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## Kuster Announces Support In City For Streamlining Travel, Commerce Between US And Canada

*“A Great Day For Claremont!”*

By Les St.Pierre  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--This past Wednesday New Hampshire Congresswoman Annie Kuster held a press conference at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center announcing her bipartisan legislation aimed to streamline travel and commerce operations between the United States and Canada. The bill, HR6547, entitled Promoting Travel, Commerce, and National Security Act of 2016, is designed to expand trade opportunities for Granite State businesses and to strengthen our national security.

“I am very proud to stand before you as the sponsor of the preclearance legislature with Senator Patrick Leahy from Vermont,” Kuster said, with much excitement in her voice. “About a year ago a group got together talking about rails and Amtrak and had a tour with very constructive talks about bylaws and one of the issues that came up that day was preclearance. This bill is going to pave the way for expansion of preclearance facilities for, not only land, but air, rail, maritime, and airports. It not only reduces wait times and congestion, but allows the United States and international partners to identify and address threats before they reach us.”

Claremont mayor Charlene Lovett declared it “A great day for Claremont!” after Kuster made her announcement. “I can’t tell you how thankful I am for this bipartisan support for this plan  
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Harper Connell, the 1-year-old child of Chandler and Brianna Connell and one of the few people to go to the polls on Tuesday in Claremont, enjoyed peering around the curtain in Ward 2; only 13 percent of registered voters in Claremont cast ballots at the annual school district election (Les St.Pierre photo).

## Low Turnout Marks School District Election; Three New Faces Elected To Board As All Articles Pass

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--The annual school district election drew its usual lack of interest as only 13 percent of registered voters in Claremont went to the polls on Tuesday to vote on the school budget and other warrant articles as well as district officials and openings on the school board.

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# NHDOT Supports Waiver Request That Motorized Vehicles Be Allowed On Rail Trail

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) has recommended that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approve the waiver the City is requesting for motorized vehicles to be able to use a certain section of the rail trail once again. The Commissioner of the NHDOT wrote in a four-page letter dated March 4 "that financial records maintained by NHDOT and FHWA support Claremont's position that the purpose of the project is for the acquisition and preservation of a rail corridor, and not explicitly for the construction of a bicycle and pedestrian facility. Therefore, Claremont's opinion that 23 USC 217 does not apply seems reasonable."

The section of trail in question is a two-mile stretch linking Arrowhead with Washington Street.

The recommendation, written by Victoria Sheehan, Commissioner of the NHDOT, continued, "As noted in FHWA guidance posted on

their website, there is nothing in Federal law that prohibits Transportation Enhancement funded trails from allowing motorized and recreational use unless there is construction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, which was not the case with this project.

"Based on the review of the waiver request... it is our recommendation that FHWA conditionally approve the waiver request.... NHDOT feels that a two-three year trial period, with monitoring and documentation of use and concerns, is appropriate."

Shaheen also wrote that "Motorized use of the trail is consistent with local plans and the Statewide Trails Plan for NH. The section in question abuts and connects to other sections of the same abandoned corridor where motorized use continues to be permissible. This section provides an important link and connectivity to adjacent local, regional and statewide facilities."

Use of that section by motorized vehicles was banned by the City in 2014 after the FHWA told the City that such use was violating terms of the \$258,000 federal grant used to buy the trail.

Local ATV riders were encouraged by the recommendation.

"The Sullivan County ATV Club Board members are excited to hear that the waiver has passed the first hurdle and anxiously await the decision of the Federal Highway Administration," Mark Carrier, president of the Sullivan County ATV Club told the *e-Ticker News*.

"Without the hard work done and dedication to principle by the City Solicitor, Jane Taylor, and her assistant Tiffany Favreau, we would not have come this far. We would like to remind

people that

even though we have had an easy winter, and this is great news, all Sullivan County trails are closed for mud season until May 23rd to allow the trails to dry up before using them."

City officials were also pleased with the recommendation.

Claremont resident and attorney Jim Feleen had filed paper work with the NHDOT's Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance, opposing the City's waiver request. When contacted by the *e-Ticker News* on the recommendation by the NHDOT, he said had not yet seen a copy of the letter.

In his 30-page packet in response to the City's waiver request, Feleen cited numerous objections. He asserted that the City "incorrectly states...that it was under the 'understanding' and 'sincere belief' in 1998 that funding for the trail purchase was governed by a different federal source that did not carry the ATV prohibition." He also cited concerns such as pedestrian safety, environmental concerns and planning requirements and included statements from former City officials and board members saying that ATV usage of the trail had not been anticipated.

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# Commentary

## NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

### Money For Claremont Transportation Projects In State's 10-Year Plan



New Hampshire's House of Representatives adopted the latest version of the State's 10-Year Transportation Improvement Plan last week. This plan includes funding for several important Claremont Area transportation projects.

New Hampshire's Transportation Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2017-2026, which is updated every two years, is contained in an amended version of House Bill 2016, that was approved by the House on March 10 by an overwhelming voice vote. But the 10-Year Plan, as it is commonly called, was approved only by such a voice vote after a floor amendment removing \$4 million for a project development study of a proposed commuter rail line between Boston, MA, and Manchester was passed by a narrow 174-162 roll call vote. The study had been included in the original version of the 10-Year Plan as submitted by Gov. Maggie Hassan in January and was one that the House Public Works & Highways Committee had earlier allowed to stay in its recommended version of House Bill 2016, despite an attempt by House Republican Leadership to remove the study in committee. The attempt failed because of a 10-10 tie vote.

Among the Claremont projects in the version of House Bill 2016's 10-Year Plan approved by the House is a total of \$3,976,130 for highway construction improvements to Route 12, including the relocation of the North Street Intersection with Route 12. According to House Bill 2016 the actual construction is supposed to start by 2017, construction that follows a total of \$951,064 being spent in the last few years for preliminary engineering and right-of-way work on the Route 12 improvements, including the relocation of the North Street Intersection.

Other funded projects in Claremont include a total of \$7,658,418 for needed repairs to the Route 12A Bridge over the Sugar River. The \$7,658,418 includes a total of \$522,605 in preliminary engineering work on the bridge, engineering work that is now scheduled to occur in 2018 and 2019, according to House Bill 2016. The remaining \$7,135,813 will be used for the actual repairs to the bridge, repairs now slated to begin in 2022, also according to the same bill.

There is a total of \$223,213 allocated in House Bill 2016 for infrastructure improvements to the roads and sidewalks leading to the Bluff, Disnard, and Maple Avenue Schools. These improvements are being done to enhance the safety of students either walking or riding their bicycles to Claremont's three public elementary schools, according to the bill. The improvements are scheduled to be completed by 2017, and are being paid for with federal funds.

However, roads, bridges, and sidewalks are not the only Claremont

transportation projects funded in House Bill 2016's 10-Year Plan. A total of \$4,943,112 is allocated for improvements to Claremont's Municipal Airport between 2017-2026, improvements which are mainly to be paid for with federal dollars with a small local match from the City of Claremont.

Other local transportation projects in House Bill 2016 include a total of \$19,123,028 for reconstruction and repairs to Route 12 between Charlestown and North Walpole, a highway which runs closely along the Connecticut River. The reconstruction and repairs include adding shoulders to Route 12, improving the highway's drainage system, and relocating the railroad tracks that run along Route 12. According to the 10-Year Plan Book, the tracks are scheduled to be relocated in 2017 and 2018 with the actual highway reconstruction to follow in 2019 and 2020.

Also included is a total of \$33,972,745 for rehabilitation and widening of the Interstate 89 Bridge over the Connecticut River between Lebanon and White River Junction, VT. This rehabilitation and widening is for both the bridge's northbound and southbound lanes. Preliminary engineering for this bridge project is slated to begin with the next year, and should be completed by 2018. Next, the actual construction is supposed to follow in 2019, and should be completed by 2021 according to House Bill 2016.

Additional Sullivan County transportation projects in the 10-Year Plan include replacement of Sunapee's Lower Main Street Bridge over the Sugar River. This replacement is scheduled for 2017 at a total cost of \$454,312. Next, in 2018, rehabilitation to Newport's Oak Street Bridge over the Sugar River is slated to be done at a total cost of \$1,702,800. Then in 2019 Newport's Sand Hill Road Bridge is supposed to be replaced for a total of \$106,502 according to the same plan.

The last two Sullivan County projects in the 10-Year Plan include a total of \$5,788,265 for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Route 12 in Charlestown from the Route 12A Intersection in North Charlestown to Almar Street. This project is scheduled to begin with preliminary engineering in 2023 and finish with the actual reconstruction and rehabilitation in 2026. Finally, a total of \$785,860 has been allocated for work on Springfield's Georges Mills Road Bridge over the Star Lake Outlet, which intersects with the Fisher Corner Road. The work is to replace the bridge's five foot diameter culverts, with the replacement slated for 2020.

For reader's information, I did vote for final passage of the 10-Year Plan in House Bill 2016 on the House floor March 10, and also earlier voted for the bill as amended by the Public Works & Highways Committee, of which I am a member. But I was disappointed that the full House removed the \$4 million for the project development study of the proposed commuter rail line between Boston and Manchester, a removal that I voted against because a study could determine if such a rail line would benefit our entire state and would be paid for with federal dollars that will just go back to Washington or other states, if New Hampshire doesn't use them for the study. Otherwise, I believe the 10-Year Plan is a fairly good one for our state, considering the Highway Fund's dire fiscal condition.

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## Letter To The Editor

### **Does Not Support Sculpture In The Middle Of Claremont**

#### **To The Editor:**

As a past resident but a currently concerned person, I for the life of me cannot figure our why Mr. Montenegro keeps insisting he wants to build a contemporary structure in the middle of Claremont, "for the beautification of Claremont". The structure, although artistic, does not belong in amongst valued historic architecture. The citizens group which has worked hard on the flowering plants in the "bullpen" has added the best effort for beautification, and, of course, the fountain adds to it. We do not need an iron curved structure smack in the middle that would certainly have citizens and guests entering Tremont Square wondering, "What the heck is that?" I appreciate his desire to do something, but he has already done it with the tower near the Visitors' Center. (I have no complaints with that). I do hope the public votes it down. It serves absolutely no purpose in constructing it on that site. What about something in Moody or Monadnock Park?

**Martha Waite**  
**Cambridge, NY**

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### **New Hampshire Delegation Advocates For Maple Producers**

WASHINGTON, DC-- As New Hampshire’s maple syrup season kicks off, U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), and Representatives Annie Kuster (D-NH) and Frank Guinta (R-NH) are urging the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to review and take action against improperly labeled “maple” products in interstate commerce. The bipartisan, bicameral letter was led by Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Representative Peter Welch (D-VT).

“The referenced letter of complaint provides compelling evidence of widespread intentional misrepresentation in the labeling of maple products. Product after product is cited that touts “maple” boldly on the front of the package, along with iconic images of maple sugaring, but show no maple at all on the ingredients list,” wrote the members. “These practices seem to intentionally mislead consumers who get cheap, industrially produced sweeteners and artificial flavors rather than the pure and genuine natural product they believe they have purchased. At the same time, sugar makers lose markets and income while the premium reputation of genuine maple syrup is damaged as consumers become used to inferior imitations.” The letter read in part:

“We are writing...with significant concerns about the harm being done to consumers and to maple sugar producers as the result of potentially false and misleading labeling of products that contain neither maple syrup nor real maple flavor. Specifically we call your attention to the attached letter signed by 12 maple producers’ associations representing nine states and two countries, sent to Lynn M. Syzbist of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Office of Nutrition, Labeling and Dietary Supplements, dated February 9, 2016. We strongly support that request for the FDA to exercise its legal authority to investigate and take action against misbranded products in interstate commerce.

“Maple syrup is a pure product, made 100 percent by concentrating the sap of maple trees. Pure maple syrup production (sugaring) provides income to an estimated 10,000 maple producers across 10 states in the Northeast and Upper Midwest, including Vermont, New York, Maine, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Michigan, Ohio, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. The United States produced 3.4 million gallons of maple syrup in 2015, worth approximately \$100 million dollars. For some, sugaring is full-time work, while others tap trees to supplement their income, providing an important source of earnings for many rural families.

“The maple crop has high value because consumers seek out, and willingly pay a premium for, this pure, sustainably produced, natural product consisting 100 percent of the concentrated sap of maple trees. Consumers understand that maple syrup is produced from small, independent “sugar-bushes” that conserve hundreds of thousands of acres of mature hardwood forest across the Northeast, and support rural communities. What consumers don’t know is that many of the products on store shelves labeled as ‘maple’ and decorated with images of maple trees and North Woods settings often contain zero maple syrup...”



**Kuster, from A1**

to succeed," she voiced in Kuster's direction. "This bill will have a big impact on rail passenger service here in Claremont. Claremont has many ties to Canada, both in terms of heritage and the economy."

Lovett and Kuster were just two of the half dozen speakers at the news conference. Others to speak included City Manager Guy Santagate, Patrick Herlihy from the Department of Transportation, Bill Hollister, representing Amtrak, and local businessman Mike Satzow

To date, the United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) operates preclearance facilities at 15 locations in six foreign countries. These preclearance facilities allow travelers to pass through CBP immigrations, customs and agricultural inspections prior to traveling to the United States, thus streamlining border procedures, reducing congestion and enhancing national security. In fiscal year 2014, preclearance intercepted more than 10,000 inadmissible travelers before they departed from foreign soil. As a result, the United States saved more than \$20 million in detention, processing and repatriation costs.

Preclearance opens up the potential for increases in foreign direct investment, new job creation, and enhanced leisure travel. Because passengers undergo screening prior to travel, they are not subjected to long lines when they arrive in the United States.

Herlihy reported the bill will improve the overall rider experience for passengers, giving an example from personal experience when he and his wife traveled to Paris and then to Ire-

**Congresswoman Ann Kuster addressing the audience on Wednesday in Claremont (Les St.Pierre photo).**



land. The Dublin Airport served as a preclearance facility and when they arrived at Boston's Logan airport, all they had to do was to claim their baggage and go home. "It was such a welcomed relief. It is very beneficial to travelers," Herlihy exclaimed.

Hollister, invited to the press conference by Lovett, told the small gathering of three services currently available to U.S.-Canadian passengers: the Cascade, Maple Leaf, and the Adirondack. "This bill should increase ridership and revenue for those routes," he said. He also went on to tell those in attendance, which included city council members, Kuster's staff, Chamber of Commerce and parks and recreation directors, the media, and a few residents, that Amtrak will have an exhibit train, the very first exhibit train to come to New Hampshire, arrive in Claremont June 18. It will give local citizens a chance to take a self-guided tour to see artifacts and other paraphernalia outlining the history of Amtrak and its rise to become a leader in the transportation industry. Satzow, representing North

Country Smokehouse stated, "We are excited about the Canadian ownership of our company. It's been here in Claremont since 1912. We are now building a \$22 million facility here. It really helps us out a lot to have something like this. It is exciting. It makes you feel good when you see something like this happening. I want to thank the mayor for being so active in getting something like this for Claremont."

Following a brief question and answer period, Kuster concluded the afternoon's press conference with, "As we grow with this type of partnership, we get a lot of good opportunities. It's a win, win, win...and I can't wait to get back to the ribbon-cutting ceremony of that \$22 million facility."

### **Power Outage Affects 1,800 Eversource Customers Sunday Morning**

CLAREMONT, NH--Eversource customers in Claremont, Cornish and Unity were hit with a power outage Sunday morning.

"We experienced an outage impacting 1,800 customers in the Claremont area at 9:30 a.m.," Martin Murray, Manager, NH Media Relations, told the *e-Ticker News*. "Crews did not find any apparent cause. We suspect a tree or limb may have fallen on a power line and tripped a circuit breaker. Crews restored power to all customers at 10:06 a.m."

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## Claremont Class Aims To Empower Family Members Of People With Mental Illness

By Kelly Burch  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--One in five American adults suffer from a mental illness, which often affects not only their health, but the day-to-day lives of their family members. A class coming to Claremont aims to educate and empower family members of people with mental illnesses.

The class, Family-to-Family, is a free 12-week course offered by The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Classes will meet Tuesday evenings from 6 – 8:30 p.m. beginning March 29.

Classes educate family members about the science behind mental illness, treatments and medication, and how best to communicate with their mentally ill family member.

“This course teaches you so much awareness about the illness and what the person is going through,” said Donna Stamper, who will be teaching the class. “It helps you to help your loved one, and teaches you communications skills and how to take care of yourself.”

In fact, Stamper said, of the biggest benefits of the class is meeting people in similar situations.

“There are other people in the room that understand what you’re going through. They can relate, and they’re ready and willing to share their experiences,” Stamper said. “That’s so empowering because stigma around mental illness is so pervasive.”

Many people with mental illness struggle for years before receiving a diagnosis, so it is not necessary for a family member to have a diagnosed illness in order to benefit from the class, Stamper said. In addition, because more than half of addicts have a co-occurring mental illness, the class is also appropriate for family members of people fighting addiction.

NAMI offers resources and support groups for people with mental illness and their families. The Family-to-Family class was last taught in Claremont in 2014.

A NAMI support group for family and friends of people with mental illness began in Claremont last spring, and has grown steadily over the year. The group meets at Valley Regional Hospital on the first Thursday of the month from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

“Monthly meetings are safe spaces to share information about diagnoses, behaviors, coping strategies and community resources with others who understand the difficulties, fears, frustrations and rewards of loving someone with mental illness,” said Patricia Whitney, who facilitates the group and will be co-teaching the Family-to-Family course.

For more information on the course or support group, or to register for the course, call Donna Stamper at 603-863-2621.

## Chair Yoga At The Senior Center

CLAREMONT, NH--Chair Yoga will be offered weekly with classes starting Monday, March 21, 10:00 a.m., at the Claremont Senior Center, Inc., 5 Acer Heights Rd. Fee is \$5.00 per class. One-hour classes. Open to the public.

## Springfield Hospital Implements New Security Procedures


SPRINGFIELD, VT--Effective March 14, Springfield Hospital is instituting enhanced security procedures in the Emergency Department. For the safety of all patients and staff, the Emergency Department will become a locked area.

Emergency Department access for family members and visitors will require a sticker for identification. Family and visitors wishing to use the cafeteria will be instructed to exit and re-enter through a secured door. When the cafeteria closes for the evening, family and visitors will be restricted to the Emergency Department area and visitors will not be allowed access to the rest of the hospital without escort.


Effective immediately, all patients, family and visitors are asked to always enter the Emergency Department through the Emergency Department main entrance. During early implementation of this new policy, Emergency Department patients and visitors who come to Springfield Hospital’s main entrance will be identified and instructed regarding appropriate access to the Emergency Department.

“Springfield Hospital takes the safety of patients, visitors and staff seriously,” said Jan Sherer, Chief of Patient Care Services. She added, “These changes increase the safety in the Emergency Department and throughout Springfield Hospital. We ask the public’s understanding and cooperation during implementation of these security changes.”

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**Election, from A1**

Despite grumblings on social media about school costs, all the warrant articles passed. Perhaps the surprise of the night was school board chair Richard Seaman being voted out. Voted in to the two three-year seats were newcomers Michele Pierce with 522 votes and Patrick Adrian with 424; Seaman received 401 votes. Also elected was Frank Sprague who ran unopposed for the one-year seat vacated when Bob Picard resigned in January. How the three new members will affect the board remains to be seen.

Also elected were Heather Irish, moderator, in a write-in campaign; Mary Woodman, school district clerk; and Jane Hunter, treasurer.

The proposed FY17 budget of \$34,131,183 passed and will impact the tax rate by 11 cents per \$1,000. Had the default budget kicked in, some \$34,422,886, the impact would have been 54 cents on the tax rate. Default budgets are based on calculations determined by state law.

Article 3, an increase for paraprofessionals in a collective bargaining agreement, will impact the tax rate by 19 cents; also passing were agreements with custodial and maintenance personnel, 1 cent impact, and secretaries, a 1 cent impact as well.

Voters also approved \$20,000 for criminal history background checks on potential district employees. If the current record check law is changed, as is pending before the New Hampshire Legislature, the money will be returned to the City of Claremont. Impact: 3 cents. Some \$121,000 was also approved for security systems in the schools. This amount, 18 cents on the tax rate, will be used to replace inadequate school intercom and phone systems.

Also approved but with no impact on the tax rate is \$100,000 to repair the Maple Avenue School roof and \$100,000 for future school building repairs and maintenance.

There were 6,446 total voters on the checklist; 849 cast ballots on Tuesday. There were five same day registrations.



**Members of the Green and White Mountain Girl Scout Council #30261 were busy selling cookies at the Claremont Middle School on Tuesday, election day. Thin Mints and Tagalongs were the big sellers. Pictured, From left: Lauren Frisbee, Lily Eagan, Mackenzie Frisbee, Maddie Jervis and Lori Eagan (Les St. Pierre photo).**

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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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## Art is Visual: Philosophy Paintings by David Nelson

CLAREMONT, NH--According to Painter David Nelson, "My favorite definition of art calls it 'visual philosophy.' Great artwork explores the questions of what it means to be human—what it means to be alive." Nelson's large abstract paintings examine life's balance of control and freedom, intellect and intuition, choice and chance. "Art is Visual Philosophy" will be at the John D. Bennett Gallery at the Claremont Opera House, through April 29. Take the City Hall Complex elevator to #5 during events. During the day call COH at 603-542-0064 or stop into the box office for access to the 5th floor, atrium gallery.

"Every artist has to choose how much control to exert on a canvas and how much to be open to chance or other forces exerting their will," Nelson said. "This dynamic tension is in every part of life: raising kids, career, music." A parent, a boss, a musician— all must ask themselves, 'How much control should I exert? How much freedom should I allow? How much should I stick to the plan and where should I improvise?' In all of Nelson's paintings, he said he reaches "a goal—'my will'—through relinquishing control, using spattered primary colors, random numbers, scattered objects, chance occurrences."

In his "Wayfinder" series Nelson spatters primary colors over electrical extension cords on recycled highway maps. "Maps take the twisty organic reality of the world around us and impose it onto a straight, square grid to make it more knowable. I enhance and disrupt this tension and add my own twisty organic pathways..."

Nelson is represented by Boxheart Gallery in Pittsburgh, PA. He attended artist's residencies at Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT, and Konstpedemin in Gothenburg, Sweden. He was awarded the 2010 New Hampshire State Council for the Arts Entrepreneurial Grant.



**Cites "Unfair Funding System" In NH****SAU 43 Superintendent Releases Statement Following Tuesday's Vote****By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News**

NEWPORT, NH--Shortly after election results were known Tuesday night in Newport, SAU 43 Superintendent Cindy Gallagher released the following statement.

"Nine hundred twenty-two voters participated in the Newport School District elections. This is a significant turn out," said Gallagher. The voters defeated each of the warrant articles that involved money.

"Many will feel the immediate disappointment that one must experience when the operating budget and contracts for teachers and staff are defeated. However, this is not the time for the citizens of Newport to splinter. This vote is a clear representation of the unfair funding system where schools are funded by property taxes and school districts in small rural towns are negatively affected."

The results are as follows:

The new school board members elected were

- Linda Wadensten – 3 year term
- Virginia "Bidly" Irwin – 2 year term
- Tim Renner – 3 year term

Moderator – Howard Dunn

Treasurer – Robert Scott

Clerk – Robert Scott

Articles:

Article 3 – The operating budget was defeated by the vote of 280-643. The district will run on the default budget of \$17,274,889.

Article 4 – The teacher contract was defeated by a vote of 343-572.

Article 5 – The staff contract was defeated by a vote of 337-580

Article 6 – The Croydon Tuition Agreement passed by a vote of 758-154. This is a three-year agreement that requires Croydon to vote affirmatively, too. (Croydon voted Saturday to leave SAU 43 and will contract for administrative services).

Article 7 – Should Newport School District leave SAU 43? This required a 3/5 vote which was 554. It passed by a vote of 652-251

Article 8 – Contingency warrant funding the new single district SAU. This was defeated by

a vote of 269-643. This means the Newport School District will need to address the short fall that remains from the Croydon contribution within its operative budget, the default budget in warrant article 3.

"This budget for 16-17 will include a \$1.6 million cut and will involve reduction in personnel and to the operating budget," said Gallagher.

"It comes a year after the district made more than \$1 million in cuts, including a reduction of 19 staff positions.

"I refuse to see the vote as anything less than an illustration of just how unfair the school funding/property tax equation really is," said Gallagher. "The Newport voters were honest. They cannot afford the model that was proposed in the budget...that does not defeat education! However, it does require the community members and district staff to participate in a process in which proposals are made to the School Board on March 24. We need to look at the distribution of building resources and staff resources."

The school district will host two community meetings facilitated by the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Community Economic Development Specialists. "These proposals should help prioritize education for academic year 16-17 and look forward to help the new board make important decisions," said Gallagher.

The community meetings will be held: Saturday, March 19, from 2:00-4:30 p.m. in the Sugar River Bank Community Room, and Monday, March 21, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. in the Sugar River Bank Community Room.

Recommendations from the community meetings will be given to the new school board on March 24, and the Board will present its decision in early April.

**Fiske Presents Program On Eleanor Roosevelt**

CLAREMONT, NH--The Fiske Free Library will present a program on "Eleanor Roosevelt:

Our Nation's Most Famous First Lady". Presentation by Michele Albion. The program will be held on Thursday, March 17th, at 7:00 p.m.

Albion was raised in Maine and was fascinated by history from a young age. Her first job, at 14, was as a docent at a 1754 fort in Augusta called Fort Western. She later worked at the Maine State Museum in the summers and on breaks while attending college at the University of Maine.

In 1992 she was hired as curator at the Edison and Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers, FL. She became fascinated by how very active Thomas and Mina Edison were in their Florida community. This led to her writing of "The Florida Life of Thomas Edison". She has also written "The Quotable Edison", "The Quotable Henry Ford", the "Quotable Eleanor Roosevelt" and more recently, "The Quotable Amelia Earhart" which was released in September 2015.

Please call the library for more information. 542-7017. The program is sponsored by The Friends of The Fiske Free Library.

**Easter Egg Hunt In Lempster**

LEMPSTER, NH--The 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Lempster Meetinghouse, 112 Lempster St., on Saturday, March 19, at 2:00 p.m. There will be treats, crafts and games and best of all, the Easter Bunny will be there! Call 863-5023 for infor.

**Maple Weekend At Hillside Sugar Bush Farm**

CORNISH, NH--Hillside Sugar Bush Farm will be hosting its annual New Hampshire Maple weekend. This year's dates are March 19th and 20th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days. They will be serving free coffee and homemade cider/ buttermilk donuts made by Carrie Kibbie, samples of their maple syrup and having tours of their maple operation. They are located on Route 120 in south Cornish, NH.

**Brush Fire At Moody Park**

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Fire Department was called to the top of Moody Park Sunday evening to put out a brush fire. The location and thawing ground made it difficult for vehicles to reach the fire, and the crew brought in hand tools and lines to put the fire out.



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## Claremont Confidential

By Les St.Pierre



### Moody Park Revisited

The Mickey Mouse Clubhouse took the nation by storm in the 1950's.

The Moody Park clubhouse was the rage in the 1960's.

That is, if you lived on Claremont's Maple Avenue side of town.

Moody Park, gifted to the people of Claremont by William H.H. Moody in March of 1916, is about to have its 100-year birthday celebration. Mark Brislin, Claremont's recreation director, is proclaiming the month of June, when school children are free from their educational responsibilities, to be the time when residents will be able to partake of the many activities in store centered around the park's centennial celebration.

"We hope to provide a showcase of what the people have experienced at the park over the years," Brislin reported out of his office at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center. "To date, we have confirmation the Claremont Cycle Shop has stepped up to offer guided tours and rides showing off the many trails in the park," he added. "There is much more planned, but nothing has been finalized as yet. I am hoping someone from the historical society will show up to give talks and show pictures. I'm sure once the word gets out there will be some out there who will want to add their take. It won't be a one-day affair but, rather, a week-long adventure."

An added feature to the upcoming celebration is the promise from former Moody Park Playground Supervisor Leslie Wolcott Buswell that she would very much take pleasure in returning to her former summertime home away from home to present her recollections on the shenanigans that took place among the pine trees so prevalent in Moody Park back in the early 1960's, when she became the park's leader. Buswell, who just sold her Houlton, ME, home, plans to spend her winter months in Florida and the other six months at her camp on St.Froid Lake in far northern Maine. If

her schedule permits, she will make the trek southward to reenact her days organizing full-day activities for the children under her care.

"That little clubhouse was a special thing," Buswell recalled while being interviewed at her daughter's home in Topsham, ME, this past weekend. "When that clubhouse was open, everything was ready to go. It was a community ready to play games. I can still remember that record, "The Battle of New Orleans" by Johnny Horton, playing inside that clubhouse. We played cards in there and all kinds of board games," she stated while drumming her fingers on the table to 'In 1814 took a little trip, along with Colonel Jackson, down the mighty Mississip.'

Buswell recalls the park being open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.,



**Former Moody Park Playground Supervisor Leslie Wolcott Buswell has fond memories of her time at the Maple Avenue recreation site (Les St.Pierre photo).**

Monday through Friday. When the kids were out of the clubhouse they were taking advantage all the outside would offer them. Games of foursquare, capture the flag, steal the bacon, hide-and-seek, and other fun challenges. "How many people had as many acres as we did to hide and capture the flag?," Buswell asked. "We had acres and acres where we could go down in the gullies and behind the trees to sneak up on each other. The kids loved it and I loved it. It wasn't like at Monadnock Park where all you had was a big football field and everyone could see each other. It was awesome!"

Buswell, now 71, got her start once she graduated from Stevens High in 1962. She had gone to interview for a position at the in-

door pool and Tony Zotto, then the Parks and Recreation Director, asked if she would like to take the Monadnock Park supervisory job. She worked that one summer at Monadnock and then took over Joanne Goodrich's position at Moody Park in 1963 earning \$35 per week. Buswell mentioned her days at Keene State College helped her in her summertime job at Moody Park. "All the different things we did at college, I was able to transfer to the playground," she stated. "Some days we had as many as 80 kids at the park. It was amazing! I was training to be a teacher, but it was like I got to play every day by going to the park. It was a job I really loved. I got to plan and that translates to being a teacher... plan, plan, plan. I had different themes. Hawaiian, Olympics, crafts, you name it. We even had the Mayor of Claremont, Charles Puksta, come to the park and crown Kevin Fennessey, the Mayor of Moody Park."

Not to be forgotten is Buswell's not-so-fortunate occurrences in first-aid treatment. Once she had to get help for a child who had broken her arm, and another time she had to take a person who had broken her bone at the wrist at the Lollipop Carnival to the hospital and found herself waking up on a gurney. In both instances, she had passed out. "That's why I am a teacher and not a nurse," Buswell, now retired, reported. She was in the education business 38 years, the last 25 as a teaching principal. She credits her success in the classroom to George Disnard, her favorite teacher, who eventually went on to become the superintendent of schools in Claremont's Supervisory Union #6.

Events at the park are numerous, but there is one that stands out more than any other. "I had this idea for a spaghetti supper," Buswell stated. "My idea was to make it fun for the kids. I started the fire early and got the coals ready, but I didn't know if you put pounds and pounds of spaghetti on top of each other in a big pot it would stick together...and it did! We pulled out clumps and clumps of it, but everybody ate it. It was a funny kind of thing to do."

Buswell, who lived on East Park Street (now Barton Street) growing up, returns to Claremont every once in a while. She has a brother, David, who lives at the Bourdon Center on Maple Avenue. The last time she was here she went to the park to take pictures and was amazed at how different the 325 acres of terrain looked. "Oh, my, all those trees have been cut down. But I understand it. I'm glad to see development. That's good!"



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Bill Schroeter, right, president of the Kiwanis Club of Claremont, presented a check for \$500 to Stan Woodman, left, president of the Arrowhead Recreation Club, Tuesday evening. The money was raised from its Christmas bell ringing program. The Kiwanis annually gives Arrowhead \$500 for its kids' special account in memory of Ginny Holbrook; with the lack of snow this season, the free skiing and other fun did not take place, so the club decided to give the money to Arrowhead directly instead this year (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo).



## Kids Bounce House To Open In Former Family Dollar Space

By Kelly Burch  
E-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--The old Family Dollar storefront at 22 Pleasant Street will soon be a favorite destination for Claremont children when Linden's Bounce House opens.

The site will feature bounce structures and sensory tables for kids of all ages, said Kayla Malcolm of Reading, VT, who is opening the business with her godmother. The space is currently being renovated, and will open in the next few weeks.

The business is named in memory of Malcolm's son, Linden, who died just five hours after birth from complications of kidney disease.

"I've had a lot of loss, but when I lost my son... it's a lot different losing a child," Malcolm said. "We really love children and we really want to have him remembered. It's most definitely in his honor."

Linden's bounce house will offer a safe, year-round destination for families.

"We're trying to provide a safe and fun outlet for kids and parents in the community," said Malcolm, who has four additional children.

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## Bounce, from A16

Malcolm plans to work with Daddy's Pizza and other local businesses to provide birthday party packages and hopes to work with the Claremont schools as well. The owners hope that the bounce house will draw visitors into Claremont from the surrounding towns, since there are currently few indoor play spaces for children.

The space has been empty for about a year and a half, said Nancy Merrill, planning and development director for Claremont. "That first block of Pleasant Street has been a concern for everybody, so we're very excited to see it fill with new tenants," she said.



**Nick Koloski, right, owner of Time-Out Americana Grill in Claremont, caught up with celebrity chef Brian Duffy last week in Las Vegas. Koloski was in Nevada getting the latest information on restaurant programs and learned about national trends involving millennials. "We will be implementing a national trivia competition weekly, expanding our menu offerings, have karaoke for cash programs and have teamed up with a few large partners to bring some new things to the City for family entertainment," he told the e-Ticker News (Courtesy photo).**

## Orfanidis Named Interim Chief Nursing Officer At Mt. Ascutney

WINDSOR, VT – Kevin W. Donovan, President and CEO of Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) has announced the appointment of Deanna Orfanidis, RN, to the position of Interim Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center. Ms. Orfanidis had previously been Associate Chief Nursing Officer for Orthopaedics and other service lines at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (DH).

"Deanna is stepping in to fill the position of Jill Lord, RN, who served as Director of Nursing and Patient Care Services at the Hospital from 1992 to 2016," said Donovan. Recently, Lord was named Director of Community Health at MAHHC.

Donovan noted that Orfanidis, who started her career at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, where she rose to the position of Associate CNO, "brings a wealth of outstanding nursing experience to MAHHC."

Orfanidis will lead nursing and patient care services at MAHHC until the Hospital determines a permanent leadership plan, a process for which there is no current timeline.

"For the foreseeable future, we look forward to working with Deanna as CNO, and providing her with the support and teamwork she needs to succeed," said Donovan.

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- **Your family’s financial situation** – If something happened to you, how would your loved ones be affected? Would your family be able to stay in your house? Could your children eventually go to college? Would your surviving spouse have enough retirement income to maintain the lifestyle he or she has envisioned? Having adequate life insurance in place can help ensure that all your hopes and plans don’t fall apart upon your passing. Different types of life insurance offer different features. For example, “term” insurance, as its name suggests, is designed to provide a death benefit for a certain number of years. On the other hand, “permanent” insurance, such as whole life or universal life, can be kept in force indefinitely. This type of coverage may also offer a cash value component.
- **Your current income** — If an illness or injury keeps you out of work, even for a little while, the loss of income could disrupt your family’s ability to pay its bills. So you may want to consider purchasing an individual disability policy.
- **Your ability to live independently** – If you’re fortunate, you may never need to spend time in a nursing home or require any other type of long-term care. But no one can predict the future – and it pays to be prepared, because long-term care costs can be catastrophic. In fact, the annual average cost for a private room in a nursing home is more than \$90,000, according to the 2015 Cost of Care Survey produced by Genworth, a financial services company.

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## Easter Bake Sale In Windsor

WINDSOR, VT--The Mount Ascutney Hospital Auxiliary will hold its annual Easter Bake Sale at the Windsor House, Main Street, on Saturday, March 26, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Pies, rolls, cakes, cookies and other delicious baked goods will be available for purchase.



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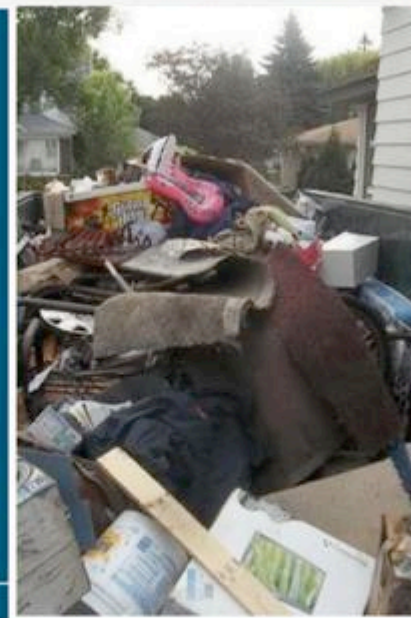
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## It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus

### Swiss



I always thought Swiss Steak referred to a style of cooking steak in Switzerland. Lately, I discovered "swissing" referred to meat that had been pounded to tenderize it. Like you see in cube steak in the supermarket. The term originally came from the fabric industry, where the term "swissing" refers to placing rough fabric through rollers in order to soften it. This may be common knowledge out there but for the one or two who, like me, never heard of it before, I am passing this on.

I'm giving this recipe just as it was written, but I substitute cube steak because it is inexpensive and I don't have to pound it out myself.

#### So Tender Swiss Steak

¼ cup all purpose flour  
½ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon pepper  
2 pounds beef top round steak, cut into serving-size pieces (or cube steak)  
2 tablespoons canola oil  
1 medium onion thinly sliced  
2 cups water  
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

#### Gravy:

¼ cup all purpose flour  
¼ teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon pepper 1 ¼ cup beef broth or water  
Hot cooked noodles

In a large resealable plastic bag combine the flour, salt and pepper. Add the steak, a few pieces at a time and shake to coat. Actually, any method of coating will work. Remove meat from bag and pound to tenderize.

In a Dutch oven, brown the steak in oil on both sides. Arrange the onion slices between layers of meat. Add water and Worcestershire sauce.

Cover and bake at 325° for 2 to 2 ½ hours or until meat is very tender.

Remove to a serving platter and keep warm.

For the gravy, in a small bowl combine the flour, salt, pepper, and broth until smooth. Stir into the pan juices. Bring to a boil over medium heat, cook and stir for 2 minutes. Serve the steak and gravy over the noodles.

You could substitute mashed potatoes for the noodles, but it wouldn't be quite the same. Make this once as it is and then play with it. It stands on its own but.....

Play with your food. There is always take-out.

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## Mayoral Notes

By  
Charlene Lovett



### The Week In Review

Besides the usual committee and City Council meetings last week, I had the fortune to attend several functions of particular note.

Congresswoman Kuster held a press conference introducing her legislation for a pre-clearance facility in Montreal. Don Derrick of Habitat for Humanity gave me an overview of the organization's progress on the revitalization project of a downtown neighborhood in Claremont, and I learned of a service provided by Valley Regional during the hospital's "Women's Night Out" event. All of this left me with the knowledge that a lot is happening in Claremont, but there is much more to come.

Since she visited Claremont last May for a roundtable discussion on passenger rail, Congresswoman Kuster has been working on House legislation critical to getting the Vermonter line extended into Montreal. On March 1st both she and Senator Leahy, who has been leading the effort in the Senate, introduced their bills for pre-clearance operations. If passed, this legislation will have the biggest impact to improving passenger rail here in Claremont. Once the Vermonter line is extended to Montreal we will have direct rail connectivity to the nation's largest trade partner. This will open new doors in the tourist industry and increase trade opportunities, making passenger rail a greater economic driver in the region.

In recognition of Congresswoman Kuster's work and the work of many others to enhance our train stop, Amtrak approved the Ad Hoc Committee's request to host the Amtrak Exhibit Train on June 18th. The Exhibit Train travels across the nation, and this will be the first time it will be in NH. Comprised of two locomotives and three renovated baggage cars, the Exhibit Train provides visitors an opportunity to learn about Amtrak's past and present and offers a glimpse into the company's future. There will be no charge to tour the train. In celebration of this event, the Ad Hoc Committee will be working with Amtrak and the City to organize activi-

ties highlighting passenger rail. So, please mark June 18th on your calendar and join us for the festivities at the Claremont Amtrak Stop – the only stop on the western side of the state.

As part of the City's effort to revitalize the downtown area, the Planning and Development Department and resident volunteers have been working with Habitat for Humanity. Since last summer, the organization has hosted several outreach events and provided neighbors with resources for self-contained gardens, activities focused on building a sense of community. They have conducted surveys, done mapping and statistical analysis. Now that the groundwork has been laid, Habitat is applying for funds to cover the cost of housing improvements. We are most fortunate to have this organization and our resident volunteers so actively engaged in making Claremont a more vibrant community.

Though I am the Chair of the Board of Trustees at Valley Regional, I discovered that I still have more to learn about the services provided. Last Thursday, the hospital hosted its first "Women's Night Out." It was an event dedicated to women's health topics, and an opportunity to hear from medical professionals in that field. One of the topics covered was women's health physical therapy, a service now provided at the hospital. These educational events are wonderful opportunities to learn not only how to be better stewards of our own health, but also how to access the many services provided at our local hospital. In looking back over the week, I am amazed at the number of people engaged in improving the opportunities here in Claremont and enhancing the quality of life. Progress is being made, and I look forward to the many changes that are on the horizon.

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## CCG Asks City To Expand Alcohol Use At Arrowhead

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
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CLAREMONT, NH--Claremont Citizens Group (CCG), a loosely organized group of residents formed to help the City move forward in different ways and which is working with the Arrowhead Recreation Area to bring a new

concert series to the facility this spring and summer, is calling for expanding the availability of alcohol at Arrowhead. The concert series, scheduled to begin May 28, is designed to create a new revenue source for Arrowhead.

On Saturday, CCG chair Mike Charest sent out a letter to members of the City Council, stating, "I write you for your immediate consideration and attention to pass this request on to the Policy Committee for action with some urgency, concerning Ordinance 533 covering the Arrowhead Recreation Area, Section 12--46. This ordinance needs your attention and change..."

The group is specifically asking the City to amend Ordinance 533, Section 12-46, paragraph 4 that allows "the use of all alcoholic beverages, to be served on premise inside the lodge and on the deck area only..." They are asking the City to "allow beer and wine not only in the lodge and deck area where the property is rented for various functions and special events, but outside where patrons can enjoy beer or wine within a designated area that would include the slope area, specifically allowing concert goers to enjoy adult beverages while enjoying the concerts from their blanket or chair area."

According to Charest, "The changes added would allow Arrowhead Recreation Area to be a more enjoyable and appreciated venue not only in Claremont but in the local region. By allowing Arrowhead Recreation Area to serve alcohol inside its lodge with all types of alcohol, Arrowhead would be allowed the expanded opportunity to have additional special events such as wedding receptions and the like fulfilling the requests of potential customers. By allowing beer and wine to be brought out further than the deck and onto the slope, patrons would be allowed to enjoy concerts and other special events organized more without being confined to a beer tent."

The issue of permitting alcohol at Arrowhead went before the City Council in 2013. At that time Police Chief Alex Scott told councilors he had reviewed the history of the then current ordinance regarding alcohol use in City parks, that there were problems in the 1990s, so alcohol was no longer allowed in those venues. He felt that beer and wine were an appropriate balance. The intent of the ordinance was to allow for a festive occasion, but not to establish a drinking establishment, according to council minutes from the June 12, 2013, minutes. The ordinance was approved on July 10, 2013.





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## ***CANtastic!***

Ten 4-H clubs participated in a very busy activities day on Saturday at the Claremont Middle School. Artistic works made of canned food were on display, and over 150 people attended the event. The clubs were responsible for finding the donations, which came from schools, businesses and individuals throughout Sullivan County. The largest build had 617 cans; the second largest used 493. CANstruction provided Sullivan County with 1,703 pounds of food, a total of 2,040 cans out of 10 CANsculptures. All the food was earmarked to be donated to local food pantries (Photos courtesy of Laurie Field).



# Amplified Arts To Offer Collaborative Hub In Downtown Claremont Location

By Kelly Burch  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--A new collaborative arts hub is coming to downtown Claremont, aiming to bring together all types of artists and amplify the power of art in all of Sullivan County.

Shelly Hudson, former executive director of the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce, has been dreaming about bringing a collaborative arts space to Claremont for years.

"During my time in school had a lot of experience with collaboration," she said. "One thing I noticed was that in Claremont is there wasn't collaboration going on. People were keeping to their own turf if you will."

Hudson, who studied theater, envisioned a space where theater, music and visual arts could all coexist and build upon each other. Now, her vision is becoming a reality at 31 Pleasant Street, which will begin holding Amplified Arts events next month.

Last Friday, Amplified Arts hosted a vision tour of the space on the 2nd and 3rd floors of 31 Pleasant Street.

"We talked about what we're planning, where we are and what we're looking for from the community," said Hudson, who is currently the executive director of Red River Theatres in Concord.

The first official event at Amplified Arts will be a "Nightmare Before Christmas" sing along on April 9.

"Those are so much fun," Hudson said. "There are 100 people sitting in the dark, singing those great songs."

The event is free, but requires an RSVP through Amplified Arts' Facebook page or by emailing [amplifiedartsnh@gmail.com](mailto:amplifiedartsnh@gmail.com).

Hudson plans to stage a play at the end of June, and another in November.

Although the theater component is the first to come together, Hudson hopes to incorporate a gallery, art house cinema and music space as well. She plans to host after school programs and extended learning opportunities, and to

attract people from throughout Sullivan County to Claremont, which will have resounding positive effects on the community. Hudson noted that art patrons typically spend money at other locations in the community such as coffee shops or restaurants.



Shelly Hudson

"Our hope is that by bringing in additional revenue [to downtown], we will increase our impact in local economy in downtown Claremont," she said.

Although Claremont – and Sullivan County – already have arts programs, Hudson doesn't view Amplified Arts as competition.

"More arts available in the community raises the level of arts in the community," she said. "We will amplify everyone's arts."

## Recalling The Past

Compiled by Les St.Pierre

### 100 Years Ago (1916)

Claremont voters braved much snow and approved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the salaries of town officials, as recommended by the town's finance committee, under Article 8 during town voting day. Under Article 9 the sum of \$17,000 was approved by voters for the upkeep of the town's roads. That sum was down from the \$20,000 recommended by citizen Russell Jarvis and up from the \$12,000 recommended by the finance committee. The extra \$5,000 was approved, in part, to ensure the town's new fire engine would be able to travel throughout the town without worry about not being to be able to make good passage over culverts and bridges.

Rev. Father Belford, curate at St. Mary church, preached a very eloquent sermon at the 9:15 a.m. mass about St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland.

J.J. Cudahey, Claremont Power Company, and the Boston Fruit Company are the latest purchasers of Ford delivery cars.

### 75 Years Ago (1941)

Anthony S. Golub, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ignacy Golub, and first year student at Wen-

tworth Institute in Boston, has recently been elected president of his class.

Claremont firefighters defeated the Masons in a cribbage tournament, 32-19, as firemen Dan Dansereau and Middie Daniels led the winners taking nine of twelve matches.

Howard S. Snowman of 113 Myrtle Street has left on a two-week motor trip to Montgomery, Ala. and other southern points.

Mrs. Richard Ott of 65 Pearl Street is resting comfortably at her home following sustained injuries received during an automobile accident in Henniker. The accident occurred on the way home from Boston where she had gone to visit her husband recuperating in the hospital.

### 50 Years Ago (1966)

A fire of undetermined origin took place at the William C. Peterson home on River Road. Fireman James Fleury suffered a cut wrist by flying glass, was taken to the hospital, and received six stitches.

A veteran employee of the *Daily Eagle*, Gordon E. Bartlett of 24 Edgewood Street, has logged 44 years of continuous employment, coming to the Claremont newspaper in 1933 after being employed at the *Concord Monitor*.

William Krause, state marshal, and Donald Hackett, state master councilor, were pictured in the local newspaper with Governor John W. King, celebrating National DeMolay Week.

Bruce Mackay, 5-5 guard for the St. Mary Comets, was named to the Class M All-Tournament Basketball Team. Mackay scored 21 points and was all over the court in the Comets' 53-45 loss to Gorham, which went on to lose to powerhouse Hopkinton in the finals. Therese Gagne held down the first place position in singles competition of the Connecticut Valley Women's Bowling League with a 569 and also took the all-events title with a score of 1606.

### 25 Years Ago (1991)

Seventy-four Stevens High seniors, nearly half the class, in a reverse role day, took over the duties of teachers, administrators, guidance counselors, custodians, and nurses from the morning bell to the afternoon bell. The idea came about through the brainstorm of Student Council President Maria DeLorenzo. Adam Malhoit was the day's principal substituting for Carol Curtis.

Department of Public Works employees were honored with service pins. Forrest Paronto, Art Thompson, Terry Miller, Art Lee, and Danny Viens were presented with 5-year pins; Wally Nunn and Robert Gould 10 years and Jim Hanson 15 years.