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## Withdrawal Plan From SAU 43 Approved By State

NEWPORT, NH--On Thursday May 26, the New Hampshire Board of Education accepted the withdrawal of both the Croydon School District and the Newport School District from joint SAU 43. The Board approved Croydon School District to operate as a single district SAU with a new number, SAU 99. The Board approved Newport School District to operate as a single district SAU which retains the SAU 43 designation.

SAU 43 was once a multi-district SAU that included Kearsarge, Goshen, Lempster, Sunapee Croydon and Newport. Sunapee left the SAU in 2008.

Croydon School District has hired Dr. Greg Vogt as the new Superintendent. Vogt is returning to public school service after a brief retirement. Previously he was the superintendent of Plainfield School District. Prior to work in New Hampshire, Dr. Vogt had long, successful career in public education in NY. Dr Vogt said that he was happy to have this opportunity to return from retirement and was eager to work with the Board, staff and families in Croydon. Vogt has accepted the part-time job based on the conditions developed in the withdraw plan. He will be paid an hourly stipend at \$75 per hour.

Newport School District has hired Dr. Cindy Gallagher to return as Superintendent for the 2016-17 school year. Gallagher was appointed as Interim Superintendent for both Croydon and Newport school districts in January 2015. She was hired into the full time role in February 2016. Her salary in 2016-17 will be \$97,850.

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**Mayor Charlene Lovett was busy last Monday planting flowers around the Civil War Monument in Broad St. Park. Lovett hopes to keep any foot traffic away from the base of the monument while prettying up the area. The flowers were from a local nursery (Bill Binder photo).**

## Simonds Gearing Up For Re-Election As Sheriff

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--It's only been 17 months since John Simonds took over as High Sheriff of Sullivan County, but it's been a busy 17 months, he said. "I can't believe how fast it has gone by," he told the *e-Ticker News* on Wednesday, "and now it's time to start campaigning for the position already. I've tried to be the best I can be, and I look forward to con-

tinuing serving the people of Sullivan County."

Simonds beat out two other opponents during the election process in 2014 and received the endorsement of then retiring Sheriff Mike Prozzo who served in that position for 20 years, following a long career in law enforcement prior to becoming sheriff. Prozzo has since moved to Florida but keeps in regular touch with Simonds, sharing his continuing interest in Claremont and the surrounding area.

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# County Grand Jury Indictments Released

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
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NEWPORT, NH--The Sullivan County Grand Jury recently released the following indictments:

Jeffrey Buzzell, 42, c/o Sullivan County House of Corrections, indicted for Assault of Prisoner, May 20, 2016; Receiving Stolen Property-Value Excess \$1,500, between May 3, 2015, and May 18, 2016; Falsifying Physical Evidence, May 5, 2015; Criminal Solicitation/ Receiving Stolen Property-Value Excess \$1,500, between January 1, 2016, and May 18, 2016.

Elissa Brown, 37, Lebanon, NH, indicted for Conspiracy/Sale of Controlled Drug (Heroin), on or between June 28, 2015, and July 2, 2015.

Robert Tobin, 40, Lebanon, NH, indicted for Conspiracy/Sale of Controlled Drug (Heroin), on or between June 28, 2015, and July 2,

2015; Sale of Controlled Drug (Heroin), July 1, 2015.

Chad Shute, 27, Goshen, NH, indicted for Operating After Being Declared an Habitual Offender, April 25, 2016; Operating After Being Declared an Habitual Offender, April 7, 2016.

Joseph Szelangowski, Jr., 40, Newport, NH, Operating After Being Declared an Habitual Offender, April 14, 2016.

## Flower Planting In Opera House Square

CLAREMONT, NH--Heart of Claremont is looking for volunteers to help plant flowers and spread mulch in the gardens of Opera House Square on Saturday, June 4, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. No experience is necessary, just a desire to help beautify your City Center. Come for an hour or the whole morning. This is the 15th year of this beautification project, so please consider joining others and making a difference in your community. Heavy rain date will be Sunday, June 5th, same time.

pleased to have Dr. Vogt join us and to be able to work with him over the summer to ensure that the transition moves smoothly for both communities.”

The withdraw process is dictated by RSA 194:C-2 in the New Hampshire state statutes. It is intended to be a two year process. In this instance, due to the limited amount of joint assets, the entire process will be completed with both districts acting independently effective July 1, 2016, said Gallagher.

## Vendors Welcomed On Alumni Day

CLAREMONT, NH--The Stevens High School Alumni Association invites crafters and local vendors interested in taking part in this annual Alumni Day Broad Street Park festivity, Saturday, June 11th. Home party demonstrators and local businesses are also welcomed.

There is no cost to set up a booth. For more information or to book a space, contact Bob Stringer at (603)-542-5129 or [RSTRINGER@STRINGERFH.COM](mailto:RSTRINGER@STRINGERFH.COM).

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### SAU 43, from A1

“I’m appreciative of the opportunity to return to serve the Newport School District,” said Gallagher. “I am honored to have had a chance to work with the Croydon School District. It is a wonderful small school and community. I understand the need for local control and the financial savings that Croydon will gain due to

this withdrawal. I am very

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## Simonds, from A1

"I love the job," said Simonds. "We have a great staff. I wouldn't want to lose a single person."

Simonds said that a lot of people are not familiar with the duties of the sheriff's office or that the department is mandated by state law. For towns such as Lempster and Unity that don't have their own police departments, the sheriff's office contracts services with them, sharing duties with the New Hampshire State Police. And while police departments deal with criminal law, sheriffs' departments also deal with civil law.

Although a native of Massachusetts, Simonds and his family came to New Hampshire when he was very young; he graduated from Kearsarge and began learning police work at the age of 19, in Sutton. "A family friend told me once, 'You'd make a good cop,'" he laughed, remembering the comment fondly. Over his 26-year career thus far, he has worked his way "up the ladder," as he put it, working in law enforcement from Sutton to Bradford, Newbury, Claremont and Newport before being asked to join the sheriff's office as chief deputy by Prozzo; he had served as patrol officer, a detective and prosecutor before accepting that position. "Being a supervisor has been a big help working as sheriff," he said.

The sheriff's office has the responsibility of transporting prisoners to and from jail, and in cases such as high profile trials, there are extra duties. When James Robarge was on trial for the murder of his wife, Kelly, for example, extra protection was taken transporting him to and from the courthouse and at the courthouse itself. "We went to court at 5:00, 5:30 in the morning, to do a security sweep," he recalled. They also had extra people covering him and varied the daily pattern of transporting him "to ensure against any member of the public trying to harm him," said Simonds.

Simonds is also a member of the Claremont City Council and said that working both as a councilor and sheriff has helped when budget seasons are here and a financial plan has to be crafted for the new year. "I've completed two fiscally conservative budgets," he said. Although the role of sheriff is highly administrative, Simonds said that he spends time in the field as well, especially if he hears a call on the radio for backup.

Simonds said he is the only sheriff in Sullivan County to have ever attended the National



**John Simonds**

Sheriffs Institute and has taken additional national training as well; he has an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from the NH Technical Institute in Concord. He has been working with local businesses for the good of the department and said that Ruger has donated 18 new handguns to the office; he has also been working with Whelen to have their lights put on the fleet of new vehicles that will be replacing the old one this summer. "I think it's important to support local people, and they are two of the biggest companies in the county," he said. The department has also been busy updating policy information and procedures, something that has to be done every time new laws are passed or existing ones are amended. Another project he has undertaken was to organize better communication between law enforcement agencies in New Hampshire and Vermont to deal with the drug crisis. He called all the chiefs from Belkows Falls to White River Junction and from Langdon to Lebanon to organize group meetings to have better communication between the states on how to deal

with the drug issue, especially the heroin epidemic. "It's been phenomenal," he said, and officers from dozens of communities are now meeting every other month to improve the sharing of ideas and information. Soon, his staff will be licensed to carry Narcan. "There will be a licensing and training process, and policy has to be written," he said.

As far as the sheriff's office being closed on weekends, Simonds said that "We're open Monday through Friday, this is when the courts are open and we handle the civil side of the law." But for anyone with a question or who would like to learn more about the office, Simonds said, "We have an open door policy; we welcome people stopping by or calling, in fact, we do get a lot of calls. It's all about public service."

Simonds is in his second term as a City Councilor, and he looks forward to serving his second term as sheriff. "I have tried and proven leadership and a team-oriented leadership philosophy. I'm not afraid to run out the door and get my hands dirty. I never forget that people voted for me, and I ask for their vote again this year."

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# Commentary

## NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier



### Legislative Work Coming To A Close

The 2016 Regular Session of New Hampshire's House of Representatives and Senate will, for all practical purposes, come to a finish this week.

The 2016 Session is scheduled to come to its end because on June 1, and if necessary June 2, both House and Senate will meet to vote on the final versions of various pieces of legislation, final and often compromise versions of measures which survived the committee of conference process. More specifically, committees of conference are temporary, joint, and ad hoc committees usually consisting of four representatives appointed by the House Speaker, and three senators appointed by the Senate President. Committees that attempt to hammer out compromises on differing versions of the same legislation approved by both bodies and which must be unanimously signed off on by all seven committee members. Other than one last meeting to deal with legislation vetoed by Gov. Maggie Hassan, a meeting which occur as late as October, this week's gatherings should be the some of the last for 2016.

Last week 65 committees of conference, according to my rough count, met in their attempts to find compromises on the legislation for which they were appointed. Most of these committees of conference, or about 56 again according to my rough count, were able to reach compromises. These committees included the one created for House Bill 2016, which as readers may remember from some of my previous columns is the biennial update to New Hampshire's 10-Year Transportation Plan, the only committee of conference to which I was appointed this year. The House Bill 2016 Committee of Conference actually reached basic agreement on a House-Senate compromise version of the 10-Year Plan after just one meeting on May 16. In comparison to some previous contentious committees regarding compromises on the 10-Year Plan of which I have been a member, this year's compromise was relatively easy in my opinion.

The compromise was easy because the disputed issues in House Bill 2016's version approved by the House on March 10, and the version of the bill passed by the Senate on May 12, were relatively minor. One disputed issue involved the use of so-called "toll credits" that can be used for transportation projects. More specifically, toll credits are an indirect form of federal transportation aid that the federal government gives to states like New Hampshire that have turnpikes or toll roads. Under the committee of conference's compromise, the State Department of Transportation will be allowed the fairly unrestricted use of such credits for road and bridge projects. But if the Transportation Department wishes to use the credits to help pay for mass transit programs,

such as bus or rail lines, it would have to obtain approval of the House-Senate Capital Budget Overview Committee, a joint legislative committee of which I am presently a member.

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## Letter To The Editor

### Thank You From Turning Points Network

#### To The Editor:

To everyone who participated or contributed: you did it! You helped Turning Points Network reach its goal of raising \$100,000 in honor of the 10th annual Steppin' Up To End Violence 5K Walk & Fun Run on April 30th. When we set this goal, we hoped it was achievable and believed it was possible. We've watched as what began as a TPN event has grown into a community event. Under bright blue skies nearly 1,000 people took to the streets of downtown Claremont—running, walking, rolling and strolling—making an impressive show of support for those affected by domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking. Upon returning from the walk/run, participants heard the grand announcement that they had helped raise \$96,500. Since then additional contributions have been made and on May 18, less than three weeks after the event, TPN reached its \$100,000 goal.

What you accomplished collectively is impressive: some asked people to join a team; some asked colleagues, neighbors and friends to make a donation; some baked delicious treats for the rally celebration or helped cut up fresh fruit for fruit cups; some donated a raffle prize; some helped spread the word through social media and others decided to lead a team. And together, with 56 event sponsors, dozens of donors and 84 teams the community set an impressive record: the most people in attendance and the most money ever raised by Steppin' Up. This incredible achievement supports the work of TPN and provides an equally incredible amount of hope for our communities. Natasha, a survivor who spoke at the rally, shared that TPN had helped save her life. That life-changing work could not continue without the financial support of the community.

We are grateful to everyone who participated. You are making sure TPN's services remain free of charge and available for everyone, whenever they are needed, and you are helping fund the work of the future as TPN's educators bring violence-prevention programs to schools, community groups and service providers.

We are amazed and humbled by your support and we hope you feel tremendous pride in knowing that YOU made the \$100,000 goal a reality. From everyone at TPN—volunteers, board and staff—thank you!

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## **New Hampshire Priorities Included In Defense And Homeland Security Appropriations Bills**

WASHINGTON, DC-- Thursday, the Senate Appropriations Committee, of which U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) is a senior member, approved the annual Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security FY 2017 appropriations bills. Shaheen successfully advocated for the inclusion of provisions that will support NH’s men and women in uniform, and improve our national security while continuing to protect New Hampshire jobs and grow the economy. Shaheen also worked to include funding to assist communities in New Hampshire and across the country address the growing opioid addiction epidemic. The Homeland Security bill also restores funding for our Nation’s first responders who are on the front lines when disaster strikes and provides robust funding to support aviation security.

“Today we advanced critical spending bills to bolster our national security, help our returning soldiers readjust to civilian life, combat the growing opioid addiction epidemic and support our fishing industry, all of which impact the people of New Hampshire,” said Shaheen. “In Congress, one of our most important responsibilities is ensuring that our service men and women receive the resources they need to defend our country and these funding bills do just that. As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I’ll continue to make New Hampshire’s voice heard as we advance important spending bills.”

Shaheen continued, “I’m encouraged that federal funding was included to help states like New Hampshire stem the tide of the opioid addiction epidemic. This is an important step and I’ll continue to fight for additional resources to support those on the frontlines of this crisis.”

The Department of Defense funding bill includes support for the New Hampshire National Guard’s Deployment Cycle Support Care Coordination Program (DCSCCP), known as Beyond the Yellow Ribbon. DCSCCP provides members of the Guard and their families with a wide range of services to help them through the difficult and stressful deployment and transition process. The program has also been instrumental in preventing suicides, providing access to mental health, preventing homelessness, and helping veterans find employment.

The bill also funds the continued deployment of the KC-46A tankers at Pease Air National Guard base and the procurement of Virginia-class submarines. These submarines are critical to our national security and are overhauled, repaired and modernized at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

## **Ayotte On Visa Waiver Program: “We’re Only As Good As The Information We Have”**

WASHINGTON, DC.--Thursday, U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte questioned U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Deputy Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas during a Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee hearing on protecting the United States from the growing threat of ISIS. In light of enhanced security threats, Ayotte focused on the importance of identifying and tracking foreign fighters and strengthening information sharing within the Visa Waiver Program (VWP), particularly among European countries.

Wednesday, Ayotte sent a letter to DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson urging him to consider designating new “Countries of Concern” under the VWP and to strengthen information sharing efforts due to recent terrorist attacks in European countries, including France and Belgium.

“We know that there were deficiencies in Belgium. I know that [Secretary Johnson] is looking at Countries of Concern, but information sharing is the critical piece here for us to protect our citizens, whether within the Visa Waiver Program or not,” said Senator Ayotte.

Ayotte continued, “What worries me is that you have a significant number of foreign fighters that have returned to these European countries and the sharing of information of our allies is critical. It’s also the critical piece to how effective the Visa Waiver Program is.”

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### SHS Class of 1971 Meeting, Work Session

CLAREMONT, NH--Stevens High School class of 1971 will hold a meeting and work session June 1st at 5:30 p.m. Please note the earlier time. La-Valley's Claremont Building Supply. Please use the Pleasant Street entrance.

### Pinning Ceremony...

The Claremont Fire Dept. held a pinning ceremony on Friday, May 27, at City Hall. A new firefighter or a firefighter moving up in the ranks is on probation for one year. At the end of their probation, a pinning ceremony is held to pin on their new badges. Firefighter Kenny Smith was sworn in as a permanent Firefighter and had his badge pinned on by Lt. Jim Chamberlain (top left); Lieutenant Scott Messer had his badge pinned on by his wife, Suzette (top right);. Captain Andy Stevens was pinned by Danielle MacConnell (bottom). (Bill Binder photos).

### Pot Roast Dinner In Cornish June 4

CORNISH, NH--An All You Can Eat Pot Roast dinner will be served at the Church Vestry on Center road in Cornish, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., June 4; adults \$12.00, children \$6.00, preschool free. Take outs are available.



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**LEMPSTER**— ATTENTION OUTDOOR LOVERS! Two bedroom cabin on 25.5 acres for snowmobiling, hunting, and fishing down the road. The property is the last one on the road providing the peacefulness of all Mother Nature has to offer. **\$84,900 (MLS#4486923)**



**CLAREMONT**—This charming Cape is tucked in at the end of the street offering a peaceful location and easy access to downtown amenities and major routes. 1st floor master bedroom includes a convenient oversized laundry closet as well as a separate walk-in closet. Guests or children will enjoy upstairs in the two bedrooms, one with a sitting area. Generous sized yard with privacy fencing makes it feel like your own little utopia in the city. **\$70,000 (MLS#4487608)**



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Events Include, 7:00 a.m.: Natural Resources Bird Walk with Stan McCumber; 8:00-11:00 a.m.: Free pancakes with local syrup, served by Commissioners and County officials; 10:00 a.m.: Opioid Awareness 101 by Hope for NH Recovery.

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## Vermont State Police Warn Of Another Scam

On May 25 at approximately 2030 hours, the Vermont State Police received a complaint of a scam. The victim reported having been contacted by a person claiming to be an IRS representative. The subject demanded the victim send in cash immediately. The victim subsequently sent 'payments' to two different subjects for a total of \$4,500. It should be noted the subjects requested the victim to purchase iTunes cards and cash them in as payment. The victim advised both subjects threatened him with federal warrants and suspension of his license if he did not comply. The Vermont State Police want to remind citizens to be vigilant and cautious of such phone calls and to not make such payments to subjects demanding them. It is advised to immediately hang up the phone and to not offer any information to anyone claiming to be from the IRS.

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## May 31 Last Day To Change Party Registration Before Primary

CONCORD, NH--At every primary election, many local election officials encounter voters who are upset because they are not registered in the party in which they would like to vote. The Secretary of State's Office and the Attorney General's Office are alerting voters that Tuesday, May 31st, is the last day for voters registered as Republicans or Democrats to change their party registration before the state Primary Election in September. The Secretary of State and Attorney General encourage all voters to review their registrations to make sure they are registered in the party in which they intend to vote or as an undeclared voter. Voters can confirm their party affiliation on the Secretary of State website at [www.sos.nh.gov](http://www.sos.nh.gov) by clicking on the "Check Your Party Registration" link or by checking with their town or city clerk.

In Claremont, the Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Tuesday, May 31, from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, for the purpose of registering new voters and making corrections to the voter checklist.

Undeclared voters have the option of deciding which party primary they would like to participate in on the day of the election. However, if these voters do not return to undeclared status after voting in a primary election, they will remain a member of the party in which they voted during the last primary. For example, if an undeclared voter chose to vote in the Republican Presidential Primary in February 2016 but failed to change back to undeclared status after voting, that voter must change his/her registration back to undeclared before May 31st or he/she will only be able to vote in the Republican Primary in September 2016.

Changes to party affiliation may be made with the town or city clerk by May 31st or with the supervisors of the checklist at their advertised session held on May 31st. The filing period for candidates opens on Wednesday, June 1st and runs through Friday, June 10.

## Alumni Day BBQ At The Elks

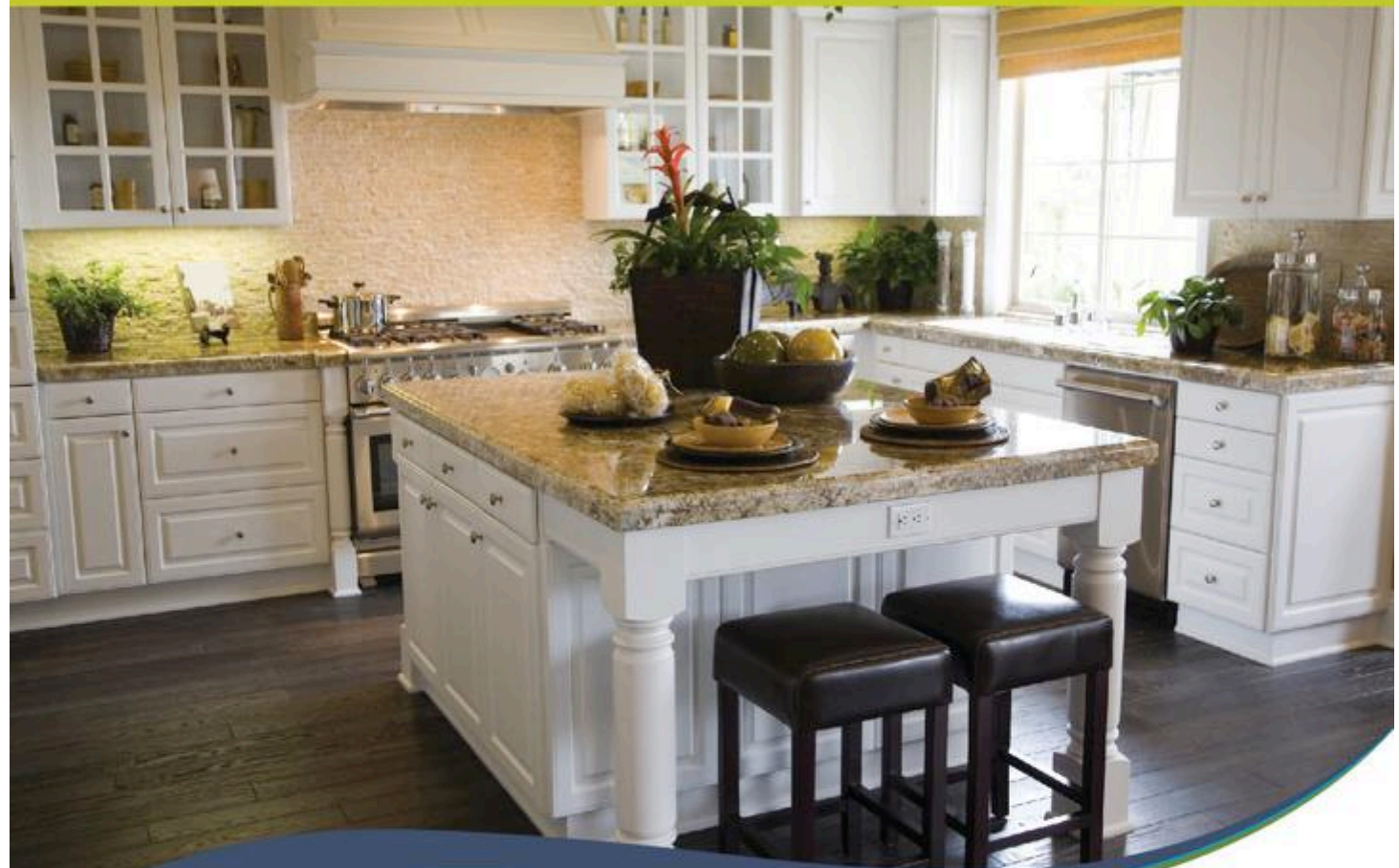
CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Elks Club will once again hold its Alumni Day chicken BBQ at the lodge on Pleasant St. Drop by for delicious chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, and their famous homemade French fries. Cooking will begin early and food will be available during and after the parade.

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## Repertory Theatre Co. To Hold Auditions For "Grease"

CLAREMONT, NH - America's original "high school musical", "Grease", will be the perfect followup to last summer's production of "Leader of the Pack" by The Repertory Theatre Company at the Claremont Opera House. There will be two performances, Friday, August 5, and Saturday, August 6.

The Greasers (led by Danny Zuko) and their gals ("The Pink Ladies" led by Betty Rizzo) get "all shook up" with the arrival of the "new girl in town" – Sandy Dumbrowski. Revvin' up "Greased Lightning", they all "Go Together" and start "Shakin' at the Rydell High School Hop" until Danny finally realizes that Sandy is "The One That I Want." These great songs will bring the audience back to the wonderful world of 50's Rock and Roll.

"Grease" originated in Chicago and made its New York off-Broadway premiere at the Eden Theatre on February 14, 1972. After 128 sold-out performances, the show made the transition to Broadway, taking up residence at the Broadhurst Theatre on June 7, 1972. "Grease" was nominated for seven Tony Awards in its spectacular initial run. On November 21, 1972, the show moved to the Royale Theatre before making its final transfer on January 20, 1980 to the Majestic Theatre. It closed as the longest running show in Broadway history after playing 3,388 performances.

In 1978, "Grease" became a hugely popular feature film starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John in the lead roles. The film version of "Grease" produced one of the best-selling soundtracks in history and is the highest-grossing movie musical of all time. The two Travolta/Newton-John duets, "You're The One That I Want" and "Summer Nights", were both #1 hits.

For audition scheduling information, call 603-542-0064.

### SULLIVAN COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to NH RSA 24:23, the Sullivan County Delegation will hold a public hearing to receive comment on the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners' **Proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Sullivan County Budget**.

**Tuesday, June 7, 2016**

**6:00 PM**

**Grantham Town Building  
Lower Level Meeting Room  
300 Route 10 South  
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Copies of the Commissioners' proposed budget may be obtained from the County Commissioners Office, 14 Main Street, Newport NH, or viewed on-line at [www.sullivancountynh.gov](http://www.sullivancountynh.gov)

If necessary, the Delegation may conduct other business.

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## Torch Run...

Claremont Police and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department were joined by Stevens High School students and others with an interest in the Special Olympics Wednesday on Claremont's leg of the statewide Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run. Claremont had received the torch from the Charlestown Police and after their run, the torch was to be passed to the Newport Police, the Sunapee Police and the New London Police (Bill Binder photos).

## Driver Arraigned In Lebanon Fatal Accident

LEBANON, NH--On Wednesday, May 25, at approximately 8:58 p.m. the New Hampshire State Police Troop D was notified of a motor vehicle crash on Interstate 89 Southbound in the area just south of Exit 20. The initial investigation revealed that a green 2009 Subaru Legacy operated by Daniel Cowdrey, age 38 of Hartland, VT, was traveling northbound in the southbound lane of Interstate 89. Simultaneously a red 2015 Nissan Versa operated by Ellynn Koelsch, age 34 of North Kingston, RI, was traveling southbound in the same area. There was also a passenger in the Nissan Versa who was identified as a 4-year-old male child also of North Kingston, RI. In the area just south of Exit 20, the two vehicles collided in a near head on fashion, said authorities.



**Daniel Cowdrey**

The initial investigation also revealed that the operator of the Subaru Legacy, Cowdrey, suffered minor injuries and was transported to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. He was arrested at the hospital and charged with felony aggravated Driving under the Influence of Alcohol. The four-year-old child was transported to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon with serious injuries. Koelsch sustained life-threatening injuries on scene and succumbed to her injuries on scene.

On the afternoon of May 26, Cowdrey was arraigned at the Lebanon District Court on the charges of Negligent Homicide and Felony Aggravated Driving under the Influence of Alcohol. He was ordered held on \$25,000 cash bail.

## E-Waste Recycling Day In June In Claremont

CLAREMONT, NH--There will be an e-Waste Recycle Day in Claremont in June. Computer Recycling of Claremont is holding an electronics recycling event to benefit Sullivan County Humane Society. On Saturday, June 25, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, recycle your old electronics in the parking lot of the new Runnings store on Washington St, Claremont. They will also accept used ink cartridges and pet food donations for the society's pet food bank. Fees do apply for some items. Call 930-6655 for info.

## Cornish 2nd Annual Car Show

CORNISH, NH--The Cornish 2nd Annual Car show, presented by the Cornish Fire Association, will be held Saturday, June 4, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Cornish Fairgrounds, Town House Road. Open to all vehicles of interest.

Admission by donation. Food and beverages available. Live DJ. Door prizes and raffles.

Proceeds to benefit the Cornish Fire Dept. Questions? 603-558-1625. Rain date: next day.

# e-Ticker Business News

## Landstrom Named Interim CEO At Mt. Ascutney Hospital



**Gay L. Landstrom**

WINDSOR, VT – Gay L. Landstrom, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, has been named interim Chief Executive Officer of Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC).

Landstrom, who serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock health system, will serve temporarily while MAHHC conducts a search for a successor to Kevin W. Donovan, who was named CEO at LRGHealthcare in Laconia, NH, on May 4. Donovan will leave Mt. Ascutney Hospital on June 15, 2016.

Donna Van Fleet, Board Chair for Mt. Ascutney Hospital, stated, "An accomplished and admired leader, Gay brings passion and a proven track record for facilitating partnerships. This skill is invaluable as MAHHC carries out its participation in healthcare systems that provide our community access to the full-

est array of resources to both keep them healthy as well as treat them when they are ill."

Landstrom, who has served as Dartmouth-Hitchcock's Chief Nursing Officer since 2014, will serve as the Interim CEO at MAHHC with responsibility for strategy, community relations and furtherance of the MAHHC mission. While Landstrom serves as interim CEO at Mt. Ascutney, D-H Associate Chief Nursing Officer Karen F. Clements, RN, FACHE, will manage day-to-day nursing oversight at Dartmouth-Hitchcock as acting CNO.

"One of the beauties of health systems is the ability to help and support one another during times of transition," said Landstrom. "I'm honored to be selected to help lead MAHHC during this transition, and I look forward to working with the talented staff at Mt. Ascutney as we work to serve our patients."

According to Dr. James N. Weinstein, CEO and President of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health system, Landstrom is "a transformative and tireless leader in Nursing across Dartmouth-Hitchcock, and I know she will bring the same energy and passion to this temporary leadership position at Mt. Ascutney. Key to developing a sustainable health system, that improves the lives of the people and communities we serve, for generations to come, is an integrated, connected network of partners across our system. Having leaders work across our partner organizations adds value to the whole. I am grateful to Gay for stepping up and taking on this interim role, which will add so much to her experience and knowledge base, and ensure that our valued partners at Mt. Ascutney can have a seam-

less leadership transition."

Landstrom begins her tenure at MAHHC on June 15 and will continue until a permanent CEO is named.

## Stay Work Play Seeks Rising Stars Awards Nominations

MANCHESTER, NH--Stay Work Play is now accepting nominations for its seventh-annual Rising Stars Awards program through July 22, 2016. The nonprofit organization is ready to recognize its newest group of young people, companies, organizations and programs making great things happen in their communities.

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## Stay Work Play, from A16

New for 2016 is the 'Shire Story of the Year award. This award is given to the most creative (New Hamp-)'Shire Story video that explains why nominees choose to "stay, work, and play" in New Hampshire.

The Rising Stars Awards are an initiative of Stay Work Play, in partnership with New Hampshire Public Radio (NHPR), to celebrate and recognize remarkable young workers and college students in the Granite State as well as the companies and initiatives that go the extra mile to recruit and retain them. The Rising Stars Awards program includes seven areas of recognition:

- Civic Leader of the Year, which honors a person who, through his or her volunteerism, philanthropy or community involvement, demonstrates a commitment to civic participation, strengthening the community, and developing personal leadership capacity to make New Hampshire a better place for future generations;

- College Student of the Year, which honors a New Hampshire college student between the ages of 18 and 24, who is an academic rising star and gives back to his or her community;

- Coolest Company for Young Professionals, which honors companies in New Hampshire that create environments, programs and workspaces to attract and retain young professionals;

- Leadership Development Program of the Year, which honors an innovative program that is initiated and conducted by a New Hampshire organization, and designed for a young professional audience to propel personal and professional growth;

- 'Shire Story of the Year, new this year, honors the best story of why an individual chooses to "stay, work, and play" in New Hampshire. The winner may be someone who is originally from NH who stayed, or someone who left and "boomeranged" back, or someone who is a transplant to the Granite State from somewhere else. To apply, nominees must submit a 90-second or shorter video that creatively tells their story;

- Young Entrepreneur of the Year,

which honors a young entrepreneur who dedicates his or her time to starting and/or operating a new business, is making a positive contribution to the state's economy and adds community vibrancy; and

- Young Professional of the Year, which honors an outstanding professional between the ages of 18 and 40 who works and lives in New Hampshire, who is a rising star in their industry and giving back to their community.

To nominate a person, company or program, please

visit [www.stayworkplay.org/risingstarsawards](http://www.stayworkplay.org/risingstarsawards)

for complete rules and nomination materials. A judging panel appointed by Stay Work Play will select finalists for all categories and winners will be announced at the hallmark Rising Stars Awards celebratory event on Monday, October 3, 2016.

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## NHEC 77th Annual Meeting And Dinner Is June 14

PLYMOUTH, NH – New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) will hold its 77th Annual Meeting of Members on Tuesday, June 14, at Prospect Hall on the campus of Plymouth State University in Plymouth. All Co-op members are welcome to attend.

A spaghetti dinner, catered by Sodexo Catering, will be served starting at 5:00 p.m. A suggested donation of \$5 will support non-profit organizations in the Plymouth area. The business meeting itself starts at 6:00 p.m. Prospect Hall is located at 8 High Street in Plymouth. Members are asked to RSVP by calling 1-800-698-2007 if they plan to attend.

NHEC is owned by the members it serves and governed by democratic principles. The Annual Meeting is a tradition dating back to 1939.

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# Rogue Robots Shine At National Competition

CLAREMONT, NH--Members of the Rogue Robots of 4-H had a great time at the recent National SeaPerch competition in Baton Rouge, LA. Along with the Continental U.S., there were teams from Puerto Rico, Cayman Islands and Australia, reported project leader-Pam Numme. "Of the 75 teams in our high school category, we placed 15th with our overall score (accumulated from poster, obstacle course and orbs challenge). As you know previously, we were in the top 10 posters and therefore granted an interview. Of the 10 posters, we ranked #6.

"I was able to chat with the coaches and some of the team members of the top trophy. They have spent two hours every day since September building and testing prototypes. Their school has a pool and the kids would come at least an hour before school to practice the courses and then another hour after school every day once they had their final ROV. They have spent untold hours and deserved that trophy!" she said.

Their poster was a presentation in about their robot (ROV/remote operated vehicle) in poster format that they were required to make. This required extensive collaboration between the team members. This was in addition to their refining of the ROV, practice sessions, etc. In short, the team and their coaches put in a lot of hours to prepare for this competition. This was in addition to their schoolwork and other normal activities.

"The kids faced some unexpected challenges but rose to the occasion and did their best. I am so very proud of them," said Numme.

The team still needs some funds to cover their travel expenses. In the coming weeks, they will be holding fundraisers. They also have a Gofundme page where donations can be made: <https://goo.gl/e2hkXN>.

**Top: Competitors watch the action at the National SeaPerch Competition in Baton Rouge; bottom: the local team of Steve Bosonac, Andrew Friend, Allison Numme and Matt Page at the airport waiting for the trip home (Courtesy photos).**



## Identity Theft

Identity theft is a big problem. How big? Consider this: In 2015, about 13 million Americans were victimized, with a total fraud amount of \$15 billion, according to Javelin Strategy & Research. That's a lot of victims, and a lot of money. How can you protect yourself from becoming a statistic?

Here are a few suggestions:

- Secure your Social Security number. Identity thieves eagerly seek Social Security numbers — so don't give out yours to anyone who asks for it. In fact, as a general rule, be reluctant to give it out at all. Always ask whomever you're dealing with if he or she will accept another form of identification, or at the very least will take just the last four digits of your number. And never carry your Social Security card with you.
- Shred credit card offers and bank statements. If you're not going to apply for the credit cards offered to you, shred the offers. Identity thieves have been known to go through garbage, fill out credit card offers and take advantage of them. At the same time, shred your bank and brokerage statements – and any other statement containing personal or financial information.
- Study your credit card bills and checking account statements. Question any credit card charge or checking account activity you don't recognize as your own.
- Don't give out your credit card number unless you're initiating a purchase. Many of us shop online. As long as you're dealing with a reputable merchant who uses a secure site — i.e., one that has "https" in the web address — you should be fairly confident that your credit card information will be protected. Never give out your credit card number to people or businesses who, unsolicited, try to sell you something over the phone or Internet.
- Protect your passwords. Do you use a password to log onto your computer? If so, don't share it with anyone, outside perhaps your most trusted family members. And use a strong password – one that doesn't contain your real name or even a complete word that could be used to identify you. Also, it doesn't hurt to periodically change your password, whether it's for your computer logon or for entry to any of your financial or consumer accounts.

Even after taking these steps, you could still run into identity theft. That's why you need to watch for certain signs, such as the arrival of unexpected credit cards or account statements, denials of credit for no clear reason, or calls or letters regarding purchases you didn't make. If any of these things happen to you, you may want to place a "fraud alert" on your credit reports and review them carefully. Three national credit-reporting companies – Equifax, Experian and TransUnion – keep records of your credit history. If someone has misused your personal or financial information, contact one of the companies and ask for an initial fraud alert on your credit report. A fraud alert is free, but you must provide proof of your identity. And the company you call must tell the other companies about your alert. (For more information on placing a fraud alert, visit the website of any of the three companies.)

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CLAREMONT, NH--The sun came out and there was a growing patch of blue sky as clouds opened up Monday just in time for Memorial Day ceremonies in Claremont. The annual event, sponsored by American Legion Post 29, included the parade and stops at the West Pleasant St. Cemetery and Broad St. Park. Participants in the parade included Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, a Claremont Fire Department truck, an Army truck, some vintage cars carrying older veterans and the Claremont Middle School and Stevens High School bands. There were also Legion, VFW and CFD Color Guards. The parade stopped at the West Pleasant St. Cemetery to lay a wreath at the marker of the Unknown Soldiers and then made its way to the Broad St. Park, marching down Pleasant St.

Speakers included Post Commander Robert Noyes, who spoke of the meaning of the holiday and remembering the sacrifices of those who never came home, and Senior Vice Commander Henry Sipple spoke on the meaning of the flag. Also speaking were Mayor Charlene Lovett and Middle School student Wyatt Pearce. Andy Chamberlain was also part of the ceremony at the park, playing the bagpipes. A wreath was also placed at the



monument there, and there was the 21 gun salute. A large crowd gathered at Broad St. Park to pay its respects on this solemn holiday. More photos may be found on page A27, A28.

**Gun salute at the West Pleasant St. Cemetery; you can see the gun on the right firing (Bill Binder photo).**



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## Red Cross Stresses Water Safety As Summer Begins

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The American Red Cross is stressing the importance of constant, active adult supervision and ensuring that everyone learns to swim as critical layers of protection to help prevent drowning. Swim lessons help people develop skills and water safety behaviors that help them be more comfortable and safe when they are in, on and around the water.

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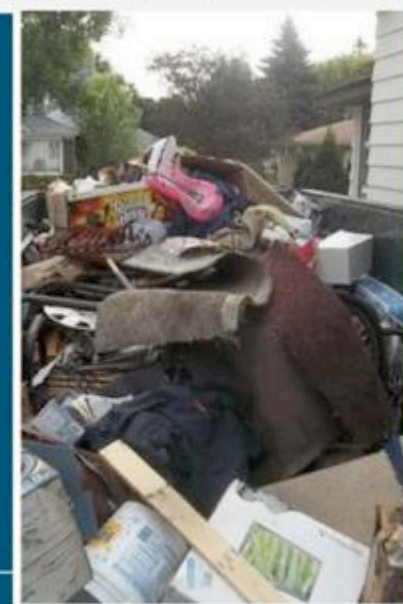
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## U.M. Army To Return To Claremont


CLAREMONT, NH--With the approach of summer the First United Methodist Church of Claremont is looking forward to the return of the U.M Army, that amazing group of young people who spent a week sprucing up the town with their rakes, shovels, hammer nails and paint brushes. Last year, they built two ramps for two families to help get a loved one out of the home with ease! They also painted and gardened and cleaned.

This year they are returning on July 17.

Since they can't sleep at the old stone building this year, the church has gone to the town and found other sites.

If you have work to be done, please contact Deb at the First United Methodist Church at 603-542-5783. The advisors to the group will be here for pre-site visits on June 18.

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## It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



### Playing

Understand that the closest I have ever come to cooking over a camp fire is heating "C" Rations over a Sterno can. And that is where I want to leave it. So when I saw a web site about campfire cooking, I just went through it quickly until one page caught my eye. Anytime a fried egg appears, it has my attention.

This particular page talked about making fried rice in a cast iron skillet over an open fire. Not for this guy. But what got my attention was they plated the fried rice and put a fried egg on top. I must have been very hungry. Anyway, I had some leftover pork fried rice, so I gave it a minute in the microwave, fried up an egg (over medium), plated it as in the picture. That was surprisingly good. The egg gave moisture to the rice and a nice flavor. I was pleasantly surprised. This dish could be served at any time of the day. Breakfast, lunch dinner, late night snack.

Strawberries come in plastic containers in amounts too large for my household. Some always seem to go bad toward the end. I hate throwing away food. Take about a pound of the berries, cut out all the white areas, put them in a large bowl, sprinkle some sugar on them (about 3/4 cup) to taste, add about 1/4 teaspoon vanilla, toss and put them on a parchment lined baking sheet (one with an edge). Bake them at 325° for 20 to 30 minutes. When they have cooked for a couple of minutes, remove them to a bowl, pour the juice (that's why the edge) over the berries, add blueberries, toss, store in the fridge or freeze them. They keep well and can be used for all kinds of things. Fruit cups and ice cream come to mind.

Yes, I know more hot dogs are cooked on Memorial Day than any other day of the year, but my heart says: BURGERS. Don't go too lean. The result will be dry. Eighty-20 works well for my house, but I would prefer 75-25. Gotta go with demand.

Don't overwork the meat. Don't season until just before grilling. The salt will take out the moisture. Don't press down on the meat as it cooks. The juices will come out. Enough fat will burn off and drip out as you cook. Just turn the patties.

Hints: Let The meat come to room temperature before grilling; Make sure the grill is HOT. That goes for steaks too.

My sympathies to all the families who suffered losses in the wars. This is a day to remember our honored dead. Tough day for the survivors, especially those who served in the combat specialties. Keep the faith, guys.

Play with your food. It pays off.

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## Great Performances!

The Stevens High School Musical Theater group presented the play, "Fiddler on the Roof Jr.", at the Claremont Opera House with four performances over the Memorial Day weekend. The students did a wonderful job, the singing and dancing was superb and was a great hit with the audience at every performance. Director/Choreographer Larissa Cahill, Music Director Patricia Granter, the student actors and the behind-the-scenes staff put on an event to be proud of, and audience members were raving about the performances long after they had left the Opera House. Photos: Scenes from the show. Scott Foisy as Tevye singing "If I Were A Rich Man".



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# Memorial Day Ceremonies

Rain that passed through the area during the night was long gone by the start time for the Memorial Day parade in Claremont this morning, and cloudy skies parted to let the sun shine through on this solemn holiday. The parade started at the Claremont Middle School and then made its way to the West Pleasant Street Cemetery for a brief ceremony. From there it proceeded down Pleasant Street to Broad Street Park for the remaining tributes. A large crowd filled the park to listen to speeches, including one by Mayor Charlene Lovett, and see military honors presented. The annual event is presented by American Legion Post 29 in Claremont. The Sons of the American Legion placed flags around Claremont in honor of Memorial Day, in Broad St. Park and the Pleasant St. area.



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