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SREA Files Cease And Desist Motion Against School District

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CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont School District and teachers' union continue to be at loggerheads over the issue of class schedules at Stevens High School. On May 6, the Sugar

River Education Association (SREA) filed a motion for a cease and desist order against the district, requesting that the Public Employee Labor Relations Board (PELRB) order "that the Claremont School District cease and desist from refusing to implement an arbitration award relating to the 2016-17 schedule at Stevens High School in Claremont, and order that the District comply with the Arbitrator's award which states that the imposition of this new schedule violates the parties' collective

bargaining agreement."

In the fall of 2014, a SHS Scheduling Committee was formed to determine whether the then current 4 x 4 SHS schedule was meeting the needs of all SHS students. The committee's findings, according to the district, included an "academic gap in core disciplines, namely Math and English (sometimes up to 18 months); students had less time to grasp curriculum and succeed; failure rates were high

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O'Hearne Running For Sheriff's Job

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CLAREMONT, NH--Andrew O'Hearne, Senior Officer with the Claremont Police Department, is launching a campaign for the position of Sullivan County Sheriff.

That position is currently held by John Simonds who was elected to

the position in 2014 following the retirement of long-time sheriff Mike Prozzo.

Born in Claremont but raised in North Charlestown, O'Hearne graduated from Fall

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Andrew O'Hearne



The Stevens Alumni week proclamation was read at the Claremont City Council meeting Wednesday night. Claremont City Mayor Charlene Lovett presented the proclamation to Robert Stringer, who accepted on behalf of the Stevens Alumni Association. Alumni Day events will be held on Saturday, June 11, including the popular parade; the theme this year is "Great Books". The parade begins at 10:30 a.m. (Ken Coulombe photo).

Council Votes Down Sculpture Project For Bullpen

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CLAREMONT, NH--Few topics have stirred the pot recently in Claremont as much as the proposal by a local artist to put a large sculpture in the middle of Opera House Square. The issue was finally put to bed Wednesday night when the council voted no on the project. The action followed a recent forum at which members of the public had the opportunity to speak out on the project one way or the other. While there has been some support for the project and that was reflected at the forum, most residents who expressed opinions, especially on social media, were strongly opposed. Some said they liked the design but not the location while others said if art is going to be added to the City, a competition should be open to all artists interested in participating, not just one. Local sculptor Ernest Montenegro had proposed changing the function and look of the bullpen when he first presented an idea that

would have eliminated the 11 parking spaces in the center of the square. Getting rid of the parking drew a strong negative response from residents and business owners. Montenegro was then asked by the council to consider other designs for the space; those later presented included the large steel arches as the main components. However, concerns about visibility, maintenance, liability and interfering with the network of piping beneath the bullpen arose from councilors and residents, who for the most part, wanted the bullpen left alone. That message was reinforced at the council meeting Wednesday night. Councilors had received dozens of emails and calls from residents, and they were overwhelmingly opposed to the sculpture and/or its location. Montenegro has made no secret of his dislike for parking areas and his desire to turn the square into a pedestrian center.

The concerns of interim DPW Director Scott Sweet played a large role in helping councilors come to a decision against the project. Sweet had expressed multiple concerns about the proposal, especially about the location of infrastructure beneath the square. Both Councilor Allen Damren and resident George Caccavaro said they agreed with Sweet's concerns while resident Steve Picano said, "It needs a different home." Resident Bill Limoges said he was concerned that it would create "blind spots and cause accidents." He said he would like to see small sculptures behind the Visitors Center that reflect Claremont's history.

Montenegro spoke as well, thanking Damren for moderating the public forum, saying that it was interesting and

"exciting" to see the word "art" creating so much buzz. He said he understood that the vote Wednesday night would be a "negative one." And it was, with the council voting 8-0 to not pursue the project. Councilor John Simonds was not present but submitted a letter stating his opposition to the project in that location. Montenegro also said that part of presenting his designs was to get "the idea of change out in the air in Claremont because I think it is desperately needed."

CPD To Start Facebook Page

CLAREMONT, NH--The City of Claremont will be inching its way to having a presence on Facebook soon. The police department is going to launch a page that can provide information in a timely matter. Information posted will be outgoing only, meaning visitors will not be able to post comments. Capt. Mark Chase has been working on the plan which is expected to be launched in about a month.

---Phyllis A. Muzeroll

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and too many students had too few credits going into their junior or senior years; while 85 minute blocks allowed teachers more time to go in-depth with their curriculum, often 1/3 of class time was used for homework or 'down time'; AP classes were suffering since they did not match up with the test time in May; the current schedule did not provide enough flexibility for students to access SRVTC courses."

Preparation for implementation of the 2015-2016 schedule included school board presentations, frequent discussions with SHS staff and public forums with parents and residents, said SAU 6 Superintendent Middleton McGoodwin. In February of 2015, the union filed a grievance about the approved 2015-2016 SHS A/B schedule, and in April the arbitrator ruled that the school board violated the Collective Bargaining Agreement, a ruling which the school board rejected, saying that state law permits school boards to set class schedules. In August of 2015, mediation between the school board and the union was rejected by the Sugar River Education Association (SREA), which later filed and then withdrew a cease and desist order. In November of 2015, the union filed unfair labor practice with the Public Employees Relations Board which recommended that both parties go back to arbitration. The same arbitrator recently again ruled that the new class schedule, where students take classes in individual subjects on alternating days for a year rather than four subjects every day for a semester, violates the CBA and sidebar letters of agreement. He ruled that the district must pay 33 high school teachers \$153,000 for additional instructional time required under the A/B schedule. It remains the position of the school board and the administration that RSA 189:1-a, which reads that "Elected school boards shall be responsible for establishing the structure, accountability, advocacy, and delivery of instruction in each school operated and governed in its district" gives the board the authority to establish class schedules. The SREA has argued that a block scheduling side letter addendum to the contract with the district means the old scheduling format must stay in place and that a provision in the contract says arbitration decisions are binding on all parties. In the cease and desist motion, the union argues that "The District has the responsibility 'for establishing the delivery of instruction.' That means the District gets to decide what the high school schedule

is. But the District also gets to decide whether to bargain that schedule with the Association. Where, as here, the District has bargained with the Association and agreed upon a high school schedule, that agreement is binding upon both the District and the Association. Nothing in RSA 189:1-a, II, changes that. The District is bound by its agreement, and that agreement, in turn, binds the District to any arbitration award that enforces that agreement."

McGoodwin told the *e-Ticker News* that "Our legal counsel will be submitting a response in the next week." Matthew Upton, counsel for the district, has received a copy of the foregoing motion electronically from union attorney James Allmendinger, with NEA-New Hampshire.

McGoodwin added that, "There are so many positive accomplishments that have occurred in the past few years throughout grades K-12. As a result, Claremont parents, students and teachers have much to be proud of. These accomplishments, and growth of our students, also includes the first year of full day Kindergarten.

"As I stated during my May 4, Claremont School Board presentation, the union's action do not represent those of all Claremont teachers. Rather, these actions originate from a small group of union members who are focused on teachers, and thus want to return to the high school schedule of prior years. It is important for the residents of Claremont to understand that the majority of our dedicated teachers are not involved with this action."

McGoodwin continued, "The data that showed several years of poor high school student achievement, as well as several years of students' comments explaining the need for change, resulted in the decision to make change and establish the high school's A/B schedule in 2015. I regret that all of this, and my

comments, come with a negative tone. With so many positive accomplishments happening in our schools, this does counter a small part of the positive feeling that is continuing to grow throughout the Claremont School District. However, as superintendent of schools, I have no choice but to stand up for what I believe, and explain to the Claremont community, why. I am completely committed to this strategic change. I am also committed to stand firm for what we are doing, and where we need to end up, as measured by our students."

The PELRB hearing will be on June 21.

Early Literacy Station Now Available At The Fiske

CLAREMONT, NH--Digital learning solutions for pre-school and elementary school age children are now available at the Fiske Free Library. The Early Literacy Station, designed specifically for children ages 2-8, features over 4,000 learning activities. The fun, interactive and engaging content spans all seven curricular areas: math, science & nature, social studies & geography, reading, art & music, writing & computer skills, and reference. The public is invited to stop by the library to check out this new offering.

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier



Burning Wood C & D Debris Could Return

Legislation which many Granite State citizens believe will adversely affect our state's air quality and maybe even encourage Wheelabrator to re-open its Claremont incinerator could soon become law, if New Hampshire's House of Representatives and Senate get their way.

On May 11 the House by voice vote, but after some debate, approved an amended version of Senate Bill 381 which would allow the limited burning of wood from C&D (Construction & Demolition) debris by specified waste-to-energy plants or incinerators. Currently the only operating incinerator to which the amended bill would apply is Wheelabrator's Concord incinerator. Approval came as a majority of the House Science, Technology, & Energy Committee, by an 11-8 roll call vote, had recommended passage of the amended bill that had been adopted by the Senate on March 17.

Senate Bill 381 proponents, led by Epping Rep. Michael Vose, stated that the legislation would enhance renewable energy electricity generation by permitting waste-to-energy incinerators to operate during the winter. Rep. Vose explained that cold weather usually reduces the collection of municipal waste and makes such waste wet as well as harder to burn by the incinerators. He said that the bill as amended would allow the addition of "recovered clean wood," to the affected incinerators' fuel mix so as to eliminate moisture and create the higher burn temperatures which would enable the more efficient operation of emissions reduction and more wintertime electricity production. This clean wood would include wood recovered by C&D debris. He added that the burning of such wood would only be permitted between Nov. 15 and April 15 of each year, and in quantities of no more than 10,000 tons per year. Finally, he said the clean wood to be burned in waste-to-energy incinerators would have to meet certain standards established by the United States EPA (Environmental Protection Agency).

As for Senate Bill 381's benefits, Rep. Vose claimed that the measure would make four improvements. First, it would increase the generation of electricity from renewable waste fuels. Second, it would reduce the burying of waste in landfills. Third, it would result in an estimated reduction of 850 tons per year of greenhouse gas emissions by avoiding the projected burning of 75,000 gallons of diesel fuel used to haul 430 truckloads of cleaned C & D wood waste to Quebec. Fourth and finally, it would "guarantee good-paying jobs" in New Hampshire.

Nevertheless, Senate Bill 381 opponents, including Manchester Rep. Robert Backus declared that the bill as amended would re-open the door for the limited burning of "supposedly clean" C&D debris, at least Wheelabrator's Concord incinerator. Rep. Backus explained that the general burning of C&D debris was banned in 2008 as a result of a law

passed by the New Hampshire Legislature. He said that opponents like himself had many concerns about permitting even the limited burning of some C&D debris.

First, among these concerns were that the true intention of Senate Bill 381's supporters was to gradually eliminate the 2008 ban on burning C&D debris by starting with clean wood. Second, that was "no verification" in the bill as written that the wood debris permitted to be burned was "in fact truly clean," because it could contain residues of toxic chemicals. Third, that there was "no demonstrated need" for the bill in order for Wheelabrator or C&D processors to continue doing business. Fourth and finally, there are presently, "no objective standards or limits on what is acceptable for incineration."

While opponents like Rep. Backus expressed concerns about Senate Bill 381 as amended, they were willing to compromise and have the bill sent back to the Science Committee for further study in order to have all the issues raised by the measure more thoroughly examined. Among other suggestions, they offered an amendment introduced by Dover Rep. William Baber to revise the bill so as to create a seven-member legislative study committee on the specific issue of burning wood C&D debris at waste-to-energy incinerators which would issue a report by Nov. 1, 2016, that could be considered by a new legislature next term. But Rep. Baber's amendment was rejected by a 169-115 division vote of the full House. Opponents also moved to table or more politely reject the bill. But the tabling motion was defeated by a voice vote, before the bill was finally approved on a voice vote.

For readers' information I voted against Senate Bill 381, and voted for the unsuccessful tabling motion. Also I meant to vote for Rep. Baber's unsuccessful amendment to create a legislative study committee on the issue of burning wood C&D debris. But I accidentally voted against the amendment because the vote came after I was a little tired and confused after sitting in the House Chamber for a long 15-hour day with few breaks. I regret voting "no," but voting "yes" would not have changed the outcome because the amendment lost by a wide margin. However, earlier on March 29, I had attended the Science Committee's public hearing on the bill, a hearing at which I did not testify, but I signed the bill's "blue sheet," so as to indicate my opposition. The hearing attracted more opponents than supporters, opponents like former Acworth Reps. James "Jay" Phinizy, and Jonathan Tuthill as well as Charlestown's Katie LaJoie, who declared that the measure, by weakening the 2008 ban on the burning of C&D debris, would make New Hampshire's air less clean.

Senate Bill 381 is sponsored by a bi-partisan group of legislators led by Wolfeboro Sen. Jeb Bradley. The bill now goes to Gov. Maggie Hassan for her consideration, though I've heard rumors that she could veto it.

As earlier written, May 11 was a long day for the House. There were many debates, and not just on Senate Bill 381. But for about 90 minutes we representatives forgot our work, and enjoyed the Fifth Annual Hot Dog Day on the sunny State House Lawn. Begun by Goffstown Rep. John Burt in 2012, this year's event raised money for Ossipee's Lakes Region Humane Society. It featured delicious food, including hot dogs donated by Claremont's North Country Smokehouse.

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Legislation Leads To Lowered Federal Student Loan Interest Rates For Upcoming School Year

WASHINGTON, DC--U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte released the following statement Friday regarding the announcement that federal student loan interest rates will drop for the 2016-2017 academic year following the enactment of provisions she helped introduce and later supported in the Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act. In July 2013, Ayotte was one of the first supporters of key provisions that tied interest rates for new student loans to the 10-year Treasury note. The legislation is projected to now save more than \$50 billion in interest payments for students across the country.

“Families and students in New Hampshire and across the country continue to face challenges when it comes to affording higher education, which is why I was an early supporter of legislation that would provide them with some much-needed relief. I’m pleased that similar legislation I supported will now result in billions of dollars of savings for new borrowers, especially students in New Hampshire,” said Ayotte. “Our state continues to have one of the highest average of student loan debt burdens in the country, which further underscores the need to explore more ways to help new and current borrowers with the cost of higher education. As someone who worked hard to pay off my student loans, I’m focused on helping give students and families more options, access to lower interest rates, and increased counseling services.”

The new rates will go into effect on July 1 for the upcoming academic year and do not apply to individuals who currently have federal student loans.

Additionally, in September of last year, Ayotte introduced the Student Loan Relief Act of 2015 with Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) that would give the Department of Education the ability to coordinate refinancing federal student loans, which would give borrowers access to lower interest rates similar to the way an individual would refinance a mortgage.

Shaheen Priorities Included in Defense Bill

WASHINGTON, DC--Thursday afternoon, the Senate Armed Services Committee approved the Fiscal Year 2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), critical legislation to authorize funding for U.S. national security priorities. Included in the bill are provisions championed by Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), including funding to develop the KC-46A aircraft, which is scheduled to be based at Pease Air National Guard Base, as well as the infrastructure necessary to support the tanker’s mission. The bill also includes her provisions to authorize infrastructure improvements at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and address the heroin and opioid epidemic. Due in part to Senator Shaheen’s opposition, this bill blocks a new round of Base Realignment and Closing (BRAC), which could have threatened jobs at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Shaheen is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, which authored this legislation.

“Today, in the Armed Services Committee, we advanced a bill that bolsters the role New Hampshire plays in the defense of the United States,” said Shaheen. “This legislation makes important investments that will strengthen our national security by supporting the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and the deployment of the KC-46A at Pease Air National Guard Base while keeping our businesses competitive by encouraging the development of innovative technologies. Importantly, the bill does not include ill-advised Base Realignment and Closing proceedings.”

The bill also authorizes a waiver of reduced reimbursements for shipyard workers on long-term temporary duty. This waiver impacts shipyard workers at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard who could have to pay expenses out-of-pocket while traveling and could discourage workers from volunteering for long-term assignments.

“Portsmouth Naval Shipyard workers are in demand for submarine modernization projects around the country,” said Shaheen. “There shouldn’t be a disincentive for shipyard workers to lend their specialized skills on long-term assignments. I’m very pleased that this bill includes my request to put this reimbursement reduction on hold.”

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Mountain. His interest in law enforcement started young, and he became a police cadet in 1983, working under then Claremont Police Chief Bower. From there he moved on to dispatching and then as a police officer with the City of Claremont, a position he has held now for 30 years. He plans to retire at the end of this year from the force. Along the way, he has also worked part-time for the Unity Police Department and in the sheriff's department as a part-time deputy.

"I believe I'm the better candidate," O'Hearne said when asked why he was running for sheriff this year. "I know the people and I've earned their respect. I've always tried to do the right and the fair thing. I treat people the way I expect to be treated. I have the experience and I would like to continue with what I am doing." He said that over the years several people whom he had arrested have come back to thank him for doing so, that that was a positive turning point in their lives. It's the kind of feedback that's very gratifying, he said. And just recently, he helped to deliver a baby in town, an experience that puts a smile on his face when he talks about it.

O'Hearne said that as sheriff he would be working out in the field as well as handling the duties behind the desk that are required of a sheriff. "I'm not afraid to get my hands dirty. I would like to have a visible presence," he said, not just inside the office but outside as well. "I want to be out in the field. There are times to be behind the desk, but I still want to be out there so that people can get to know me as sheriff." Having worked part-time as a deputy under former chief/sheriff Prozzo, he said he would like to take some of his ideas, make them his own and expand on them. As far as the drug crisis is concerned, he said he would like to put a deputy into the Drug Task Force and fill up the slack with some part-time help until the problem is under control. As a current NH State Representative, O'Hearne has been serving on the legislative Drug Task force. "People are asking me, will I raise taxes? I can do more with less. I don't like wasteful spending," he said. As a property owner in Claremont, he said he understands the issue of high taxes. He also serves on the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee in Concord.

O'Hearne, who is in his second term as a legislator, said he won't be running for another term because of the conflict of the county

delegation being responsible for the county budget. But the experience of being on the delegation has given him experience dealing with budgets as has serving in Concord, he said. "I've never been a politician, I'm a statesman, and the office of sheriff is not political and it shouldn't be." Including the sheriff, the department has five full-time people on staff and several part-timers, generally retired police officers. He said that while the sheriff's office is closed on weekends and holidays, he would be available by phone to answer questions when the need arises. "My first job was with communications and I believe in promoting that and using it. We shouldn't underutilize what we have today. We have the tools, we should be using them."

O'Hearne said that patience is a key component to his philosophy towards law enforcement. "I listen. Sometimes people just want to be heard. I have the patience to listen and understand. I know what the resources are."

Over the years O'Hearne has taken classes for computers, FEMA issues and dealing with commercial vehicles and is currently the longest serving police officer in

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SHS Class of '71 Meeting

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More Sightings Of Bears In Claremont Reported

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CLAREMONT, NH--Area residents, including a number in Claremont, reported seeing bears in their yards or in their neighborhoods again last week. One resident was Melissa Hall who said, "The first time was on Sunday, it took down my bird feeder; we have brought it in now. Second time was on Tuesday. My side door was open to the screen door, my dogs started freaking out. I went and looked and saw a big shadow walking near my car in the garage. My husband went out to the left of our garage, came within 25 feet of it. It just stood there looking at him. I

went inside to grab my phone and to be sure our daughter didn't come out. When I went back out, my husband had started yelling at it, it slowly meandered back behind our fence. John yelled and clapped his hands, it ran, but only a little ways and stopped, looked back at him. It eventually walked away. The one on Sunday seemed more timid, the one on Tuesday not so much! I am thinking it wasn't the same bear, but I'm not sure. We live off Park Ave., it's pretty secluded and surrounded by woods but still in town. The LaValley's train goes right behind our house in the gully; our house is up on hill above rail trail."

David Baldasaro told the *e-Ticker News* on May 8 that he had seen a black bear in his yard three times. "It wrecked two bird feeders and my neighbor's feeder this morning. People in the Bluff area and Maple Ave. should take warning; the police have been notified."

New Hampshire Fish and Game recommends that residents "finish your bird feeding activities by April 1 each year. Don't begin feeding the birds again prior to December 1 or the onset of prolonged winter weather (the birds will do just fine). Bears are clever. This, coupled with their strength and agility, make it very difficult to establish bear-proof bird feeders. Purposeful feeding can result in bears getting accustomed to humans." The department also recommends securing garbage in airtight containers, avoid putting food scraps in compost piles, cleaning and storing outdoor grills after using them and not putting pet food dishes outside. The increase in bear activity is due to scarce food supplies and a mild winter which caused the bears to leave their dens earlier than usual this year, said NH Fish and Game.

Seeing a bear in your yard can certainly make for interesting memories, though. "We were pretty excited but nervous all the same," exclaimed Hall.



Melissa Hall took this photo of a black bear checking out a bird feeder in her yard.



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CLAREMONT, NH--The Amtrak Exhibit Train's maiden visit to New Hampshire will happen on June 18 at the Claremont Junction station. This multi-car train has toured the nation, with Claremont being its first visit to the Granite State. Admission is free, and the train will be open to visitors from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Access to the Exhibit Train will be along the siding abutting the main rail line. For more information on the Exhibit Train, please go to <http://AllAboard.Amtrak.com>.



In addition to this exciting event, the Claremont Passenger Rail Committee has organized a number of family friendly activities at the Junction. This will include rides for little folks on "Tommy the Train" as well as food vendors, information booths plus performances by Claremont's Off Broad Street Players who will provide musical and dramatic vignettes highlighting the railroad's impact on the people of Claremont and NH. The youngest train fans can enjoy Chuggington Depot, a children's activity area. Amtrak has also partnered with the National Park Service in celebration of their centennial. A special limited-edition National Park Service passport stamp will be available to commemorate this milestone. Also, guided bird walks will be held in nearby Moody Park, beginning at 8:00 a.m., as part of the City's celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 300-acre wooded park. Lastly, the Arrowhead Recreation Area will be holding a concert starting at 4:00 p.m.



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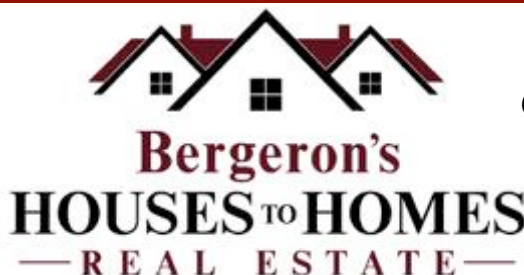
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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Minutes
 - a. April 19, 2016
- IV. Business
 - a. Survey results
- V. Correspondence
- VI. Other
- VII. Adjournment

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flushing process is an important part of the City's annual maintenance program to maintain high quality potable water and provide continued flow capacities within our distribution system.

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The water system will be riled and cloudy, but this condition will clear upon completion of the work.

MONDAY 5/16

Winter Street (below Water Treatment Plant)
Veterans' Park area
Washington Street and neighborhoods

TUESDAY 5/17

Water Street and Mill Road
Opera House Square
Main Street (142) to Union Street
Broad Street
High Street neighborhood
Chestnut Street and sides
Sugar River Drive and Case Hill

South Street

Pleasant Street and sides to Drapers Corner

WEDNESDAY 5/18

North Street / Lincoln Heights

Lower Hanover St, Lafayette

Lower Elm Street and neighborhoods to Main St

Main Street and neighborhoods to Coy Bridge

THURSDAY 5/19

Park Avenue area

Myrtle Street / Bluff area

Central Street and Pearl Street areas

Summer Street

Maple Ave area and sides

FRIDAY 5/20

Grissom Lane to River Road (junction)

Industrial Blvd.

Sullivan Street and Twistback Road areas

Old Church Road and Plains Road areas

MONDAY 5/23 through WEDNESDAY 5/25

Bible Hill / Ridge / Durham neighborhoods

Ledgewood Road and Glenwood Drive areas

Charlestown Road and sides to Lane Ridge

Winter Street (above Water Treatment Plant)

Thrasher Road, Slab City

Hanover Street

Elm Street and Dunning Street areas

Blow-offs throughout City (minimal disturbance expected).

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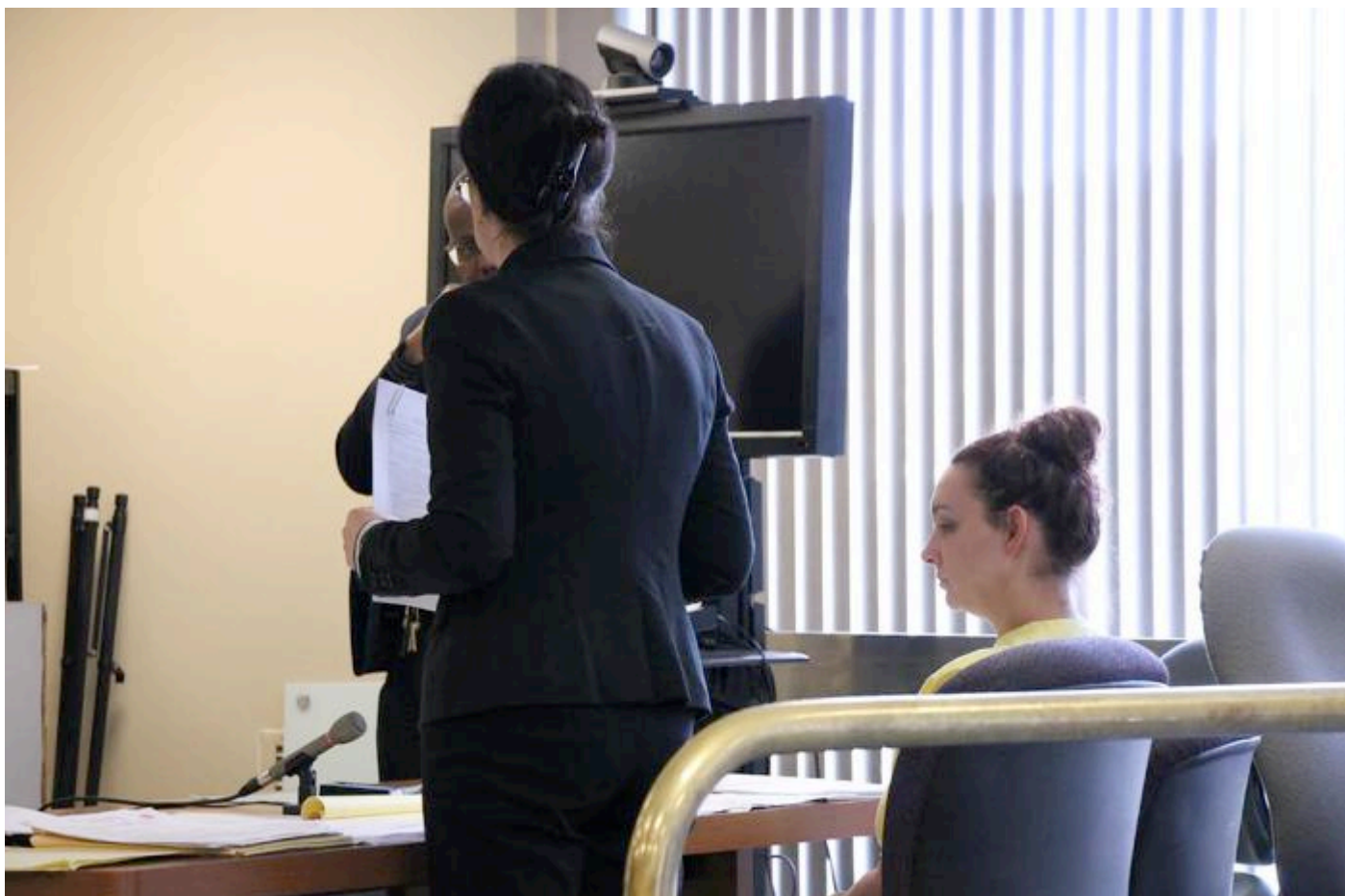
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Claremont Water Main Flushing Schedule

CLAREMONT, NH—The Department of Public Works will be flowing hydrants to flush the entire City water distribution system. The

Probable Cause Found

A probable cause hearing was held on Monday, May 9, at 5th Circuit District Court Claremont for Amber King, the driver in the late April fatal vehicular accident on Main Street in Claremont. Judge John J. Yazinski ruled there was Probable Cause in the case and ordered that the \$50,000 cash bail would stay. King was taken back to the Sullivan County House of Corrections. It is not known when the case will be sent on to Sullivan County Superior Court. Two passengers were seriously injured in the crash, and a third passenger, Amanda Grasso, died from injuries sustained in the accident (Bill Binder photo).



VT Man In Traffic Stop Found With Over 1/2 Lb. Of Pot

On May 12, a Lebanon Police Officer observed a silver Ford Focus traveling between 90 and 100 mph northbound on Interstate 89 near exit 19. The officer was able to stop the vehicle just south of exit 20 and identified the driver as David Hayward, age 20, of Bradford, VT. After smelling an odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle and conducting a brief investigation, over a half pound of marijuana was seized, along with evidence that Hayward was allegedly engaged in the sale of marijuana.

Hayward was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana with the Intent to Sell, along with Transportation of a Controlled Drug, a Class A Misdemeanor and violation

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Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center Named One Of “100 Great Hospitals In America”

LEBANON, NH – Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) has again been named to the annual list of “100 Great Hospitals in America” as compiled by the health care industry publication *Becker's Hospital Review*. Hospitals included on the Becker's list are home to many medical and scientific breakthroughs, provide best-in-class patient care and are stalwarts of their communities, serving as academic hubs. DHMC joins Mayo Clinic, Cleveland Clinic, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Stanford Hospital and Yale-New Haven Hospital on the Becker's list.

In compiling the list, Becker's drew on a number of national sources, including Healthgrades, Leapfrog, and *U.S. News & World Report*. Qualities looked for included "having a strong history of innovation, providing top-notch care to patients, leading clinical advancement with forward-thinking research or holding an irreplaceable spot in their communities." The final result is a list of 100 hospitals considered "overall healthcare leaders in their region, state or the nation."

Becker's notes that the list is not an endorsement of included hospitals, health systems or associated healthcare providers, and organizations do not and cannot pay for inclusion on this list.

DHMC is the only hospital in northern New England on the list, and was previously named to the “100 great hospitals” list in 2012 and 2014.

“Although this recognition cites Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, it is truly about the sustainable health system we are creating across our region,” said Dr. James N. Weinstein, CEO and President of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health system. “DHMC succeeds because of the integration and connections across our clinics, affiliates, as well as our educational and research partners. Together as an integrated delivery system we work to improve the lives of the people and communities we serve for generations to come. This honor belongs to all of us. Congratulations

and thank you to all my colleagues whose work is reflected in this recognition.”

DHMC is the center of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock health system.

Lane Named Mt. Ascutney Hospital Employee Of Month

WINDSOR, VT--Samantha Lane has been named Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) Employee of the Month for April. Lane, who has worked as a Dietary Aide at the
(Continued on page A17)

Energy Vampires at Work

Psychiatrist and author of *Positive Energy*, [Dr. Judith Orloff](#), identifies 6 types of “energy vampires” and their antidotes:

The **sob sister (or brother)** loves to complain about their situation. At work, you'll have to set clear boundaries to keep the “poor me” stories to a minimum.

The **drama queen (or king)** makes mountains out of molehills. Again, you'll have to set limits and not get caught up in the drama.

The **constant talker** may be entertaining at first (or not), but you may have to interrupt this self-centered coworker to get back to your task.

The **fixer upper** wants your help with everything, from unjamming the copy machine to serving as a go-between in a contentious interoffice relationship. Offer solutions, but don't rescue the fixer-upper all the time.

The **blamer** makes negative comments and tries to make you feel guilty for not getting things just right. Orloff suggests visualizing yourself in a cocoon of white light. If that sounds too new-agey, just think of it as ignoring the comments whenever you can.

The **go for the jugular fiend** cuts you down with no consideration for your feelings. Don't drink the poison; try not to take the pointed barbs personally.

Clinical psychologist [Dr. Sophie Henshaw](#) suggests a two-pronged approach to dealing with energy vampires. First, assess your emotional capacity to see just how much of this person you can take. Second, assess how much of a threat the vampire is to you.

Crazy coworkers are not the only energy vampires at work. Some of your very own behaviors can suck the life out of you. Remembering everything on today's to-do list – without the actual list – consumes the mental energy you could use to, say, write that major report. In an article, “[Top 10 Office Energy Drains](#),” *Forbes* lists multi-tasking, technology, workplace noise, an uncomfortable environment, sitting still, clutter, boredom, and resentment as other vitality zappers in the workplace.

Fight fang and nail to avoid the draining situations you can control, and minimize your interaction with your office vampire. It'll be a treat once the project is complete.



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Master Plan 2016 Public Survey

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Master Plan Steering Committee invites one and all to submit a completed survey for the update of the Master Plan. Your input matters. The link to the survey is below. The deadline is May 17th.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/claremontnh2016>.

Lane, from A16

Hospital since 2013, was cited for her excellent job performance.

According to Lane's supervisor, John Frisbee, Director of Food Services at MAHHC, "Samantha goes out of her way to deliver great service to everyone who visits the MAHHC cafeteria. She's positive and upbeat, always has a smile on her face, and is ready to help with anything she can. Everyone agrees that the cafeteria is a nicer place whenever Samantha is around." Lane lives in Windsor, VT.



Samantha Lane

Eversource Energy Charge Forecast Filed

MANCHESTER, NH--Eversource has filed a price forecast with New Hampshire state regulators, anticipating that the company's Energy Service Charge will increase in July. The company is not requesting a rate change at this time, but is forecasting an Energy Service Charge of 10.94 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) effective July 1st, com-

pared to the current 9.99 cents/kWh; the rate forecast will be updated with the most current numbers in a June filing with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (NHPUC).

The Eversource Energy Service Charge rate is calculated annually and adjusted every six months, based on the company's actual cost of producing or purchasing the energy it needs to serve its customers. Customers in New Hampshire have the right to choose to purchase energy from an independent supplier instead of their regulated utility. Eversource provides energy to those customers who have not chosen a supplier or who have been denied service by a supplier. A list of registered energy suppliers is available and the NHPUC website.

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Eversource also offers a wide variety of energy efficiency programs that can help customers reduce their use and save money year-round. The company provides an online cata-

log of energy efficiency appliances and lighting products and offers home weatherization programs where an expert will make on-the-spot improvements. To learn more about energy efficiency programs, visit eversource.com. A number of payment options are also available. They include Budget Billing, as well as opportunities for payment assistance.

Free Entrepreneurship Class

The Center for Women and Enterprise is bringing a free entrepreneurship class to Claremont. If you have interest in entrepreneurship or small business ownership/management, please take this short survey to help them understand our community's needs in regard to this programming:

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A 529 Plan Can Help With Those College Bills

We're at the end of another school year. If you have younger kids, you might be thinking about summer camps and other activities. But in the not-too-distant future, your children will be facing a bigger transition as they head off to college. Will you be financially prepared for that day?

A college education is a good investment – college graduates earn, on average, \$1 million more over their lifetimes than high school graduates, according to a study by Georgetown University – but a bachelor's degree doesn't come cheap. For the 2015–2016 school year, the average expense – tuition, fees, room and board – was \$19,548 at a public four-year school and \$43,921 at a four-year private school, according to the College Board. And by the time your children are ready for college, these costs may be considerably higher, because inflation is alive and well in the higher education arena.

Your children may be eligible for some types of financial aid and scholarships. But even so, you may want to consider some college-savings vehicles – and one of the most popular is a 529 plan.

A 529 plan offers a variety of benefits, including the following:

- High contribution limits – A 529 plan won't limit your contributions based on your income. In all likelihood, you can contribute as much as you want to a 529 plan, as many states have contribution limits of \$300,000 and up. And you can give up to \$14,000 (\$28,000 for a married couple filing jointly) per year, per child, without incurring any gift taxes.
- Tax advantages – Your earnings can accumulate tax free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (529 plan distributions not used for qualified expenses may be subject to federal and state income tax, and a 10% IRS penalty on the earnings.) Furthermore, your 529 plan contributions may be eligible for a state tax deduction or credit if you participate in your own state's plan. But 529 plans vary, so check with your tax advisor regarding deductibility.
- Freedom to invest in any state's plan. – You can invest in a 529 plan from any state – but that doesn't mean your child has to go to school there. You could live in one state, invest in a second state's plan, and send your student to school in a third state, if you choose.
- Money can be used for virtually any program – Upon graduating high school, not all kids are interested in, or prepared for, a traditional four-year college. But you can use your 529 plan to help pay for qualified expenses at a variety of educational institutions, including two-year community colleges and trade schools.

Of course, a 529 plan does have considerations you will need to think about before opening an account. For example, your 529 plan assets can affect your child's needs-based financial aid, but it might not doom it. As long as the 529 assets are under your control, they typically will be assessed at a maximum rate of 5.64% in determining your family's expected contribution under the federal financial aid formula, as opposed to the usual 20% rate for assets held in the student's name.

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Mayoral Notes

By
Charlene Lovett



Budget Talks And Other Happenings

On May 4th, City Manager Santagate introduced his proposed budget for FY 2017 to the City Council. His introduction began a two month process which will conclude on June 22nd with the public hearing and final vote of the budget. Between now and then, the Council will hold budget meetings at 6:30pm on May 19th and 25th, as well as June 2nd. This week, the Council will focus on the Department of Public Works and its proposed budget for streets and roads, sanitation, cemetery, water and sewer.

When I was running for mayor, the number one complaint was the tax rate quickly followed by the condition of our roads. How to fund improvements to our roads in 2017 will most likely be the bulk of our discussion on Thursday night (May 19). Should it be done by budgeting a specific amount annually, bonding or a combination of the two?

Historically, the Council has not been consistent in how it has budgeted for roads. If the goal is to budget \$750,000 annually, the Council came the closest to achieving this in 2007 when \$712,000 was allocated. Since then, the amount has varied from \$500,000 to zero. Often, the shortfall was made up by relying on funds from bonds or grants. So, while this approach may have prevented sharp in-

creases in the tax rate, it has made the City dependent upon bonding to improve road conditions.

Today, we are making payments on bonds issued in 2002, 2005, 2011 and 2015. The original amount of these bonds combined totals \$8,320,625, and doesn't include the interest paid throughout the lifetime of the bond. So, while bonding may offer a short term solution for improving roads when budgets are tight, it does prove to be more expensive in the long run.

Finding the best approach to fund roads in 2017 will be a challenge. Mr. Santagate's proposed budget does not include new funds for roads. Rather it relies on the money left over from the 1.5M bond from last year in order to avoid increasing the tax rate. Given that the tax rate was the number one complaint when I ran for office, his approach is certainly an option. The question to be answered is whether it is the best solution for both the upcoming year and in the long term.

At our regular Council meeting last week, we had residents of all ages in the audience. Children from the Heart of Claremont invited Council members and administration officials to an event to learn about the organization and its programs. The high school Seaperch robotics team demonstrated their remotely operated vehicle which they will use in the national competition in Baton Rouge, Louisiana this Saturday (May 21st). Members of the Stevens High School Alumni Association ac-

cepted the Proclamation for Alumni Week in June. Residents spoke about beautification and the arts.

Seeing the Council Chambers full with people actively engaged in our community demonstrates that Claremont citizens are engaged. Because of you, Claremont is improving, gaining recognition on the national stage, and creating events that draw people to our area.

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Sullivan County High Tunnel Presentation

UNITY, NH--On Wednesday, May 18th, at 3:00 p.m. there will be a free presentation by Dr. Leon Malan on the latest results from the ongoing Sullivan County high tunnel research. The presentation will take place at the Ahern Building of the Sullivan County Complex in Unity.

The Sullivan County high tunnels were installed in 2014 with support from local volunteers and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). Their purpose is to promote agricultural experimentation and education in Sullivan County. The tunnels are currently being used to evaluate an innovative high tunnel (or greenhouse) covering called So-lawrap. Crop trials are being conducted in the high tunnels to see if different coverings produce any measurable differences in either crop yields or quality.

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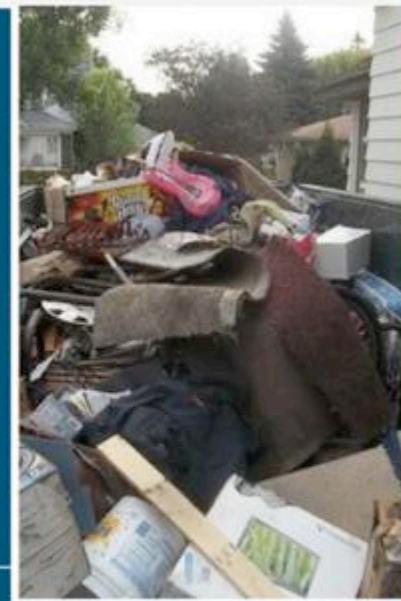
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www.claremontsummerfest.com.

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



Spring?

The calendar says May but it feels like mid April. Nights with temperatures in the 30s? I think my calendar is broken.

I came across a great tip the other day. For those of you who make your own soup...When it is finished, pour it into your slow cooker, set it on Warm and let it simmer for a couple of hours. This brings all the flavors out and gets them together. It also relieves you from stirring occasionally to prevent burning. And it frees up a spot on your stove. The aroma will still get out and drive people to the brink of starvation. This was a great idea, especially freeing up a spot on the stove.

Since we are already on the subject of the slow cooker, here is a great tasty dinner put together in minutes before work and ready for dinner when you get home.

Barbecued Pork Chop Supper

- 6 small red potatoes cut into quarters
- 6 medium carrots cut into one inch pieces
- 8 bone in pork chops about ½ inch thick
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1 bottle barbecue sauce (28 oz)
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1 cup cola
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

Place potatoes and carrots in a 5 qt. slow cooker. Top with the pork chops. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Combine the barbecue sauce, ketchup, cola, and Worcestershire sauce. Pour over the pork chops. Cover and cook on low for 8 to 9 hours.

The potatoes and carrots form a platform that keeps the chops from sticking to the bottom. Whenever I do meat in the cooker, I usually try to have some base to keep it off the bottom. It isn't always necessary but when in doubt err on the side of caution.

One beef bouillon cube dissolved in one cup of boiling water may be substituted for one cup of broth when necessary. I may not have a can of broth on hand, but I do have bouillon cubes hanging around.

The next dish features two of my favorite ingredients. Merlot and mushrooms. It cooks in about 5 hours, although 7 is good, too.

Chicken Merlot and Mushrooms

- ¾ lb sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 3 pounds boneless skinless chicken thighs
- 1 can tomato paste (6 oz)
- ¾ cup chicken broth (see above)
- ¼ cup Merlot (to taste)
- 2 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 ½ teaspoons dried basil
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Place the mushrooms, onion and garlic in the slow cooker. Top with the chicken thighs. In a bowl combine the tomato paste, wine, tapioca, sugar, basil, salt and pepper. Pour over the chicken. Cover and cook for 5 to 6 hours. You could use chicken breasts and just cook for 8 hours.

Play with your food. It prevents boredom.

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NCTV To Offer Video Camp June 27 – July 8

NEWPORT, NH--For the third year, Newport Community Television will be offering its Summer Video Camp program for students age 11-15. The program, which will be held June 27 through July 8 from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., will give students hands-on video production experience. Working in production groups with an experienced producer, participants will use the facilities at NCTV to create a video project, from story development and scripting, through digital camera operation and shooting, to editing a final production that will be shown on Newport's Access Channel 10.

Any student age 11-15 is invited to participate, but space is limited to 12 campers. The cost of the nine-day program (no camp on Monday, July 4) is \$35.00. Financial assistance is available. If there is sufficient interest, a second session may be added later in the summer.

For more information, or to register for the camp, contact Jeff Nintzel or Melanie Corley at NCTV by email (info@newportcommunitytv.org) or by telephone at 863-8837. NCTV is located in the Lou Thompson Community Room in the Tech Center at Newport High School. Regular office hours are 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

NCTV is Newport's access channel, which provides an outlet on the Comcast cable system for community-produced programs. It offers equipment and training to Newport citizens for video productions to show on Channel 10.



Trees For Monadnock Park...

Members of the Parks and Recreation Board got together early last week to go over possible sites for the planting of silver maple trees at Monadnock Park. Pictured above are Mark Brislin, Director, left, Chris Irish, Bill Carpenter and Jeff Coburn. A minimum of four trees and a maximum of six are expected to be planted by the end of May. Two trees have been donated by the state of New Hampshire, the rest to come from private donations (Les St.Pierre photo).

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Visitors to Runnings in Claremont last week were greeted with a petting zoo and mini carnival in its Washington Street parking lot.



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Claremont Confidential

By Les St.Pierre



Leaving With A Legacy

We all know how difficult it is to fill someone's shoes. People, in general, balk at the first mention of change. Upsetting the apple cart meets with great anxiety. Normally, change is good. But there are those times when the best effort to alter the mainstay simply falls short.

Take, for instance, trying to duplicate what Clarence "Ceep" Parker did for Stevens High School in the coaching department. In terms of wins and losses, it can't, and won't, be done ever again. Take, also, what Walt Paskevich did in the music department at the Claremont school. Again, it can't, and won't, be done ever again.

Circumstances change over the years and we are left to go with the flow and hope for the best. That is, to make good with what is put forth before us.

Pat Granter is retiring as the music teacher at Stevens High School after 21 years of service. I just had to ask her if she had ever been compared to Paskevich. I realize it probably is like comparing apples to oranges, since Paskevich basked in the limelight during the latter 1950's and early 1960's. Granter has been at Stevens High since 1995.

"There is no comparison," Granter quickly voiced during an interview in the Music Room just to the left of the entrance into the Frederick W. Carr Gymnasium last Friday. "He is a god! I don't know how to compete with someone I have never met. He wasn't alive when I came here. I don't think I could ever compete with him. It was different circumstances. They had grades 10-12 in this building and 1,200 students. They had band during lunch time which was about an hour and a half. He could treat kids differently. I would probably get fired today if I did that. I am not saying he did anything wrong. I have to do things differently. I think his students were way more advanced than mine just by the music I have seen."

Granter went on to explain, "There used to be a music store here in town and there used

to be music teachers who would give private lessons. There is not a whole lot of private teachers around now. Most of my kids wouldn't be able to afford it. I know Claremont was upper middle class and when Joy Manufacturing went everything kind of went with it. The kids I have could very well be at the level of those Walt had if circumstances and economics were different. Both parents are working and just don't have time with their kids."

Wrapping up her discussion about Paskevich and her answer to the comparison question, Granter reported, "Hardly anyone says that to



SHS music teacher Pat Granter with the tally sheet from the recent Music In The Park program where Stevens finished with an impressive score of 98 (Les St.Pierre photo).

me anymore. They did it to me the first four or five years I was here, but as I began to establish myself I just think my circumstances were different. I have 26 members in the band this year. We have been struggling for years. The band was much larger up until about 2004. We had 70 members then at that point. It has always been between 25 and 30 the last four or five years, but they are good kids. I don't ever want to look at it as we are small, oh, boo-hoo, but as we are small, what can we do to make us great. I did everything I can to make the kids be successful. I am really going to miss them.

"I wish I had met Walter Paskevich," Granter said. "We tried to get to go to the Cherry Blossom

Festival in Washington, turned in all the criteria, but then was told 'No!' because they were no longer accepting bands under 150 members." Paskevich had a band that went to Dwight Eisenhower's inauguration.

Granter still will leave her mark at Stevens, although in quite a different way.

"Myself and Larissa Cahill saved the stage," the retiring music teacher proudly boasted, referring to the recent renovation at the Broad Street school. "I should say we had a big hand in saving the stage. That was probably one of my more prouder accomplishments. They

were going to leave us with a three-inch platform and they told us about it two weeks before they were due to wreck it down. That was a pretty scary two years, but we have our stage. I feel like I left the kids a legacy even though they might never know who I am."

Cahill is the school's drama teacher. "She is just wonderful!" Granter said in regards to her fellow teacher. "I have had a lot of help from The Friends of Music, too. The parents have been really wonderful helping out. That is how we went to Disney World. If we didn't have a good

parent group at that time, it wouldn't have happened. The parents really dug in and really came through for the kids.

In addition to the trip to Disney World, Granter has had her students travel to Virginia, New York, and Pennsylvania, along with competitions throughout New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Just a couple of Saturdays ago her music students came through with several 10's at a competition at Holyoke High School in the Bay State and earned Granter an unbelievable 98 final score, the first she had ever received. The two judges, one from the New England Conservatory of Music and the other the Director of Bands at Boston College were quite

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congratulatory in their remarks.

“Marvelous teaching job”; “the attention to details was certainly impressive”; tone quality, intonation, rhythmic accuracy, technique and musicality were all at a very high level”; “Congratulations to all the students in this outstanding ensemble. The effort that all of you made in the performance today was exemplary”; “All of this comes from a very dedicated, competent teacher” are the words handed down to Granter at the competition's closing.

Granter is proud of her accomplishments at Stevens High and is ever grateful to the Stevens High Alumni Association for donating three trophy cases to her in which are neatly assembled nearly 40 trophies. She expects to add several plaques to the wall prior to the Alumni Day festivities.

Granter went to school in New Jersey graduating from William Patterson University with a major in music and left for Newfoundland, Canada, at the age of 22, where, by the way, she met her husband, William. After toiling there for several years she arrived in Claremont and the rest, as they say, is history. She has two grown daughters, Jacinta and Alaina.

“I am really glad I came here,” Granter said. “This has been my dream job. I always wanted to be a high school teacher, even though I like teaching all ages. Everyone has been wonderful. I love living here. I wish more people would appreciate how hard these teachers at Stevens work. I guess that is the message I want to get out. People need to know how hard these teachers work.”

Admitting she will miss the teaching profession, Granter closed the interview with, “I feel really grateful I had the opportunity to teach these kids. I am really sad I am leaving my kids. I really am going to miss them, terribly.”

Sunapee Police Warn Of Computer Scam

The Sunapee Police Department wants the public to know about the latest computer scam making its

way into email everywhere, especially business email. It's nicknamed, “Locky”. Disguised as an invoice attachment, Locky is especially insidious because it automatically changes your file names and encrypts all of your data as it works its way through your local and networked computers. Once encrypted, your files can only be restored if you send payment (which is basically ransom) to a website in exchange for a decryption key.

Currently, Locky is appearing as an email message with a subject line, such as “Attention to Invoice #123456” along with a message such as “Please see the attached invoice (a Microsoft Word Document) and remit payment according to the terms shown at the bottom of the invoice.” The malicious macros are contained in the fake invoice which should not be opened.

For anyone who finds themselves a victim of Locky, there are not many options available to fix the problem. Outside of paying the ran-

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