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Proposed City Budget Set At \$16.9 Million

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH--Working with department heads to put together his last budget for the City of Claremont as City manager, Guy Santagate released his proposed FY '17 General Fund Budget on Friday. It totals some \$16,949,308; the amount to be raised for Municipal Services (the City Tax Rate) is projected to be \$10,381,174. The City budget has an estimated 2016 Municipal Tax Rate of \$14.81, which is a 1% decrease over last year. The current tax rate is \$14.97. The budget represents 53 pay weeks in the coming budget as well as a 17.1% increase in health insurance premiums over the 2016 approved budget.

In his cover letter to the City Council, Santagate said that, "Pavement has not been funded in the FY 2017 budget; however, keep in mind that we have approximately \$750,000 remaining from the road bond which equals the goal we had in mind for the 2017 budget. These funds will be used to pave roads this coming year. In addition, we will be making capital investments totaling almost \$2.4 million on Main Street, \$150,000 on North and Main Street and \$30,000 on the Washington-Bowen intersection during 2016-2017 budget year...As you may recall, we successfully applied for \$7,364,738 which was earmarked for Claremont (Drapers Corner/North & Main). An additional \$500,000 was earmarked for Main Street and it will be expended this year."

Santagate also told the council that the River
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Nearly a 1,000 participants turned out for TPN's Steppin' Up Against Violence 5K Run/Walk on Saturday in Claremont. Story, more photos on page A3 (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo).

Driver Arraigned On Charges In Fatal Crash

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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NEWPORT, NH--Amber King, 36, of Claremont, NH, was released from DHMC and transported to 5th Circuit District Court Newport last Monday where she was arraigned on the charge of Aggravated DWI (Class B Felony) and Negligent Homicide (Class B Felony). King was the driver of the 2005 Jeep Grand Cherokee that crashed on Main Street, near

Tractor Supply on April 23; two passengers were ejected from the vehicle and another had to be cut from the Jeep. All four were transported to hospitals; passenger Amanda Grasso, 32, of Goshen, NH, died from her injuries; Jody Metcalf, 37, Claremont, and Jacob King, 35, Claremont, received serious injuries.

According to the arraignment papers, the police believed, based on statements Amber King made from her hospital bed, that she had

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Driver, from A1



Amber King

taken drugs within 24 hours of the crash, including "one bag of heroin" on the day of the crash. Police reported that a variety of drugs and drug paraphernalia was found in the car, and the speedometer was frozen at 118 mph, according to the affidavit, which also said, that the vehicle was traveling eastbound when it crossed the road, struck an embankment and a utility pole. The Jeep flipped, landing on its

roof in the eastbound lane. Grasso was a passenger in the back seat and was ejected, landing in the river; witnesses pulled her from the water and began CPR on her.

Bail for King was set at \$50,000.00 cash. She was issued a Probable Cause Hearing that was scheduled to be held at the 5th Circuit District Court Claremont on the morning of May 2.

"Based on the roadway, vehicle and drug evidence gathered at the collision scene, Amber King's statements regarding her drug use, and the physical signs and symptoms of impairment that I observed during the interview, I developed the opinion that she was impaired and unfit to safely operate a motor vehicle," State Police Trooper Stephen Lee wrote in the police affidavit.

The accident is still under investigation and anyone who may have witnessed this accident or has any information about this accident is encouraged to contact Claremont Police or the New Hampshire State Police.

during which Bednarcyk's personal computer was seized. That computer was later determined to contain approximately 20 videos and 70 still images of child pornography.

The case was investigated by the Vermont Attorney General's Office and the Hampton, NH, Police Department, in conjunction with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Manchester, the New Hampshire Crimes Against Children Task Force (NH ICAC), and the police departments of Claremont, Portsmouth, Nashua, and Rochester.

Family Science Night

CLAREMONT, NH--The Science Club is hosting a family friendly night of science with activities for all ages on Wednesday, May 25, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Falcon Room at River Valley Community College. For more information on the program, contact Bonnie Akerman at Bakerman@ccsnh.edu. This popular event fills quickly, so register by emailing sherrie.fontaine@unh.edu or call 603-863-9200.

This program is co-sponsored by River Valley Community College, UNHCE, 4-H, and Runnings.

Claremont Man Sentenced For Child Porn Possession

CONCORD, NH--James Bednarcyk, 28, of Claremont, NH, was sentenced to 18 months in federal prison last week by the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire after pleading guilty to one count of possessing child pornography, announced United States Attorney Emily Gray Rice.

In April 2014, an undercover investigation determined that child pornography images were being shared on the Internet from Bednarcyk's Claremont residence. A search warrant for the residence was executed in September 2014,

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Huge Turnout For Steppin' Up Run/Walk Against Violence

By Les St.Pierre
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CLAREMONT, NH--The weather couldn't have been more perfect for the 10th gathering of the 5K running and walking of Turning Point Network's Steppin' Up to End Violence event Saturday morning, beginning at the Claremont Middle School. Temperatures were in the middle 40's with a bright sun to welcome just over 950 participants, over 200 more from last year's turnout.

Even more important, those extra 200 participants were responsible for upping last year's monies raised by over \$20,000 with Mary Kruger, a board member of TPN, announcing at 11:28 a.m. Saturday's run and walk through the streets of Claremont brought in \$96,239. Last year's event brought in \$75,000. The goal for this decade event was to have raised \$100,000, and Kruger bellowed out TPN most likely will attain that highly-sought amount with money still coming in over the next few days.

Over 18 Power of Ten teams (raised \$1,000 or more), 58 sponsors, 57 donors, and 83 teams participated. Sports and school teams, friends and family, municipalities, fire and police departments, faith communities, and local businesses and organizations were represented. Together, these supporters made a big statement; Sullivan County cares about victims and survivors of domestic, sexual and stalking violence. This event was wildly successful, and Turning Points Network couldn't be more grateful for another year of astounding community support.

"I am comfortable we are going to reach that \$100,000 goal," Kruger said over the microphone in front of resting participants at the end

of their trek. "I want to thank everyone here and our sponsors for making this a great event today."

When this event began in 2007, there were 24 teams taking part and just short of \$20,000 reached.

As the people kept showing up prior to the beginning of the 10:00 a.m. run/walk, Deb Mozden, Executive Director of TPN for the last 30 years, remarked, "People are coming out and they are just so excited. They have a great spirit and are

happy to be here. There is a sea of people outside. It's remarkable!"

Mozden was equally amazed at how her staff was able to get everyone registered in the one hour time slot between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. with registering taking place in the CMS gymna-

sium and donated money being accepted by volunteers in the cafeteria.

The top three fundraising teams were announced by Kruger as being National Field Representatives, the honorary chair of the event, Be The Change, a TPN squad, and the Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church.

Saturday's event is TPN's signature fundraiser, bringing in critical funds allowing TPN to continue its work. TPN provides counseling, emergency shelter, advocacy, and support services to women, men, adults, teens and children impacted by domestic and sexual violence 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Participants were able to enjoy refreshments, fresh fruit and baked goods, all of which were donated from local businesses and individuals. Additionally, participants were able to indulge in chair massages and get their team photos taken. Several lucky individuals were able to walk home with donated raffle prizes such as a gas grill, Fitbits, gift cards, gift



baskets and much more. Top three men to cross the Granite State College finish line were Tom Moore, Pat Zullo, and Jamie Bean. Top three women finishers were Pam Moore, Courtney Stearns and Jo-Ann Klegensterkly. Top three kids to cross the finish line were Rachel Stark, Bryson Martin, and Jason Demars.

"Thank you all for coming out and stepping out against violence," Kruger said at the day's end.

Debbie Seyfried of Springfield, NH, was the winner of the gas grill donated by Home Depot.

Top: Claremont Police Chief Alex Scott managing both participants and traffic at the corner of Chestnut and Chase Streets is all smiles (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo); below, walkers making their way past the Post Office (courtesy photo); left: those joining in covered many ages and included a few canines as well (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo).



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Shaheen, Capito Introduce Legislation To Bolster National Guard Counterdrug Program

WASHINGTON, DC-- On Friday, U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) introduced legislation that would increase support for a National Guard program that helps local law enforcement and community organizations address the heroin and opioid pandemic. The Shaheen-Capito bill will extend the availability of funding for the National Guard Counterdrug Program from one to three years. This program provides local law enforcement with highly-trained analysts to support their counter-narcotic efforts. This funding change will give the Guard the certainty it needs to better support long term, drug interdiction efforts.

From 2011 through 2015, New Hampshire law enforcement agencies supported by the National Guard Counterdrug Program have reported well over \$100 million in seizures of drugs, cash, property, and weapons related to criminal narcotics cases worked on by Counterdrug Analysts. The West Virginia National Guard Counterdrug Program has resulted in drug seizures totaling over \$500 million dollars.

“The New Hampshire Guard is providing invaluable support to our law enforcement as they battle every day to keep drugs off our streets,” said Shaheen. “This important partnership has helped shutdown drug dealing networks and stop drugs from coming into our state. My legislation makes a small change to the National Guard’s budget that will allow them to make big improvements to this counterdrug program. Our law enforcement need all the help they can get to battle the heroin and opioid pandemic, and it’s important that we improve these programs that are working.”

“Working with law enforcement agencies and community based organizations, The National Guard Counterdrug Program partners with law enforcement agencies and communities in the fight against drugs, performing analysis, conducting surveillance and providing training and support,” said Capito. “This legislation provides stability and increases effectiveness by authorizing this important program to utilize its funding for up to three years, instead of just one. Doing so will help improve efforts by the National Guard and Department of Defense to deter the threats posed by drugs.”

The National Guard Counterdrug Program is a federally funded program that provides military specific skill-sets to law enforcement agencies and community based organizations to battle the supply and demand for illicit drugs.

Veterans’ Bill Preserves Benefits

WASHINGTON, DC--Following her opposition to a House bill that would have cut the housing allowance for certain servicemembers’ dependent children, US Senator Kelly Ayotte Thursday applauded the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee’s introduction of the Veterans First Act that preserved this benefit and includes other important provisions for New Hampshire’s veterans and Ayotte priorities.

“I am grateful to my colleagues on the Committee for heeding my call and preserving important benefits for our servicemembers and their families who have sacrificed so much in the defense of our nation,” said Ayotte. “This bill will also take other important steps to hold the VA accountable through a measure I introduced to make VA employees engaged in wrongdoing pay back bonuses, in addition to other reforms I have supported to increase flexibility and options for veterans seeking health care through the Veterans Choice Program. I will continue to analyze this legislation and work to ensure that our veterans receive the care and benefits they have earned.”

Major provisions of the Veterans First Act include:

- Grants expedited removal authority for all employees at VA based on performance or misconduct.
- Provides VA Secretary additional flexibility in hiring and firing senior executives.
- Prohibits bonuses for employees who have been found guilty of wrongdoing.
- Strengthens the Veterans Choice Program by establishing prompt payment standards and streamlining the requirements for community medical providers to enter into agreements with the VA.

Santagate Awarded 2016 Greater Claremont Good Scout Award

By Bill Binder
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--City Manager Guy Santagate was awarded the 2016 Greater Claremont Good Scout Award at a luncheon held at the Common Man Restaurant on Thursday, April 28. The event, sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America Daniel Webster Council of New Hampshire, honors recipients for their commitment to community service that reflects the core values of scouting.

More than 100 people attended the event which included city officials, business leaders and leaders of the Daniel Webster Council of NH. After opening ceremonies and a great lunch, Claremont Mayor Charlene Lovett introduced award winner Santagate. Although he didn't have time growing up to join the Boy Scouts because of having to work in the family business, Santagate told the crowd that he has one grandson who is an Eagle Scout and another who is working on the requirements to become an Eagle Scout. Santagate told the



Top: Claremont City Manager Guy Santagate addresses the crowd that gathered at the Common Man for the Good Scout Award luncheon as Claremont Mayor Charlene Lovett looks on. Bottom: Santagate receives his Boy Scout neckerchief, hat and award from Scout Benjamin Mason, Pack 38, BSA Claremont (Bill Binder photos).

crowd he was honored to receive the award and that "It's nice to get an honor, but it is always nicer when it comes from a great organization. It's about respect, it's about commitment. It's about idealism, and it's about all the things that are missing in society," Santagate added.

The Daniel Webster Council said of Santagate, "Santagate has helped the effort to reposition Claremont with a bright future. He is a major supporter of many organizations within

the Claremont region and epitomizes the principles of the Good Scout Award."

Last year's recipient was Mike Satzow; the first award was given in 1993, to Diana Love.

CITY OF CLAREMONT INVITATION TO BID

The City of Claremont is seeking bid proposals, plainly marked with the "Annual Fuel Bid – 2016-2017" on the outside of the mailing envelope, addressed to the City Manager's Office, City Hall, 58 Opera House Square, Claremont, NH 03743, will be accepted until 11:00 a.m., May 2, 2016 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bid packages may be obtained from the City's web site:

www.claremontnh.com/government-information/bids-public-requests.asp, or by contacting the City Manager's Office.

The City of Claremont reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive technical or legal deficiencies, and to accept any bid that it may deem to be in the best interest of the City.

Cause Of Ascutney Motel Fire Announced

Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

ASCUTNEY, VT--Ascutney Volunteer Fire Chief Darrin Spaulding reported last Monday afternoon that the fire that destroyed the Yankee Village Motel on Route 5 was started by a young, school-aged child who found a lighter behind the motel where he and his mother were living. He reportedly told officials that he set some leaves on fire. The fire was reported by a passerby. The brush fire in turn reached the big building at the left and caused the fire to burn down to the office. It traveled up the siding and reached the roofline. The building had fire stops, but many had been breached over the years when work was done, allowing the fire to travel as it did. Spaulding said that he believed the damage was around \$1 million; the owners have insurance.

Over 18 fire departments responded to the scene, all the way from Ludlow from the west, Putney from the south, Unity from the east and Lebanon from the north. Countless tanker trips were made to the site to provide water. Spaulding said that even though he was only a mile and a half away when he got the call, he called in for more help as he approached the scene and saw the extent of the fire at that time. Winds of 20 mph helped to fan the fire, and he said they just "could not get ahead of



it." The motel was frequented by homeless people and transients.

Spaulding said last Monday that his department had "responded to 18 calls in the last six days."

Smoke from the fire could be seen for miles; Claremont Ladder 1 on the scene shooting water into one section of the burning building (Bill Binder photos).



Public Hearing On Proposed Bullpen Sculpture Tuesday

CLAREMONT, NH--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.

SHS Class Of '66 Meeting

CLAREMONT, NH--The Stevens High Class of 1966 will hold a meeting on Saturday, May 7, at 11:00 a.m. at the Moody Building on Opera Hose Square. Please try to attend. If you have any questions, please call Donna Lee at 603 542-6332.

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Former Hanover Elementary School Principal Arrested In Prostitution Case

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CANAAN, NH--Last week, Canaan Police Officers began a prostitution investigation. In less than 24 hours, Canaan Police Officers arrested three men for prostitution. In each case, the men contacted undercover officers and allegedly offered to pay money for various sexual acts.



Matthew E. Laramie

On Monday April 25, Canaan Police Officers arrested Matthew E. Laramie, age 48, of Grantham, NH, for one count of prostitution.

Laramie recently resigned from his position as principal of the Bernice A. Ray School in Hanover, NH, citing "personal reasons". An investigation was announced by school administrators last month regarding "more than \$30,000 in unapproved expenses charged to Laramie's school-issued credit card", the *Valley News* reported. He served as athletic director at Stevens High School, 2000-2004. He also served as Assistant Principal at Kearsarge Regional High School from July 2007 – June 2011, and as Director of Athletics and Activities at Lebanon High School, from July 2004 – June 2007.

On Tuesday April 26, Canaan Police Officers arrested Peter G. Bloomfield, age 55, of Enfield, NH, for one count of prostitution. Later in the evening, officers arrested Alan R. Lane, age 49, of Sharon, VT, for one

count of prostitution. After executing a search warrant of Lane's vehicle, he was also charged with possession of drugs in a motor vehicle, a Class A Misdemeanor and Acts Prohibited – Possession of Oxycodone, a Class B Felony. The prostitution charge is a Class B Misdemeanor and they were each released on \$7,500 personal recognizance bail with an ar-

raignment scheduled for Monday July 11, 2016, in the 2nd Circuit Court- Lebanon.

"The Canaan Police Department is committed to these types of investigations, as prostitution is a major component of human trafficking and drug use," said Canaan Police Chief Samuel Frank.

---Phyllis A. Muzeroll

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Claremont Confidential

By Les St.Pierre



Trees In Monadnock Park?

Joyce Kilmer said it best in his poem, "Trees", back in 1914 when he wrote "But only God can make a tree."

That poem, of course, begins with "I think that I shall never see".

Well, Claremont lawyer Jim Feleen, who, in no way, professes to be likened to God, still believes residents of this fine town may, indeed, be able to see a tree or two or maybe even 50 or more planted down at Monadnock Park.

"I've been kinda thinking about it for a long time," said Feleen last week during an interview at his office overlooking Pleasant Street. "Just a generalized thinking, mind you. I just think it would be nice to have some landscaping down at Monadnock Park, something more than a vast expanse of playing fields. I think a bunch of trees would enhance it (the park)."

I don't know about you, but I have taken by grandchildren down to Monadnock Park during the summertime to play on the swing sets, merry-go-round, etc., and have baked in the sun. Feleen's idea does have some merit to it. Not much shade to speak of. I think a few well-placed trees is just what the place needs. Of course, I probably won't be around to enjoy them once they reach their full maturity, but if it's good for the next generation, who am I to criticize someone for trying to make it a better place to play and take in a ballgame or two while nestling in the shade of a tree?

As for the present playground area, Feleen, a member of Claremont's Master Plan Committee and Claremont's Parks and Recreation Board, reported he has heard changes may be made in that area, as well. "I think they want to move it." Feleen said. "The structure of that equipment is old and showing its age, so I think the idea is to replace it and then pull it out more into the park itself. It is sort of packed back there in a corner now. Because of that reason we are not going to plant anything around the existing structure."

But all that is in the distant future. In the im-

mediate future is the planting of a few trees and, once people get to see if it is a worthy endeavor, more and more planting would be able to take place.

"Last fall I started talking with Mark Brislin," Feleen expressed. "He liked the idea, so we sort of worked it up and pulled in some experts and have moved forward with it. The Parks and Rec Board has gone on board with it and we envision five or six trees, a modest approach, could be planted this spring." Brislin is the Director of the Claremont Parks and Rec Department.

Three individuals Feleen has had much contact with over this tree business is Lee Stevens, owner of a local nursery, Scott Rolfe, Community Forester out of the Planning and Community Forestry Bureau in Concord, and Dode Gladders, a Field Specialist and Extension Forester in Sullivan County, a University of New Hampshire Cooperative.

"Lee Stevens is all about trees," Feleen pointed out. "He has been very generous with the community over the years. With this project he is donating the delivery and planting with his crew."

God may be the only one who can make a tree, but Lee Stevens is pretty darned good at planting one, from what I have seen around town.

No one knows yet as to what kind of tree is most suitable to the confines of Monadnock Park, but Feleen is leaving that step to the powers that be.

"They haven't told me yet," Feleen explained, "and I am no tree expert. We are working with guys who know trees. The park is an environment that is tough on trees, with the mowing and other maintenance. People unintentionally, sometimes intentionally, damage trees. It is a potential problem.



Jim Feleen (Les St.Pierre photo)

They will be out there in the hot sun, so we are going to have to pay attention to them to get them established. There will be ongoing maintenance and repair and dealing with what happens in the park as people get used to them. There is a high volume of people in Monadnock Park with all kinds of different programs. I think if we can get strategically planted trees down there, it is going to develop into little gathering spots such as picnic places, where people will actually want to congregate. I think it will enhance that without interfering with other uses of the park."

Rolfe drew up an aerial view of the park and his plan has 58 trees depicted in the diagram using a general rough spacing of 40 feet, focusing mainly on the parking lots and roadway. He did not factor in the playground due to its placement questionability and possible relocation. He reported an additional eight to 10 trees could be factored in for that particular area.

"Overall, I think it would be nice to get the
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This illustration shows the pattern of trees that is under consideration.

Trees, from A13

parking areas somewhat screened,” Feleen added. “I’m not talking about a wall of vegetation around them. Depending on the size of the trees I can see some nice planting down there. Over the years it could really enhance the experience of using the park.”

Carolyn Towle, in one of the Parks and Recreation Board meetings, confessed she was concerned about any vision being blocked by the trees to those sitting in their automobiles watching practices and/or games going on.

“We certainly have to pay attention to when each tree grows,” Feleen responded to that concern. “We want to pay attention to how it is fitting into its space and making sure sightlines existing now for viewing are not hampered.”

Of course, this all has a price tag to it. Feleen stated Stevens is estimating each tree to cost about \$400 each. Checks can be made out to the City of Claremont with Monadnock Trees written on the memo line and mailed to either Feleen or Brislin. Any amount will be greatly appreciated. “A kitty of money will get us seed money, no pun intended,” Feleen said.

Feleen, who grew up in suburban Chicago and came to Claremont after graduating from law school in Minnesota, is simply pleased with the move. “It’s been great for us,” Feleen stated, men-

tioning he has a wife, an elementary school teacher at Maple Avenue, and three adult children. “We tend to see the negative in things, but this is a great little town. I see the projects we are working on and the best is ahead of us. We are happy to live here and be part of the community. It is gratifying to see the volunteer spirit that is present here.”

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RVCC Hosts Breakfast...



Area high school counselors attended a breakfast recently hosted by River Valley Community College (RVCC) to discuss programs, offerings and services at the College available to assist students transitioning from high school to higher ed. Pictured from left are Steve Serai-chick from Fall Mountain Regional High School; Amanda Shaw and Emily Marvin from Stevens High School; Dr. Alicia Harvey-Smith, president of RVCC; Malia King and Natasha Hamel from Newport High School. More information about the College can be found at rivervalley.edu.

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WorkReadyNH Completes 50th Class

Ask any employer what skills they want their employees to have and consistently you will hear that they want people who have a good attendance record, can communicate well, resolve conflict and work as a team. The WorkReadyNH program at River Valley Community College addresses those topics and so much more. The program began in 2011 in NH's Community College System in an effort to strengthen NH's workforce.

Since then, over 2,200 NH residents with varying levels of education from no high school diploma to Ph.D., no work experience to 50 + years of experience, ages 18 – 80 years old, have graduated. River Valley Community College recently completed its 50th cohort and continues to help NH residents to build skills, build confidence and build their careers. This tuition-free course is exceptional for those in management positions who want to grow professionally, as well as for career changers or those just entering the workforce.

WorkReadyNH includes 60 hours of professional level soft skills training that addresses the skills that employers want and need in the workplace including communication, problem solving, decision making, conflict resolution, employer expectations, team building, ethics and more. Upon completion, participants receive a Work-ReadyNH Certificate from the Community College System of New Hampshire and ACT's National Career Readiness Certificate that assesses and documents workplace reading, math and critical thinking skills.

Over 99% of graduates said the program met or exceeded their expectations and comments such as this are the norm, "This was a great program. It is helpful to everyone, no matter what your status."

Sign up now for the course that runs May 9th – 27th, Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. at River Valley Community College in Claremont or June 6th – 24th in

Lebanon. The next available class in Claremont will be August 29th – Sept 19th.

For more information or to enroll in this tuition-free course, email workreadyrvcc@ccsnh.edu, visit www.ccsnh.edu/workreadynh or call Program Director Martha Mott at 603-542-7744 ext.5485.

Eversource Announces Revised Customer Deposit Policy

MANCHESTER, NH--Following a significant review, Eversource Energy in New Hampshire has implemented an updated security deposit
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Office Ergonomics – An Important Priority

No matter your working situation, you may be putting extra pressure on some parts of your body, causing muscle or bone aches, fatigue, or even worse effects that could lead to severe injury. We should keep in mind the unhealthy habit of not paying enough attention to our posture and body mechanics while working. .

IF YOU SIT AT A COMPUTER

- You may be sitting at a desk all day looking at a screen. If so, make sure to place the top of your screen at eye level. You can use monitor stands or risers to do so.
- Be sure to choose a chair with lower back support, and raise it high enough so that your forearms are level while typing. It is also best to choose a chair with elbow support.
- Place your mouse and keyboard at a comfortable distance.
- Stay relaxed while working and try to notice when you begin to tense up.
- If you are able, make sure to get up and stretch or walk around frequently in order to relieve tension.

IF YOU STAND ON YOUR FEET

- If you are on your feet all day and work at a standing desk or an assembly line, the first priority is to support your body by wearing proper shoes. Heels or shoes with little arch support are not good for you. Tennis shoes or any other flat-soled shoe with plenty of cushion are preferred.
- Remember to not lock your knees while standing in one spot for a long time.
- Do not slouch. Instead, stand up straight with your shoulders over your ankles in order to avoid back problems.
- Make sure to set up your computer, standing desk, to accommodate your height so that you do not have to reach up or bend over to complete your work.

ALL WORK ENVIRONMENTS

- Take breaks. Everyone needs to shake out the tension or take a seat a few times throughout the day. I
- If it hurts, change it. If you feel your knees are hurting you, take a look at the shoes you are wearing or how you stand. If your back hurts, perhaps your chair is not offering enough support. If your work hurts, fix it!!



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e-Ticker Business News



The Claremont Soup Kitchen, Inc. & Food Pantry have announced that, for the second year in a row, they were chosen by Subaru of Claremont as the “local charity” for the Subaru Share the Love Event. The Share the Love Campaign selects national and local charities to be recipients of \$250.00 for every new Subaru sold or Subaru leased during the months of November and December. Subaru donated over \$20 million to local and national charities this year with the help of the Share the Love event. Subaru of Claremont alone sold 48 new cars during November and December of 2015, and 44 of the new car owners choose to donate a portion (if not all) of their \$250.00 to Claremont Soup Kitchen, Inc. The funds received by the organization totaled \$9,214 of the \$12,000 donated. “The Claremont Soup Kitchen would like to sincerely and humbly thank Subaru of America, Inc., Subaru of Claremont and the incredible community which we serve,” said CSK executive director Cindy Stevens (Courtesy photo).

Eversource, from A16

policy and will work to educate customers on when a deposit is required and how one can be avoided.

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Help Your Mother Prepare For Retirement

Mother's Day is almost here, so start shopping for the flowers or candy for Mom. But this year, why not also go beyond the traditional? Specifically, if your mother is still working but getting close to retirement, consider providing her with a gift that can help make her days as a retiree more pleasant. Here are a few suggestions:

- **Contribute to her IRA.** As long as your mother is employed, she can contribute to an IRA, and she may already have one. If so, help her fund it for 2016. You can't contribute directly to her IRA, but you can certainly write her a check for that purpose, and by doing so, you can make it easier for Mom to "max out" on her account this year. Assuming your mother is over 50, she can contribute up to \$6,500 per year to her IRA. As you may know, an IRA can be a great way to save for retirement because it offers significant tax benefits. Contributions to a traditional IRA are typically tax-deductible, while any earnings can grow tax deferred. Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but any earnings can grow tax free, provided the account owner meets certain conditions.
- **Give Mom some stocks.** You know your mother well, so you are probably familiar with the products she likes. By giving her shares of stock of the companies that produce these goods, you will provide Mom with a feeling of ownership that she may enjoy – along with the benefit of possessing investments that could potentially increase in value.
- **Discuss retirement income strategy.** Even if your mother has made some smart financial moves, such as investing in an IRA and her 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, she may still need some advice on how best to initiate and manage her retirement income. To cite just one action she needs to take, she must start making withdrawals from her 401(k) and traditional IRA once she turns 70½. But if she withdraws too much each year from these accounts, she could deplete them sooner in her retirement years than is desirable. To develop a solid retirement income strategy – one that can help her avoid outliving her income – she will need to coordinate withdrawals from her retirement accounts with her Social Security payments and any other sources of income she may have available. Because it's so important to put together an appropriate income strategy, it's a very good idea to consult with a financial professional. If your mother does not currently work with one, encourage her to meet with someone you know and trust.

Of course, your mother may be married and have her finances commingled with those of her spouse. Nonetheless, every one of the suggestions mentioned above is applicable and relevant to your mother, whether she is single, married, divorced or widowed.

Anything you give Mom on Mother's Day will be appreciated. But if you can add a gift – whether in the form of investments or knowledge – that can help her make progress toward an enjoyable retirement lifestyle, you will be providing her with an enormous "thank you" for all she's done for you over the years.

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Mayoral Notes

By
Charlene Lovett



The Essence of Community

This weekend I attended a number of events that exemplified a strong sense of community in our City. Though I have often heard Claremont referred to as a poor community, my experience is that it is rich in ways that cannot be described in monetary terms. Its wealth lies in its people, and their desire to come together to create change, celebrate milestones or mourn a loss.

Saturday, people rallied to make Turning Point Network's (TPN) 10th annual fundraiser, "Steppin-Up," the most successful to date. Over 950 people participated in the 5k walk/run to support TPN and its mission to help victims of domestic and sexual abuse, and help eradicate it in our community. Those who could not walk or run, lined the route to cheer on those who could. Police officers assisted with traffic control at major crossing points. Local sponsors contributed food and prizes, and TPN volunteers helped wherever needed. Nearly \$100,000 was raised because the community valued TPN and the work that it has done to improve not only the lives of individuals, but our region as a whole.

Later that afternoon, I attended the Eagle Court of Honor where Stefan Grallert, a Stevens High School senior, became an Eagle Scout. Having never attended this type of ceremony, I was surprised to learn that only 3% of Boy Scouts nationwide become Eagle Scouts. It is the highest rank, and must be at-

tained by the age of 18 after earning all of the required merit badges. A scout's success is dependent upon the support of his family, local troop and community members.

Sitting in the audience during the ceremony were two combat veterans, one from WWII and the other from Vietnam. I wasn't sure of their connection with Stefan until I heard that he had interviewed them as part of his merit badge project to record the stories of local combat veterans. The 90-year old WWII veteran had joined the Marines when he was 17, and served in the Pacific from 1943 to 1946. His son-in-law, the Vietnam veteran, carried a radio on his back for a year in support of an infantry unit. Anyone providing radio support in a combat zone becomes a high priority target, and the fact that he survived 12 months is nothing short of a miracle. Because Stefan recorded their stories and those of other local veterans, we now have a permanent record of their service at our local library.

On Sunday, I attended the funeral of my classmate, Gary Caplan. The funeral home was packed with the family and friends of Gary. He grew up here, graduated from Stevens High School in 1981 and later ran a successful business in the Upper Valley. He was a product of this community and the stories shared at the funeral were a tribute to his life and the impact that he had on others. His memory will live on in many of us, and at Stevens High School where a scholarship fund has been established in his name.

Living in a place where community thrives is, in my opinion, priceless. It gives people a sense of belonging. It provides assurance that success is attainable when we work together towards a com-

mon goal. It provides support in the peaks and valleys of our lives. When people speak of quality of life, I think of Claremont because here I live in a community.

Now that May has arrived, budget season is in full swing. The Council will meet every week in May and several times in June. The public hearing and final approval of the budget will occur on June 22nd. Please share your thoughts and concerns with your Council and/or attend the budget discussions.

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

Budget, from A1

Road TIF, established in 1995, ends on June 30, 2016, with all bond payments complete. The assessed value in the district is "almost double the assessed value at the time of creation, from \$11,682,837 to a current assessed value of \$22,157,960," he said

In conclusion, Santagate wrote, "If the Council adopts the budget as presented, a 1% decrease on the tax rate would apply for Fiscal Year 2017."

Budget hearings begin on Wednesday. See agendas in Section B.



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City Councilors Getting Laptops

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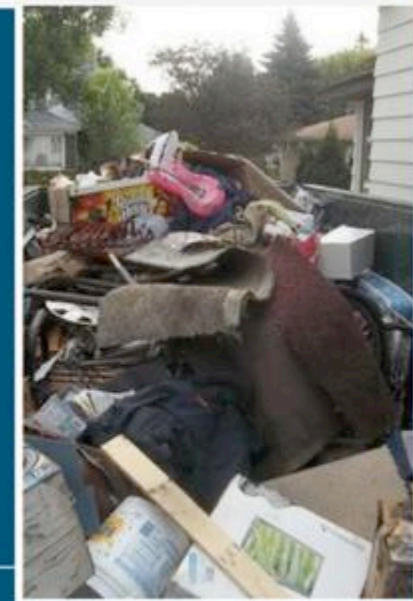
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The series includes Battle of the Bands, May 28; other dates include June 18, July 3, July 17, Aug. 13 and Aug. 27. For more information about performances, ticket pricing, etc., visit the above listed website.

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It's About Food By Johnny Navillus



More....

Just a follow-up on the coconut oil. If you remember I said I had no idea about the smoking point of this oil. Now I do. The first time I cooked with it, I was sauteing green beans in the oil. The smoke detector went off. No visible smoke and I didn't think much of it. The next time I was cooking with it the alarm went off again. Again, no visible smoke. It had to be the coconut oil. The third time I used it, I put the ingredients in very soon after it melted. I was putting stuff in more or less cold oil, but the alarm did not go off.

The moral here is be careful of this stuff because it will smoke at a low temperature and you won't know it until the smoke detector goes off.

Okay, back to WW2. Health For Victory Clubs were springing up all over the country with concerned homemakers vitally interested in our nation's health or looking for an afternoon break.

These clubs served a great purpose. It brought the ladies together to participate in the war effort, and I think it genuinely help out the families. Well, maybe not so much. They were advocating the heavy use of butter, and when rationing was going to start, they were saying to use shortening and "drippings". I kinda like the thought of somethings cooked in bacon grease but not a lot or often. Lowest on their list seems to be fortified margarine. When they fortify wine, they use brandy. What do you fortify margarine with?

The Basic Seven Food Groups

1. Green and yellow vegetables
2. Oranges, tomatoes, grapefruit
3. Potatoes and other vegetables
4. Milk and milk products
5. Meat, poultry, fish or eggs
6. Bread and cereals
7. Butter or fortified margarine.

I think it is interesting that butter is a food group itself. Also, coffee, chocolate and pizza are missing. This booklet has a ton of recipes mostly dealing with whole and evaporated milk and lots of butter. They knew rationing was coming, so why emphasize something that is going to be in short supply. I guess "drippings" were always going to be available.

Bacon Sandwich

Use two or three slices of cooked bacon. Place them on a slice of white or wheat bread that has some mayonnaise spread over it. Cover with another slice of *buttered* bread. (Italics are mine). Wash that down with a large glass of whole milk and feel your arteries close.

Suggested Dinner Menu

Creamed chicken with hard boiled eggs, served on ready-prepared crisp cereal, buttered carrots, cole slaw, cracked wheat bread, butter, pears or peaches and milk.

One more dinner

Liver Spoon Cakes, creamed potatoes, buttered green or yellow squash, turnip and carrot slaw, enriched white bread, butter, sliced peaches and milk.

If anyone has a recipe for Liver Spoon Cakes, please keep it to yourself. Thank you.

This is a really good publication. For 15 cents you got a terrific lesson on the 7 Food Groups, a menu planner for the whole month and a ton of artery clogging recipes. The country was doing the best they could. They were educating the public and creating an awareness that no one was left out of the war effort. The group meetings were probably a good morale booster and at least got the ladies out of the house for a while. We have made some great strides in our basic nutrition as a country. The current Food Pyramid is a lot easier that the Seven Groups.

All those Moms who spent hours trying to make healthy meals in spite of rationing and who knows what, all deserve a medal.

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Four Arrested In Windsor Drug Bust

WINDSOR, VT--On April 28, the Windsor Police Department, with the assistance of the Weathersfield Police Department, arrested four individuals for the distribution of heroin and crack cocaine within the Town of Windsor, and a fifth suspect was still actively being sought for distribution of heroin. These arrests concluded a lengthy investigation into the distribution of heroin and cocaine in the Town of Windsor. This six-month investigation, dubbed "Operation Quicksand," was initiated by the Windsor Police in response to the complaints of drug distribution in the Town of Windsor.

"We have taken a "zero tolerance" approach to combatting the heroin epidemic, which is devastating our community and killing our vulnerable Vermont citizens," said the Windsor Police Department in a written statement. "The plague of drug violence and opiate addiction which is claiming so many lives is the reason we are stepping up our efforts to combat this problem. These arrests are just the beginning of a multi-agency collaboration into heroin trafficking here in New England."

The suspects were identified as James R. Morse (Arrested) – Distribution of Heroin, age 50; Steven Gross (Arrested) – Distribution of Heroin, age 42; David C. Moodie (Arrested) – Distribution of Cocaine, age 37; Stephanie J. Hewitt (Arrested) – Distribution of Heroin, age 31; and Michael Place (at large) – Distribution of Heroin, age 27.

Mothers' Day Breakfast

CLAREMONT, NH--The American Legion will hold its annual Mothers' Day Breakfast on May 8th, from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.; menu includes eggs, cooked to order; North Country Smokehouse bacon; artisan sausages; or Canadian bacon, home fries, toast, coffee and juice, and other amenities. The cost is just \$7.00 per person; however, mothers of veterans or members who are mothers eat free. Special menu for children 10 and under for just \$3.50. The Post canteen is now smoke-free for your enjoyment. For more information, please contact the Post Steward at (603) 542-9222.

Community Garden Plot Deadline May 20

CLAREMONT, NH--This has been a great spring for new gardeners signing up for plots at the Claremont Community Garden. Four of 17 plots remain available, plus one plot which

will require a raised or elevated bed. Deadline for applying is May 20th. Plots are approximately 300 square feet each. Annual fee is \$20.

Please contact Diane Harlow at the Claremont Community Center at 542-7019 or dharlow@claremontnh.com.

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Newport Rotary Club's Penny Sale Offering \$10,000 In Prizes

NEWPORT, NH--Newport Rotary Club's 6th annual penny sale is fast approaching. With little more than three weeks remaining before the event takes place on Saturday, May 21st, Rotarians have been busy collecting 300 prizes from businesses across the region.

"We are overwhelmed with the support we have received from the business community as they have once again very generously supported our efforts," commented Bruce Jasper, Chair of this year's event. "We have collected a variety of unique and interesting gifts with a total value in excess of \$10,000. This year's prizes include plane rides donated by the pilots of Parlin Field, a gift certificate for four for a Monarch's hockey game, roller skating at Great View Roller Skating Rink in Enfield, and a \$250 gift certificate from St. Pierre Inc. We have gift certificates for local restaurants, businesses, and service providers, as well as games, toys, appliances, tools, and a host of other items. There is definitely something for everybody," Jasper noted.

"The swap table is back this year, which allows individuals who win something they may not need to swap it out for something they are more likely to enjoy. Added three years ago, the swap table has been very successful, and we are set to have it back again this year," Jasper added.

A number of larger prizes will be raffled after all three rounds of 100 prizes are finished. All tickets will be placed back into the tumbler and large prizes will be drawn at no extra ticket cost. Included in those larger gifts is a fire pit donated by Osgood Construction. Osgood Construction also donated a gas grill with a value of \$850, another prize to be drawn as part of that portion of the evening. "We have been very pleased with the prizes that have been donated and we expect there will be many smiling faces at the end of the evening," Jasper said.

The evening's highlight will take place after 300-plus gifts are raffled, when the cash prizes will be drawn. Tickets for those are on sale now and may be purchased from any Rotarian through the evening of May 21st. Tickets are \$1.00 each, six for \$5.00, 12 for \$10.00, or 25 for \$20.00.

"This year we have enhanced that portion of the event by adding a second prize. First prize is \$1,000 or \$1,200 if the winner is present. Second prize is \$500.00 and \$600.00 if the winner is present," said Jasper.

Several businesses and individuals have agreed to sponsor the penny sale. "We can't thank these businesses and individuals enough for their generosity and support. Sugar River Bank, Lake Sunapee Bank, Claremont Savings Bank, and Patten's have already agreed to donate funds to sponsor the penny sale, and we are extremely grateful," said Jasper.

Newport Senior Center will be on hand again this year selling refreshments. "Attendees can grab a hot dog, chips, or any number of other assorted goodies and then settle in with their tickets and wait for their numbers to be called. This is really a family friendly event and everyone wins," Jasper explained. "We are raising money to fund requests we receive throughout the year. We have identified three major beneficiaries for funds raised at this year's penny sale. They include the Newport Recreation Department Building Fund, the Newport Food Pantry, and classroom and teaching supplies for Newport Teachers.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the first prize will be drawn at 7:00 p.m. "Plan to arrive early, take a look at the hundreds of prizes in front of the stage, and then grab a snack and settle in for an enjoyable evening. We hope the community will come out and support our efforts as we raise funds for our community." Jasper said.

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

Blood Drive At MAHHC

WINDSOR, VT--Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center, 289 County Road, Windsor, will host a blood drive on Wednesday, May 4th, from 1:00-6:00 p.m. For an appointment, visit <http://www.redcrossblood.org/> or call 1-800-REDCROSS or simply walk in. Registra-

tion will be located in Board Room of the Hospital.

Grand Jury Indictments

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

NEWPORT, NH--The following Sullivan County Grand Jury Indictments were recently released: David Hanson, 27, Claremont, NH, indicted for Possession of Subutex (Controlled Drug), Feb. 25, 2016.

Scott A. Sanborn, Claremont, NH, 29, indicted for Stalking, did or between March 5, 2016, and March 9, 2016; Violation of Protective Order, March 10, 2016.

Joanne Bunten, 35, Unity, NH, indicted for Forgery-Writing Purporting to be Act of Another, did between March 10, 2016 and March 20, 2016; Forgery-Writing Purporting to be Act of Another, did between March 20, 2016, and March 25, 2016.

Brandon Bostwick, 28, Brattleboro, VT, indicted for Attempted Theft 3rd (multi tool kit from Runnings), March 2, 2016; Attempted Theft Value More \$1,000, March 2, 2016.

Travis Bunnell, 35, Georges Mills, NH, indicted for Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault; April 10, 2016; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, did on or between April 1, 2015, and April 10, 2016.

Tracy Benoit, 41, Charlestown, NH, indicted for Possession of Subutex (Controlled Drug), January 29, 2016.

Book Talk, Signing At The Fiske

CLAREMONT, NH--A book signing and talk will be held on Saturday, May 14, at 1:00 p.m. by New Hampshire author Philip Soletsky at the Fiske Free Library.

Soletsky holds a PhD in physics and has served 12 years on the Brookline, NH, Fire Department. His mystery series features firefighter Jack Fallon and is set in a small New Hampshire town much like Brookline.

This event is sponsored by The Friends of the Fiske Free Library.

Call the library for more information, 542-7017. Books will be available to purchase at the program.



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Owners Of New Socials Announce New Partnership Agreement

CLAREMONT, NH--It was announced late this Monday morning that Shane Bodkins and Isabel Guillen have entered into a partnership agreement with Christine Charest toward a re-launch and rebranding of New Socials Bar & Grill located on Pleasant Street in in the Oscar Brown Building.

Bodkins and Guillen have owned and operated New Socials for the past seven years bringing great dishes and enjoyment to Claremont. The changes coming are going to be over a period of time and in collaboration with Charest.

“We are very excited about the changes and plans for this new venture as well as what it will offer for our community,” said Guillen.

“One of the changes we hope we don’t have to make is our location,” said Mike Charest.

“The building is under contract for sale with someone from out of town and we are uncertain as to rent, leases and what are next best considerations will be,” said Bodkins.

“At best, nothing changes, allowing us to move forward in place, at worst we move to another location and we continue to serve Claremont in the way we have been expected to but with a new twist,” said Guillen.

---Phyllis A. Muzeroll

Rabies Clinic In Unity May 7

UNITY, NH--The Friends of the Unity Free Library are sponsoring a rabies clinic at the Town Office Building, where the library is located, on Saturday, May 7, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$12.

Alstead Fire...

A brush fire in Alstead, NH, in the area of Alstead Center Road, broke out on Saturday. The fire quickly went to 4-alarm, and crews from multiple departments were called to the scene to help. More than 30 acres were burned. Crews returned Sunday morning to wet down hot spots and continue the investigation as to the cause.

Photos, courtesy of the Bellows Falls Fire Department

