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Horrific Crash Claims Life; Driver Arrested

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH--The routine of a beautiful Saturday afternoon in the City was shattered when a horrific crash occurred in the area of 419 Main Street, claiming a life, injuring three others and resulting in the arrest of the driver.

At 1:28 p.m., Claremont Emergency Services were called to a single car accident in the area of Main Street near the North Street intersection. Upon arrival Claremont Police found a 2005 Jeep Grand Cherokee on its roof with extensive damage to the entire vehicle. There were three people who were trapped in the vehicle, and one person who had been a passenger was ejected from the vehicle and landed in the Sugar River. Witnesses of the accident stopped to help the person in the river as well as the occupants of the vehicle. Claremont Fire Department as well as Golden Cross Ambulance responded. The three occupants were cut from the vehicle and transported to Valley Regional Hospital. The person who was thrown from the vehicle was also transported to Valley Regional Hospital but later died as a result of the injuries received. The identity of this 32-year-old female is being withheld until family can be located and notified, said Capt. Mark Chase of the Claremont Police Department. The Jeep was traveling eastbound when the accident occurred.

The driver of the vehicle was identified as Amber King, age 36, of Claremont, NH.

The remaining passengers, a 37-year-old-

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Dry Conditions Cause Numerous Brush Fires To Break Out Around Area

Continuing dry conditions have kept the fire danger high in the state, including this region. On Thursday, a brush fire on Anderson Street in Claremont broke out, the smoke from which could be seen from different parts of the City. Access to the area off Winter Street was difficult for the Claremont Fire Department, and its brush truck, on duty with Engine 2 in Charlestown fighting a brush fire there, was called back to tackle the Claremont fire. Other areas fighting fires were Springfield, VT, with two fires off Route 5, one being a four alarm; the Charlestown fire, a two-alarm fire in the area of Sam Putnam and South Hemlock Roads; and a major brush fire in Stoddard, NH, that covered 100 acres and required help from numerous communities. On Saturday WMUR reported that Stoddard volunteer firefighter David Plante, 31, had been arrested Friday and charged with one count of arson in that fire. Seventeen residences were evacuated due to that blaze. On Saturday, firefighters responded to Jacqueline Ave. in Claremont for a brush fire caused by a lawn mower. Heavy smoke could be seen in the Bible Hill area. There were also brush fires in Weathersfield and Plainfield last week. Above: Smoke from the Anderson Street fire in Claremont (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo); below, the CFD ran lines from Hanover Street for the Anderson Street blaze (Krystal DeCoteau photo).



Public Hearing On Proposed Bullpen Sculpture May 3

CLAREMONT, NH--As we reported in last week's issue, a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 5:30 p.m., at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center, regarding a proposal by local artist Ernest Montenegro to put sculpture in the bullpen. The design includes two large steel arches and two small fountains. This is the third design Montenegro has proposed for the space. This hearing is the public's chance to express its opinion about this proposal, and residents are encouraged to attend.

School Board Meeting Cancelled

CLAREMONT, NH--The regularly scheduled Claremont School Board meeting was cancelled Wednesday evening due to too few board members showing up. Due to a variety of personal issues, four members were unable to attend; the three remaining were not enough needed to make a quorum.

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female and a 35-year-old male, have serious injuries and are currently being treated at DHMC. They are not being identified at this time due to the ongoing investigation.

Claremont Police was assisted by New Hampshire State Police Troop C and also requested the services of the New Hampshire Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Unit. Based on the initial investigation, it is believed that speed was one of the factors that caused this accident as well as King allegedly being impaired while operating the vehicle.

King was arrested and charged with Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, a Class B Felony due to the severity of the accident. She was also charged with Negligent Homicide which is also a Class B Felony. The arraignment date and time have not been set at this time; King was seriously injured in the crash.

This incident remains under investigation and additional charged may be filed against King based on the investigation.

Eyewitnesses to the crash spoke of hearing the brakes squealing for a number of seconds, and a group of 4-Hers was holding a car wash at Tractor Supply, near the scene of the crash at the time of the accident. The vehicle hit a utility pole, rolled and then finally came to a rest on its roof. The road was shut down for several hours to allow the scene to be processed by the Collision Reconstruction Unit and later cleaned up. Members of the 4-H group reported seeing the victim being removed from the Sugar River and being given CPR until she was transported to the hospital where she later died from her injuries.

The State Police continue to investigate the crash; anyone who may have further information related to

this crash is asked to contact Trooper First Class Bryan Plamondon at 603-223-8677.

Late Breaking News:

The victim in Saturday's crash was identified late this morning as Amanda Grasso, 32, Goshen, NH; the injured as Jody Metcalf, 37, Claremont, and Jacob King, 35, Claremont. The driver, Amber King, was expected to be released from the hospital later today and arraigned.

May Breakfast

CLAREMONT, NH--The annual May Breakfast at the First Congregational Church will be May 7 this year because the usual date, May 1, falls on a Sunday; 6:30 to 10:00 a.m.

A tradition in the City, the event, which will reach its 106th year, draws business, political and municipal leaders as well as families.

Prices remain modest: Adults, \$7; children 2-12 years, \$5; and children under two years, free. The menu offers eggs, pancakes, bacon, muffins, cereal, doughnuts, fruit cup, coffee, tea and milk.

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

Bill Would Add More Money For Drug Abuse Treatment



More help for our state to help combat the growing substance abuse problem, especially heroin and other opioids, may soon be available, if legislation, now working its way through New Hampshire's House of Representatives, becomes law.

On April 20 the House gave preliminary approval by a 235-109 roll call vote to an amended version of Senate Bill 533. An amended bill, which among other provisions, would make changes to how the membership of the Governor's Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Treatment, & Recovery is appointed. The first change would remove the requirement that citizens appointed to the commission be approved by both the Governor and Executive Council, as is done now. Instead, the seven members of this newly proposed advisory commission would be appointed by either the Governor, House Speaker, or Senate President, based on the following criteria. Two of the appointed commission members would be professionals knowledgeable about alcohol and drug abuse treatment. Two would be knowledgeable about alcohol and drug abuse prevention. But two of the appointees would be non-professionals within the alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment system. Finally, one appointee would be a citizen in long-term recovery from alcohol and drug addiction.

Furthermore, the amended bill would allocate an additional \$3 million to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission for more services to help treat such abuse. Also, an extra \$2 million would be allocated to supportive housing projects for citizens with substance abuse disorders to temporarily reside. Finally, an additional total of \$125,322 would be allocated to hire an assistant attorney general to just prosecute drug cases.

Senate Bill 533's preliminary approval followed a brief debate on the House floor, and a unanimous Ought to Pass recommendation by the House Health, Human Services, & Elderly Affairs Committee, to which the bill had been assigned. Walpole Rep. Lucy Weber, a Democrat and Health Committee member, spoke in strong support of the measure that had bipartisan support in her committee. Rep. Weber stated that while more needs to be done to combat substance in New Hampshire, the bill is a step in the right direction. Also she reminded us representatives that the money allocated in the measure will come from "excess appropriations," in the operating budget passed last year, and will not be raised from new or higher taxes.

Senate Bill 533 as amended now goes to the House Finance Committee for further review of only the funds it allocates for drug abuse prevention and treatment. Under House rules, the Finance Committee has until May 5 to make a recommendation on the bill that is scheduled under the same rules to be voted on by the full House by May at the latest. The bill is sponsored by a group of Democratic lawmakers led by

Dalton Sen. Jeff Woodburn, and including Lebanon Sen. David Pierce, who is Claremont's state senator.

For readers' information, I voted for Senate Bill 533. I voted, "yes," because it is worthwhile legislation in my opinion, legislation which I hope will take at least small steps towards tackling the entire problem of substance abuse, a problem that will not be easily solved in my opinion.

The House also gave preliminary approval on April 20 to an amended version of Senate Bill 210. But preliminary approval of this more controversial legislation was accomplished by only a narrow 178-162 roll call vote. Senate Bill 210 as amended would establish a new board-the Board of Septic System Evaluation for the licensure and regulation of the profession of septic system evaluators. Also as amended the bill would require all new septic system evaluators as a part of their licensing to undergo comprehensive training before being licensed for their profession. Septic designers and evaluators currently in the profession would be exempt from such training because of a grandfather clause in the amended bill.

Senate Bill 210 as amended was approved after a brief debate on the House floor and a recommendation by a 13-5 roll call majority of the House Executive Departments & Administration Committee to approve the legislation. Supporters of the bill like Barrington Rep. Jacalyn Cillely declared that it was a consumer protection measure which would create a uniform set of standards within the profession of septic system evaluators and remove undue barriers into the profession. Also it would offer valuable professional training in a concentrated format, and be inexpensive for licensees. Most importantly, it would save home owners and buyers money from being taken advantage of by either improperly-trained or unscrupulous septic evaluators, savings of \$10,000 per home, especially in the event of unnecessary replacement of a septic field. Rep. Cillely added that bill was especially needed in light of the fact that 50 percent of all New Hampshire homes have individual septic systems, which is the second highest rate of all states in our nation.

Nevertheless, Senate Bill 210 opponents, including Dunbarton Rep. J.R. Hoell had concerns about the amended bill. They stated that they were not opposed to the legislation's good intention protecting consumers of individual septic systems. But they believed the bill should have been held over for more study at least until next year to see if it was actually needed to solve a problem, a problem that they believed might be able to be resolved through "free market solutions," rather than larger government.

The bill now proceeds to the House Ways & Means Committee for further examination of just its fees and penalties and second vote by the full House on the Ways & Means Committee recommendation by May 12. Senate Bill 210 is sponsored by a bipartisan group of legislators led by Hooksett Sen. David Boutin, and including Weare Sen. Jerry Little, who is the state senator for 11 of Sullivan County's 15 municipalities.

For readers' information, I voted for Senate Bill 210. I voted, "yes," because I believe it is needed to help protect many New Hampshire home owners, who have individual septic systems, including many of my Claremont constituents.

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On Earth Day, Shaheen Discusses The Recent Breakthrough On Her Energy Efficiency Legislation

WASHINGTON, DC--To mark Earth Day, Senator Jeanne Shaheen visited the Hollis Montessori School, the first elementary school in the United States to attain the rigorous Passive House efficiency certification, recognizing the school’s exemplary commitment to energy efficiency. During her visit, Shaheen toured the facility’s energy efficient features, and discussed the breakthrough on her energy efficiency legislation, known as Shaheen-Portman, which passed the Senate on Wednesday.

“On Earth Day, it’s important to pay tribute to those around us who are leading by example,” said Shaheen. “Hollis Montessori shows why smart investments in energy efficiency are good for both the environment and the pocketbook through decreased emissions and reduced energy costs. I’ve been leading the fight in the Senate to pass broad energy efficiency legislation and I’m happy to report that persistence has paid-off. My energy efficiency legislation that passed the Senate this week represents another opportunity to help our nation improve energy productivity, reduce carbon pollution, create domestic jobs, save families and businesses money and grow our economy.”

Following the event, Shaheen also commented on Friday’s signing of the international agreement reached in Paris last year to reduce global warming. Senator Shaheen participated in the climate discussions in Paris as part of a congressional delegation and has been a strong supporter of a broad international agreement to address climate change.

“The Paris climate agreement is an unprecedented achievement and affirms New Hampshire’s leadership in reducing carbon emissions,” said Shaheen. “Now it’s incumbent on Congress, the administration and states to work together to meet our obligations. We owe it to our children and grandchildren to act today so we can avoid the worst impacts of climate change, while building strong communities resilient to the changes already underway.”

Committee Approves Ayotte Bill To Help Victims Of Tax Identity Theft

WASHINGTON, DC--U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte announced Thursday that the Senate Finance Committee has approved the Bill to Prevent Identity Theft and Tax Refund Fraud, a bipartisan bill she introduced with Senators Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) and Mark Warner (D-Va.) to require the IRS to notify potential victims of identity theft. Ayotte helped introduce the bill in response to increasing incidences of tax-related identity theft she learned about from New Hampshire residents.

The Bill to Prevent Identity Theft and Tax Refund Fraud would require the IRS to notify an individual if the agency has reason to believe the individual’s Social Security number has been fraudulently used. The bill would also create a criminal penalty for misappropriating a taxpayer’s identity in connection with tax fraud.

“I have heard from families across New Hampshire who have become victims of tax-related identity theft, and the IRS can and must do better when it comes to protecting and notifying victims of tax-related identity theft,” said Ayotte. “Our legislation will help ensure that identity theft victims in New Hampshire and across the country are properly notified, provide additional tools to combat tax fraud, and establish stricter penalties for tax-related identity theft.”

This legislation is a part of Ayotte’s continued efforts to affect change at the IRS on behalf of New Hampshire taxpayers, said her office. Last year, Ayotte successfully pushed the IRS to reverse its policy and allow victims of tax-related identity theft to obtain copies of fraudulent tax returns and brought the IRS Commissioner to New Hampshire to hear directly from identity theft victims. Ayotte has also pushed repeatedly for the IRS to improve customer service to ensure that New Hampshire residents have the necessary forms and instruction booklets to complete their tax returns.

Ayotte also introduced legislation to ensure that taxpayers in New Hampshire and across the nation are fully informed of their rights before the IRS. This bill also includes provisions that make it clear taxpayers cannot be targeted for their political beliefs and that the IRS must ensure taxpayers have access to tax forms. A similar bill passed out of the House of Representatives.

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Documentary, *Raising New Hampshire: The Early Years*, To Be Shown At SHS

CLAREMONT, NH--The public is invited to attend a screening of the documentary *Raising New Hampshire: the early years* on Tuesday, April 26th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Stevens High School Auditorium in Claremont. The screening is part of a series of films that have been presented locally. The films are intended to encourage community engagement on issues that deeply impact the Claremont area and New Hampshire. A local agency, TLC Family Resource Center, was asked to participate in the filming of the documentary which includes interviews with families in Claremont. The documentary is a co-production of NH Public TV and the Endowment for Health. It is a state-wide response to a national film series *The Raising of America*. *The Raising of America*, a five-part documentary series by California Newsreel, reframes the way we look at early childhood health and development. The series explores a range of questions: Why are so many children in America faring so poorly? What are the consequences for the nation's future? How might we, as a nation, do better?

Early learning doesn't just begin at kindergarten. It starts at birth. The film explores the science behind early childhood development in the Granite State. It also shows the challenges rural and urban communities are facing when it comes to educating families on the importance of early learning. The film highlights the programs across the state helping New Hampshire's children be healthy, smart and successful in all stages of their lives.

Following the 30 minute video, a panel will discuss their roles in early childhood development. The panel will include Karen Jameson, Nurse Case Manager for TLC Family Resource Center, Erica Sweetser, former client and current board member of TLC Family Resource Center and Darcy Blood, Family Advocate for Head Start in Newport. The attendees are encouraged to bring their questions and comments about the topic to the discussion.

The screening is presented in collaboration with TLC Family Resource Center, Healthy Vibrant Claremont, the Early Childhood Collaborative and the Claremont School District.

For more information contact Cory LeClair,

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Forum On Drug Crisis On County Held

NEWPORT, NH--Concerned citizens, community activists, law enforcement, and state officials gathered Wednesday morning, April 20th, at the Salt Hill Pub in Newport to discuss the opiate and heroin addiction crisis and its effects on Sullivan County. Alice Beaudry/Halleck, organizer of the event, said she held the forum "to bring awareness to the community-wide problem and bring Concord's politicians to Newport" to highlight the issues plaguing Sullivan County. According to Halleck, New Hampshire is listed 49th in the country in terms of help and support. "We can't continue to jail them over and over again, these individuals need help with programs after incarceration, when they are turned back out into society and often relapse without resources in place for support," she said.

The first speaker was James Vara, the Governor's new Advisor on Drugs and Behavioral Health. Vara who has been on the job for ten days, explained that the special legislative session this past January implemented new bills regarding the sale of Fentanyl and the monitoring of opiate prescription drugs. According to Vara, over 5,000 doses of Narcan were administered last year, saving thousands of lives. Although, the state is making some progress with the disease of addiction, more treatment centers and transitional housing are needed. Vara said that last year there were 322 deaths in New Hampshire related to drugs and that 396 were related to opiates. "There's really no sort of magic bullet," he

said in addressing how to find solutions for the problem. He called for an increase in the use of Narcan to save people lives and maximizing the prescription drug monitoring program as important steps in combatting the crisis.

Others attending, with some speaking, were Sara-Lowe Bouchard and Dustin Beaudry who both shared their personal stories; Ellen Bellevue of FASTER of Claremont; Grafton County Commissioner, Mike Cryans who spoke on Grafton County Drug Court; Jerome Maslan, Special Assistant from Kelly Ayotte's office; and Liz Hennig, of the Greater Sullivan County Public Health Network who spoke on how 25 percent of parents think it is acceptable for their children to use alcohol which, she said, must stop. Others who attended included several area police chiefs: Claremont, Alex Scott; Newport, Jim Burroughs; Grantham, Walter A. Madore Sr.; Croydon, Richard Lee; and Sheriff John Simonds. Supervisor Dave Barry, from the Sullivan County House of Corrections, also attended. A letter from Gov. Maggie Hassan, who was unable to attend, was read during the forum, thanking those present for coming together to address the drug crisis, which she described as the most serious public health issue facing the state.

---Phyllis A, Muzeroll

Sullivan County Sportsmen Meeting

UNITY, NH--The regular monthly meeting of the Sullivan County Sportsmen's Club will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 28th, at the Ahern Building in the Sullivan County complex in Unity. The meeting will include a presentation by Ted Walski, a wildlife biologist, with the NH Fish and Game Department. He will discuss the upcoming turkey season, as well as other issues of interest to Sullivan County sportsmen. If you have any questions, please contact Don Clarke at 603-542-5277.

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CLAREMONT—This appealing Ranch-style Bungalow is sited high above the roadway with an oversized 2-car garage, large pleasant terraced open yard backing up to woodlands, and a location convenient to Valley Regional Hospital and Disnard Elementary School. **\$66,900 (MLS#4481055)**



CLAREMONT—Nestled in at the end of the road is this stylish 3 bedroom Ranch with a family room in the lower level. Eat-in kitchen, lovely living room with French doors to a pergola draped with wisteria that is especially lovely in June. Enjoy the surroundings and the privacy provided by the neighbor's yard. Close to the interstate and downtown! **\$89,500 (MLS#4481367)**



LEMPSTER— Private setting with easy access to Crescent Lake and Lake Sunapee. Fully applianced kitchen with marble counters, master suite and 2 other bedrooms plus another full bath all on the main floor. Two finished rooms and laundry area occupy the lower level. Deck and patio in back yard to enjoy the vegetable garden, perennial gardens, and fruit trees. **\$200,900 (MLS#4481639)**



CLAREMONT— This Victorian style home boasts many original features. The playful sunburst exterior adds a touch of whimsy. Notable interior details include the Regency style fireplace in the living room, stained glass window details, wainscoting, pocket doors, and unpainted wood trim. Formal dining room, 1st floor master bedroom, and a half bath with corner marble wall-mounted sink. Even a detached heated building outside for your creative use! **\$59,900 (MLS#4481808)**



WALPOLE— Antique home in pretty location. Front entry with open staircase, eat-in country kitchen, wide pine floors, living room, formal dining room with wainscoting, sitting room, Indian shutters, fireplaces, and lots of closets. Two large covered porches and finished space upstairs over the two bay garage and workshop. Open yard with perennials and a place for large gardens or perhaps a horse! **\$297,000 (MLS#4481954)**



CHARLESTOWN—1891 Colonial once known as the "Elm Tree Tea Room". Covered porch for your rockers, large family room off the kitchen, very large living room plus den or office. Upstairs there are four bedrooms. Large level front yard provides a great area for outdoor activities and gardens. Circular drive and a barn/garage for vehicles and toys! **\$139,000 (MLS#4482982)**



CLAREMONT—This antique Cape sits on a corner lot of Maple Ave and Charlestown Road at Drapers Corner which allows for easy access to all parts of town. Vinyl siding, replacement windows, an attached garage and a detached 2-car garage allow for plenty of storage for vehicles and belongings. Front porch and a great rear deck overlooking the surprisingly large and private back yard. **\$69,900 (MLS#4483300)**



CLAREMONT— Wonderful expanded Cape with hardwood floors throughout. Features 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, formal dining room, fireplaced living room, 2 story 2-car garage, and a screened porch overlooking the foliage. A great house in a neighborhood of fine homes, this charmer will appeal to your need for great storage, built-ins, and spaciousness. **\$189,900 (MLS#4483946)**



CLAREMONT—Very private with views of four mountain ranges from large deck, new Buderus furnace, cathedral living room, hardwood floors, and a master bedroom with walkout deck. Very spacious laundry room, 2-car garage with space for cars and equipment, plus storage. Even a one-stall barn w/electricity. All of this on 6+ acres! **\$199,000 (MLS#4484959)**

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Claremont Native Honored With French Legion Of Honor Medal



By Bill Binder
e-Ticker News

CHARLESTOWN, NH--On Thursday, April 21, 95-year-old Origene Petrin was honored by the country of France for his service to France during WWII. Petrin, formally a resident of Claremont and now living in Charlestown, received the French Legion of Honor Medal from Consul General of France, Valery Freland, at the VFW Hall in Charlestown. The French Legion of Honor award, established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802, is the highest order of merit given to members of the military and civilians.

Petrin served in the 3rd Armored Spearhead division, which fought in the Battle of the Bulge in the Ardennes Forest and throughout Belgium, France and Luxembourg on the western front; the 3rd Armored was instrumental in breaking the Sigfried Line which led to the defeat of Germany. Petrin received numerous medals and service awards which included a Silver Star for saving his tank commander after



their tank was destroyed and a Purple Heart medal for being wounded in action.

Tom St. Pierre, Commander of the Charles-town VFW Post 8497, gave an account of Petrin's history during the war, and Claremont City Manager Guy Santagate read letters from Gov. Maggie Hassan and Sen. Jeanne Shaheen honoring Petrin. Freland traveled from Boston to award Petrin with the medal, saying, "Today we pay tribute to a true American hero." He went on to say, "We French will never forget what you did to secure our freedom."

Like most of the soldiers who fought in WWII, Petrin never talked much about what he and others had to do during the war. Both of his children, his son Greg and daughter Deborah, said although they knew their Dad fought in the war, they didn't find out many of the details until later in life. Books, documents, medals and memora-



bilia were laid out on a table which documented Petrin's life in the service.

Members of NH Chapter 2 Rolling Thunder were on hand as an Honor Guard for the ceremony.

Photos By

Bill Binder

Top left: Origene Petrin with Valery Freland, Consul General of France; top right: Rolling Thunder served as an Honor Guard; bottom right: Petrin's son Greg and daughter Deborah join Freland in congratulating Petrin; bottom left: the French Legion of Honor Medal.

Claremont Confidential

By Les St.Pierre



A Decade Of "Steppin' Up"

Tradition: The transmission of customs or beliefs from generation to generation or, if you prefer, a belief or behavior passed down by a group or society with symbolic meaning or special significance.

Claremont is steeped in tradition with its annual Stevens High School alumni parade each and every June dating back to the 1940's and with its St. Joseph's Sports Night dotting the winter months of February or March, recently having celebrated its 60th year of honoring Stevens High senior student-athletes.

Turning Points Network's Steppin' Up to End Violence is making a huge leap of its own into the hallmark of being accepted as a tradition here in Claremont as it celebrates its 10th year of community activism with this Saturday's 5K Run and Walk extravaganza. I say extravaganza due to the fact one cannot overlook how this event has grown over the years.

The Planning Committee's brochure and newsletter says it all. "When this event began, we had no idea it would continue for 10 years," the communication papers point out. "It hasn't just continued, it has grown, thrived and truly become a community event. Steppin' Up is fueled by people power, people coming together to make sure that there are ALWAYS services available to our friends, neighbors, co-workers and family members who have been affected by abuse or violence, people who believe that hope powers the future."

Deb Mozden, Executive Director at TPN, is simply amazed at the growth of the event, recalling when the first run and walk participation took place in 2007 at the First Congregational Church there were 150 people who showed up and \$20,000 was raised. Saturday's fun-time jaunt through the streets of Claremont is expected to draw more than 750 participants and the goal for this year's event is to raise \$100,000. Last year there were 718 who par-

ticipated via 48 teams and many more individuals. This year the goal is to get 60 teams.

"I would say most people know someone who has been a victim or someone who has survived abuse," Mozden, who has been with TPN 30 years, related during an interview in an office at the 11 School Street headquarters early last week. "As the event has grown over the years more word has gone out, in particular the last couple of years. The deaths of Alana Carpenter down south and Kelly Robarge in Charlestown have accounted to an increase in the number of people participating as well as the tragic death of Natalie Perriello in Grantham. It is really important for folks to become involved, to speak up for violence in our



Left to right: Beth Thibault, Amanda Mace, Nicole Jason, Grace Glor, Deb Mozden and Michelle Burke (Les St.Pierre photo).

communities. This is a meaningful way to take that step."

Claremonters, in particular, have had to come to grips in the death of one of their own when they were apprised of the fate of Carpenter, who was brutally murdered in Seneca, SC, on October 20, 2014, at the young age of 27. She was born in Claremont, the daughter of Thomas Carpenter and Renee Maynes and lived here most of her life attending St. Mary's Elementary School and Stevens High School. She furthered her education at Coastal Carolina and returned to New Hampshire. However, her love of good weather and a desire to be closer to her sister drove her back to South Carolina the year prior to her gruesome fate.

Grace Glor, who arrived in Claremont from Minnesota and is now the Education Coordinator at TPN, has taken to the Steppin' Up event quite adamantly, although having been here

only a year and one-half. She participated in last year's walk and cannot wait for this season's go-around. "We want to raise as much money as possible, of course," Glor spoke during the interview, "but this isn't just about being a fundraiser. It is also an awareness event supporting victims and survivors in our area."

Over the course of the decade of Steppin' Up, wrinkles and bumps in the road have had to be straightened out to ensure a safe and fun-filled morning is met.

"We outlived the space at the Congregational Church in two years," Mozden reported. "We are now running the event at the Claremont Middle School and this year, for the first time, we have had to rent out three rooms to ensure we take care of people. We are looking for some fabulous weather, but folks have turned out rain or shine in the past. I can remember just a few years ago it had rained hard all week long and also into the Saturday morning when we were supposed to go, but, like magic, it stopped and the sun came out just in time for our walk. Still, 400 people showed up. We were so grateful!"

While much of the activity Saturday morning will take place in the gymnasium, the cafeteria and a science room will also have people scurrying about taking care of all the details. New this year will be the availability for teams to register prior to Saturday morning by calling TPN directly to schedule an appointment to come in and register. Registration will take place, also, at CMS between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. for individuals and for those who did not seek an appointment. The run/walk is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m.

"The beauty of it is it takes place on a Saturday morning and it is finished by noon," Mozden further added. "There is still time to do what you want to do the rest of the day. "Most of the route is easily walked and there will be those out there with baby strollers and wheelchairs. There is a shorter route to take for those who are more handicapped."

The route starts at the middle school, down South Street to Chase to Chestnut Streets, onto Broad Street, to North Street to Elm Street, to Main Street, to downtown Claremont's Pleasant Street, to Summer Street, back onto Broad Street, finishing at CMS. National Field Representatives President and CEO Steve Cossingham is the honorary chair for this year's event with LaValley's Building Supply chiming in as a prime sponsor. Granite State College is the finishing line sponsor.

Hunter Property Goes To Second Bidder

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--The *Valley News* reported on Saturday that Northern Heritage Mills, which had bid \$82,000 on the old Hunter property on Windsor Road at a City-sanctioned auction, failed to close on the tax-deeded property by last Friday's deadline. As a result, the second highest bidder, local businessman Bob Connelly, is next in line to buy the property and told the *Valley News* that he plans to "restore it and keep it in the Connelly family." He bid some \$81,000.

According to its website, Northern Heritage Mills (NHM) "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.

"It is our hope to foster the imagination of students with these early innovations and modern technology as well as help prepare them for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education."

The website contains a number of forward-looking statements about programs and projects and states that "Starting in 2015, student mentoring and public tours of historic mills and manufacturing sites will be offered as special events to students and the general public, along with seminars on the art of engineering, manufacturing and innovation."

At the time of the auction, Gerry DeMuro of NHM, said they planned to rehabilitate the house, which is in great disrepair, and the property and use them as an education center for young women in the STEM fields. How that was to be funded was not made clear, and DeMuro did not respond to a request to answer questions.

The auction was conducted by Sager and Haskill of Ossipee, NH, and included nine properties in all, including the Goodwin Community Center. The other purchases were completed by the deadline, said the *Valley News*.

Hanover Police Report Potential Chimney Scam

HANOVER, NH--On April 21st, the Hanover Police Department received information concerning a group of individuals who may be traveling to the Hanover area with the intent to defraud residents. The group, using the company name Integrity Chimney, conducts door-to-door visits offering free estimates for chimney repair. The estimates typically result in costly repairs to the customer's chimney, which may or may not actually be required. The work done by the group is questionable, and according to the information provided, may not meet fire code. It should be noted that Integrity Chimney is a legitimate company based out-of-state, and is aware of the incident, said the HPD.

Residents are urged to use restraint and best judgement when accepting offers from anyone concerning impromptu chimney inspections. The Hanover Police Department is currently investigating the matter and encourages residents to report any contact or information to any member of the Hanover Police Department or communications center by calling (603) 643-2222.

Phragmites Eradication Informative Session In Sunapee

SUNAPEE, NH--There will be a representative from Solitude Lake Management in attendance at the Sunapee Water & Sewer Commission Meeting on April 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Town Offices to answer any questions or concerns that the public may have regarding the spraying of the phragmites (invasive species of reeds) at the Wastewater Treatment Plant property.

Hydrant Flushing This Week

The Water Department will be flushing hydrants beginning April 25th in Georges Mills and ending April 29th in Sunapee between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 3:30 a.m.

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Angela Esslinger thanks the volunteers for the work they do; Cece Ferland receives her certificate and pin (Bill Binder photos).

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Esslinger would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join this great group of volunteers. Volunteers are always needed, and there are many programs to choose from. For more information, contact Esslinger at 603-542-3493 or Angela.Esslinger@vrh.org.

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CLAREMONT, NH--To celebrate National Volunteering Month, Valley Regional Hospital held a Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at VRH on Wednesday, April 20. Fifteen active volunteers had a nice lunch and then were recognized for the great work they do for the the hospital and its associated programs. The 15 volunteers received certificates and pins in recognition of the over 2200 hours they have accumulated over the past year.

Receiving certificates and pins from Angela Esslinger, Volunteer Coordinator at VRH, were: Cole Berube, Gerry Betourney, Deanna Boothby, Natasha Brouillard, Jeanne Cavanaugh, Cece Ferland, Bob Holbrook, Steph

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Non-Profit Volunteer Fair...

The Greater Chamber of Commerce joined with the Stay Work Play NH organization and presented a Non-profit Volunteer Fair at the Common Man in Claremont on Wednesday, April 20. The Stay Work Play Give fair is a partnership between the Stay Work Play organization and young professionals groups throughout the state to encourage young professionals to get involved in their communities through volunteering with local non-profits. Over 20 non-profit vendors were on hand to explain what their organizations did, answer questions and encourage people to volunteer their help (Bill Binder photo).



Water Donation...

Runnings in Claremont donated a pallet of water last week to area fire departments that have been working overtime fighting numerous brush fires. The store's manager contacted Nick Koloski, co-owner of the Time-Out Americana Grill and a call firefighter, to make the offer of water, which was divided up amongst different fire departments. "Not sure where we'd be without our fire departments," Dennis Jensen, director of Marketing and Advertising for Runnings, told the e-Ticker News on Friday (Courtesy photo).



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Open House...

The TLC Family Resource Center and Thrift Store, located at 109 Pleasant St., held an Open House on Wednesday, April 20, to showcase their new family rooms and to let people know what programs for families they can provide. With support from the Turning Points Network and other family organizations, the TLC Family Resource Center provides support and help to local families. They also provide space for the Claremont La Leche League to meet with families to provide information on raising healthy children. Please feel free to stop in and see what they have to offer (Bill Binder photo).



Dartmouth-Hitchcock Authors Unravel The Problem of modern health care delivery

LEBANON, NH -- Like the Rosetta Stone when it was first discovered, much of modern medicine is indecipherable: care delivery is far too complex, and it's difficult to know what care one should receive, what care to avoid, and who's in charge of that care.

It's a problem that grows as more Americans interact with the health care system, grappling with treatment decisions, meetings with multiple providers, and costs that often seem out of control.

In their new book, *Unraveled: Prescriptions to Repair a Broken Health Care System*, physicians William B. Weeks and James N. Weinstein look at the health care experience through the eyes of patients and families, and prescribe practical, effective remedies for a dysfunctional system.

"We spend far too much money on health care, and the impact of all that spending varies significantly based on where one lives and where one obtains care," Weeks and Weinstein write. "Few players in the health care arena – whether patients, providers, or payers – are satisfied; most find the current construct of health care delivery inconvenient, incoherent, and even scary."

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Can You Make Your Investments Less “Taxing”?

Tax Freedom Day, which typically occurs in late April, according to the Tax Foundation, is the day when the nation as a whole has earned enough money to pay off its total tax bill for the year. So you may want to use this opportunity to determine if you can liberate yourself from some investment-related taxes in the future.

Actually, Tax Freedom Day is something of a fiction, in practical terms, because most people pay their taxes throughout the year via payroll deductions. Also, you may not mind paying your share of taxes, because your tax dollars are used in many ways – such as law enforcement, food safety, road maintenance, public education, and so on – that, taken together, have a big impact on the quality of life in this country. Still, you may want to look for ways to reduce those taxes associated with your investments, leaving you more money available to meet your important goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

So, what moves can you make to become more of a “tax-smart” investor? Consider the following:

- **Know when to hold ‘em.** If you sell an investment that you’ve held for less than one year, any profit you earn is considered a short-term capital gain, and it will be taxed at the same rate as your ordinary income. (For 2016, ordinary income tax rates range from 10% to 39.6%.) But if you hold the investment for longer than one year, your profit will be taxed at the long-term capital gains rate, which, for most taxpayers, will be just 15%. If at all possible, then, hold your investments at least long enough to qualify for the lower capital gains rate.
- **Look for the dividends.** Similar to long-term capital gains, most stock dividends are taxed at 15% for most taxpayers. Thus, dividend-paying stocks can provide you with an additional source of income at a tax rate that’s likely going to be lower than the rate on your ordinary earned income. As an added benefit, many dividend-paying stocks also offer growth potential. With some research, you can find stocks that have paid, and even increased, their dividends over a period of many years. (Be aware, though, that companies are not obligated to pay dividends and can reduce or discontinue them at their discretion.)
- **Use those tax-advantaged accounts.** Virtually all retirement accounts available to you, whether you’ve set them up yourself or they’re made available by your employer, offer some type of tax advantage. With a traditional IRA, or a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, your contributions are typically tax-deductible and your earnings can grow tax deferred. Contributions to a Roth IRA, or a Roth 401(k), are never deductible, but earnings can grow tax free, provided you meet certain conditions. The bottom line? Contribute as much as you can afford to the tax-advantaged plans to which you have access.

Tax Freedom Day is here and then it’s gone. But by making some tax-smart investment decisions, you might reap some benefits for years to come.

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Disnard Receives Honorable Mention Award In NH School Breakfast Challenge

CLAREMONT, NH--The Disnard Elementary School has received word that it is an honorable mention award winner in the overall NH School Breakfast Challenge. Lauren Young, the Hunger Solutions Outreach Coordinator for NH Kids Count, a partner of the NH School Breakfast Challenge, relayed the news to the district. The School Breakfast Challenge recently wrapped up its fourth and final quarter of a two-year initiative to increase participation in our schools' breakfast programs by 25% by October, 2015.

"Thanks to your hard work, Disnard Elementary School has consistently increased participation in the school breakfast program over the last two years, and has exceeded the goal of increasing breakfast participation by 25% among free/reduced-price and paid students," Young said. "The continual improvements to your breakfast program have resulted in a 63.5% increase among free and reduced-price students and a 73.1% increase among total students between October 2013 and October 2015.

"Your school will be receiving a certificate in the mail within the next several weeks. The NH School Breakfast Partners commend you on your impressive achievements, and wish you the best of luck as you continue to improve your program," wrote Young.

For more information, please visit the website at www.nhschoolbreakfast.org.

---Phyllis A. Muzeroll

2016 Champ!

Danielle Cherry, a Newport, NH, resident, won the Advanced Junior Miss Major-ette of New Hampshire baton twirling championships on Sunday April 17, in Derry NH. Cherry is a member of the Red Star Twirlers coached by Gina Willey-Hutchinson (pictured). As a

member of the Red Stars, she has had the opportunity to perform at the Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC, and the Miss America's Show Us Your Shoes Parade. Cherry has competed at Walt Disney World's Twirlmania and The AYPO Nationals at the University of Notre Dame. She is the feature Twirler for Bishop Brady High School and is recognized as a top twirler in the country. Two weeks ago Cherry became State Champion in X-Strut, 2 Baton, 3 Baton, Best Appearing, Freestyle, and High School Downfield. Cherry's father, Dan, is the principal at Maple Avenue School in Claremont, and her mother, Sandra, is co-owner of Universal Physical Therapy in Newport (Courtesy photo).



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10th Annual Steppin' Up To End Violence 5K Walk & Fun Run

CLAREMONT, NH--On Saturday, April 30, the 10th Annual Steppin' Up To End Violence 5K Walk & Fun Run will take place to benefit Turning Points Network (TPN) and its mission of preventing violence, promoting respect, strengthening lives. Steppin' Up begins and ends at the Claremont Middle School. Sign-in for all participants begins at 8:30 a.m., rally at 9:45 a.m., walk/run begins at 10:00 a.m. Teams and individual walkers, runners, rollers and strollers all welcome. Family-friendly event with great food and raffle prizes. Crowd-friendly dogs welcome. For more info: www.turningpointsnetwork.org or 543-0155.



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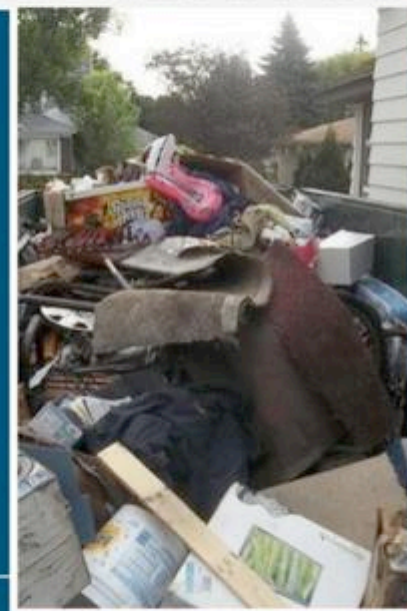
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www.claremontsummerfest.com.

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It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



Coconut Oil

I have a magical kitchen. Things appear that I never asked for. This time it's coconut oil. I suspect my wife has done the food shopping again.

It seem that coconut oil is good for a myriad of health benefits. When I googled it, I got an article touting 35 health benefits of this "miracle" oil as both a topical oil and a cooking oil. It is used for everything from a hair conditioner to a treatment for varicose veins. Plus, it is supposed to be great taken internally. The label says it is a substitute for butter and any other fat in cooking.

I can take a hint. I knew it was used in Indian cooking, so I gave it a try.

The first time was when sauteing some green beans. When I open the jar I found it was a solid. Actually more like a very thick paste. The label said it liquified at 75°. OK. It was completely odorless and tasteless. No hint of coconut at all. What the heck. Here we go.

I put a teaspoon of it in the skillet and put the heat to it. It melted just like butter. In goes the green beans once it got hot. I don't know what the smoking point is, but I just went with it. The beans cooked upwell enough so I just sprinkled a little sea salt on them and went with it.

The result was good. No hint of coconut. The beans were delicious. Success.

Then came the aftermath. I like to flip food I'm cooking in a skillet. Not the best thing to do with coconut oil. Nothing showing when cooking but after dinner when I came back to the stove there were white splotches everywhere. Big mess. Not going to flip this stuff again. Not without someone else doing cleanup and that ain't about to happen.

The next day I decided to give it one more chance. I used it to cook her scrambled eggs with cheese. No flipping involved. It seemed to work very well, except I felt it was a bit cooler than butter. No matter. She liked the result, and I didn't tell her it was the oil until after she finished.

I will have to research this stuff more to see what exactly the benefits are before I use it routinely. White dots, even though they clean up easily, are not something I can live with. You can do your own research but be aware this stuff is pricey. It gets harder after the lid is off and it is exposed to air or maybe just the cool temperature of the room. It will be interesting to see what summer brings especially since it doesn't require refrigeration after opening.

I am a "Boomer". One of my first memories is of my father putting the license plate on our new 1952 Plymouth. I even remember the number. 2Q 9315. Now my peers know where I grew up. A tip of the hat to anyone who has an idea of where that is. Yes, this is leading somewhere.

I came across a booklet this weekend from 1943. It's from the "Health For Victory Club". It cost 15 cents and is loaded with recipes and hints for healthy living. Apparently we all had to be healthy to win the war and needed to know about substitutes for rationed foods. This thing goes 66 pages and is a trip. I doubt my mother ever vacuumed in heels. A house dress, yes, but heels? I don't think so.

I'm running out of room so I'll see if I can get into this more next weekend. There were seven food groups at the time.

Play with your food. They did during WW2.

Write to Johnny at etickernews@gmail.com.



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For questions or to sign up, please contact:

Kyle Ranney, Community Liaison

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Valley Regional Healthcare

Wine Gala

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Fire Lab...

Claremont Fire Department call personnel got a chance to train in the State of NH Fire Academy Class A burn trailer on Saturday, April 23. The burn trailer is a specially constructed trailer that fire departments can use to experience the heat and smoke conditions found in a real fire. Crews trained with the thermal imaging units and learned how the heat and smoke build as the fire gains in intensity. Air pack training, hose work and search and rescue under fire conditions were also practiced. Fire Academy instructors Ted Starkweather and John Schlemmer were on hand to offer advice and training tips. The training session was held at the DPW property.



Clockwise: The training trailer; academy instructor John Schlemmer instructs the crew on what to expect while training; firefighters gear up and check each other's gear; entering the smoke filled trailer; fire is started at one end of the trailer.

Photos By Bill Binder



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Mayoral Notes

By
Charlene Lovett



Events Create Lasting Impact

Saturday was an eventful day with several opportunities to make a difference in people's lives and in our community. The Red River Charitable Foundation (RRCF) held its 2nd annual Rock Your Camo 5k, and the Claremont Transfer Station held its first free tire disposal day. Given the level of participation, both were successful events with a lasting impact on our community.

In 2013, Red River's Foundation expanded its mission to include the support of veterans. As part of its mission statement, RRCF is committed to "supporting US military veterans transitioning to civilian life." In that vein, "RRCF supports veterans and their families by providing technology career counseling and mentorships as well as emergency monetary assistance as they integrate back into our community." To help accomplish this, RRCF first organized the Rock the Camo 5K in 2015.

Since last year, participation in the 5K has grown about 50% with over 300 people taking part in Saturday's run/walk. Senator Kelly Ayotte traveled to Claremont to run in the event, demonstrating her support of veterans in NH and across the nation. Members of Rolling Thunder created a flag line on the hillside, and many participants wore clothing symbolic of their military service. It was a festive event, giving people in the community an opportunity to actively support veterans.

While the 5k was occurring, Department of Public Works (DPW) personnel were busier than usual at the Transfer Station. In recognition of Earth Day, DPW held a free tire disposal day with the hopes that such an event would motivate residents to clean-up unwanted or abandoned tires. The initiative worked!

Residents throughout the community took time to not only dispose of un-

wanted tires stored on their property, but to also pick-up tires abandoned along roads and thrown into streams. Before noon, DPW personnel counted approximately 400 tires and



the number continued to grow significantly throughout the afternoon. At the end of the day, it was clear from the size of the pile that free tire disposal day was a much needed and successful event.

These events are an example of what can be accomplished when an organization creates an opportunity for people to make a lasting impact. By organizing a 5k, RRCF gave us a

chance to impact the lives of veterans. Yet our contribution was not limited to the money raised or the assistance that will be provided as a result of those funds. The event enabled us to show our local veterans that we value their service, and that we were willing to take the time to show our support.

In organizing a free tire disposal day, DPW gave us the means to take action. While my husband and I were collecting abandoned tires on Saturday, it was clear that they had been there for years. Giving residents the opportunity to help resolve this long-standing issue not only resulted in a cleaner and healthier environment, but also demonstrated people's willingness to do what is needed to improve the community in which they live.

On April 30th, we will have yet another chance to impact people in our community. Turning Points Network, the local organization dedicated to helping victims of domestic and sexual abuse, will be conducting its annual 5k fundraiser. Members of the City Council will be participating, and we hope to see you there!

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



The Rock Your Camo 5K and Dirty Dash, sponsored by Red River, was held on Saturday in Claremont. The event, part of the Red River Charitable Foundation, benefits local veterans. Runners passing the e-Ticker News home base included US Senator Kelly Ayotte, right, and a runner who brought the Marine Corps flag with him. Story and more photos in Section B (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photos).





PUBLIC NOTICE

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The City of Claremont is inviting citizens to apply for vacancies which exist on the following volunteer Boards, Committees and Commissions:

Board of Appeals	5 vacant seats; 3 vacant alternate seats
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Claremont Planning Board	1 vacant seat, 2 vacant alternate seats
Conservation Commission	2 vacant seats 5 vacant alternate seats
Downtown TIF Board	3 vacant seats
Fiske Free Library Board of Trustees	1 vacant seat, 2 vacant alternate seats
Frances Tolles Home Trustees	2 vacant seats
Historic District Commission	1 vacant seats, 3 vacant alternate seats
Master Plan Steering Committee	1 vacant seat
MT Ascutney Region River Subcommittee of the CT River Joint Commission	2 vacant seats, 2 vacant alternate seats
Parks & Recreation Commission	3 vacant alternate seats
Transfer Station (Ad Hoc) Committee	vacant seats
Zoning Board of Adjustment	1 vacant alternate seats

Seats for Future Availability:

Claremont Housing Authority	1 seat expires on 5/29/2016
Claremont Community Television Board	3 seats expires on 5/31/2016
Parks & Recreation Commission	2 seats expire on 5/31/2016
Airport Advisory Board	4 seats expire on 6/30/2016
Frances Tolles Home	2 seats expire 7/31/2016

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Juried Regional Exhibit Opening

NEWPORT, NH--Fifty artists from the greater region will be participating in the Library Arts Center's Annual Juried Regional Exhibit. The exhibit celebrates the expansive and diverse artwork being created in the greater region. The exhibit opens Friday, April 29, with a free and open reception 5-7pm. The exhibit will be on display after that April 30-June 16. The gallery, which is open 11am -4pm Tuesday- Friday and 10am -2pm on Saturdays, is located at 58 N. Main St. Newport, NH.

For more information on the exhibit, visit libraryartscenter.org.

Granite State Story Swap

RYE, NH--Elisa Permain, award-winning author and storyteller from Hudson, MA, is the featured teller at the annual Granite State Story Swap on May 7 at The Seacoast Science Center, Rye, NH. Sponsored by the NH Storytelling Alliance, the event brings together storytellers, teachers, librarians, and anyone who enjoys listening to stories, for a day of workshops, story swaps, and storytelling concerts.

Permain will deliver her keynote address, "Tales As Our Teachers: Connecting Deeply to Story Wisdom," at 9:00 a.m. Her closing concert will begin at 3:45 p.m. Story Swap Circles in both the morning and afternoon will give participants a chance to tell stories in a comfortable and non-judgmental setting. Concerts throughout the day will feature experienced New England storytellers.

Tellers from the Granite State are Ruth Niven, Franklin; Claire Chandler, Gilford; Sue McPhee, Hillsborough, and Joanne Piazz, Rochester. They will be joined by Massachusetts tellers, Bob Reiser, Easthampton; Bruce Marcus, Malden, and Jackson Gilman, Onset.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. The programs run from 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 (\$15 for NHSA members) and includes parking, a light breakfast, and lunch. Online registration is encouraged to give an estimate for food preparation. <http://nhstorytelling.bravesites.com/granite-state-story-swap> For more information, please call (603) 735-5965.

SHS Class of '71 Meeting

CLAREMONT, NH--The Stevens High School class of 1971 will hold a meeting April 27 at 7:00 p.m., Lavalley's Claremont Building Supply. Please use the Pleasant St. entrance.

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Breaking News

Motel Fire In Ascutney

Mutual aid fire departments were called to the Yankee Village Motel in Ascutney, VT, on Route 5 late this Monday morning for a structure fire. The 4-alarm fire has called in units from all around the area. The fire reportedly started as a brush fire and then reached the building. It remains an active fire scene at this writing. See photos on page A32; more photos and video on our Facebook page.

My New Boss Hates Me!!

You may not have adjusted to your new boss's completely different personality yet. Have you noticed any of these red flags?

You're being micromanaged when others are not.

Your boss avoids you and doesn't return your phone calls and emails.

She doesn't make eye contact, has crossed arm "closed" body language, and rarely smiles in your presence.

She doesn't ask for your input and dismisses your contributions in meetings.

She leaves you out of key meetings completely or hands plum assignments to others.

She doesn't give you feedback – positive or negative.

Or, she criticizes you – constantly or in front of coworkers.

If you are experiencing several of these behaviors, you may be right: Your boss may dislike you. But it's still early in the transition period. You may be able to win her over.

Clarify expectations. Set up a one-on-one to provide your new boss an overview of your current role and ask if she envisions any changes. Bring your job description to see if she foresees any duties that will be added or taken away. Ask your new manager how you can be successful under her leadership.

Help your new boss succeed. This isn't a one-way street. If your new supervisor was hired from the outside, you can help explain procedures and help her get acclimated. Without calling her out or embarrassing her in front of colleagues, share your institutional knowledge and you may win an ally.

Identify her personality style. If you've taken the DiSC profile or Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) in your workplace, you'll probably be able to categorize your new supervisor's traits. Don't judge her by your former boss's best attributes; discover your new manager's strength.

Actively participate in meetings. Even if your ideas seem to be met with the enthusiasm of a wet blanket, continue to chime in with optimism. If you're taking a "wait and see" approach, your lack of engagement in meetings may cast you as a non-contributor and possibly put you on the top of the chopping block list. Give your new boss a chance to get to know you and value your contributions.

Be open to new ideas. If you want your boss to respect your opinions, avoid being negative about new perspectives or procedures your newly-appointed supervisor brings to the table.

Even though you and your new manager did not have the luxury of choosing each other in an interview and hiring process, you can learn to coexist and employ your differing approaches to your company's advantage.



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Ascutney Fire, Monday, April 25

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