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Hope Goes To Her New Home

Loved Back To Life, Beloved Dog Starts A New Journey

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News Exclusive

CLAREMONT, NH--It was a joyful ending to a story so horrific that no one thought, at least in the beginning, that such a tale (tail?) could be possible. But in fact, good conquered all and loved a dog back to life.

And so for Hope, the badly abused dog only about an hour from death when found around the first of November of last year in Claremont, a new life and a new journey filled with love, happiness and furry new friends has begun.

On Friday, Dani-Jean Stuart and Dave Knapp of Weare, NH, returned to the Lost My Way Animal Shelter in Claremont to pick up Hope and take her home with them. There, she joins a brother Alaskan Husky, and a cat friend. "We told the new owners how she likes to chase for fun," said Cathy Sullivan, owner of Lost My Way and the local Animal Control Officer. She will have lots of exercise and will be well loved."

Hope now weighs in at 57 lbs., a chubby 57 lbs., and shows no fear, even of strangers, including this reporter whom she immediately and happily approached, welcoming loving pats and attention. Getting her to sit still, well, it's not easy, for she is full of energy, happiness and joy. When she was found, she weighed a mere 27 lbs., and had but minutes left in this life. But Sullivan, as she has done before, refused to give up on this severely abused animal, and it surely was as much the profound love she gave to Hope as it was the

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Dani-Jean Stuart and Dave Knapp were all smiles Friday morning as they finalized the adoption of Hope from the Lost My Way Animal Shelter in Claremont. The couple was selected from several applicants who applied to adopt the beloved dog and exceeded the criteria shelter owner Cathy Sullivan and a committee put forth (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photos).



Hope, from A1

medical care and food that literally saved this girl. Sullivan stayed up many a night, all night, to nurse Hope; at times there were trips to the Claremont Animal Hospital when things were not going well for the abandoned and starved dog. There were worries about her platelets and other concerns. But slowly and steadily, as both the dog and Sullivan fought on, a miracle began to happen. Hundreds and hundreds of people began pulling for Hope, praying and sending good wishes to the Lost My Way Facebook page, hearts of so many touched by shocking abuse that this dog had suffered. Thousands of dollars were raised through a GoFundMe account to help with her care, around \$18,000. What was leftover has been used to help other animals badly in need.

The pit bull and likely lab mix, about a year and a half old, will be going to obedience classes with Knapp who said they started following her story once it was on Facebook. Hope has given birth to two litters in her young life but has been spayed while in Sullivan's care. "She's a great dog," said Knapp on Friday, beaming as he watched his wife playing

with her. Asked if they were going to change her name, he said, "Absolutely not. It fits perfectly."

Sullivan said a committee was formed to go through the applications when it was time to put Hope up for adoption. "I couldn't do it," she said. Many had wanted and expected her to keep Hope herself because she had given so much to the dog and become so attached, but in the end she said she knew she couldn't keep her, that "I couldn't give her the life she deserves." Indeed, Sullivan's life is a whirlwind of activity between running her shelter and her work as the county's Animal Control Officer.

With papers signed and the adoption fee paid and earmarked for Hope's fund to help other animals in need, it was time for Hope to leave with her new pet parents; it was also time for hugs and tears as Sullivan and Hope parted. With Hope went a prayer blanket sent from Vancouver, WA, a small stuffed angel toy and some other items. Also on hand was Ann Swan, Executive Director of the Springfield Humane Society and who had helped Sullivan with Hope's care. They were happy tears, though, at least for the most part, knowing that Hope was on her way to a good life. She is an animal that, despite what she has endured in her young life and overcome, is a bundle of love and has and continues to touch the very souls of those who have come to know her story. She is a product and a reflection of what true love can do.

Anyone wishing to follow Hope's story can do so by visiting her new Facebook page, already up and running: <https://m.facebook.com/The-Miracle-of-Hope-616423995173058/>. And from the photos posted already, she is settling in very happily with her forever family.

"We love you, Hope," Sullivan said. So many do.

Kuster To Host Job Fair In Lebanon

LEBANON, NH--Congresswoman Ann Kuster is hosting a job fair in the Upper Valley. The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on March 8th at River Valley Community College, located at 15 Hanover Street in Lebanon. It will feature employers from a variety of industries and representatives from training and education programs, among others.

"As the Representative for the Second Congressional District, I am committed to helping our local businesses grow and create jobs, and to helping New Hampshire workers gain the skills they need to obtain these jobs through workforce development and skill training programs," said Kuster.

Those interested in attending can register here:

<https://kuster.house.gov/about/events/lebanon-jobs-and-opportunities-fair>.

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Claremont March 8, 2016, Budget and Warrant Information

Article 2

The FY17 Budget is \$34,131,283 → **\$0.11 tax rate increase/\$1,000.**

The \$34,131,283 FY17 budget includes \$38,890 for the Claremont Administrators Association collective bargaining agreement. The administrators agreed to increase their share of health insurance premium costs.

The FY17 Default Budget is \$34,422,886 → **\$0.54 tax rate increase/\$1,000.** *

Default budgets are designed to provide residents a "choice" to choose a smaller budget (default) when they believe a school budget has increasing too much.

Default budgets are based on calculations determined by RSA 40:13, IX (b)

An effective school board acts as stewards of the residents' tax dollars, and strives to have the annual school budget be close to, or even less than, the default budget.

This is exactly what has occurred with recent Claremont School District budgets.

Example:

- The FY17 Budget is \$291,603 **less** than the FY17 Default Budget.
- The FY16 Budget was \$154,468 **less** than the FY16 Default Budget.
- During FY16 and FY17 both budgets included fixed cost increases (medical insurance, retirement, and collective bargaining) totaling **\$1,200,000.**
- Despite the FY16 and FY17 fixed cost increases, the combined total increase of both budgets was **\$64,000.**

Article 3 → **\$0.19 tax rate increase/\$1,000.**

The Claremont School District Paraprofessionals perform a very important job each day by assisting students. The caliber of paraprofessionals who are employed can have a major impact on specific students, and the entire school.

Claremont's 110 paraprofessionals are among the lowest paid paraprofessionals in Sullivan County. This causes a high turnover, which has a negative effect on students.

The **\$129,750** resulted from a collective bargaining agreement that made Claremont's salary more competitive, a more competitive health insurance cost share, attract more skilled paraprofessionals, while reducing employee turnover.

Article 4 → **\$0.01 tax rate increase/\$1,000.**

The **\$9,109** is a salary increase for Claremont School District custodial and maintenance personnel. These staff members also increased their share of health insurance premium costs through the collective bargaining agreement.

Article 5 → \$0.01 tax rate increase/\$1,000.

The \$9,803 is a salary increase for Claremont School District secretaries. The secretaries also increased their share of health insurance premium costs through the collective bargaining agreement.

Article 6 → \$0.03 tax rate increase/\$1,000.

New Hampshire’s current criminal history record check law prevents superintendents of schools from seeing an applicant’s complete criminal history information. The \$20,000 will pay for more detailed access of this important information.

If the current criminal history record check law is changed, the \$20,000 will be returned to the City of Claremont.

Article 7 → \$0.18 tax rate increase/\$1,000.

It is essential to improve our schools’ security. The \$121,000 will be used to replace inadequate school intercom systems and telephones.

Article 8 → No increase on tax rate if approved.

The \$100,000 is to repair the Maple Avenue Elementary School roof.

Article 9 → No increase on tax rate if approved.

The \$100,000 is for future school building repairs and maintenance.

Voting in Claremont

Tuesday, March 8, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the polling places for each ward at the following locations:

- Ward I -Claremont Middle School
- Ward II -Claremont Middle School
- Ward III -Disnard Elementary School



The Claremont School District default budget is larger than the Claremont School District budget. This has occurred because annual increases to the school budget have been continuously offset by reductions.

The default budget, which must include certain items, causes this budget to increase (i.e., debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and onetime expenditures contained in the operating budget).

Example of reductions:

- o During two fiscal years (FY16 and FY17) both Claremont School District budgets included fixed cost increases (medical insurance, retirement and collective bargaining) totaling \$1,200,000.
- o During the same two fiscal years (FY16 and FY17), and despite fixed cost increases, these two Claremont School District budgets increased a combined total of \$64,000.

By this example, you can understand why the Claremont School District budget has increased an average of 1.08% over six consecutive fiscal years. This 1.08% average increase included the bond to renovate Stevens High School (2013-2015).

As a result, the Claremont School District default budget is larger than the Claremont School District budget.

All information provided by the Claremont School District. Voters will also be voting for school board members and district officials on Tuesday. Heather Irish is running as a write-in candidate for District Moderator.

Commentary

Perspective

By Bill Kennedy

Few Communities Offer More Than Claremont



Hello, Neighbor.

It has been a month since we closed on our property and it has been a grueling move, having accumulated a great deal of furniture in 29 years of military and stuff over the last 40 years. Being a very social couple, I've met many great residents of Claremont and the surrounding towns. I've met our Mayor and no less than three prior mayors as well as selectmen, committee members and Town Dept. members. We've interacted with many of the town employees and volunteers, having registered our vehicles, investigated tax abatements and city budget and voted in the recent Primary.

I introduced Linda and myself in the previous article but will expand slightly in this one. Linda and I have eight siblings each with most rooted in NH but have family all over New England. We stayed in NH because that is where most of our family resides. In the military, I've lived in numerous states (NH, ME, NM, FL, CA, TX, AZ, etc.) and visited many countries (Germany, Belgium, France, Russia, Turkey, Afghanistan, Philippines, etc.) and all have their particular attraction, but our families are postured here.

In the last month I've attended another town meeting, met some of our neighbors, joined the Senior Center, the Community Center, and both of us have plans to get engaged with some of the various local social and charitable organizations as we were Lions, Legion, Elk, VFW members in the past and present.

We continue to sample the many great restaurants, shops, and facilities leading up to and after our purchase. Our impressions continue to be extremely positive. We truly are surprised by the vast variety of shops downtown and throughout Claremont, finding someplace new almost daily. We continue to advocate for Claremont and we are doing everything in our limited power to improve perceptions of this city! People that aren't familiar with Claremont are given a quick endorsement by Linda and me because most people don't realize what Claremont has to offer.

I mentioned in the previous article that our initial draw to Claremont was the quality of property I could buy for the money in comparison to other areas of NH. Our house would not be so affordable if located say in Portsmouth or the Lakes Region. This is an unintended result of your high property taxes which is causing your real estate market to stagnate (and decline) due to the fact that the average income earners cannot afford to buy property here. Many of your current homeowners unfortunately are slowly being driven out by the continuous increase in property taxes and many that stay cannot afford to improve their properties because taxes must be paid or they risk losing their property.

Low selling prices drew Linda and me to Claremont but once here the people, the facilities, the location, the parks and the infrastructure made it an easy decision to buy here.

I will reiterate what I stated in the last article: What many outsiders don't know and we found out quickly is that Claremont (except for the high taxes) has a great deal to offer. You have improving infrastructure, school system, one of the best Community Centers I've ever seen, eclectic mix of shops in your beautiful downtown area and more than enough choices of stores and restaurants to keep visitors engaged. When you consider what Claremont has, there are few other towns or cities that offer more!

I want to offer town organizations a few suggestions to draw new residents in. The Chamber of Commerce, churches, civic organizations, businesses, departments and City Hall should seek out new residents and potential residents and offer coupons, guides, and information in the form of a welcome package. It would be easier and more neighborly if this was available through a welcome package. We get a great deal of information from the *e-Ticker*, but not everyone has access to this media outlet. Just a thought!

Ayotte Calls For Administration To Send Captured ISIS Terrorist To Gitmo

WASHINGTON, DC-- Following reports that U.S. Special Operations forces captured a high-ranking ISIS terrorist in Iraq, U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte Friday called for the Obama administration to transfer the individual to the Guantanamo Bay detention facility to be detained and interrogated. Pentagon officials have said that they intend to turn the individual over to Iraqi or Kurdish custody, and the Pentagon spokesman said that any detention of captured ISIS terrorists would be "short term". These comments raise serious questions about whether the administration is forfeiting the opportunity to gather valuable intelligence that could protect America and our allies and prevent future attacks, said Ayotte.

Senators Urge FDA To Examine The Dosage Size Of Cancer Fighting Drugs

WASHINGTON, DC-- U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) have urged the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to examine the dosage size of cancer fighting drugs. Drug makers distribute cancer fighting drugs in vials that hold too much for most patients. According to a new study released last week by the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Medicare and private insurers waste nearly \$3 billion a year on leftover medication from these vials, said the report, and the "practice encourages waste and drives up the cost for patients that rely on these lifesaving drugs." In a letter to Commissioner Califf, Klobuchar and Shaheen urged the FDA to examine this practice and try to find a more efficient way to distribute this crucial medication.

Letters To The Editor

Leave Opera House Square As It Is

To The Editor:

Another suggested incursion for the "Bull Pen" in Opera House Square? What is so wrong with how it is right now? There is an pretty fountain; there is attractive paving; spring, summer and fall are celebrated with gorgeous gardens. As for parking, it is easily accessible. Maintenance appears to be reasonably easy and appropriate for winter time. There are no visual distractions, challenges or barriers. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Nancy Miville
Claremont, NH

School Board Candidate Shares Why He Is Running

To The Editor:

For those who don't know me, my name is Patrick Adrian; I am running as a candidate for our city's school board. I am a middle and high school teacher, father of two and Claremont resident of nine years. I have a Masters in Teaching, and over 15 years, I've taught within a wide spectrum of classrooms: special education, public charter schools, alternative programs, public and private. I've been working with youth for nearly 30 years.

I bring a strong understanding of educational policies, and the experience with how learning occurs in the classroom. I work diligently to understand an issue from all perspectives and ensure those views are factored during deliberation.

As a candidate, I'm greatly interested in new ways to strengthen how we communicate and collaborate, both within the school community and as a whole. This includes more immediate goals - like renewing the biweekly newspaper column once kept by a former school board member, and scheduling visits to our schools to get more perspective from our educators - to future inquiries - improving the SAU's webpage, using social media and other means of promoting the district's progress, and working with youth outreach programs like 4H and others, to help children and families discover valuable, positive after-school programs in our area.

I believe our district's biggest issues center around our addressing special education costs and domestic issues impacting student learning. I support our district's proactive efforts to narrow learning gaps, develop more specialized accommodations and alternative programs.

Yet I also want to ensure that we are proceeding responsibly and prudently. I want to know our vocational and tech programs are being cared for and fully utilized. And that input from our classroom teachers is being reflected in our education policies. I also agree with board members for more partnering with the city to tackle social issues impacting our classrooms.

I can be strong-spoken, but will always make the most responsible decision. I see this service as an opportunity to learn: to gain a better understand of our schools and community, and the skills to most effectively help our schools.

Thank you.

Patrick Adrian
Claremont, NH

Asks For Your Support For School Board Seat

To The Editor:

I am a candidate for one of two expired terms on the Claremont School Board. I would appreciate your support and vote this coming Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

My involvement in community activities has included managing two Heart of Claremont programs: the installation and maintenance of flower boxes in the city center, and the decorating and lighting of the city center during the holiday season. Fifty-seven children from my Walnut Street neighborhood worked with me on both of the Heart of Claremont programs. They enjoyed being part of the community and learned work skills and developed an appreciation for their city. I'm proud of all they accomplished.

I would bring to the School Board experience and perspectives from my life which include my primary and secondary education in special education programs at a time when the purpose and practice of special education often lacked the assessment tools and positive support of the community that we now have in Claremont. However, I do believe that the special education program should be part of our school system, and that it can be improved for the benefit of the students and for the community where many of the students will spend their adult life.

My work during the past 20 years has included welding at the Bath Ironworks, bookkeeping for a manufacturing company, and providing care in the hospice program.

I am ready to represent you on the Claremont School Board.

Thank you.

Michele Pierce
Claremont, NH

Public Forum For City's Master Plan Held

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--A public forum held Thursday evening on the City's Master Plan drew around 75 residents. Jim Feleen, a member of the Steering Committee, said that those who attended reflected "fairly good diversity. Rather than guided discussion groups, the format was oriented toward generating as much data as we could from the attendees and it seems to have worked well. It was a fast-paced evening during which residents were able to weigh in individually on a wide range of issues and questions. We will spend a good deal of our time processing the data."

Facilitating the evening were Mike McCrory, Claremont's interim city planner, and Nate Miller, executive director of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission. The evening included a welcome by Mayor Charlene Lovett, an introduction by Committee Chair David Putnam, large group keypad polling and interactive work sessions in smaller groups. Growth in population and retail were amongst the items supported during the polling. Housing, transportation, economic development, energy, natural and historic resources, land use and parks and recreation are key areas being considered as part of developing the Master Plan.

"Producing a master plan is not the most exciting of endeavors," said Feleen, "but it is extremely important to the City. It is the road map of priorities and issues that will inform and guide our elected officials and City staff as we move through the next eight to 10 years. It is also a tool to evaluate progress, or lack thereof, on important issues and projects."

Anyone else wishing to participate will be able to take a comprehensive online survey, which should be available on the city web site in the near future.

Revisions to the plan are recommended every 5 to 10 years. The last update to the Master Plan was in 2011. According to state law, the Planning Board has the duty "to prepare and amend from time to time a master plan to guide the development of the municipality." The Master Plan is a non-regulatory public policy document intended to provide direction and guidance for the future growth of Claremont and to provide the basis for any changes or updates to the City's local land use regulations.

Claremont Youth Soccer Association Being Reorganized; Meeting March 11

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Youth Soccer Association (CYSA) was originally established in 1990 and has been involved with the City of Claremont for 25 years. Unfortunately it was administratively dissolved on January 1st, 2016. In order for the CYSA to stay as its own program, it needs to form a new board of individuals who want to see the soccer program succeed.

The Claremont Youth Soccer Association is being reestablished on Friday March 11th, 5:30 p.m. at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center. There is an open invitation to any individual interested who is 18 years of age or older. The seats that are being voted on are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Equipment Manager, & Fundraising/Concession Coordinator. Please email cccprograms@claremontnh.com including your name, contact information and the position you would like to be considered for. The CSBCC will then create a ballot for the night of March 11th where everyone who is 18 years of age or older who is attending can vote. Prior to voting each individual who put their name in for a position will have a maximum time of five minutes to state their name and why they would like to participate on the CYSA Board. Each individual is allowed to run for one position only.

Once the board is reestablished, it will then need to refile with the Secretary of State. By-laws will then need to be formed.

Once all of these steps are done, the CYSA will then be able to start planning for 2016 summer soccer.

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Former Councilor Publishes Novel

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--Former City Councilor and Assistant Mayor Andy Austin has now added another title to his name, author. Austin recently had his first novel published. Titled "So Don't I?", Austin described it as "a novel about a young man just out of the service from World War Two, with many episodes with relationships, cars of that era and addiction." Austin is well known in the area for his love of antique cars, many of which have appeared in the SHS Alumni parade over the years.

Austin was born and raised in a small town in Vermont. He worked in his father's sawmill during grade school and then boarded out on a farm to have transportation to high school. He entered the U.S. Navy at 17 and served honorably in the submarine service. After the military, he worked at a paper mill as a machine tender and ultimately as the mill superintendent.

When asked what prompted him to write a novel, he told the e-Ticker News that "I wrote a short story before the ('So Don't I?') book and thought after that if I was going to get into writing, it should be a novel. I have always been interested in stories, especially about cars and the time and country-style life I grew up in." He said he "started witting 'So Don't I?' about four years ago."

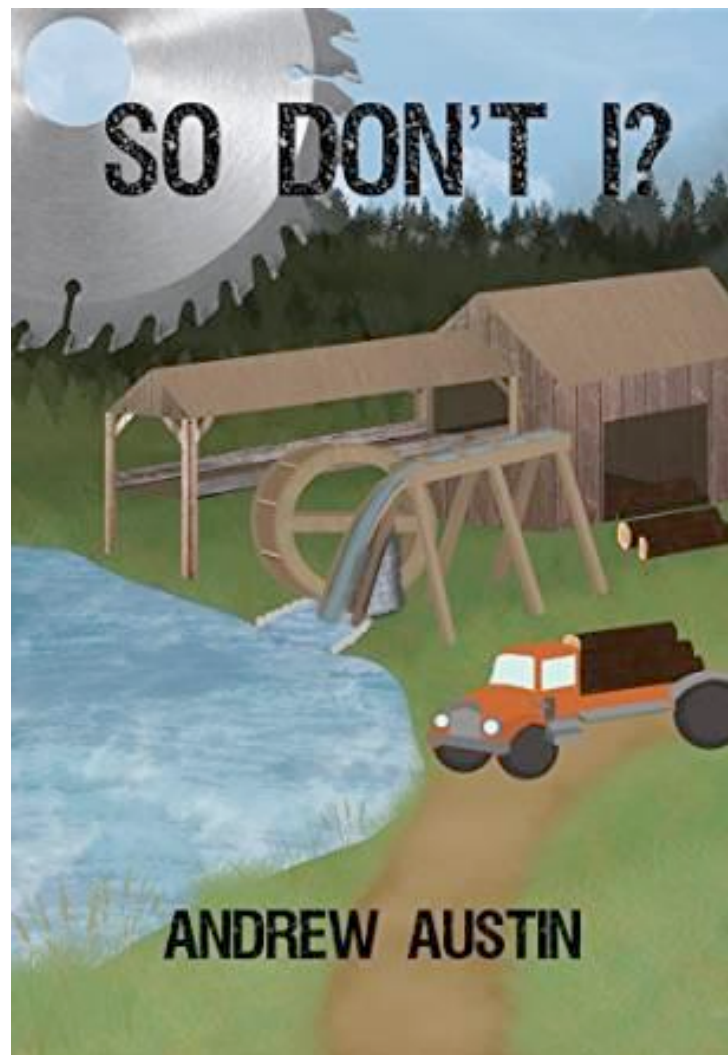
Austin said that "The beginning come from my childhood of working in my father's saw mill; the rest of the book is from life's experiences during the 1940's and 50's, including the cars and people of that era; it's pretty



Claremont resident Andy Austin has published his first novel. "So Don't I?" Courtesy photos.

much a New England story: A time when a friend was a friend, a hand shake a contract and patriotism a way of life."

Austin has given a copy of his book to the library and has agreed to give a talk there about witting and the story. "I will also be meeting with Violet about a book signing at her store and plan to at other stores as well," said Austin.



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Ann's Property Of The Week

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Humane Society Holding Low-Cost Rabies Clinic

CLAREMONT, NH--On Saturday, March 26, the Sullivan County Humane Society will be holding a low-cost rabies clinic for dogs and cats from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Claremont Senior Center at 5 Acer Heights Road. Shots are \$10/each. No appointment necessary. By law, shots will be good for three years with proof of previous vaccination; otherwise, it is a one-year shot. In order to receive the three-year rabies vaccine, you must bring proof of rabies (expired or current) with you at the time of clinic. Proof of vaccine must be in form of vet records with pet's name or rabies certificate. Rabies tags do not count as proof.

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Tax Amnesty Program Generates Nearly \$19 Million For 2016 General Fund

CONCORD, NH--As part of efforts to support businesses and taxpayers while “maintaining fiscal responsibility”, Governor Maggie Hassan and the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) Commissioner John Beardmore announced Wednesday that the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration’s one-time Tax Amnesty Program generated significant revenue, netting \$18.9 million in owed taxes. The program exceeded goals, bringing in \$3 million more than was originally anticipated.

“The tax amnesty program provided support to taxpayers who may have fallen behind by allowing them to catch up with reduced penalties and giving them time to get out from under the weight of these debts,” Hassan said. “It has proven to be both fiscally responsible and an important opportunity for businesses and taxpayers, and I am thrilled to see the positive benefits it has brought to the Granite State and our people.”

Originally proposed by Hassan and included as part of the bipartisan compromise on the current budget, the one-time tax amnesty program allowed taxpayers the opportunity to pay outstanding taxes without penalty and with 50 percent of accrued interest. The program ran from December 1, 2015, to February 15, 2016.

“This program was a win-win for taxpayers and for the state,” said Beardmore, Commissioner of the Department of Revenue Administration. “People fall behind on taxes for any number of reasons, so by allowing this one-time opportunity to pay less than you owe, we reengaged taxpayers and generated much-needed state revenue.”

In total, 4,437 taxpayers participated in the one-time tax amnesty program, 5.8 percent of which were new filers. The remainder of participants paid existing unpaid tax notices or tax notices that were pending in audit or in the DRA’s Hearings Bureau, part of which would have been collected by the DRA in the future. The last time the DRA coordinated a similar tax amnesty program was in 2001, raising nearly \$15 million in revenue for the state.

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Claremont Confidential

By Les St.Pierre



Going To The Dogs!

Well, it has finally happened!

Many of you know I ran a story on the dogs Daisy and Duke a while back, prompting ump-teen remarks about this column going to the dogs.

I will have you know those two former animals, introduced to the City of Claremont by T. J. and Ashley Czechowicz, have since relocated and are now running the backyard in Loudon, NH. Also, for your information, Claremont Confidential survived the sarcastic and weak humor sprayed forth by those readers trying to be funny, only to go on to bigger and brighter days, brushing aside the attempts to put my writing in a most unthinkable place.

But, alas, I cannot escape it! Those seemingly unkind words out of the past will surely return in full force as Claremont Confidential, once again, hits the internet with yet another tale of the canine persuasion. Yes, indeed, my writing has, in fact, reached the point of going to the dogs again. Thirty-four of them, to be exact.

How can I not relay to you, my constant readers, a brief introduction to dog sledding adventures brought to us by the husband and wife team of Kathy Bennett and Alex MacLennan. I cannot tell you the number of times I have seen these dogs lined up alongside the road between Claremont and Newport. I couldn't stand it any longer, so a couple of Sundays ago, after making a stop at Home Depot, I decided to gamble and motor a few hundred yards up the road to see if these animals would again be soaking up the outdoor temperature. Not much of a gamble, really. I figured my chances were in the 85 per cent range of them being there. After all, nearly every day they had been a sight to behold. I had wondered where had they come from, and why were they there.

Much to my delight, I struck gold and decided to get to the bottom of things. Come to find out, these 34 dogs were all 100 per cent Siberian Huskies and are headquartered at 36 Park Road in Windsor, VT.

"There are a lot of good dog sled trails here in New England," reported Bennett during my brief stop for an interview at the "launching" site across from the Claremont Center Storage Units on Washington Street alongside the Sugar River. In the dozen years she and her husband have been partnered with the dogs, the furthest they have gone is western New York. "You don't have to go to Alaska or Canada. There are so many nice trails in the Green Mountains of Vermont, and it is really very beautiful in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. We really do love coming by the Sugar River here in Claremont and Kellyville. After all, we are only 15 minutes away."

Bennett mentioned the "team" does not get to go to Maine very often because of the distance involved and, also, because, "You can't get there from here," laughing at the famous New England expression.

The 34 dogs are not in competition. What Bennett and MacLennan (and the dogs) do is give tours, contracted with Great River Outfitters, located near the Harpoon Brewery in Windsor. Every year, December through March, they give two hour excursions or 45-minute rides to both adults and children. The longer outing is in the \$300 range and the shorter tour is \$75 for adults and \$45 for chil-

dren 6-10 years of age. The full story of these dogs and their handlers can be found on the Braeburn Siberian website.

"Some of our dogs are speed demons and some are slower, some are young and full of energy and some are older and wiser, some have beautiful conformation, structure and movement and others are a little off in one of these areas of the breed standard," the website describes these dogs. "Because of this, our teams will never be the fastest teams or the most synchronized teams, but we definitely have teams that are energized, fun-loving, hard-working, dedicated and in love with their life."

The whole concept of these dogs originated when the couple's daughter, Elizabeth, then aged 9, now 23, came home from school one day and told her mother she wanted a puppy and to learn how to dog sled. Elizabeth eventually went her own way and got interested in other things but, as Bennet exclaimed, "We became captivated and here we are!"

"These guys all get along pretty well," Bennett stated. "I mean, they all have their own distinct personalities. They all have their own jobs on the team. They are all just like people. They all have their own personalities. For the

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These Siberian Huskies, headquartered in Windsor, VT, give sled tours; they are frequently seen alongside the road between Claremont and Newport (Les St.Pierre photo).

Sled Dogs, from A14



The husband and wife team of Kathy Bennett and Alex MacLennan have found a passion in dog sledding (Les St.Pierre photo).

most part, they are very friendly dogs. That is why we use them for tours.”

In the last year and one-half, Bennett reported, the couple has lost three 15-year olds. The oldest dog on the team now is 12 years old and the youngest is two. “We’ve sold some from the litters, we’ve kept some,” Bennett quipped. “We’ve rescued some, we’ve adopted some. I’ve known all of them since they were young....and they all have names.”

Admitting this has been the warmest winter she can remember and the one with the least amount of snow, Bennett, still, has not been put off by the unexpected change and would not alter her experiences with the dogs in any way confessing it is a lot of work, but also a rewarding challenge.

“The whole reason we are here is because we love our dogs,” Bennett summed up her occupation’s challenges. “We love the sport of dog sledding. It is a sport of passion. We like to share that passion with other people.”

Special Education Workshop

CLAREMONT,NH--A Special Education Workshop with Philip Eller from the Special Needs Support Center will be held Wednesday, March 9, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at River Valley Community College, 1 College Place, Claremont, NH. For more information call Philip Eller at 603-448-6311 or Jillian Burdick at 603-518-4358.

Free and open to the public. Refreshments provided.



In Appreciation...

Family and friends stopped by the CSBCC last Monday night to wish Parks and Recreation Department worker Richard (Dick) Kimball farewell after 28 years of service to the community. Kimball was presented with a plaque from Mark Brislin, the Director of the Parks & Rec Department in appreciation for his years of service to the City of Claremont (Bill Binder photo).



PUBLIC NOTICE

To the inhabitants of the School District of the City of Claremont, in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified that the second session of the Annual School District Meeting will be held as follows:

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, at the polling places for each ward at the following locations:

- Ward I - Claremont Middle School, South Street Street
- Ward II - Claremont Middle School, South Street
- Ward III - Disnard Elementary School, Hanover Street

Please come out to VOTE.

e-Ticker Business News



Dr. Elisabeth Haeger

Haeger Joins Primary Care Physicians Practice at Mt. Ascutney Hospital

WINDSOR, VT--The Primary Care Physicians Practice at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center recently announced that Elisabeth Haeger, MD, has joined the practice. In addition to her background in primary care, Haeger, who was most recently employed at Harbor Care Health and Wellness Clinic, is also an internist with experience in treating addiction, acute drug withdrawal, obesity, and behavioral health issues.

"Dr. Haeger's experiences with a wide range of patients make her a key addition to our practice," said Kevin W. Donovan, CEO of Mt. Ascutney Hospital. "Many of the conditions she has treated are becoming more prevalent in today's society, and in our own community. We're very pleased to welcome Dr. Haeger to Mt. Ascutney Hospital."

Haeger is a graduate of the University of

Massachusetts Medical School, and served her internship and residency at the University of California at San Diego. She holds board certification from the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Lord Named Director Of Community Health At Mt. Ascutney Hospital

WINDSOR, VT--Kevin W. Donovan, President and CEO of Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) recently announced the appointment of Jill Lord, RN, as the Hospital's Director of Community Health. Lord's new position reflects her long commitment to community health and her effectiveness in leading initiatives aimed at improving public health in Windsor, Woodstock and the surrounding region.

In announcing Lord's new role, Donovan noted that for several years, Lord has actually

been filling two critical roles for MAHHC, serving as both the Chief Nursing Officer and as a community health champion.

"I think we all recognize what an incredible resource and asset we have in Jill," said Donovan. "It was time to allow her to focus more on her community health work, which has been phenomenal. In fact, Jill was the main force behind our Foster G. McGaw Prize for Community Service award, one of the most prestigious awards in health care."

In 2015, Lord was named the Vermont Medical Society's Citizen of the Year for her efforts on behalf of the community. And in 2011, she received the Community Partnership Award from HCRS for her role in improving the quality of life for individuals and families in southeastern Vermont.

In her new position, Lord will be responsible for community programs aimed at addressing health disparities, following up on MAHHC's recent Community Health Needs Assessment, and partnering with social service agencies

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e-Ticker Business News

Lord, from A16



Jill Lord

and others to coordinate programs. She will also assume operational leadership for several departments including the MAHHC Chaplaincy, Volunteers in Action, Prevention Partnership, Complementary Medicine, and school health programs.

"While we will miss Jill as Chief Nursing Officer, we're excited that she can now focus all of her efforts on community health, wellness and engagement," said Donovan. "We know what Jill can do; now it's time to give her the scope she needs to continue caring for our community."

Hassan Comments On January Unemployment Rate

CONCORD, NH--Governor Maggie Hassan issued the following statement Tuesday on the announcement that New Hampshire's unemployment rate dropped to 2.9 percent in January:

"With our unemployment rate falling to 2.9

percent in January, its lowest level in nearly 15 years, it is another clear indication that the state of our state is strong and getting stronger. Our bipartisan approach has kept New Hampshire moving in the right direction, but we know that we still have much more work to do to expand opportunity, support innovative businesses, and build an even stronger workforce where our workers have the skills they need to thrive in our changing global economy."

Chicken Nugget Products Recalled

WASHINGTON, DC--Perdue Foods LLC, a Gainesville, GA, establishment, is recalling approximately 4,530 pounds of chicken nugget products (produced for Applegate Farms) that may be contaminated with extraneous plastic materials, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced Saturday. The Applegate Naturals Chicken Nuggets were produced on Sept. 28, 2015. The following products are subject to recall:

- 8-oz. boxed packages containing approximately 18 pieces of "Applegate Naturals Chicken Nuggets" with Best Before Date 09/27/2016.

The products subject to recall bear establishment number "P-2617" inside the USDA mark of inspection. These items were shipped to retail distribution centers in Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New York, and Texas.

The problem was discovered when the establishment

received consumer complaints of small, solid, clear plastic inside the Applegate Naturals Chicken Nuggets.

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Women May Need Extra Steps On The Road To Financial Security

International Women's Day is observed on March 8. Around the world, thousands of events will honor women's achievements. Yet, women still face challenges in many areas of life – such as their financial situations. So if you're a woman, you may want to use this occasion to consider steps you can take to help move toward your important financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

First of all, be aware of the potential obstacles facing women: lower earnings than men, longer lifespans than men and more time out of the workforce than men. This last element is particularly important, because when women leave the workforce for extended periods, typically to care for young children or older parents, they will have much less time to contribute to their 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

You must take action on your own behalf. Here are some suggestions:

- **Ramp up your retirement plan contributions.** Contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Your 401(k) is a good way to build retirement savings because your earnings accumulate on a tax-deferred basis, which means your money can grow faster than if it were placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year. (You will have to pay taxes on withdrawals; also, withdrawals prior to age 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.)

- **Contribute to an IRA.** Even if you have a 401(k) or similar plan, you're probably still eligible to open an IRA. Contributions to a traditional IRA may be tax-deductible, while earnings can grow tax deferred. If you invest in a Roth IRA, your contributions are not deductible, but any earnings growth is distributed tax free, provided you've had your account at least five years and don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59½.

- **Don't invest too conservatively.** Some studies show that women may invest more conservatively than men. This could be a problem, especially since, as mentioned above, women are also out of the workforce longer and may have less years to contribute to their 401(k) plans. Consequently, when you invest in your 401(k), IRA or other accounts, consider including in your holdings growth-oriented vehicles consistent with your risk tolerance, such as stocks.

- **Talk to your spouse about Social Security.** If your spouse starts collecting Social Security at 62 (the earliest age of eligibility), the monthly benefits could be reduced, perhaps by as much as 25%. This reduction could affect you if you ever become a widow, because once you reach your own "full" retirement age (which will likely be 66 or 67), you may qualify for survivor benefits of 100% of what your deceased spouse had been receiving — and if that amount was reduced, you'll get a reduced benefit.

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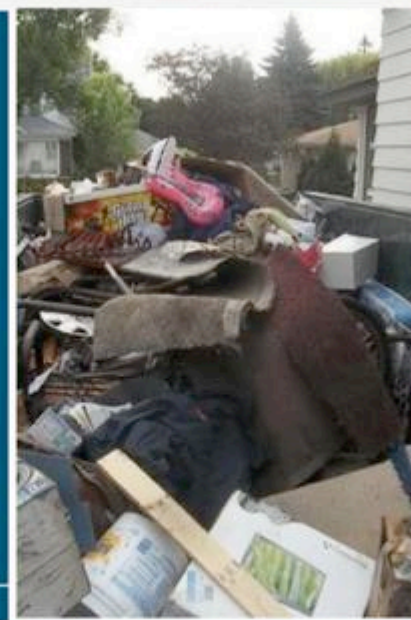
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Eligibility requirements, terms of award payments and applications may be obtained by writing to Cone Automatic Machine Company Charitable Foundation, PO Box 65, Claremont, NH 03743.

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than May 9, 2016.

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It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



One Skillet

We seemed to have dodged a few weather bullets this winter. But it is still early March. Anything can happen.

I like one pot meals. It makes clean up quicker, and you have only one thing to watch.

It's really tough getting authentic German cuisine around here. We have all kinds of restaurants but no one doing German. So, when I came across this little gem I was thrilled. The following recipe is for four servings. Actually, as far as I'm concerned I can eat two. So you be the judge.

I'm sure this is German but could also come from Alsace, but either way it is delicious.

Beef Rouladen

You may have to ask the guys in the meat department to slice up a steak for you. Don't get it sliced too thin. It will braise for about an hour and you don't want it to fall apart.

1 pound thin cut beef round steak cut into 4 pieces.

Coarse-ground prepared mustard

¼ teaspoon dried thyme

Salt and pepper to taste

1 medium dill pickle quartered lengthwise

3 carrots, cut into sticks divided

1 small onion cut into wedges

2 tablespoons all purpose flour

1 tablespoon canola oil or your preferred oil

2 cups water

2 teaspoons beef bouillon granules

3 tablespoons ketchup

Cooked noodles (wait to cook until the meat is about ¾ cooked)

Spread the steak pieces with mustard. Sprinkle with thyme, salt and pepper.

Layer the steak pieces with a quarter each of pickle slices, carrot sticks and an onion wedge.

Roll up and secure with a tooth pick or tie them up with thread.

Coat each piece with flour.

In a large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Brown beef in the oil on all sides.

Add the water, bouillon (bloomed in the water), ketchup and remaining carrots.

Cover and simmer 1 hour or until the meat is tender.

Serve with the cooked noodles.

The carrots and onions add a sweetness to help tone down the pickle. Add more onions to the simmer liquid if you want. I kick this up by cutting down on the water and using a red wine for the balance. Just don't bloom the bouillon granules in the wine. I think it may be a felony in some places.

"Blooming" is just a term for dissolving in water to bring out flavor. I do it so that all the liquid is evenly distributed through the dish. Using this term makes it look like you know what you are doing.

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Benefitting The Arts

Repertory Theater member Stacy Bathrick inquired of three Dartmouth college groups to support the local arts in our community. Their response was overwhelmingly supportive and so D'Style Improve Rap, The Dartmouth Aires, a capella singers, and SHEBA Dance Troupe performed to an enthusiastic crowd at the "We Love the Arts" Benefit Concert held at the Claremont Opera House Sunday, Feb 28, 2016. The funds raised at this event will support our community's youth arts programs (Photos and collage by Stacy Bathrick).

Mayoral Notes

By
Charlene Lovett



Making Claremont Remarkable

Last Thursday, the Master Plan Steering Committee held the first of two public forums to gather information on how residents would like to see Claremont develop. Many questions were asked, and the answers were sometimes quite surprising. One thing was clear, the majority of those who attended wanted to see growth and they had some good ideas on how to make that happen.

Recently, the TED Radio Hour on NPR invited Seth Godin, a marketing expert, to talk about what makes an idea spread. During his presentation, he mentioned that consumers today have more choices, but less time. As a result things get ignored and ideas, as good as they may be, may never get off the ground. So, what causes an idea to spread? Mr. Godin's answer was in the form of a question. Is it remarkable? In other words, "Is it worth making a remark about."

After hearing his presentation, I thought about the ideas raised during the public forum. Was our vision for Claremont remarkable? In thinking about the future of this community, are we thinking creatively enough?

Claremont's population has stagnated for some time, but this does not have to be the future. If we are to achieve growth, we must build a city that is remarkable. There is much in our community to build upon and the possibilities are endless.

If you weren't able to attend the public forum, you can still participate in the master plan process. A survey will be forthcoming. Please take the time to answer the questions as your input will be critical to the future development of Claremont. Together, we can build upon the ideas that will make our city a remarkable place in which to live and work.

One last note, please do not forget to vote on Tuesday, March 8th. The future of Claremont is tied to the school district, and your participation is needed.

Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont. Please send questions, concerns or comments to char_lovett@hotmail.com



The cast iron pillars at the Moody Building, damaged when a car plowed through the bullpen in December and hit the structure, were reinstalled on Wednesday after a lengthy repair job. The large front one weighs over two tons. The driver in the incident was arrested and is facing several charges (Bill Binder photo).

Cornish Votes To Withdraw From SAU 6

CORNISH, NH--Cornish residents voted on Saturday in favor of withdrawing from SAU 6. The *Valley News* reported that the vote was 221-98 in favor of the move.

According to the 82-page SAU Planning Committee report, "Cornish paid \$221,000 to SAU 6 for the 2015/16 school year. The total amount paid by all the three SAU 6 districts for 2015/16 was \$1,866,730....The Planning Committee has decided that becoming our own single district (just Cornish) SAU would be the best decision for students, the school, and the community. To become our own single district we need to withdraw, or end our legal relationship, with SAU 6. We feel that Cornish would have a full voice in how we govern our school if we were a single district SAU."

The report goes on to say, "As a small school, a part time Superintendent, Finance Director, and Special Education Director would serve the needs of the Cornish School District. We could either find people willing to work part time, or we could hire people who are already working part time somewhere else and want to increase their time. The Plainfield School District has a part time SAU staff with time available to do contract work for Cornish. The Cornish School District would not hire Plainfield staff individually but through a two to three year contract with the Plainfield's SAU 32. Because SAU 32 (Plainfield) is so similar to Cornish in size, we feel that contracting staff who are familiar with what small schools need will be the best way to meet the needs of our school."

The committee also said, "The proposed partnerships with Plainfield (administrative services) and Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union (technology services) are based on contracts. Cornish would not be merging or joining with any district...We looked at what we thought Cornish would pay SAU 6 in the 2017/18 school year and what we thought Cornish would spend on its own SAU in that same year. We found that having our own SAU could save the School District some money."

With Cornish withdrawing, SAU 6 costs for Claremont and Unity likely will be going up, impacting local tax rates. According to the *Valley News*, "The (Cornish) district could save \$17,000 or so in annual administrative costs as a result, according to the planning committee."

---Phyllis A. Muzeroll

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Following the film, there will be a brief discussion on
homelessness in Claremont and the impact on education.

Discussion will be facilitated by Cory LeClair, SAU #6 Assistant Superintendent and Christina Endres, Program Specialist with the National Center for Homeless Education at SERVE.

For questions or more information please contact Cory LeClair at cleclair@sau6.org.

Spring is here!

Spring Social

Tuesday, March 22
5:00 - 9:00 pm

Dinner at:  **Proceeds to benefit:** 

With admission, you will be entered into numerous drawings for spring cleanup items!

For more information and tickets, call the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce at (603) 543-1296

\$25 Dinner Ticket Includes:
Dinner, Dessert And Choice of One Coffee, Tea or Soda

Past • Shots



Pleasant Street in Claremont, in the 1940s.



The Whitcomb Music Center in Claremont. Was it one of your favorite shops?



The Central Fire Station in Claremont continues to serve us well.

Photos, courtesy of Merle Boardman

This iconic structure was at the corner of Main and Elm in Claremont.



River Valley Animal Protection League

of Charlestown, NH

Tenth Annual

POT LUCK

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Sat. March 12, 2016 - 5:30 P.M.

Charlestown VFW

Lovers Lane, Charlestown, NH



BRING A DISH TO SHARE

*Join our family for the fun and
help support the animals!*

EVERYONE WELCOME!!

RAFFLES!

CAKE AUCTION!

GAMES! DOOR PRIZES



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