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Board Votes To Discontinue Early Childhood Education At Tech Center

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH--After a lengthy and sometimes complicated discussion, accompanied at times by angst on the part of board members, the administration and members of the public, the Claremont School Board voted Wednesday night to discontinue the early childhood education program at the Tech Center. There were several reasons cited by the administration, which recommended the course of action, and several issues that were intertwined during the discussion. For those parents using the child care services offered through the program, the decision was a disappointing one. Still, the administration cited the need to meet federal standards and other issues as the basis for the change at the Tech Center.

The move is part of a strategic action plan prepared for 2016-2017, said Superintendent Middleton McGoodwin. And Assistant Superintendent Cory Leclair explained that there were "three issues that overlap." They include students with special needs and providing for that as early as age 3, a Department of Education (DOE) directive that changed the Career and Technical Education (CTE) programming of Early Childhood Education (ECE) pathway to employment to Teacher Preparation, and the existing childhood program and "what to do with that," said Leclair. CTE programs are intended to prepare students with a college prep education as well as real world skills.

McGoodwin said that the district is not in compliance with the Individuals with the Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which was originally enacted by Congress in 1975 to ensure that children with

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GCC Complex, Hunter Farm Property Sold At Auction

By Bill Binder
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--The auction of city-owned properties did not take long at the CSBCC on Saturday, March 19. About 80 people attended the auction with 30 of them signed up as bidders. All nine of the properties sold at the auction for a net worth of \$230,000. The total assessed value of all the properties is \$1,449,000. The auction was handled by Richard



Auctioneer Richard Sager takes a bid on Saturday as nine Claremont properties were up for grabs (Bill Binder photo).

Sager from the firm of Sager & Haskell, PLLC, Ossipee, NH.

Sale rules were 10 % down, and buyers must close by April 22. The properties that were up for sale were as follows:

- Property #1—land only—Skyline Terrace—assessed at \$43,000--sold for \$7,000.
- Property #2—land & buildings—192 Chestnut Street--assessed at \$70,000—sold for \$9,000
- Property #3—land & buildings—248 Main Street—assessed at \$50,000—sold for \$32,000
- Property #4—land & buildings—42 Myrtle Street—assessed at \$86,400—sold for \$28,000
- Property #5—land & buildings—342 East Green Mtn. Road—assessed at \$50,000—sold for \$8,000
- Property #6—land & buildings—36 Sugar River Drive—assessed at \$36,000—sold for \$5,000
- Property #7—land only—74 Maple Avenue—assessed at \$12,200—sold for \$7,000
- Property #8—land & buildings—54 Windsor Road—assessed at \$114,500—sold for \$82,000
- Property #9—land & buildings—130 Broad Street—assessed at \$986,000—sold for \$60,000

Property #8 is the Hunter farm as it is locally known. It was purchased by the non-profit

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Claremont Farmers Market Looks To Expand

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Farmers Market Association (CFMA) has begun preparations for the 2016 season, and plans are underway to expand the market and provide new services. Though the CFMA Board has several dedicated board members, it would like to increase its numbers in order to grow.

"Farmer's markets strengthen a sense of community and provide people with access to locally grown food and handcrafted products," said board member Charlene Lovett.

If you would like to help grow the Claremont Farmer's Market, please contact Lovett at 603-504-6273. You may also email her at char_lovett@hotmail.com.

The 2016 season of the Claremont Farmer's Market will begin on May 26th and run every Thursday from 4:00-7:00 p.m. through October 6th. Each market day will be accompanied by live music and freshly made food. If you would like to be a vendor at the market, please contact Lovett either by phone or email.

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Easter Egg Hunt In Claremont

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Parks and Rec Department is sponsoring its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26, at the Arrowhead Recreation Area. For 1st Grade and younger, the hunt will take place from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. This annual event will be held on the hill behind Arrowhead Lodge. Come meet the Easter Bunny, hunt for eggs, and visit with your friends! Wear your mud boots and remember your Easter baskets! For 2nd Grade and older, the hunt will run from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

In the event of inclement weather, the egg hunts will be moved to the CSBCC, right across the street.

Police Release Report On Single-Car Accident

CLAREMONT, NH--On Friday, shortly after noon (1209 hours) Claremont Emergency Services responded to a single car accident at the intersection of Plains Road and Old Church Road. The driver, the sole occupant of the vehicle, a male in his early 60s, appeared to be suffering from a medical emergency; he was not conscious and was not breathing. Police were first on scene and immediately began CPR as well as deploying an AED. EMS and Fire arrived and began assisting as well. The subject was transported to Valley Regional Hospital via Golden Cross Ambulance with the assistance of the Claremont Fire Department with CPR ongoing. Despite First Responders

best efforts and

the best efforts of medical staff at Valley Regional Hospital, the man did not survive, said Claremont Police Chief Alex Scott.

Taxes Due March 31

CLAREMONT, NH--The City of Claremont is reminding all taxpayers of Claremont that their fourth quarter tax bills are due on March 31st. This bill should be the same amount that was due January 2nd, unless you have changed your property.

For more information, including information on how to pay online, please visit: <http://www.claremontnh.com/residents/departments/city-clerk/default.aspx>.

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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disabilities have the opportunity to receive a free appropriate public education, like other children. IDEA requires all states to develop and implement a practical method of determining which children with disabilities are receiving special education and related services and which children are not. The Child Find mandate calls for districts to ensure that all children who have disabilities, from age 2.5 to age 21, who reside in a NH school district, and who are in need of special education and related services are identified, located and evaluated. School districts are required to have formal Child Find policies and procedures to locate, identify, and evaluate all children suspected to be a child with a disability between 2.5 and 21 years of age using the special education process. The number of Claremont children ages 3 -5 in need of special education, and related services, is increasing, McGoodwin told the board, and children with disabilities, including children aged 3-5, must be educated in the least restrictive environment. Students who have a disability should have the opportunity to be educated with non-disabled peers, to the greatest extent appropriate. These requirements include preschool-aged children.

To meet these needs and requirements, the Claremont School District is increasing the number of early education programs to provide programs for both identified and nonidentified Claremont children ages 3 and 4. These early education programs will be held at SRVRTC, beginning in the fall of 2016. Moving the program into the Tech Center will allow it the space needed and which is not available at the Maple Avenue School where pre-K programming is now carried out; it is expected to grow to include 100 children, including those with disabilities as well as those without, in a mixed format.

In August of last year, the Claremont and Newport school boards met to discuss upcoming reviews of programs offered at the Sugar River Technical Centers (SRTC) in Newport and Claremont. The two districts, along with the NH Board of Education, wanted to see how the programs were preparing students for employment and education after graduation. During the review of the ECE at the Claremont Center, it was determined that the program not only is not aligned with the DOE's directive to change the program from ECE to teacher preparedness, but that it is only preparing students for a non-livable wage in child care and

that there are no demands for such employees in the area because there are no child care facilities looking for help, said the administration. "We are using the review," said McGoodwin, "and taking the pre-K program at Maple Avenue and transferring it...and retrofitting that--there are over 100 potential children--this is where we are going. It is blessed by the DOE and will put us in compliance with federal law."

According to notes from a Dec. 15, 2015, Sugar River Child Care Center public meeting, McGoodwin reiterated that "The NH DOE has stated that the purpose of the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center is to provide Career and Technical programs to high school students. The operation of a child care center was acceptable when the approved CTE program was Early Childhood Education. However, the move from ECE to Teacher Preparation Multiple Levels has obviated the need to have an in-house child care program since high school students will work with students from pre-K through grade 8."

Although finding the discussion a difficult one, board member Chris Irish, the new vice chair, said, referring to the current ECE program, "This is a CTE program; this program is supposed to be a teaching program for our Tech Center. We only have four signed up for the program. Do we want a teaching program or do we want a day care center? We don't have the kids signed up to have both..." He added, "We're not in the day care business."

The program has been without a director since Michelle Johnson left last year; there are 27 children enrolled in it now; tuition paid covers the cost of the program with about \$28,000 leftover; there has been no expense for a director since Johnson left last year.

Resident Jason Tetu, speaking for a group of parents Wednesday night, asked the board to hold off on making a decision about closing the program for another year. He told the board that an effort is underway to privatize the offering but that there is not enough time to get that done if the program ceases at the end of the 2016 school year. "I get the

space limitations (at Maple)," he said. "I teach in public school."

"If we do nothing for another year, it just gives the Tech Center another year to die," said Irish. "There's not a need for \$10 an hour day care workers. Day care centers are not looking for help...It's not being used for what it was intended for; the state said we're not in compliance." And Brian Rapp, the newly elected board chair, said that the Maple Avenue program "needs to expand. There's not enough room." Irish added, "A school program that was created as a business has been created that wants to go private."

According to McGoodwin, similar ECE programs in the state "have gone to a Teacher Prep Multiple Levels, based on a belief that it doesn't pay a living wage" and therefore is not preparing students for gainful employment after graduation. "This facility has such potential; we need to increase access to this facility," he added.

In the end the board voted to discontinue the ECE program by a margin of 4-3. Voting yes were Rapp, Irish, Frank Sprague and Michele Pierce, who visibly struggled to decide on her vote; voting no were Patrick Adrian, Becky Ferland and Brent Ferland. After the vote, both Rapp and Irish commented that it had been "a tough call."

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

House Passes Expanded Medicaid Bill

Expanded Medicaid will continue beyond the end of this year in the Granite State, if New Hampshire's House of Representatives gets its way.

On March 9 by a 216-145 roll call vote, the House gave final approval to an amended version of House Bill 1696 after a second long debate. This bipartisan legislation, as amended, would continue the expansion of the New Hampshire Health Protection Plan, popularly known as "Medicaid," thru Dec. 31, 2018. The continued controversial expansion of this health insurance program for eligible low-income citizens of our state, now goes to the New Hampshire Senate for further examination. First enacted in 2014 by the House and Senate, the continued expansion had been given preliminary approval by the House on a 207-136 roll call vote as earlier reported in my Feb. 22 column. This was after a majority of the House Health, Human Services, & Elderly Affairs Committee had recommended an amended version of House Bill 1696 for approval.

Briefly, the amended version of House Bill 1696 as had been recommended by the Health Committee, and approved on Feb. 10, would require our state's health insurance companies and hospitals to pay the non-federal portion of expanded Medicaid, a non-federal portion which is presently zero percent, but will gradually increase to 10 percent by 2020. The portion of expanded Medicaid that the federal government now funds is 100 percent, but will gradually decrease to 90 percent by 2020.

Furthermore, House Bill 1696's amended version as approved on Feb. 10 would impose additional conditions on the continuation of expanded Medicaid beyond Dec. 31, 2016. The first condition is that all able-bodied citizens eligible for Medicaid be seeking work, doing community service, be enrolled in a job skills training program and/or being seeking a high school diploma or its equivalent. The second is that all expanded Medicaid recipients visiting hospital emergency rooms for non-emergency reasons be required to make an \$8 co-payment for the first non-emergency visit, and a \$25 co-payment for the second and each subsequent non-emergency visit.

Also the full House on Feb. 10 had passed three additional amendments, which imposed some additional conditions on continued Medicaid expansion. They included one that would require all Medicaid recipients to verify their United States and New Hampshire citizenship by three different forms of identification, including one with a photograph. Another non-germane amendment would prohibit state government from doing criminal background checks on mentally-ill individuals, unless they were officially declared mentally incompetent after a court hearing. Yet another amendment, as I had described in my Feb. 22



column, would require hospitals providing services to expanded Medicaid recipients to also provide medical services to veterans, who are Granite State residents.

After being given preliminary approval by the full House on Feb. 10, House Bill 1696 as modified with the just-listed amendments, was referred to the House Finance Committee for more review, especially its fiscal impact on New Hampshire's budget. After reviewing the bill, the majority of the Finance Committee further recommended amending the bill so among other provisions that voluntary contributions from hospitals and insurance companies would also be required to pay for approximately \$5.4 million in administrative costs for continued expanded Medicaid. These costs are for New Hampshire Health & Human Services Dept. employees to screen applicants for the health insurance program that otherwise would be paid for by our state's taxpayers. This amendment was actually approved by a simple voice vote.

Then at the last minute a bipartisan group of representatives was concerned that continuation of expanded Medicaid still might not happen. Might not happen despite approval of the House, Senate, and Gov. Maggie Hassan. This is because the CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid), which is an agency of the federal government responsible for administering Medicaid, might object to some of House Bill 1696's provisions, including some of the conditions added by the just-listed amendments. The group was fearful that CMS could determine that such provisions might be harmful to Medicaid recipients or simply "contrary to federal law."

Consequently, this group led by Kearsarge Rep. Karen Umberger, a Republican, introduced a floor amendment to House Bill 1696, a "severability clause" amendment which basically declared that if the CMS or any other federal government agency disapproved of any of the expanded Medicaid provisions in the bill, that the expanded health insurance program could continue unless the disapproved provisions made it fiscally unfeasible for the state to continue the expanded program. After a brief debate this "severability clause" amendment was passed by a narrow 182-181 roll call vote, but only after House Speaker Shawn Jasper cast a rare tie-breaking vote on the amendment, which was initially tied on a 181-181 vote.

For readers' information, I voted for the final approval of House Bill 1696, as I had earlier voted for its preliminary approval on Feb. 10. This included voting for the Finance Committee amendment as well as the "severability clause" amendment. Frankly, I was not totally happy about the Finance Committee amendment, which relies on our state's hospitals and health insurance companies to pay for the administrative costs of Medicaid, which normally our state government should do. But frankly, I was also not happy about some of the amendments added by the full House as well as Health Committee on Feb. 10. Nevertheless, I understand that compromise is sometimes necessary with my fellow Republican representatives in order to keep in place an expanded health insurance program which already has helped some of our most vulnerable citizens pay for needed health care, and helped our hospitals reduce their costs for uncompensated care. Hopefully, the Senate will improve the bill.

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Letter To The Editor

Thanks Others For Support Opposing Sculpture Proposal

To The Editor:

I thank Nancy Miville of Claremont and Martha Waite of Cambridge, NY (formally of Claremont), for their Letters To The Editor dated March 7 and March 14. I TOTALLY agree with them...Leave the "bull pen" alone! The new sculpture DOES NOT "fit" in with the Claremont's downtown. Ultra modern & colonial ...what an eyesore!

Christine Sayball
Claremont, NH

At Brussels Forum, Shaheen Highlights Need To Strengthen Transatlantic Cooperation On Security Challenges

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM--On Friday at the Brussels Forum, U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), the lead Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation and a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, participated in a discussion examining the security challenges facing the Europe and its North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies including the United States. The Panel titled, “A Grave New World: Future Global Security Challenges” was moderated by Contributing Writer to the Daily Beast, Ms. Kim Dozier and the panelists included, the President of Estonia Toomas Hendrik Ilves and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg.

The panel took questions from the audience and discussed the terrorist threat posed by ISIS, the Syrian civil war, the ongoing migration crisis and Russia’s continued aggression. Shaheen highlighted the importance of strengthening transatlantic cooperation to confront shared challenges. The entire panel discussion can be watched here.

During the forum, news broke of the capture of Salah Abdeslam, one of the key suspects in last year’s terrorist attacks in Paris that killed 130 people. ISIS claimed responsibility for the attacks. After the arrest, Shaheen released the following statement:

“The tragic and senseless attacks in Paris by ISIS strengthened the resolve of the United States and our allies to defeat violent extremism. Abdeslam’s arrest sends the message to terrorists around the world that they cannot hide and that it’s only a matter of time before they answer for their heinous crimes. I want to congratulate French and Belgian investigators and law enforcement on their diligent work that led to this arrest. I look forward to continuing my conversations here in Brussels with European leaders on our joint efforts to end the scourge of violent extremism.”

Ayotte Introduces Legislation To Impose Tough Sanctions On Iran In Response To Ballistic Missile Violations

WASHINGTON, DC--On Thursday, in response to recent ballistic missile tests by Iran, U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) introduced legislation to impose tough primary and secondary sanctions on every sector of the Iranian economy that directly or indirectly supports Iran’s ballistic missile program. Senators Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Marco Rubio (R-FL), Mark Kirk (R-IL), and Lindsey Graham (R-SC) helped lead introduction of the Iran Ballistic Missile Sanctions Act of 2016, which is also being cosponsored by Senators John Cornyn (R-TX), Joni Ernst (R-IA), Cory Gardner (R-CO), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Rob Portman (R-OH), James Risch (R-ID), and Ted Cruz (R-TX). The bill introduction coincides with the release of a new report by the Foundation for Defense of Democracies that demonstrates the need for Ayotte’s legislation, said her office.

“Tough words alone will not deter the world’s worst state sponsor of terrorism from continuing to develop its ballistic missile program, and I call on my colleagues in Congress, as well as the administration, to pass this legislation and impose without delay the strongest possible sanctions in order to hold Tehran accountable,” said Ayotte.



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Sullivan County Adopts Youth Court Diversion Program

NEWPORT, NH--At its meeting of March 7, the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners voted to incorporate the court diversion and family services programs formerly managed by Community Alliance of Human Services into the Greater Sullivan County Public Health Network, for which the County is fiscal agent. Alecia Farquhar, who has served as director of the court diversion and family services with Community Alliance for the past four years, will continue to manage the programs for Sullivan County, under the new title of Greater Sullivan County Diversion Services. NH state law allows judges and prosecutors to refer first-time offenders to diversion programs, which are community-based early intervention programs designed to reduce juvenile crime and recidivism by promoting positive youth development, substance abuse education, parental involvement, and youth accountability.

Farquhar explains that the diversion program “holds participants accountable for their actions and empowers and challenges them to make positive life changes, which can affect their future. Our unique programs offer relevant and timely services to address the myriad of issues that families and youth today face. The added benefit is that they also address the needs of the community by positively influencing and uniting families and neighbors.” In his letter of support to Sullivan County, Claremont Police Prosecutor Lt. Anthony Shepherd wrote: “The Sullivan County Diversion Program has provided an alternative to prosecution and conviction in the court system. It has also helped provide skills and instill confidence in young offenders; and it has helped turn lives around and away from a life of crime.” Similarly, Newport Police Prosecutor Matthew Hogan wrote in support of the program: “A juvenile diversion program is essential in allowing for an appropriate response the first time a youthful offender is in trouble with the law. It allows for rehabilitation while holding an offender responsible for his or her actions.”

Greater Sullivan County Diversion Services will be one of 16 accredited programs in the State. The annual cost of the program is approximately \$70,000. In FY16 and 17, the cost of the program will be offset by a grant from the Governor’s Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention as well as user fees and savings from County grant funds previously paid to Community Alliance for this program. The County will evaluate the success of the program in 2017 to determine its sustainability.

Jeff Barrette, chair of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners, said that “The County is in a unique position to make this program all that it can be, given the resources in our public health network and existing collaboration with community services and schools. Diversion dovetails with our core mission in corrections to reduce recidivism by counseling, rehabilitating and reintegrating offenders into the community.”

Beginning April 1, Greater Sullivan County Diversion Services and Farquhar can be reached at 863-2560 or afarquhar@sullivancountynh.gov.

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Free Film Screening And Community Event About Opioid Crisis

CLAREMONT, NH--Coming up on Wednesday, March 30th, from 5:00 -8:30 p.m. there will be a free film viewing of the “Killer High”, panel discussion, and naloxone training at the Claremont Opera House. The schedule for the evening is as follows: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., light dinner provided, networking, resource information; 6:00 – 7:15 p.m., film viewing; 7:15 – 8:15 p.m., panel questions and discussion about the opioid crisis. Find out how local experts are responding to those in need; 8:15 – 8:30 p.m., wrap-up and discussion on next steps. Ongoing: Free Narcan (naloxone) training & kit distribution. Sponsored by The Greater Sullivan County Public Health Network.

RSVPs requested, but not mandatory: (food and refreshment estimates). Email Lhennig@sullivancountynh.gov (please use the subject line RSVP).

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SRVRTC Hosts Skills USA New Hampshire Plumbing Competition

By Bill Binder
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--The Skills USA New Hampshire Plumbing Competition was held at the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center in Claremont on Wednesday, March 16. Seven students from three NH technical schools took part in the daylong contest to build the piping for a half-bath sink and drain. The students had to follow blueprints and instructions to build the half-bath and drains to industry standards. Students also had to take a general knowledge plumbing test and a skills knowledge test which would be used in the event of a tie. The students represented SRVRTC/Claremont, Newport, the Huot Technical Center/Laconia and Cereatu Technical Center in Rochester, NH.

Using their own tools to build their projects, the students scored points based on the proper installation of the PVC drain piping and the copper tubing used to deliver water to the sink. While they worked, three judges who work in the plumbing industry walked around checking on the students' work.

The winner of the contest will head to the national plumbing competition held in Louisville, KY, later this year.

Jennifer Haskins, a skills board member at SRVRTC in Newport and the Director of the CTE program, ex-



plained that Skills USA NH is sponsoring other competitions in welding, drafting, culinary arts and other technical skills.

Skills USA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives working together to ensure a skilled workforce for the future. The organization has worked with more than 11.2 million members since 1965.

Representing SRVRTC were Josh Sandy (left), Jake LaPointe (right) and Chandler Zullo (below) (Bill Binder photos).

Update: It was announced on Sunday that Jake Lapointe of SRVRTC finished first in the competition, taking the gold medal. Congratulations, Jake!

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Send resume and cover letter to jo@tlcfamilyrc.org.

No calls, please.

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Newport Rotary Club Plans 6th Annual Penny Sale May 21

NEWPORT, NH--The Newport Rotary Club has announced plans for its 6th Annual Penny Sale. The event will take place at the Newport Middle High School Gym on Saturday, May 21st. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., and the sale begins at 7:00 p. m.

According to this year's event Chair Bruce Jasper, "We're excited to plan for another penny sale as the community has always turned out to support our efforts. Rotary members are contacting area businesses asking for their support and the response is always great. We've had great prizes to raffle, and we expect the same this year. In addition we've added something new this year: We will be giving away a second prize of \$500 – and \$600 if present – to the cash award portion of the event which is drawn at the end of the evening."

Penny sales are popular fundraisers as they offer the public an opportunity to support a worthwhile cause and have an enjoyable evening that is affordable and family friendly. According to Rotary President Jan McMahon, "Once again we will draw three rounds of prizes at this year's event and will give away 100 prizes in each round. Tickets will cost \$1.00 each, \$5.00 for six, \$10.00 for 12, and \$20.00 for 25 and all tickets for each round will be placed in a tumbler. When a ticket is drawn the individual holding the ticket will win the prize for that numbered item and then the ticket is returned to the tumbler and is eligible to be drawn again."

"We will also have the swap table again this year, so that if someone wins something they might not have a use for, they can swap it out with another prize. That part of the event was added three years ago and has added to the evening's fun."

In addition to the three rounds where 300 prizes will be given away, a number of large prizes will be drawn after the last round. Tickets from all three rounds will be placed back in the tumbler and large prizes will be drawn. Finally a cash prize will be awarded. Tickets for the cash prize, which

now includes a first place prize of \$1000 or \$1200 and second place of \$500 or \$600 if present, are on sale now and will be on sale throughout the evening of May 21st. The price for those tickets is also \$1.00 each, \$5.00 for six tickets, \$10.00 for 12 tickets, and \$20.00 for 25 tickets.

"We have identified three major beneficiaries for this event – all local. They include supporting the Recreation Department's building fund, supporting the Newport Food Pantry, and providing funds for classroom supplies for Newport schools," Jasper explained.

Businesses are also asking to sponsor the event with donations of \$100, \$250, \$500, or \$1,000. "Businesses across the region support our efforts, and we have already begun receiving prizes and sponsorships. Holding a penny sale means a lot of legwork for all of our Club members. However, the outcome is so beneficial to so many we feel it is definitely worth it," McMahon ended.

Refreshments will be available, and all businesses contributing will be recognized that evening.

For more information about the penny sale or Newport Rotary Club visit www.newportnhrotary.org or Facebook at Rotary Club Newport NH.

Democratic Governor Candidates Forum In Hartland

The Democratic candidates for Vermont governor, Sue Minter and Matt Dunne, will meet in Hartland to answer questions and discuss the issues with voters. The forum, sponsored by the Windsor County Democratic Committee, will be held at Damon Hall, located at the Three Corners intersection in Hartland Village. Starting time is 7:00 p.m. Attendance is free. Bob Hager, retired reporter for NBC news, will be the moderator. At 6:00 p.m. there will be a "Get-to-Know-the Candidates" reception. The theme is "Maple Madness." A variety of maple treats will be available. A \$10 donation is requested for the reception.

For more information, call 802-885-6388. Email: wfk101@comcast.net.

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Easter Program at First Congregational Church

CLAREMONT, NH--"Who Was that Man on the Cross" is the 10:00 a.m. Easter program on Sunday, March 27, at First Congregational Church, 72 Pleasant Street, Claremont. Youth and adults will use joyful music, banners, posters, and words to tell who Jesus is and what He does for us. Celebrate with us and bring family and friends. Refreshments and a gift for each person.

Easter Egg Hunt And Good Friday Concert

BROWNSVILLE, VT--On Easter Sunday, Pastor Huebner is organizing an Easter Egg Hunt open to all children in the community. There will be surprises for all children who join the hunt!

On Friday, March 25th, Brownsville Community Church will sponsor the first of a series of free concerts open to the public. The first concert will be a Good Friday Concert which starts at 1:30 which will be followed by a brief service at 2:30.

The March 25th Concert will feature treasured works from Bach, Faure, and Rutter including movements from Rutter and Faure requiems and more. These pieces will be performed by Christian Huebner on the organ, Skip Downing on trumpet, soprano Jennifer Alden and more.

A free-will offering will be received at the concert to help offset costs.

On March 24 at 7:00 p.m., there will be a Maundy Thursday Service preceded by a potluck soup & bread supper at 6:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday celebrations on March 27 will start with an outdoor sunrise service at 7:00 a.m. on the hill above Albert Bridge School, followed by breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and an Easter Sunday service at 9:00 a.m. at the Church.

Following Easter service, there will be the Easter Egg Hunt for all children in the community with surprises for all.

**See More Holy Week,
Easter Services, Readings,
listed on page B5**

Holy Week and Easter Services at Saint Mary's Church, Central St. Claremont, NH



HOLY THURSDAY –March 24
Mass of the Lord's Supper- 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY- March 25
Lord's Passion- 3:00 PM
Stations of the Cross- 6:30 PM

HOLY SATURDAY- March 26
Easter Vigil Mass- 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY- March 27
Masses at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Week And Easter Services

St. Joseph Church, 58 Elm Street Claremont, NH

Holy Thursday, March 24
Mass at 7pm

Good Friday, March 25
Services at 7pm

Saturday, March 26
Blessing of the Food at 1pm
Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30pm
Music by the St. Cecelia Choir

Easter Sunday, March 27
8am Mass with procession & hymns sung by the St. Cecelia Choir
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Mt. Ascutney Hospital Awarded Community Health Grant By Mascoma Savings Foundation

WINDSOR, VT--Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) has received a grant of \$5,000 from the Mascoma Savings Bank Foundation in support of the Windsor Connection Resource Center (WCRC). The grant will be used to help further the work of the WCRC's "PATCH" team – a local network of health care providers and social services agencies.

The primary goal of this PATCH network, of which MAHHC is a member, is to improve community access to high-quality health care services by making it easier for people to find and connect with providers. "Right now, because there are so many different agencies and programs, it can be hard for people to be aware of all the resources available," said Jill Lord, RN, Director of Community Health at MAHHC.

"For people living with chronic disease in our community, our PATCH team's coordination of care can improve the quality and length of life," added Lord. "It can also reduce the potential for abuse and self harm."

Lord notes that achieving these goals will depend on establishing a sustainable base for the Windsor Connection Resource Center. "This grant from the Mascoma Savings Foundation is a clear acknowledgment that the goals of the WCRC are vital to the public health of our community. We are extremely grateful to Mascoma Savings for their generosity."

Hassan Announces Job Training Grants For Seven New Hampshire Companies

CONCORD, NH--Continuing efforts to support programs that help New Hampshire workers develop the skills needed for good jobs in the 21st century economy, Governor Maggie Hassan announced that seven New Hampshire companies have been awarded job training grants to help them train 129

workers in new skills.

The job training grants total \$96,736 and the companies contributed matching funds to bring the total amount for training workers to \$193,473.

"I am pleased to announce the newest round of important grants to help New Hampshire workers develop skills for high-quality jobs at growing businesses," Hassan said. "The New Hampshire Job Training Fund is a critical resource that has helped prepare thousands of workers in the Granite State for success in the innovation economy of the 21st century. In order to support the business community's efforts to create good jobs and keep New Hampshire's economy moving in the right direction, we must continue to focus on strengthening our workforce pipeline through job training and higher education."

- Charles Leonard Steel of Concord received a grant of up to \$19,958 for in-house training of 15 employees in specialized areas of fabrication across departments.

- A grant of \$7,250 was awarded to Concord Awning & Canvas of Bow for 12 employees to receive training in Lean and Business Growth from the New Hampshire Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NHMEP).

- Stamping Technologies Inc. of Laconia received a grant of \$4,500 for training three employees in the ISO 9001 Collaborative at NHMEP.

- Liberty Utilities of Londonderry will use a \$7,500 training grant to instruct 40 employees in Customer Service through Nashua Community College.

- Intec Automation of Rochester received a grant of \$2,699 to train four employees in Precision Machining and Solidworks at Great Bay Community College.

- Bald Peak Colony Club in Moultonborough was awarded a grant of \$3,100 for 25 employees to receive training in Cyber Security Program Development from Neoscope, Inc.

- Ipsumm Inc. of Portsmouth will use a

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grant of \$51,729 to train 30 employees in a variety of skills, including positive psychology, leadership, mediation, critical thinking, accounting, human resources, business writing, Solidworks, Studio 500, motion controls and blueprint reading at NHMEP, the University of New Hampshire, Great Bay Community College, Rockwell Automation, Horizons Solutions and Human Capital Institute.

The Job Training Fund has awarded \$8,654,405 in grants since October 2007, with employers contributing \$11,411,236 for a total of \$20,065,641 in new training for 25,152 New Hampshire workers.

Companies interested in applying to the Job Training Fund should visit the fund's web site at www.nhjobtrainingfund.org.

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Launches "Living Laboratory" To Drive Health Care Innovation

LEBANON, NH--A new population health initiative at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (D-H) is developing innovative ways of delivering care, and accelerating the process for implementing those innovations, in a "collaborative living laboratory."

The Population Health Collaboratory at D-H leverages the care provided through the clinical delivery of the D-H health system, the academic strengths of Dartmouth College and its graduate and professional schools, the work of The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice, and the financial and workforce resources of D-H and community health organizations, all to create solutions to high-cost and complex patient care, said the Collaboratory's inaugural director, Stephen J. Bartels, MD, MS.

"We want to rapidly identify and test new models of care, new technologies, and new uses of predictive analytics and actionable patient reported measures, to improve care," said Bartels. "This is about innovation. It's about improving health and health care in a learning academic health system and in the community

by accelerated development, testing, and implementation."

According to Bartels, this research will also produce results more quickly than the traditional academic research model, which Bartels notes can often take more than 15 years from idea to implementation in practice.

The bulk of the Collaboratory's initial funding has come from D-H's Population Health Innovation Fund, established by Dartmouth-Hitchcock's Trustees in 2014 to advance innovations and improvements in population health. Each year, the Trustees may allocate a percentage of the return on D-H's investment portfolio to the Fund, which is managed by the D-H Population Health Management Council (PHMC).

"Greater collaboration between our health system and the communities we serve is critical to our mission of advancing population health," noted D-H Trustee Chair Anne-Lee Verville.

Bumble Bee, Chicken Of The Sea Recall Tuna

Bumble Bee Foods has recalled 31,579 cases of Chunk Light tuna for potential spoilage, and Chicken of the Sea has recalled 2,745 cases, some 107,000 cans, for the same reason. According to the Food and Drug administration, the tuna products may have been undercooked due to equipment malfunction.

No reports of anyone getting sick have been reported yet.

To learn more about which products have been pulled, visit

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/bumble-bee-tuna-recall-march_us_56ea9c94e4b065e2e3d8853e.



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Give Your Investment Portfolio A “Spring Cleaning”

Now that spring has officially sprung, you might look around your home and decide it’s time for some sprucing up. But you don’t have to confine your efforts to your house and yard – you can also engage in a little “spring cleaning” in your investment portfolio.

Here are a few suggestions for doing just that:

- “Dust off” your investment strategy. Dusting is a big part of spring cleaning. Light fixtures, shelves, windowsills – they can all acquire layers of dust and grime that need to be whisked away. And if you’ve left your investment strategy unexamined for a long period, it too may need to be “dusted off” and re-evaluated. Over time, your financial goals, family situation and even risk tolerance can change.
- Get rid of “clutter.” Once you start tidying up your house, you might be surprised at all the “duplicates” you find – a broom in a bedroom, another broom in the laundry room, a third in the garage, and so on. Just as you probably don’t need multiple brooms, so you may find that you have many versions of the same type of investment in your portfolio. If you own too many of the same investment, and a market downturn affects that particular asset, your portfolio could take a big hit. You may be better off by selling some of the too-similar investments and using the proceeds to diversify your holdings. (However, while diversification can reduce the impact of volatility on your portfolio, it can’t guarantee profits or protect against loss.)
- Remove “stains” on your portfolio. As you clean your carpets and furniture, you might notice some stains that should be removed. And when you look through your portfolio, you might find some “stains” in the form of chronically underperforming investments. Instead of holding on to these vehicles with the hope that they will eventually turn around, you might consider selling them and using the proceeds to purchase new investments.
- Consolidate your accounts. Have you ever discovered a stapler in one drawer, a roll of tape in the linen closet and a bunch of marking pens on your desk? All these items may be useful, but for the sake of efficiency (and to cut down on frustrating searches), you might want to consolidate them in one place. And you could do something similar with your investments. Specifically, if you have some stocks here, a couple of certificates of deposits there, and some IRAs at still another place, you might consider consolidating them with one financial services provider. With all your investments in one place, you could possibly reduce the fees and paperwork associated with maintaining your accounts. And when you eventually start taking withdrawals from your IRA and 401(k), you may find it easier to calculate these required distributions if they’re coming from just one place.

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Claremont Christian Academy To Hold Silent Auction April 9

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Lake Sunapee Ice Out Declared

NEWBURY, NH--Richard Osborne and his family have declared that the ice out date for Lake Sunapee was March 18th, which is the earliest date recorded since the dates were charted beginning in 1869.


Ice out is declared when a boat is able to navigate from Georges Mills to Newbury.

Talk On Alaska At Fiske

CLAREMONT, NH-- On Tuesday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m., local residents Lloyd and Penny Mann will present a talk and slide show at the Fiske Free Library on their travels to Alaska, adventures in Alaska, and the trip back through the Yukon and other places.

This is the first of a three-part program. The other programs will be on Tuesday, March 29, at 7:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m.

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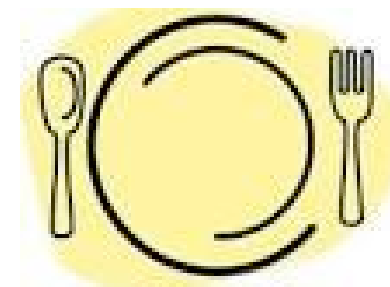


Fusion

Mike and I were talking last week. As usual we were comparing notes on what we had cooked the past week. I admitted to him I had gotten into a predicament and had to scramble to come up with dinner. As we talked and I told him what I had done, he started saying things like: Oh, Indian. Asian? Mexican? The bottom line was he called it "Fusion". As things progressed, he called it "Confusion". You decide.

It was a very busy work day, and I hadn't gotten to the store. I had taken a chicken breast out of the freezer and meant to pick up at least one more before going home. Didn't happen. Too busy and running late.

Here I stand with one chicken breast and no idea of where to go with this. Large cast iron skillet. Cut the chicken into chunks. There has been a jar of coconut oil on the counter for the past week or two. No idea where it came from. I didn't buy it. Time to open it up. Two or three tablespoons in the skillet. Heat it up. Throw in the chicken. Salt, pepper and start stirring. I'm on my way to India, but she doesn't like the curries I have on hand. Out of her favorites. Turmeric in. Now I've got yellow and no real flavor to speak of. Must be getting a cold.



Package of 90-second Jasmine rice. Nice color. Need flavor. Soy sauce. Mix that in. Good but need something. Sriracha Pepper sauce. Nice heat. Nice flavor nice color. Just a dash more.

Oops. Too much. Now I've got a bunch of heat that is OK with me but not going to go over well with the spouse. Still no honey. Why do I keep forgetting it? Sugar isn't going to work.

Throw in another package of the rice. Still hot. Agave nectar! Just the thing. A little at a time and the heat comes down. Now I'm in Mexico. Literally using cactus juice on what started out as Indian, then went Asian and now is relying on Mexican cactus. What a mess. The thing is that all these flavors have stood their ground and are coming through heroically. It's really quite tasty. Everything has come together just as her car pulls in the driveway.

She is just closing the door and remarks how something smells great. What is it, she asks. I don't know. Some kind of chicken dish. Ok. She goes to change her clothes and I throw in a half a bag of peas. Steamed in the bag, shortcut.

The bottom line is she really loved it and said we should have this more often. Served with plum wine.

When your back is to the wall, any time spent planning is wasted time. Go with your instincts. If you've been cooking more than a month you already have a good idea about what works and what doesn't.

I'm no one to talk, but keep your stock up. Discard anything outdated or that is growing hair. Make a list for the supermarket and remember to take it along. Discard the list as soon as it is done. I think this is a guy thing, I can't begin to tell you how many times I have shopped old lists and ended up over stocked with stuff and short on others.

Play with your food. Some day you may really need to.

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Mayoral Notes

By
Charlene Lovett



Taking Action

Sometimes, bills are introduced in the State Legislature as the result of a specific event. Such was the case when both House Bill (HB) 346 and Senate Bill (SB) 152 were introduced in January of 2015. The genesis for each was a situation that occurred at Stevens High School in 2014, and the realization that current law does not provide the hiring authority in school districts with a complete criminal background check on potential hires. Without all of the information regarding a person's criminal background (if any), school districts have hired people who have committed crimes and misdemeanors beyond those specifically listed in RSA 189:13 paragraph V. As a result, students have been at risk and sometimes victimized.

The failure of the current law to protect our students became quite clear to the Claremont School District in 2014. Though the situation had devastating consequences, it was a catalyst to fix the law. Over the past 14 months, the victim, her mother and members of the school district and community have testified numerous times in favor of this legislation. Based on testimony from a State Police Officer in January of this year, HB346 was voted down in favor of SB152 which was later amended and sent to the House Education Committee for its final committee hearing last week.

In the very near future, the House will vote on SB152 and the final leg of this legislative process will be complete. Claremont's senator and representatives have supported this legislation over the last 14 months, and it is our hope that the entire House will vote overwhelmingly in favor of SB152. If passed, it will go to the governor's desk for signature and Claremont will have played a key role in making students safer.

Though state laws dictate how local school districts and municipalities are governed, their effectiveness is not always known until measured by certain events. Last Saturday, Claremont held its first auction of tax-deeded properties. One of the properties (54 Windsor Rd)

held significant historical value, and I received letters from the NH Division of Historical Resources and the UNH Cooperative Extension requesting that the Council explore options for removing the property from the auction in order to preserve it.

Though RSA 80:80 allows a municipality to remove a property from the auction block to retain it for public use, it cannot be removed in order to be transferred to an individual or organization for a specific purpose. Since the City did not have the financial resources to retain it for public use, the Council could not remove it from the auction block. Thus, there was no guarantee that the buyer would preserve it. However, the outcome of the auction proved both beneficial to the property's future and the taxpayer. With a winning bid of \$82,000, Heritage Mills not only secured the property's future by committing to its preservation, but also paid all of the back taxes owed.

After the auction, my husband and I attended Arrowhead's luncheon in recognition of all those who volunteered for or supported the organization. This winter approximately 50 people volunteered their time, ranging anywhere from an hour to hundreds of hours, to bring affordable tubing, skiing and snowboarding to Claremont. Unfortunately, the lack of snow meant fewer days open, and revenue is down. To help offset this lack of revenue, Arrowhead will host a concert series beginning May 28th. Please consider attending. If you would simply like to make a donation to them, please go to their website at www.arrowheadnh.com, click on the online store tab and scroll to the bottom of the page. Your support will be much appreciated by all of the people who have dedicated themselves to an organization that has enriched this community and made Arrowhead a destination point in Claremont.

Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont. Please email all questions, comments or concerns to her at char_lovett@hotmail.com.

Recalling The Past

Compiled by Les St.Pierre

100 Years Ago (1916)

Mr. George E. Quimby has secured a lease of the store in the Odd Fellows block on Pleasant Street, currently occupied by the F.L. Hough arts and book facility. Mr. Quimby, who recently returned from a trip to New York City

to purchase spring and summer clothing, will be moving from his present store in the west corner of the Moody Hotel block where he has been for the last 11 years.

The Claremont Garage at 84 Pleasant Street is advertising the sale of a five passenger touring car, completely equipped, for \$655.

Mr. Elmer S. Cole, former chief of police, has taken a position at the County Farm filling the position of turnkey. Mrs. Cole will also be employed as a cook at the County Farm.

75 Years Ago (1941)

The Merit Clothing Company, managed by Jack Bayer, at 71 Pleasant Street, has purchased Waters' Garage at 84 Pleasant Street for the accommodation of a new and remodeled clothing store. Bayer says there will be room for perhaps as many as two more stores once remodeling has been done.

Claremont firemen answered three calls within the span of a half-hour, the first at the home of Patsy Muscatiello on Bowker Street, the second at the Riverside Inn on the West Claremont Road, and the third at the home of Ignatz Baker at 17 Barnes Street. The first call came at 3:01 p.m., the second at 3:10 p.m. and the third at 3:25 p.m.

The VFW All-Stars defeated the Lebanon Aces, 28-15, at the State Armory in the Annual Eastern Senior Amateur Basketball Tournament as John Zerba, Amos Russell, Omer Russell, Al Pomiecko, Adolph Shupenko and Cecil Fisk all scored for the winners. Star John Belkovicz was hospitalized prior to the game due to an appendicitis operation.

50 Years Ago (1966)

The Moody Inn was advertising a luncheon smorgasbord, "All You Can Eat", for \$1.25.

Five city councilors – Charles Puksta, Theodore Monetta, George Conides, Rowena Daniels, and Loui Bonaccorsi – called for a special meeting on the impending U.S. Corps of Engineers flood control dam across the Sugar River.

25 Years Ago (1991)

Pictured in the *Eagle-Times* was parent Jim St. Martin, along with students Kristen Waldo, Jennifer Hoisinger, Mark Giroux, and Erin St. Martin, as they prepare for the upcoming Disnard Circus to be held at the Disnard Elementary School.

Superintendent of Schools Karen Angello was asked by the school board to press the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) for reasons why the Stevens High School facilities were a factor in the loss of accreditation.



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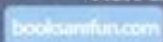
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Commissioner Announces Final Decision on Mount Sunapee's Revised Master Development Plan

NEWBURY, NH-- Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) Commissioner Jeffrey Rose presented his approval of the Mount Sunapee Resort's Revised Master Development Plan/Environmental Management Plan at a meeting of the Mount Sunapee Advisory Commission on March 17.

"The revised plan I have approved today represents a balanced and responsible project," said Rose. "The ability to bring recreation, conservation, and economic promotion together in a thoughtful way is one of the defining attributes of the agency and our State."

Highlights of the final decision include:

- Approves all projects within the Revised Master Development Plan (RMDP) except for the Mountain Coaster

- Requires all 150 acres associated with ski area expansion and facilities in the West Bowl (WB) be transferred to the State

- Requires an additional donation of 260 acres as conservation lands be transferred to the State (with deed restrictions) prior to any construction

- Adds an additional 10-year renewal option to the lease

- Eliminates ski trails within the Exemplary Natural Community (Polygon D)

- Formally protects the East Bowl – which contains Old Growth Forest

- Adds a minimum of 70 acres to the regional Exemplary Natural Community

- Safeguards established if the town of Goshen were to change its zoning within its Sunapee Recreation District (NOTE: Private lands adjacent to Mount Sunapee State Park are within Goshen's Recreation District, which does not allow for residential and commercial real estate development.)

- Establishes a cooperative maintenance agreement to ensure protection of year-round hiking on the Summit Trail and minimizes trail impacts

- Mount Sunapee Resort provides funds to Natural Heritage Bureau to develop Ecological Assessment tool

Following careful consideration of public comments and consultation with various stakeholders since June 2014, DRED has refined the conditions of the MDP/EMP and the proposed West Bowl expansion. There are components of this revised plan that require the approval of the Governor and Executive Council. These items have been submitted for



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consideration at the March 23, 2016 Governor and Council meeting.

"Our family has made a significant long-term commitment and investment in Mount Sunapee's future," said Tim Mueller, manager, Mount Sunapee Resort. "We are pleased with DRED's approval of our master plan, and we are looking forward to working with them to bring it into reality. The plan balances recreation and conservation, along with economic vitality for our region and Mount Sunapee's competitive future."

In his decision, Rose said the plan would establish a cooperative agreement between DRED, Mount Sunapee Resort and the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coali-

tion to maintain year-round hiking on the Summit Trail and protect the safety and stewardship of the trails.

"I appreciate the work of Commissioner Rose and the agency to ensure the long term protection and viability of four-season hiking on the Summit Trail," said Tom Lawton, co-chairman of the SRK Greenway Coalition. "Today's decision demonstrates the importance of diverse recreational opportunities at Mount Sunapee and a commitment to one of the jewels within our treasured trail network."

Based on economic analysis, the towns of Goshen and Newbury, as well as the State, could see increased property tax revenue.

SHS Student Offering Easter Fun As Fundraiser For Trip To 2016 Track and Field Down Under Bowl

CLAREMONT, NH--Spring has come early this year, and so has the Easter Bunny! Numerous sightings of Easter eggs are on the horizon in the City, raising the question why?

"The Easter Bunny is not doing a trial run, nor getting its rounds done early, but helping me fundraise enough money to send me off in the 2016 Track and Field Down Under Bowl," explained Stevens High School student Marion Lovett. "Not only will I be representing Claremont, but I will be representing the United States in this summer's international competition held in Australia. For \$15 a yard, you can choose to 'egg' someone's house, which means decorating it with Easter egg decor and bringing the Easter spirit a little sooner this year."

Those interested are invited to please call or text 603-558-4623, or call 603-504-6273. For email, please address to pumpkin1299@gmail.com.



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**Greater Sullivan County Public Health Network
Presents the following FREE events:**

EVENT: Creating Emergency Kits & Plans with People with Disabilities

DATE: March 23rd, 2016

TIME: 5:30PM to 7:00PM

WHERE: Claremont Savings Bank, Claremont, NH

For more information and to sign up:
Melody Actouka, Training Coordinator
island-melody@hotmail.com
603-903-3903

If you have a working knowledge of emergency preparedness or want to support individuals with disabilities, this training will help you think creatively about being prepared. Staff from the NH Disability & Public Health project at the UNH Institute on Disability will lead you through the training.

EVENT: Family – to – Family: 12-Session educational program (must be over the age of 17)

CLASSES START: Tuesday, March 29th, 2016

Registration Required

WHERE: Claremont, NH

Teachers – call/email to register:

Pat Whitney:	Donna Stamper:
patwhitney00@gmail.com	dstamp4@comcast.net
603-763-5054	603-863-2621

If you, a loved one, or friend is struggling with a mental illness, this 12 session course both teaches about these illnesses and treatments but also how to open up the lines of communication between both parties, solve problems, and take care of yourself.

EVENT: Killer High Screening & FREE Narcan (naloxone) Training & Kit Distribution

DATE: March 30th, 2016

TIME: 5:00PM to 8:30PM

WHERE: Claremont Opera House

Please RSVP (requested but not mandatory)
Subject Line: RSVP
Lhennig@sullivancountynh.gov

A FREE light dinner, film screening of Killer High, and naloxone training. This event allows for open discussion about the opioid crisis and learn how local experts are responding. This event a great way to come together as a community and stand united in working toward a more thriving community.

EVENT: Suicide Postvention Training

DATE: Saturday, April 9th, 2016

TIME: 9:00AM – 3:00PM

WHERE: Valley Regional Hospital
Buckley Conference Room
243 Elm Street, Claremont, NH

For more information and registration:
NAME: Melody Actouka, Training Coordinator
EMAIL: island-melody@hotmail.com

Postvention training helps service providers respond in a coordinated and comprehensive way in the aftermath of a suicide or any sudden death. We have great speakers and specialists who will guide you in what the correct response is to handling a suicide which can affect an entire community.

Auction, from A1

organization, Northern Heritage Mills. NHM President Gerry DeMuro and Len Weldon, a senior advisor of NHM, said plans for the future include restoring the farmhouse to make it a site to educate young women in the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering and math). They also plan to use the house and outbuildings as a museum area. They also foresee a working farm on the nine-plus acres. They are currently seeking donations and they plan on applying for grants for the project. The house is in extremely poor condition, and it is not known what it would cost to restore. DeMuro tried to have the City Council remove the property from the auction last week but was unsuccessful in that bid. According to the Northern Heritage Mills website, the group "is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization located in Claremont, New Hampshire. NHM was founded in 2001 to promote the preservation of historical technologies and unique educational opportunities (sic) they provide.

"NHM's primary goal is to establish an Educational Demonstration Center in Claremont. The center will utilize historical technologies and interactive modalities to inform, educate, train and inspire middle, high school and post-secondary students, as well as the general public in the principles of engineering, scientific processes, manufacturing technology and entrepreneurship. This place-based education will occur in a creative hands-on environment of a restored hydro-powered facility on the Sugar River.

"Northern Heritage Mills will offer valuable place-based learning experiences and training that may create a lifelong appreciation for the discovery and ingenuity in engineering, science and manufacturing technologies. Northern Heritage Mills will also preserve manufacturing technology and exhibit significant pieces of equipment used in industry dating from the 1700's into the 20th century.

"The Education Demonstration Center will be a living laboratory of creativity, innovation, precision manufacturing, training and inspiration for sparking the young minds of the future workforce."

There are other forward-looking statements on the website, including those on "community impact", "employment", "sustainability" and events that were slated to begin or take place last year.

Property #9 is the Goodwin Community Center property on Broad St., former home of the

Claremont Parks and Recreation Department. It includes the main building as well as the former indoor pool and Zotto Gym, all of which were retired with the opening of the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center several years ago now. It was purchased by Springfield, VT, developer Darrell Lee.

Lee said that he has some ideas for the property but wants to see what the City will require.

Recreation offerings in Claremont go back to the 1940s. In 1942, Mrs. E. Charles Goodwin and her sister, Miss Josephine Bailey, announced plans to establish a memorial to Mary Goodwin's late husband. At town meeting on March 10, 1942, Claremont was authorized to accept from the sisters property at 130 Broad Street. Included in the gift was the sum of \$25,000 for renovation costs. A commission was established to oversee the community's center's operation.

When Mrs. Goodwin died in 1945, her will established a trust fund for improving the center; the expense of maintaining the site was to be borne by the town. The Goodwin Community Center was the first tax-supported institution of its kind in New Hampshire.

Newport School District Holds Meetings To Make Recommendations On Affordable Education System

NEWPORT, NH--Sixty people participated in a workshop on Saturday, March 19, to make recommendations to the Newport School Board for a district wide design as a response



The Hunter farm, on the Windsor Road, was sold for \$82,000 at auction to a non-profit organization that hopes to turn the property into an education site (File photo).

to the budget results in the March 8 vote. The District needs to cut just over \$1.3 million, said SAU 43 Superintendent Cindy Gallagher. Sharon Cowen and Gail Kennedy from the UNH Cooperative Extension led the meeting and helped to present an overview of the budget and set some expectations for the direction in which the district wants to move. Four options that delineate the use of the district's buildings were presented. Participants explored the pros and cons of each option. Participants were also encouraged to add additional options. Four new ideas were presented. All eight options were reviewed and narrowed down to two which will be presented to the Newport School Board on March 24.

There is a second opportunity to participate, on Monday, March 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sugar River Bank Community Room at 10 Main Street. The meeting will follow the same format.

There are pictures from Saturday, more information about options and the template for a new option on the Newport School District Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Newport-School-District-Newport-NH-Home-of-the-Tigers-271033646267966/>. Those interested can also follow #newportschooldistrictredesign. Additional information may also be found on the SAU 43 website found at www.sau43.org.

It's Time for our Easter Egg Hunt! Join Us On Saturday, March 26th!

1st Grade and Younger

9:30 AM

2nd Grade and Older

10:30 AM



At Arrowhead Recreation Area,
Robert Easter Way.

Come meet the Easter Bunny, Hunt for Eggs, and visit with your friends. Remember to wear your mud boots and bring your Easter Basket!

