Rivada plan that provides better coverage, more system control and an opportunity to share in the revenue streams of the business, we proceeded to have extensive discussions with other Governors across the country to help them understand the benefits of such a system. Many of these states had previously expressed serious interest in pursuing an independent opt-out path. While we were successful in working with First Net to remove the unreasonable fees and penalties, the decision deadline of December 28th approached too quickly for these other states to feel confident in an opt-out decision. As a result, it now appears likely that no other states will opt-out.

“While Rivada’s plan remains the better option for New Hampshire, I have determined that the additional risk associated with being the only state to opt-out creates too high a barrier for New Hampshire to continue down the opt-out path alone.

“Through this entire process New Hampshire has been able to maintain strategic leverage and ensure that the alternative AT&T proposal was one of the best in the country. By moving to opt-in today, New Hampshire will retain AT&T’s commitment to build 48 new tower sites across the state. These new sites will lead to a top quality public safety network for our first responders and enhanced coverage for all of our citizens. I look forward to working with AT&T as they begin the build out and deployment of their New Hampshire plan, and I pledge to continue our efforts to ensure that FirstNet remains responsive to the public safety needs of every state.”

Safety Commissioner John Barthelmes and State Interoperability Coordinator John Stevens also commented on [the] opt-in decision.

“It is unfortunate that the Federal Government did not provide states with sufficient clarity in time for most states to adequately evaluate their options,” said Barthelmes. “Because New Hampshire started early and conducted a thorough evaluation of both paths, we were presented with a strong opt-out plan that strengthened the State’s negotiating position. I want to thank Rivada again for their efforts in developing an incredible plan for New Hampshire, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.”

“I am immensely proud of the extraordinary efforts of the SIEC and our entire State team throughout this process,” Stevens said. “Together we conducted the nation’s most thorough state level review of available FirstNet options, negotiated hard on behalf of the State and its first responders, and ultimately obtained one of the best opt-in plan proposals of any state in the country. While we are disappointed that the regulatory and financial hurdles for opt-out ultimately proved too high, we are pleased that the State’s vigorous pursuit of the opt-out path left us in a stronger position than any other state in the country.”

Shaheen Welcomes Federal Initiative to Confront PFAS Contamination

WASHINGTON, DC--U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) issued the following statement recently in response to the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) announcement of a cross-agency initiative to confront per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination. PFAS includes perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), which is an emerging contaminant that has been found in drinking water systems in several southern New Hampshire towns, and was responsible for the closing of a major water supply well located at the Pease International Tradeport in Portsmouth. The EPA’s new efforts announced on Monday support Senator Shaheen’s bill, the Safe Drinking Water Assistance Act, which she introduced in April:

“Water contamination has profoundly impacted families in a number of New Hampshire communities. Parents shouldn’t have to live in fear over the safety of their children’s water,” said Shaheen. “I’m glad the EPA is taking a step forward to help address the contamination we’re seeing in water supplies across the country, including New Hampshire, but we must do more...”

Sullivan County Grand Jury Indictments Released

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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NEWPORT, NH--The Sullivan County Grand Jury recently released the following indictments:

Christine Gero, 50, Newport, NH, indicted for Theft of Lost or Mislaid Property, Value Greater than \$1,500, Sept. 15, 2017.

Sheena Jones, 34, Claremont, NH, indicted for Welfare Fraud, between Aug. 20, 2015, and Dec. 31, 2016.

Steven Gagne, 45, Allenstown, NH, indicted for Attempted Theft-Value More than \$1,000.00 and Less than \$1500.00, Sept. 19, 2017; Attempted Theft-Value less than \$1,000.00, Sept. 23, 2017.

Antwan Brown, 27, County Farm Rd., Unity, NH, indicted for Conspiracy-Sale of Crack Cocaine, Sept. 5, 2017; Conspiracy-Sale of Crack Cocaine, Sept. 22, 2017; Drug Enterprise Leader-Sale Crack Cocaine, between June 1, 2016, and Oct. 1, 2017; Conspiracy-Sale Crack Cocaine-5+ grams, between June 1, 2016, and Oct. 1, 2017.

Crystal Porter, 37, County Farm Rd, Unity, NH, indicted for Conspiracy-Sale of Crack Cocaine, Subsequent, between June 1, 2016, and Oct. 1, 2017.

Stanley Blanchette, 59, Newport, NH, indicted for Conspiracy-Sale of Crack Cocaine, between June 1, 2016, and Oct. 1, 2017.

Shawn Bartley, 33, Claremont, NH, indicted for Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, between June 1, 2015, and Aug. 31, 2015.

Daniel G. Spaulding, 30, Charlestown, NH, indicted for Conspiracy to Commit Delivery of Articles Prohibited, Sept. 18, 2017; Criminal Solicitation, Conspiracy to Commit Delivery of Articles Prohibited, Sept. 18, 2017.

Jason Carrier, 31, Concord, NH, indicted for Possession of Controlled Drug (buprenorphine)/Subsequent Offense, Nov. 28, 2017; Possession by Felona Prohibited (Electronic Defense Weapon), Nov. 28, 2017.

Gunner Clow, 19, County Farm Rd., Unity, NH, indicted for 2nd Degree Assault, Nov. 26, 2017.

Derek Deline, 25, Claremont, NH, indicted for Conspiracy/Sale of What is Represented as Controlled Drug (Crack Cocaine), Sept. 5, 2017, Attempt/Sale of What is Represented as

Controlled Drug (Crack Cocaine), Sept. 5, 2017.

Cynthia Burhham, 53, Charlestown, NH, indicted for Conspiracy/Sale of What is Represented as Controlled Drug (Crack Cocaine), Oct. 25, 2017.

Aray Stevens aka Ashley Ray Stevens, 35, Springfield, VT, indicted for Reckless Conduct/ Deadly Weapon (motorcycle), Oct. 25, 2017; Possession of Controlled Drug/Subsequent Offense (Crack Cocaine), Oct. 25, 2017; Conspiracy/Sale of What is Represented as Controlled Drug/Subsequent Offense (Crack Cocaine), Oct. 25, 2017; Aggravated DWI/ Serious Bodily Injury; Possession of Controlled Drug/Subsequent Offense (Crack Cocaine), Oct. 25, 2017.

Lisa Robie, 46, Claremont, NH, indicted for Principle/Accomplice-Sale of Controlled Drug (Buprenorphine), July 11, 2017; Principle/Accomplice-Sale of Controlled Drug (Buprenorphine), July 20, 2017; Principle/Accomplice-Sale of Controlled Drug/School Zone (Buprenorphine), Aug. 17, 2017.

Kameron Bomhower, 27, County Farm Rd, Unity, NH, indicted for Possession of Controlled Drug (alpha-PVP), Oct. 5, 2017.

Lewis W. Ouellette, 63, Claremont, NH, indicted for Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, between Aug. 1, 2013, and Jan. 31, 2015; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, between Aug. 1, 2013, and Jan. 31, 2015.

Kristin Lake, 22, Sharon, VT, indicted for Negligent Homicide (When in consequence of

[allegedly] being under the influence of intoxicating liquor while operating a certain Hyundai Sonata upon Route 10, Croydon, NH, striking a certain Volvo S80 and causing

the death of Nicholas Carpenter, a passenger), Sept. 22, 2017; Negligent Homicide, ((When in consequence of [allegedly] being under the influence of intoxicating liquor while operating a certain Hyundai Sonata upon Route 10, Croydon, NH, striking a certain Volvo S80 and causing the death of Michelle Fenimore, a passenger), Sept. 22, 2017.

Justin Gunnip, 30, County Farm Rd., Unity, NH, indicted for Assault by Prisoner, Oct. 4, 2017.

Adrian Stockwell, 30, LKA: Putney, VT, indicted for Driving While Intoxicated Fourth or Subsequent, Oct. 22, 2017.

Travis Richardson, 34, Newport, NH, indicted for Theft by Deception, April 18, 2017.

Sabrina Pratt, 39, Newport, NH, indicted for Bailjumping, Nov. 8, 2017.

Timothy Francis, 31, Newport, NH, indicted for Bailjumping, Nov. 7, 2017.

Victoria Voydatch, 37, Claremont, NH, indicted for Attempted Theft by Unauthorized Taking, June 3, 2017.

Justin A. Baker, 26, Charlestown, NH, indicted for Fraudulent Use of Credit Card, between July 18, 2017, and Oct. 18, 2017.

Eric Sullivan, 33, Claremont, NH, indicted for Second Degree Assault, Nov. 3, 2017.

Michael Wesolowski, 47, Ascutney, VT, indicted for Possession of Cocaine, Aug. 21, 2017.

Sarah Howard, 33, County Farm Rd., Unity, NH, indicted for Conspiracy to commit delivery of articles prohibited, Sept. 18, 2017.

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TLC Receives Gifts from Local Churches

CLAREMONT, NH--TLC Family Resource Center, located at 109 Pleasant Street in Claremont, is pleased to be the recipient of two gifts from the faith-based community during December, totaling more than \$1,500.

The first donation came from the First Baptist Church of New London, whose members raised \$500 as part of their ongoing and generous support of the services TLC provides. Then, TLC became the recipient of the Christmas Eve offering at the Plainfield Community Church. 100 percent of the annual offering is given to a local charity. This year the total offering was \$1,046.

TLC Executive Director Maggie Monroe-Cassel said that she was amazed at the generosity of those attending the service on Christmas Eve.

"It seemed fitting that while the church was celebrating the birth of a child born in a challenging time and place, that the offering goes to an agency that works with families who struggle to make ends meet while doing their best to raise their children," Monroe-Cassel said. "The extent of the offering speaks to the generosity of the congregation and their concern for serving families locally."

The support from the faith communities makes it possible for TLC to do its work, according to Monroe-Cassel.

"Without support like this, we would not be able to offer a wide-range of services to the communities at no cost to our clients," she said. "While we receive financial support from grants and services revenue, donations like these allows us to offer programming not covered by them and to maintain programs after the grants go away."

Diversity Education Program Continues with Reading of 'One'

CLAREMONT, NH--Join the Claremont School District and TLC Family Resource Center as they present the next book in the series, "Understanding Diversity and Inclusion Through Children's Literature" with, "One," by Kathryn Otoshi. The free book reading will be held at Maple Avenue Elementary School, 210 Maple Avenue in Claremont, on Thursday, Jan. 4, at 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be

available.

In this award-winning book Blue is a quiet color. Red's a hothead who likes to pick on Blue. Yellow, Orange, Green, and Purple don't like what they see, but what can they do? When no one speaks up, things get out of hand — until One comes along and shows all the colors how to stand up, stand together, and count.

"We are excited to collaborate on this project with TLC Family Resource Center, which provides programming, support, and resources throughout Sullivan County," says Kathleen Bunnell, Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Coordinator for SAU 6. "Using the lens of children's literature, we will tackle a number of tough topics to make our schools and community more welcoming for every student we serve — and their families."

Other readings will also be held on Thursday, Jan. 4 at:

- All-4-One Family Space, 169 Main St. in Claremont, at 10:30 a.m.
 - River Valley Community College Charles P. Puksta Library, located at 1 College Pl. in Claremont, at noon
 - TLC Family Resource Center, located at 109 Pleasant Street in Claremont, at 3 p.m.
 - Fiske Free Library, located at 108 Broad St. in Claremont, at 6:30 p.m.
- All of the readings are free and open to the public. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

TLC Family Resource Center supports and strengthens all families, children, and youth of Sullivan and Lower Grafton counties with a wide-range of free programs, support groups, and education. The Rural Outright program serves LGBTQ+ youth, their families, and allies with peer support groups, an educational series, and events throughout the area. For more information, please email ruralNHoutright@gmail.com.

Elks Deliver Holiday Dinner Baskets

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Elks Lodge #879 delivered 50 Holiday Dinner Baskets to deserving Claremont families on Thursday, Dec. 21. The Annual Holiday Dinner Basket Program has been providing holiday fare and cheer to Claremont families in need for the past 13 years. Each Holiday Basket includes a complete turkey dinner and a stock of



Claremont Elks members and members of the Stevens High School Basketball team posed for this photo, taken at Bluff Elementary School, prior to delivering Holiday Dinner Baskets to 50 Claremont families on December 21 (Courtesy photo).

easy-to-prepare foods to help sustain families during the holiday school vacation. The 2017 effort was chaired by Elks Trustee, Deb Melcher, and Elks Member, Vicky Landry. The baskets were funded by a \$2,000 "Beacon Grant", awarded to Claremont Elks Lodge #879 by Elks National, and the generous donations from Claremont Elks Members and local vendors.

Each year the The Holiday Basket Program represents a true community effort. The chairpersons work closely with Claremont School Administration to identify deserving families. Again this year, the Stevens High School Basketball team was on hand to do the heavy lifting and make the deliveries to each family. The Claremont UPS Center made a generous donation of boxes and tape to package each basket. Elks Trustee, Todd Abbey, arranged for transportation, and LaValley's Building Supply provided the truck necessary for pickups and deliveries. Elks members, David and Sherry Abbey, Lynn and Denis Ferland, and Exalted Ruler, Randy Miles, volunteered their time to organize and package the baskets. The Claremont Elks would like to thank all those individuals, groups and businesses, throughout our community, who assisted in this effort by donating their funds, time and resources to this special program.

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Wednesdays: January 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28

5:00 – 6:30 pm, TLC Family Resource Center, 109 Pleasant Street, Claremont

Thursdays: July 5, 12, 19, 26

5:00 – 6:30 pm, Lebanon Public Library, 9 East Park Street, Lebanon

Creatively Processing Grief

Grieving the loss of our loved ones isn't a tidy, neat, linear process. Going beyond words, grief is a felt experience on all levels of our being. During this creative series, participants will have an opportunity to express their experience using hands-on materials...paper, glue, fiber, finger-paint and more! Attend one or more sessions. No art experience necessary.

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3:00 – 4:30 pm, Lake Sunapee Bank Community Room, 116 Newport Road, New London

Handling the Holidays After a Loss

Learn to proactively plan and maneuver through major holidays after a loss.

Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 8 • 3:00 – 4:30 pm, Lake Sunapee VNA, 107 Newport Road, New London

Christmas: Thursday, December 6 • 3:00 – 4:30 pm, TLC Family Resource Center, 109 Pleasant Street, Claremont

Time of Remembrance

A gathering of reflection as we remember and honor the lives of loved ones we have lost over the past year.

Wednesday, November 7, 5:30 pm

Sugar River Bank Community Room, 10 North Main Street, Newport

If you have a specific bereavement need or interest that is not being met through the groups listed above, please let us know. If there is enough interest, we are open to providing additional bereavement resources. Lake Sunapee VNA staff are also available to provide one-on-one bereavement support for people that might not be comfortable in a group setting. Call 603-526-4077 for more information.



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Mayoral Notes

By
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Protecting Our Children from Lead Poisoning

As 2017 winds down, our state legislators are gearing up for the 2018 legislative season. One of their first actions will be to vote on retained bills held in committee over the summer. Senate Bill (SB)247, retained and amended by the House Finance Committee, addresses childhood lead poisoning and provides statewide solutions for this very preventable health risk. It is anticipated that the NH House of Representatives will be voting on SB247 on either January 3rd or 4th. Given the impact that this legislation would have on our children and on our state, it is important that legislators hear from us before the vote.

Each year in NH, hundreds of children are poisoned by lead. In 2015, 660 children, under the age of six, were poisoned. Given that figure was based on a screening rate of almost 16%, we know there were many more children who were not identified. Even with such low screening rates, that number increased to 741 in 2016.

Because NH has the oldest housing stock in the country, the primary source of childhood lead poisoning is lead based paint which was banned in the U.S. in 1978. Though many of us grew up thinking that lead poisoning could only occur if a child ate paint chips, the reality is that it takes a very small amount of lead-based paint dust to poison a child. Dust can be generated from friction based surfaces, such as doors and windows, and during renovations. Since lead is a neurotoxin, the result is often permanent and irreversible. Children under the age of six are especially vulnerable, and may suffer a loss of cognitive ability or have behavioral problems. In rare cases, high levels of lead exposure can result in death.

As the Mayor of Claremont, I represent one of 21 communities in NH identified as being at highest risk for childhood lead poisoning. Each month three to four of our children, under

the age of six, are poisoned by lead. Because of the human and economic cost to our City, Claremont has made the screening and prevention of childhood lead poisoning a community-wide priority. Though we have experienced broad support at the local level, it is not enough. We need a statewide policy that not only recognizes the importance of screening children, but also helps provide communities with the means to prevent childhood lead poisoning.

SB247 accomplishes this. It establishes universally testing for all one and two-year olds (while providing parents the right to opt out). It makes current NH law regarding regulatory action levels consistent with the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) standard of 5 micrograms per deciliter (mcg/dl). Currently, NH's action level is 10 mcg/dl, twice the CDC's standard for lead poisoning. SB247 will reduce that to 7.5 mcg/dl in July 2019, and 5 mcg/dl in July 2021. It also establishes a loan guarantee program to assist landlords and homeowners in eliminating lead hazards.

The passage of SB247 will ensure that we have the means to identify childhood lead poisoning at the earliest stage possible and take preventative action. Please contact your representative and ask them to vote in favor of this bill.

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

“Alice in Wonderland” at COH

CLAREMONT, NH-- Claremont Opera House is proud to present Bogovich School of Dance's "Alice in Wonderland" Saturday, Jan. 13, 7:00 p.m. Creative, vibrant costumes, a variety of dance forms – jazz, lyrical, ballet, gymnastics and a trampoline twist all set to exciting Wonderland music. All ages will enjoy this dance in-

terpretation of the classic Alice tale. Cost: \$10.00 tickets at the door.

Fire Destroys Home in Lempster


LEMPSTER, NH--A structure fire destroyed a house in Lempster on Saturday, leaving a family homeless. The 2nd alarm fire required the help of mutual aid, which included calls for a tanker from both Claremont and Charlestown to fight the blaze at 85 Hurd Road. Three people were injured, one with burns, and were sent to hospital for treatment. The cause of the fire was still unknown as of Saturday.

Saturday evening, the fire rekindled, toning out the fire department again.

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Fugitive of the Week

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Description: White male, 6'3", 275 lbs., blue eyes, brown hair

Reason: Failure to Appear in Court

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On June 19, 2013, Phillip Bailey was indicted by the Sullivan County Grand Jury on one count of Theft by Unauthorized Taking, a Class B Felony. Bailey was found guilty and as part of his sentence was ordered to pay restitution.

A review hearing was set for Dec. 8, 2017. Bailey failed to appear and the Sullivan County Superior Court issued a warrant for his arrest.

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Blessing Bags...

Red River volunteers packed some 120 Blessing Bags on Thursday, Dec 21. The bags were destined to be delivered to the VA in White River where they will be given out by the VA Homeless Program to vets in need.

According to Melissa Tucker, Inside Account Manager, "This year we have grown the project and we reached our goal of over 120 bags with the help of this year's contributors: UNFI, Chesterfield NH; Crown Point Cabinetry, Claremont; Val's Hair Trends, Quechee, VT; Home Depot, Claremont; Runnings, Claremont; LL Bean, West Lebanon; Kalenda Rumrill, personal; Khara Benoit, personal; Tractor Supply, Claremont; BJ's, West Lebanon; Shaw's, West Lebanon; Hannaford's, West Lebanon; Claremont Walmart; Country Cobbler; Bombas socks, Red River employees. Included in the bags are new hats, gloves, & thermal socks, beef sticks/jerky, crackers, candy bars, granola bars, other non-perishable snacks, toothpaste, toothbrushes, wipes, deodorant & emergency sleeping bags."

Tucker added, "This year we were blessed with very generous donations from so many businesses and we would love to give them a huge thank you for making this year's fundraiser such a huge success!"

The Red River Charitable Foundation (RRCF) is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization with a dual mandate and mission, promoting and encouraging students to continue their studies in the fields of science and technology as well as supporting US military veterans transitioning to civilian life (Bill Binder photos).



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In the year ahead, Turning Points Network hopes to bring to its staff a Child Advocate, a professional trained and experienced in working with children to mitigate the impact of the trauma of witnessing domestic violence. Child advocates represent the best interests of children and are skilled at supporting non-offending parents who may be confused or afraid to report something questionable because they don't understand or feel comfortable with the child protective and court systems.

We also hope to expand our presence in Sullivan County Schools with an additional part-time educator to reach greater numbers of pre-K-through-12 students with age-appropriate, interactive, violence-prevention messaging designed to turn the tide on violence, bullying, disrespect and unhealthy relationships.

Turning Points Network, in collaboration with its community partners, continues to offer Green Dot trainings to Claremont municipal systems, businesses, organizations, and groups of interested individuals.

Now in year three of its four-year program, Green Dot began by collecting and measuring Claremont-area violence data in year one and is providing trainings on how to reduce power-based violence in years two and three. In year four, a new measure of Claremont-area vio-

lence will be taken to assess the difference. In Homer, Alaska, Green Dot's four-year program reduced personal violence by 40%.

Green Dot trainings teach us about what constitutes violence and how the "bystander effect" works, including the three safe actions we can take if we witness violence in any setting. The trainings are fast-paced, interactive and focus on role-playing and small-group problem solving. Attendees come away with skills that are safe, sensible and can be broadly applied. The community is strengthened and victimizations can be seriously reduced.

Contact TPN with any questions you may have about Green Dot and its training, our services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence and our violence-prevention programs for Sullivan County classrooms. We are here to help you determine the specific resources you need. If we don't provide them, we'll help you find them!

OUR TURN is a public service series made available by Turning Points Network in celebration of its 40th anniversary of providing violence-prevention education programs in our schools, services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, and helping people move from the darkness of abuse toward the light of respect, healing and hope. For information contact

1.800.639.3130 or
www.turningpointsnetwork.org or find us on Facebook.

Indoor Antique and Collectable Market

The Sharon Indoor Antique and Collectable Market is back this year. A great group of dealers are coming to the Sharon Elementary School (exit 2 off I-89) on Sunday, Jan. 7th. Doors are open from 8:00 a.m.--1:00 p.m. Come see the wide variety of items: furniture, linens, China, pottery, rugs, vintage clothes, and so much more... Come find your treasure.

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Hobby Lobby Signs Lease for City Store

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--Hobby Lobby, a national chain that sells arts and crafts supplies, party materials, fabric and home decor items has reportedly signed a 10-year lease in the former Kmart space on Washington St. No official announcement has been made by the company or the City to date, and attempts to contact the company for comment were not successful prior to publication.

David and Barbara Green opened their first store in 1972 and have grown the business to more than 790 stores with approximately 32,000 employees and a presence in 47 states, according to their website. The business is headquartered in Oklahoma City. Stores are open Monday through Saturday and closed on Sundays, in deference to the owners' religious practices. Hobby Lobby has made national news in recent years, beyond its successful retail enterprise. In 2012, David Green took a public stance against the ACA, citing its inclusion of a provision mandating that companies provide access to the morning-after pill. Hobby Lobby filed a lawsuit and the case eventually made it to the Supreme Court where it was ruled 5-4 that Hobby Lobby and other "closely held" stock corporations can choose to be exempt from the law based on religious preferences, based on the Religious Freedom Restoration Act but not on the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Son Steve Green is the president of Hobby Lobby and founder of the new Museum of the Bible which recently opened in Washington, DC.

The Kmart site will offer some 52,000 square feet of space for Hobby Lobby. The company opened 63 new stores in 2017, including 12 relocated stores, and plans to open 60 more new stores in 2018, hiring some 2,500 employees. Each store offers more than 70,000 products, including floral, fabric, needle art, custom framing, baskets, home accents,

wearable art, arts and crafts, jewelry making, scrapbooking and paper crafting supplies.

Excitement arose on social media over the prospects of Hobby Lobby coming to the City, and many posters said they were looking forward to the business opening.

Martaniuk earns 2017 HR Professional Award

WINDSOR, VT – Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) has announced that Jean Martaniuk has been selected by the So-

ciety for Human Resource Management (SHRM) as the recipient of the 2017 HR Professional Award. Martaniuk, the MAHHC Human Resources Director, received the Award at the 2017 Annual Vermont Conference of the Society for Human Resource Management held at the Killington Grand Resort Hotel on September 28-29.

A veteran of more than 40 years at MAHHC, Martaniuk began her career at the Hospital in 1977 as a member of the Accounting Office, before moving to the Human Resources Department as an Accounts Payable/Payroll Technician in 1992. She was promoted to HR
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According to Vermont SHRM, the annual HR Professional Award “recognizes outstanding service to the HR community,” including work with the state council and Society of Human Resource Management, “leadership in the business community or to the civic community. The recipient represents the “best” in the HR profession in Vermont.”

Dr. Joseph Perras, MAHHC President, CEO, and Chief Medical Officer, nominated Martaniuk for the prestigious award, saying, “Jean does a tremendous job in managing our organization’s greatest assets, its employees. She’s always there to listen to and support all of our employees, and provides invaluable insight to the organization on staffing strategy, compensation, benefits, and professional development.” Dr. Perras continued, “In addition to the skill with which she performs her duties at the Hospital, Jean is a regional leader in the field, as an active member of HR associations at the national and state levels. She

also manages to contribute her time to other Windsor nonprofits, the Hospital Auxiliary, and more. This award couldn’t go to a better person.”

Martaniuk is a resident of Windsor, VT.

Ram Truck Recall

Fiat Chrysler is recalling almost 1.8 million Ram trucks because they can start rolling without the driver’s foot on the brake—or even without the key in the ignition. The issue centers on vehicles with a shifter on the steering column, which can leave “park” without the

usual safety steps.

The recall mostly affects vehicles in North America. Models include some 2010 through 2017 Ram 2500 and 3500 pickups; some 2011 through 2017 Ram 3500, 4500, and 5500 models; 2016 and 2017 Ram 3500 models that weigh less than 10,000 pounds; and some 2009 through 2017 Ram 1500 pickups.

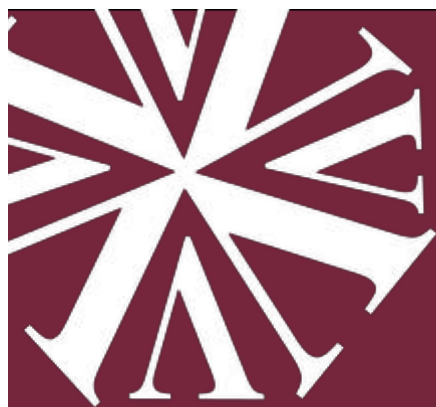
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\$1.2 Million Cut from School Budget off the Table

CLAREMONT, NH--The quest to lower the next school budget by \$1.2 million has been replaced with the realization that such very deep cuts would likely hurt students in the end. Such was the conclusion December 20 as the school board met at its regularly scheduled meeting to continue budget talks. A number of residents, including students, spoke during Citizen's Forum, beseeching the board not to make the deep cuts. In the end, the board voted 4-3 to approve a \$31.14 million budget proposal that would see a \$329,000 decrease from the current budget of \$31.4 million. Such a decrease would lower the local school portion of the tax rate by 47 cents.

In responding to the board's request that the administration put together a budget draft that reflected a \$1.2 million reduction, the office had also put together an administration-recommended budget that saw a change of \$328,990 from the voted 2017-2018 budget. Just how the reduction will be achieved remains to be finalized. Superintendent Middleton McGoodwin reiterated once again that the new budget has to take into consideration rising fixed costs and reduced revenue from the state, facts that continue to make crafting the next budget all the more challenging.

The next meeting is January 3rd and will be a public hearing, to be held at the SHS auditorium, 6:30 p.m. That will be followed by a school board meeting.

---Phyllis A. Muzeroll

Student Art Needed for Exhibit at COH

CLAREMONT, NH--In celebration of National No Name-Calling Week, Rural Outright, a program of TLC Family Resource Center, is working with the Claremont Opera House to host a student art exhibit in the John D. Bennett Atrium Gallery. The exhibit, #KindnessInAction, will run from Jan. 15 to Feb. 17. There will be an opening gala on Friday, Jan. 19, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Students in grades K-12 may submit up to five pieces in any medium. The deadline is Friday, Jan. 12. Submissions and questions can be submitted to ruralnhoutright@gmail.com.

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Springfield, VT, Police Log

Pamela Runnells, 33, Springfield, VT

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT: On 12/20/17 Runnells had contact with police and was found to have an extraditable warrant out of New Hampshire for allegedly possessing heroin.

Mary Garfield, 30, Springfield, VT

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT: On 12/21/2017 at approximately 0614 hours Officers were dispatched to the Penguin Mart for a motor vehicle collision. The victim advised that the vehicle that struck hers had driven off. Through an investigation it was determined that Mary Garfield allegedly was the operator of the vehicle that fled the scene. She issued a citation for Leaving the Scene of an Accident to appear in court at a later date.

Howard George Richards, 30 Charlestown, NH

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT: Richards was issued a citation after an investigation 12/13/17 revealed probable cause to believe that he allegedly repeatedly harassed an ex-girlfriend by sending obscene, disparaging, and threatening messages to her through Facebook.

Jeremiah J. Webster, 40, North Springfield, VT

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT: Springfield police responded to investigate a minor, rear-end traffic collision at the intersection of Routes 11 and 106 12/24/17. Investigation revealed that Webster allegedly had been operating under the influence of alcohol at the time of the collision.

Angel Hammerle, 31, Springfield, VT

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT: Hammerle was cited into court 12/25/17 for allegedly violating her conditions of release pertaining to counseling and curfew.

Melissa Nunn, 35, Springfield, VT

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT: Springfield Police were dispatched to Commonwealth Ave. 12-24-2017 in Springfield, VT, for a report of a citizen dispute. Upon investigation, Melissa Nunn was taken into custody for alleged 1st Degree Aggravated Domestic Assault, Possessing a Weapon in a Crime, Disorderly Conduct and Reckless Endangerment. Nunn was later cited into Vermont Superior Court-Criminal Division, Windsor Unit and released.

Joseph Stocker, 53, Springfield, VT

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT: Springfield Police were dispatched to Mineral St. in Springfield, VT, 12-23-2017 for a report of threats. Upon investigation, Joseph Stocker was taken into custody. Stocker was cited into Windsor Supe-

rior Court-Criminal Division for alleged Pt Degree Aggravated Domestic Assault X4, Second Degree Aggravated Domestic Assault X3, Burglary, Interference with Access to Emergency Services, Possessing a Weapon in the Commission of a Crime, Reckless Endangerment, Disorderly Conduct, Unlawful Restraint and Unlawful Mischief.

Chelsea Ovaitte, 22, Springfield, VT

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT: While investigating an unrelated matter 12-22-2017, Springfield Police received information of a possible violation of conditions of release. Upon investigation Chelsea Ovaitte was arrested for allegedly violating her conditions of release.

Matthew Whalen, 23, Springfield, VT

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT: Whalen was observed 12/27/17 traveling at 87 MPH in a posted 40 MPH zone. Whalen kept operating at a high rate of speed and went off the roadway on the Exit 7 Southbound On-Ramp. Investigation revealed that he allegedly was under the influence of alcohol at the time. He was processed and released on a citation to appear for the alleged charges.

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 divisions according to grade level, and a student may enter more than one category. Awards are given for each division in each category. The 2017 themes are "The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy" Psalm 125 or "Finding joy in my life."

Here is an opportunity for students to apply their tal-

ents, their lively imagination and freedom of thought. Applications and rules may be obtained from Arline Marro, CDA Education Chair, (603) 542-5933.

The deadline for entries is Feb. 2.

Memorial Fund Raises \$ to Help Others

NEWPORT, NH--The Karl Collise Memorial Fund has raised more than \$700 during its holiday fundraising to help others in need, especially teens. The fund was started by David and Kellie Collise in memory of their son, Karl, who drown accidentally in 2008. This year's campaign runs until Jan. 3; anyone who would like to donate is invited to visit

www.facebook.com/donate/659377391116771.

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Time is a Key Factor in Investing

With the arrival of the New Year, many of us will pause and ponder the age-old question: "Who knows where the time goes?" And, as is always the case, none of us really do know. However, wherever the time goes, it will usually be a key factor in your success as an investor.

Time can affect how you invest, and the results of your investing, in different ways:

Growth potential – Contrary to myth, there's no real way to "get rich quick" when investing. To build wealth, you need patience – and time. If you own quality investments with growth potential, and you give them years – in fact, decades – to increase in value, your perseverance may be rewarded. Of course, there are no guarantees, and you'll need the discipline to withstand the inevitable downturns along the way. But in describing how long he likes to keep his investments, renowned investor Warren Buffet says his favorite holding period is "forever."

Targeted goals – To accumulate resources for retirement, you need to save and invest throughout your working life. But along the way, you'll probably also have some shorter-term goals – making a down payment on a home, sending your children to college, taking a round-the-world trip, and so on. Each of these goals has a specific time limit and usually requires a specific amount of money, so you will need to choose the appropriate investments.

Risk tolerance – The element of time also will affect your tolerance for risk. When you have many decades to go until you retire, you can afford to take more risk with your investments because you have time to overcome periods of market volatility. But when you're on the verge of retirement, you may want to lower the risk level in your portfolio. For example, you may want to begin moving away from some of your more aggressive, growth-oriented investments and move toward more income-producing vehicles that offer greater stability of principal. Keep in mind, though, that even during retirement, you'll need your portfolio to provide enough growth opportunity at least to help keep you ahead of inflation.

Thus far, we have looked at ways in which time plays a role in how you invest. But there's also an aspect of time that you may want to keep out of your investment strategies. Specifically, you might not want to try to "time" the market. The biggest problem with market timing is it's just too hard. You essentially have to be right twice, selling at a market top and buying at the bottom. Also, as humans, we appear to be somewhat wired to think that an activity – especially a long-running activity – will simply continue. So, when the market goes up, we seem to expect it to keep rising, and when the market drops, we think it will continue dropping. This can lead to big mistakes, such as selling after a major market drop even though that can be the time when it may be much smarter to buy because prices are low.

As we've seen, the way you interact with time can affect your investment efforts. So, think carefully about how you can put all the days, months and years on your side. Time is the one asset you can't replenish – so use it wisely.

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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 how 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 sauteed 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 pound 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.

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Field Notes: Teaching the Whole Child Through Place-Based Ecology Education

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CHARLESTOWN, NH--Both Shawn Brodeur-Stevens and Mary Lord have been teaching at Charlestown Middle School for over 20 years. Yet they have the energy most associate with those fresh out of college. They are enthusiastic about working with their colleagues to create authentic learning experiences for their students in Charlestown.

Twenty years ago, when Brodeur-Stevens and Lord were new at the school, the Fort at No. 4 reached out to teachers at Charlestown Middle to invite them to participate in collaborative learning projects between students and community. Through this partnership, students learned about Native American culture with elders in their town. They created artifacts for use in the Museum. And many students participated in siege re-enactments at the Fort.

The increase in student engagement and the pride of place that Brodeur-Stevens and Lord observed as a result of this place-based education collaboration lit a spark for them. They found that this was a fun and effective way to teach that benefited students and the community. They were hooked.

Over the years, with changes at The Fort at No. 4, the collaboration fizzled. Teachers at Charlestown were eager to find ways to do more experiential and place-based work with their students.

That is when Brodeur-Stevens found The Wellborn Professional Development Institute for Place-based Ecology Education. He applied to the Institute hoping it would be an opportunity to develop a place-based educational program with his colleagues at Charlestown Middle School.

Clay Brook Project

While participating in the Wellborn Institute's 4-day foundational course, Brodeur-Stevens developed a plan for the Clay Brook Project. He brought the idea back to Marianthe Ingalls, the language arts teacher, Mary Lord, in social studies, Jed Hart, the special ed. teacher, and principal, Aaron Cinquemani.

The Clay Brook project is now a collaboration between Ingalls, Lord, and Brodeur-Stevens. Every other Tuesday morning the three teachers walk their classes through town to the Clay Brook in Charlestown to conduct class.

At Clay Brook, the students work on ongoing projects with each of the teachers, cycling through social studies, language arts, and science learning. Last year:

- In science, students observed and tracked change over time. They explored thermal dynamics—tracking energy flow



Charlestown Middle 7th graders studying stream insects (Courtesy photos).

through the environment.

- In social studies, with Mrs. Lord, students built shelters using techniques of ancient civilizations.
- With Ms. Ingalls, students studied language arts through observation and mindfulness practices designed to improve their writing skills.

When the classes return to school from Clay Brook, the teachers have lunch together and reflect on what went well and what they want to do differently next time. This is how the three teachers iteratively developed their Clay Brook curriculum as they went along. They had a shared vision for what they wanted the program to achieve and that vision guided them.

Lord said that, “If you look at the whole child, there are things that the child needs to learn about that don’t we don’t have time for in the school day. For example, we only have art once a week, nature allows us to explore social studies through art.”

Special Education teacher Jed Hart reflected that this time outdoors in nature has improved children’s mental health and their ability to deal with stress and adversity. Principal Cinquemani noted that, “Students that we know to be experiencing some trauma in their home lives tend to be those who are at risk of low school attendance. Since this program began, I’ve seen attendance improve drastically for these students.”

All teachers noted that classroom management is not really an issue when the students are outdoors. “Teaching techniques and classroom management are not two separate things,” said Cinquemani. “When students are engaged in learning, you don’t need classroom management.”

“This project has reinforced for me the idea that nature provides,” said Hart. “For example, when building shelters, we noticed that children that need to get some energy out would find big sticks and rocks to lug around and construct their shelters. Children who needed some contemplative time would build structures with leaves and ferns.”

Advice for Others

When asked what advice they have for other teachers considering similar teaching efforts, these Charlestown educators had the following tips:

- Modify your teaching expectations for the short term but expect your teaching to improve in the long term. Teaching outdoors will likely be new to you. Give yourself permission to make a few mistakes and try to learn from them to improve your practice over time.
- Expect that teaching outdoors (like any teaching) is an evolution and process. Trust the process. Trust the evolution. Trust you’ll find your way.
- Have a plan, but be flexible. The weather may mean that you need to change your plan. You can model flexibility and resilience for your students by “going with the flow”.
- Establish rituals; this will help students

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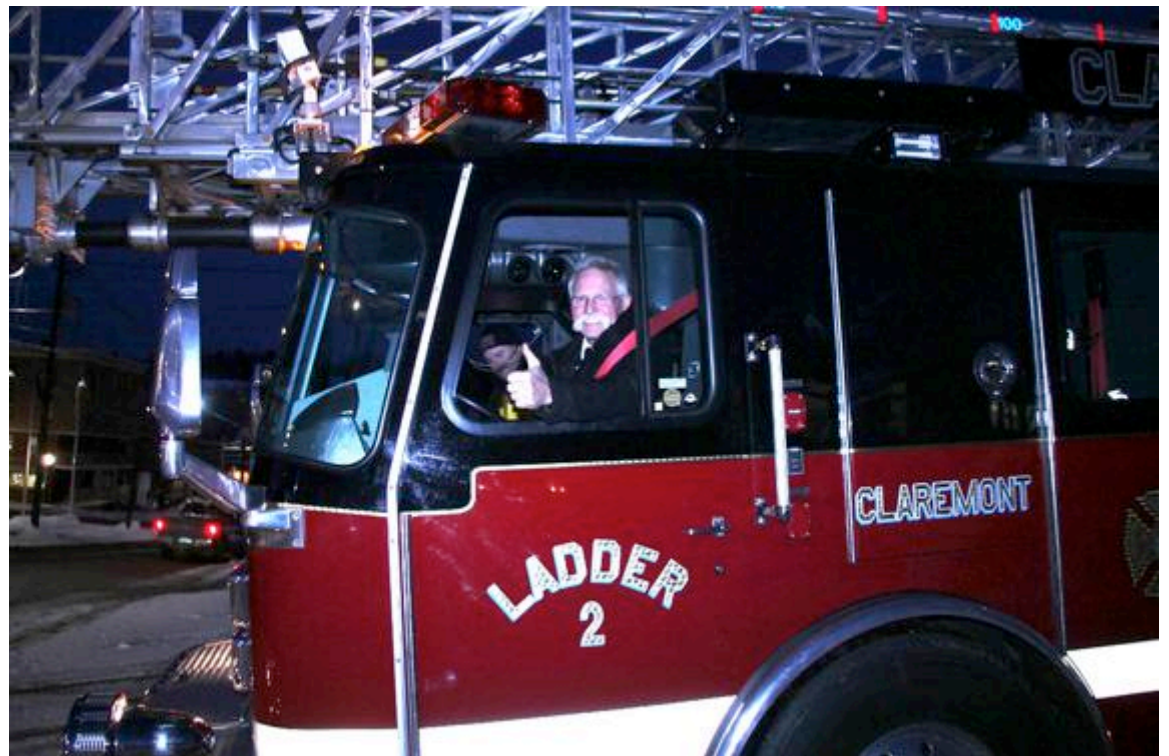
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focus and get into the appropriate head space for learning outdoors. Rituals may include mindfulness activities, sit spots, reflection, or cycling through activities.

- Take risks to build confidence. Both teachers and students will learn more, have more fun, and be more engaged if they can take small risks.

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Shawn Brodeur-Stevens and 7th grade students from Charlestown Middle School (Courtesy photo).



In addition to being treated to a special breakfast by the Claremont Fire Department on Thursday, City officials and employees gathered at the Fire Station on Friday, Dec. 29, to congratulate Fire Chief Rick Bergeron on his retirement after 40 years of service to the City of Claremont and its citizens. Refreshments were available and everyone got a chance to visit and thank him for his service. Mayor Charlene Lovett presented Bergeron with a proclamation from the City Council, and incoming Fire Chief Bryan Burr presented him with a shadow box of the badges he has worn during his career at the Fire Department. After listening to bagpipers Lt. Jim Chamberlain and retired Lt. Andy Chamberlain, Bergeron thanked everyone for stopping by to congratulate him. He told the crowd that, "I will miss the job, but mostly I will miss being a part of the firefighting team. I remember coming to the fire station as a kid because my Dad was a call man on the department. I have some great memories of the time I have spent here." Left: Retiring Chief Rick Bergeron is presented with a shadow box from new chief, Bryan Burr; right: Bergeron gives the thumbs up from the driver's seat of Ladder 2 (Bill Binder photos).



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Frigid Weather Ushers in New Year As City Celebrates First Night

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CLAREMONT, NH--Despite all the planning, organizers of this year's First Night Celebration in Claremont could not control one thing, the weather. And frigid conditions with wind chill temps well below zero kept many revelers from coming out to join the fun.

"Attendance compared to other years was way down, as expected," Chuck Allen of the Arrowhead Recreation Club told the *e-Ticker News*. "We had around 100 people combined, tubing, skiing and snowboarding. Had others using the ice rink and just inside observing the activities. Fireworks went off without a problem at 10:00. McGee Toyota was the primary sponsor of activities at Arrowhead, which included the free use of the lifts, fireworks and concessions and they gave out free hot chocolate. Very much appreciated. They were going to have a vehicle on display but decided against it do to the cold."

Understandably, inside activities drew the most attendance. With shows at the Claremont Opera House and the Community Center, a carnival type midway at the Center's gym, tubing and skiing at Arrowhead, Bowling at Meyer Maple Lanes and the Family Fun Zone bounce house open there was plenty to do. Over 300 hardy souls attended the various festivities at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center, and Arrowhead, Meyer Maple Lanes and the Family Fun Zone were busy all evening and were topped off by the fireworks at Arrowhead. There were also shows at the COH.

"The kiddo had a great time at the bounce house and community center," Donna Marie Rabideau said. "The kids had fun at the Bounce House and bowling," Rebecca Matson told the *e-Ticker News*. "Fireworks were great, Claremont!" praised Rick Davis. "Thank you!"

The fireworks were broadcast on cable access channel 10, the first time such an event has been broadcast live, making for warm and comfortable viewing for those who didn't want to venture out in the cold. Others simply stayed home, made goodies, like brownies, watched movies and turned in for the night well before midnight. Still for others, it was just another night of going to work.



CCTV broadcast the fireworks live on New Year's Eve (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo); magician/juggler/funny guy Robert Clarke entertained visitors at the CSB Community Center; other fun at the center included midway carnival games (Bill Binder photos).



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