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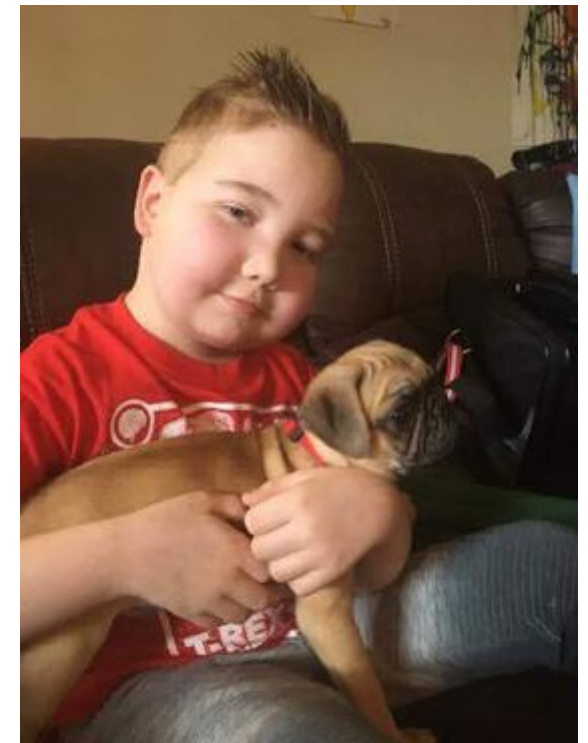
Claremont Boy Who Needs Kidney Back in Boston Hospital

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH—Nymen Koch is an 8-year-old Claremont boy with Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis (FSGS) which is causing his kidneys to fail. According to a GoFundMe page set up on June 3rd to help the family, the illness “all happened so fast; he got the flu and the flu triggered the kidney disease. He got an infection in his stomach and now both kidneys are only working 20 percent...” He was rushed back to Boston Children’s Hospital on Thursday. His family is in search of a kidney donor, Type A or Type O blood. Strong meds, including steroids, have made him puffy, and he is dealing with other side effects as well from the medications he is currently being given.



Nymen Koch has had to be readmitted to Children’s Hospital in Boston since his kidney condition has worsened. He is in need of a new kidney (Courtesy photos).



Koch is in 3rd grade at Maple Avenue School. He was able to make it to a couple days of school this year before being admitted back to the hospital, a family friend told the *e-Ticker News*. “He got a puppy from Make-A-Wish, a pug named Rex which he loves very much. He loves to go fishing with his dad, Champ Koch, play Fortnite on his PlayStation and most of all, snuggle with his mom,” said the friend who was helping to get word out about the boy’s condition.

Information from potential donors—Name, address, D.O.B, phone number, email, blood type—can be messaged to his mother, Debra Chapman, on FB or by email to ncksmom290@yahoo.com. Potential donors need to be non-smokers, not overweight and have no chronic illnesses. To help with medical and other family expenses, please visit: <https://www.gofundme.com/nymens-medical-expenses>.

Sullivan County Grand Jury Indictments Released

NEWPORT, NH—The Sullivan County Grand Jury released the following indictments on Friday:

Talyen R. McGuire, 29, Claremont, NH, indicted for Bail Jumping, Sept. 11, 2018.

Heather Rose Deem, 41, Mount Holly, VT, indicted for First Degree Assault, Aug. 27, 2018; Bail Jumping, Sept. 6, 2018.

Henry T. Trzesiara, 41, Newport, NH, indicted for Second Degree Assault-DV, July 6, 2018.

Nieko T. Clow, 25, Acworth, NH, indicted for Criminal Mischief Loss +\$1500, Sept. 10, 2018.

Howard P. Richards, 54, Claremont, NH, indicted for Criminal Threatening with a Deadly

Weapon, June 7, 2018; Convicted Felons, June 7, 2018; Criminal Threatening with a Deadly Weapon, June 7, 2018; Convicted Felons, June 7, 2018.

Charles J. Hall, 37, Alstead, NH, indicted for Receiving Stolen Property, between or about Jan. 15 and Feb. 15, 2018; Receiving Stolen
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Property, between or about Jan. 15 and Feb. 15, 2018; Receiving Stolen Property, between or about Jan. 15 and Feb. 15, 2018; Felon in Possession, between or about Jan. 15 and Feb. 15, 2018; Felon in Possession, between or about Jan. 15 and Feb. 15, 2018; Felon in Possession, between or about Jan. 15 and Feb. 15, 2018.

Jewell Breed, 25, Springfield, VT, indicted for Bail Jumping, Sept. 6, 2018; Possession of Controlled Drug, Aug. 23, 2018.

Donna Day, 53, Lebanon, NH, indicated for Welfare Fraud, between or about Feb. 16, 2015, and Feb. 28, 2017.

Peter Tadros, 35, Barre, VT, indicted for Welfare Fraud, between or about Dec. 1, 2011, and May 31, 2014.

William N. Clark, 45, Unity, NH, indicted for Criminal Mischief, July 16, 2018.

Nathan A. Berg, 25, Gilford, NH, indicted for Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault—Domestic Violence, June 30, 2018; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault—Domestic Violence, in or between July 1, 2018, and July 10, 2018;

Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault—Domestic Violence, June 30, 2018; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault—Domestic Violence, in or between July 1, 2018, and July 10, 2018.

Alan W. Wirkkala, 51, Newport, NH, indicted for Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, in or between the years of 1987 and July 1991; Felonious Sexual Assault, in or between the years of 1987 and July 1991; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, in or between the years of 1987 and July 1991, Felonious Sexual Assault, in or between the years of 1987 and July 1991; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, in or between the years of 1985 and 1987; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, in or between the years of 1985 and 1987; Felonious Sexual Assault, in or between the years of 1985 and 1987; Felonious Sexual Assault, 1987; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, 1987; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, 1987; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, 1987; Felonious Sexual Assault, 1987; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, 1987; Felonious Sexual Assault, in or between the years of 1990 to 1991; Attempted Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, in or between the years of 1990 to 1991; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, in or between the years of 1990 to 1991; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, in or between the years of 1990 to 1991.

Robert Johnson, 27, Sunapee, NH, indicted for Bail Jumping, Feb. 8, 2018.

Shaun Walsh, 25, County Farm Rd, Unity, NH, indicted for Second Degree Assault—Domestic Violence, Aug. 26, 2018; Second Degree Assault—Domestic Violence, Offense Committed While on Release, Sept. 2, 2018; Criminal Threatening—Domestic Violence, Offense Committed While on Release, Sept. 2, 2018; Reckless Conduct—Domestic Violence, Offense Committed While on Release, Sept. 2, 2018.

Peter Davenport, 28, Sheffield, VT, indicted for Possession of Controlled Drug (Cocaine), Aug. 11, 2018.

AARP Continues Support for Weekend Backpack Program

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Area AARP Chapter met September 13 at The Earl Bourdon Centre. It was decided to continue to support the weekend backpack program in Claremont schools hosted by Trinity Episcopal Church and members were reminded to bring non-perishable food to each meeting. The LaBelles have volunteered to deliver the food to the church. Other members volunteered for open committees: Ginny Smith, membership; Gloria Santini, greeter; Walter White, raffles; and Mary Cooke and Gloria Santini, April 2019 blood drive. A driver's training refresher course is in the planning stages and will be announced later. The monthly calendar of events was presented and a sign up sheet for next month's barbecue was started. Members not present can call Kathy to sign up (603-542-5500). Cost is \$5 and musical entertainment will follow. Door prize winners were Bob Holbrook, Carmen Vinguerra, and Judy White.

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

Recapping The Outcome of "Veto Day" in NH



First, I wish to make one clarification to information I had given in last week's column regarding the successful override of Gov. Christopher Sununu's veto of Senate Bill 365, the biomass subsidy bill. In the Sept. 17 column I had written that the legislation would provide up to a \$22 million subsidy to Wheelabrator for its Concord trash incinerator. The actual subsidy figure approximately totals only \$8.1 million for Concord, while the \$22 million is the approximate total for New Hampshire's six biomass plants that will benefit from the controversial measure. Thank you to former Acworth Rep. John Tuthill, a member of Working On Waste, for providing me the clarified information, and I regret any error.

Referring again to last week's column, readers may remember that I wrote that both the New Hampshire House of Representatives and Senate considered six bills which Gov. Sununu had vetoed earlier this year on Sept. 13. But other than Senate Bill 365's veto, the only other legislation to have its veto overridden by both House and Senate on that date was the one on House Bill 143. This bill, now law, allows the Parole Board to recommit an inmate, caught for a parole violation, to prison for a period of less than 90 days, if that inmate enters and successfully completes a residential substance abuse treatment program "deemed acceptable" by the Parole Board. Under previous law, the Parole Board was obligated to recommit inmates with parole violations for a period of at least 90 days or more regardless of the inmates' circumstances. The bill's veto was first overridden by the House on a 255-89 roll call vote, and then by the Senate on a 23-1 roll call vote. Both overrides were more than the required two-thirds majority of both legislative bodies under the New Hampshire Constitution to so override a gubernatorial veto. The bill's only sponsor was Salem Rep. John Sytek, a Republican.

In a floor speech urging House Bill 143's override, Rep. Sytek stated that the measure was needed so as to encourage inmates to seek help for their substance abuse habits, so they would be less likely to commit crimes and return to prison. But Gov. Sununu in his veto message stated that the Parole Board under previous law already had the authority to recommit inmates caught on parole violations back to prison for less than 90 days, if such recommitment would help with substance abuse recovery. He added that the bill as written would have "concerning" consequences that law enforcement brought to his attention before his veto.

However, the vetoes of two other House bills while being overridden by the House were later sustained by the Senate. They included the veto of House Bill 314, which would have established an automated and connected vehicle testing and deployment commission as well as

have created an automated vehicle pilot program. In other words, this "driverless car" legislation was sponsored by a pair of Republican representatives led by Charlestown Rep. Steven Smith, who is also House Transportation Committee Chair. The bill's veto was overridden by a 279-66 roll call vote after brief debate on the floor in which Rep. Smith, the sole speaker, defended it. But the Senate on a 19-5 roll call went the other direction, and overwhelmingly sustained the veto. In his veto message, the Governor had declared that House Bill 314 was a "flawed" legislation, that did not "adequately account for public safety."

The second vetoed House bill, the veto of which was overridden by the House, but sustained by the Senate was that of House Bill 1736. This bill would have increased the financial threshold required for approval of expenditures from the Dam Maintenance Fund by the Governor and Executive Council from \$75,000 to \$150,000. The House's successful override vote came on a 266-79 roll call vote, while the Senate failed to override by a 12-12 roll call vote. House Bill 1736's sole sponsor was Middleton Rep. John Mullen, a Republican, who is also House Recreation, Resources, & Development Committee Chair. The bill was unanimously recommended by the House Finance Committee, and adopted by the full House on voice vote earlier this year. In its recommendation report, Finance stated that the bill was needed so as to more quickly act on damage to damages caused by unexpected conditions such as heavy rain and ice. But Gov. Sununu in his veto message claimed that the Executive Council was not "consulted" about House Bill 1736 as it went thru the legislature. Furthermore, he declared that he saw "no compelling evidence" that the current \$75,000 threshold for seeking executive branch approval to spend money from the Dam Maintenance Fund "created any administrative difficulties" for New Hampshire's Dept. of Environmental Services, which regulates our state's dams.

Returning to energy-related legislation, the veto of the controversial biomass-subsidy bill was not the only one considered by both legislative bodies on Sept. 13. The Governor also vetoed Senate Bill 446, which would have increased the net metering energy cap for customer generators producing electricity from renewable energy. This worthwhile measure would have only encouraged the use of more renewable energy sources such as solar and wind, and reduced the consumption of out-of-state fossil fuels. But it could have also saved businesses and municipalities like Claremont money by reducing their energy costs. While the Senate overrode the veto by an overwhelming 21-3 roll call vote, the House unfortunately failed to do so by a much closer 213-128 roll call vote, about 13 votes shy of the required two-thirds to override.

Gov. Sununu in his veto message declared that while increasing the net metering cap "could be a benefit to our state, Senate Bill 446 would cost ratepayers at least \$5-10 million annually, and is a handout to large scale energy developers." Many dissident Republican representatives of the House Freedom Caucus agreed with the veto, believing the bill was another subsidy like the ones in Senate Bill 365, though House Republican Leadership favored lifting the net metering cap. Also, they

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believed it would increase already-high electric rates. This bill was sponsored by a bipartisan coalition of 15 lawmakers led by Nashua Sen. Kevin Avard, a Republican.

Finally, the sixth and last vetoed bill considered by the legislature was one concerning Senate Bill 593, which would have repealed the death penalty for capital murders. Unfortunately, the Senate failed to override the veto on a 14-10 roll call vote, which was two votes short of the required two-thirds. Because the Senate did not override, the House did not even have the opportunity to take up consideration of the veto. This bill had also been sponsored by a bipartisan coalition of lawmakers by Sen. Avard, and including Hanover Sen. Martha Hennessey, a Democrat, who is Claremont's senator.

For readers' information, I voted to override all the gubernatorial vetoes of the just-listed bills, because I believed in general they were all worthwhile legislation. I was especially unhappy that the House was unable to override Senate Bill 446's veto because that bill would have benefited our entire state, including the City of Claremont, which supported the override. Also, I was unhappy that the House was unable to at least debate overriding the veto of the death penalty repeal, which I have discussed in previous columns.

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Hassan Applauds Approval of New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Application for Federal Opioid Response Grants

WASHINGTON, DC—Senator Maggie Hassan has applauded federal approval of the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services's application for \$22.9 million in federal opioid response grants from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), which the Senator and the Congressional Delegation helped secure.

As members of the Common Sense Caucus, Senators Hassan and Shaheen helped secure an additional \$6 billion in federal funding to combat the deadly fentanyl, heroin, and opioid epidemic, including a dedicated portion set aside for states hardest-hit by the epidemic such as New Hampshire. Hassan and Shaheen also played a significant role in helping to change the funding formula under which SAMHSA distributes these grants so that states like New Hampshire with the highest mortality rates get their fair share. Due to these efforts, New Hampshire will receive \$22.9 million in additional federal funding to combat the opioid epidemic for fiscal year 2018, and another \$22.9 million for fiscal year 2019. New Hampshire was also approved for an additional \$3.6 million from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to support prevention efforts, as well as \$2.8 million from the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) for access points across the Granite State.

NH Delegation Announces \$20 Million Research Grant to UNH

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Congresswomen Carol Shea-Porter (NH-01) and Annie Kuster (NH-02) last week announced a \$20 million National Science Foundation (NSF) award to New Hampshire's Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (NH EPSCoR) at the University of New Hampshire. This grant will fund NH BioMade, a five-year project aimed at expanding New Hampshire's research capacity in the design and development of potentially lifesaving biomaterials using 3D printing. Critically, this project will build research capacity across New Hampshire, developing a strong workforce for biotechnology and advanced manufacturing through additional hiring, workforce training and education.

“The research and design of biomaterials will help save lives, and I am thrilled to see the National Science Foundation recognize New Hampshire's role in the development of this cutting edge technology,” said Shaheen, who advocated for this funding as the Ranking Member of the Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Subcommittee in the Senate. “This grant will allow New Hampshire to expand its research capacity throughout the state through workforce development programs, growing our economy and creating jobs. I congratulate NH EPSCoR on this award...”

Council Meeting on Topstone Abatement Leads to Plans to Create Board of Assessors

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH—A special meeting Wednesday called by the Council to take a closer look at the tax abatement process regarding the Topstone mill building in the City ended up leading to plans to have the Policy Committee draft an ordinance that would create a Board of Assessors to provide a means for public input and oversight during assessment/abatement processes.

City Councilor Nick Koloski recused himself from the discussion, taking a seat in the audience; he owns a restaurant that leases space in the Topstone building.

Council Chambers were nearly filled with members of the public who showed up to learn more about why the contracted assessor had granted the owners of the Topstone building a tax abatement of about \$220,000 in back taxes following an application filed by owners in February 2017. The assessed value of the mill building has been reduced from \$670,400 to \$175,000; the owners had requested a drop to \$125,000.

While the public expected to get answers from the assessor, Joseph Lessard, on the matter, counsel for the City, Shawn Tanguay, said that councilors or others asking questions of the assessor would be violating the City Charter's "non-interference" clause; the work of the assessor falls under the purview of the City manager and not the Council, and it was Tanguay's professional opinion that the Council focus on process and not the decisions made by the assessor regarding the lowering of the building's assessed value and the abatement, creating a situation that many in Chambers did not find to their liking. Resident Joe Osgood called the time discussing the assessing and abatement process a "workshop". While an assessor's position falls under the jurisdiction of the City Manager, the City Manager does not actively play a role in assessing decisions such as abatements, and the Council plays no role in the consideration of a tax appeal.

Resident Marie Lozito said of the Topstone tax abatement, "That's a large amount of money, it's not chicken feed." She disagreed with the process that allows one person, the assessor, to agree to an abatement, especially a large one.

Cynthia Howard, another resident, called the Topstone abatement "corporate welfare".

Resident Paul LaCasse suggested creating a Board of Assessors, saying it was suggested a few years ago but "no one wanted to do it."

With it being clear that those attending were not satisfied that they could not ask questions of the assessor because of the meeting being called by the Council and the complications created by the non-interference clause, it was decided to adjourn the meeting after more than two hours and give citizens a chance to directly ask Lessard and City Manager Ryan McNutt about why the abatement was given. Lessard said that in his opinion, the property was

over valued, taking into consideration the contamination issue, lack of heat in the upper floors and comps with other mill buildings as the basis for his decision.

Prior to the adjournment of the Council meeting, Mayor Charlene Lovett announced that the Council would have the Policy Committee draft an ordinance to create a Board of Assessors to improve the process for reviewing abatement and assessing applications. Seven-nine abatements have been granted since December 2017, totaling some \$900,000.

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Educational Programming at COH Starts Oct. 19 with "Count Mathula"

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont Opera House offers educational programs during the school season to enhance the education of children. Area home schools, schools, and even a few adults attend these educational, life enhancing, entertaining programs. This season, all of the programs, including one movie and the four live theatrical programs from Bright Star Theatre, are at 10:00 a.m. on Fridays. Each year, Bright Star Touring Theatre serves nearly 200 audiences in schools, theaters, libraries, museums and more across the country. The company has gained international acclaim, working with the Department of Defense schools at military bases in Europe and with the Anglo-American School of Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia.

The first of these five programs at Claremont Opera House from Bright Star Touring Theatre, a national professional touring theatre company based in Asheville, is at 10:00 a.m., Friday, October 19th, with a performance of their acclaimed show, "Count Mathula".

This math adventure is meant to help the good Count learn that numbers, math problems and even equations can be fun! What happens when the Count can't count? Count Mathula, the Count of Mathsylvania, is planning a party for all of his loyal subjects. However, the good Count has long ago decided that he can't be bothered with the difficulties of mathematics. In this highly interactive show, the audience helps out as the clumsy Count learns to love math as much as the students! This program is rated STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and is best appreciated by audiences in grades K through five.

Other upcoming events are "Wonder the Movie", Nov. 16; "George Washington Carver" for black history month, February 1; "Jack's Great Space Adventure", March 29; and on May 3rd, "One Small Step". More information is available online at www.claremontoperahouse.org.

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On September 28th, an American Gold Medalist and Former World Champion Heavyweight Boxer will be in Claremont on behalf of the Claremont Green Dot Program to speak to the community about reducing violence in the City. The event is sponsored by the Claremont Green Dot program. Green Dot works on the simple premise that a lot of small, single choices by individuals (green dots) can impact the culture here in Claremont. Green Dot teaches people to identify red dots (the moments in which someone harms another) and respond with a green dot (a single choice to do something that makes it less likely that someone will be harmed, or a preventative action that stops a red dot from occurring).

“Merciless” Ray Mercer is an American former professional boxer, kickboxer, and mixed martial artist. In boxing he competed from 1989 to 2008 and held the WBO heavyweight title from 1991 to 1992. Mercer is the last American to win a Gold medal in the heavyweight division at the 1988 Summer Olympics. In mixed martial arts, Mercer is known for defeating the UFC heavyweight champion Tim Sylvia, at the age of 49 years old.

In 2018 Mercer was inducted into the United States Marine Hall of Fame, as he is the most

decorated boxer in the history of the United States Military. He was also inducted into New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame, the Florida Boxing Hall of Fame, and the Carolina Boxing Hall of Fame.

Mercer is a very busy family and business man who sits on the board of two non-profit organizations, “Kickin’ it” and “Find a Dream.” “Find a Dream” is based in South Carolina while “Kickin’ It,” an anti-bullying school program, operates out of New Jersey. Both organizations work with young adults of diverse socio-economic backgrounds. Mercer understands the importance of discipline and uses sports as a tool to help develop kids into productive adults, while utilizing his celebrity status to reach individuals world-wide. He has become an advocate for the Green Dot Program and hopes to spread the word about the program, as violence continues to be an issue in every small town and city across the country.

The event is free to the public and is being held at the Stevens High School Auditorium on September 28th. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. The event goes from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All attendees will be given an opportunity to meet Mercer during a photo op and will receive a free autographed picture. All ages are welcome.

For more information, visit www.claremont-greendot.org.

United Way of Sullivan County Sponsors Coats for the Community

NEWPORT, NH—United Way of Sullivan County is pleased to be collecting warm clothing again this year for area residents. There are currently drop off locations throughout Newport, Claremont and Sunapee. They include: Claremont Savings Bank, Broad St. and Washington St. locations; Bar Harbor Bank and Sugar River Bank, Newport and Sunapee locations; Valley Regional Hospital; Sullivan County Homecare; and Sturm Ruger. Hubert’s Department Store will be participating by donating new clothing again this year. Steve Smith, WCNL, will be doing a live broadcast at each location of Free Coat Friday.

Those wishing to donate can also call the SCUW office at 543-0121 and arrange drop off at its office at 169 Main St. in Claremont. Any gently used warm articles of clothing are accepted and appreciated.

“We find the greatest need is for children’s clothing, from newborn through grade school age, and larger adult coats and sweaters,” Dawn Ranney, Executive Director, said. “This is a community service that SCUW has been pleased to offer those in need of coats, boots, hats, mittens and blankets during the cold winter months.”

Free Coat Friday will be held in Newport on the Town Common, Friday, October 19th, and in Claremont at Claremont Savings Bank, Broad St. parking lot on Friday, October 26th, from 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Donations will also be accepted at Free Coat Fridays.

“On behalf of United Way of Sullivan County, I want to extend my thanks to all of those who make this community endeavor possible with their outpouring of support and caring,” said Ranney.

Arrowhead Work Session Scheduled for Sept. 29th

CLAREMONT, NH—An Arrowhead work session will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29th, from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the recreation site. The Arrowhead Recreation Club needs a crew to brush saw the face; they have the brush saws. If you want to do the work on other days, that can be arranged. Other tasks include taking down some fencing near the tube lift, weed whacking and hand mowing around buildings, putting up signboards, moving picnic tables and other chores.

The Arrowhead Recreation Club’s next general meeting will be on Tuesday, October 2nd, 7:00 p.m., at Arrowhead.

The club will be going over ongoing projects, upcoming winter preparation, the upcoming Fall Festival and Chili Cook Off and other items.

The organization is looking for new members to join and volunteers for upcoming events (Fall Festival) and the upcoming winter season.

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On June 28, 2018, Kerri Yaqoob was ar-
rested on the charge of Conspiracy to Pur-
chase Controlled Drugs, a felony charge.

On June 28, 2018, Yaqoob was released on
personal recognizance bail subject to appear-
ing in Sullivan County Superior Court on July
12, 2018, which she did.

Another hearing date of Sept. 5, 2018, was
set for Yaqoob to appear in Sullivan County
Superior Court. On that date, Yaqoob failed
to appear. On Sept. 17, 2018, the Sullivan
County Superior Court issued a warrant for
Yaqoob's arrest for Failing to Appear.

This information is provided by Sheriff John
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Rural Outright to Host Open Mic Night

CLAREMONT, NH— — Rural Outright, a community program of TLC Family Resource Center, will be hosting an Open Mic Night on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Claremont MakerSpace, located at 46 Main Street in Claremont. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Bring your music, skits, poetry, voice or anything you'd like to share. Sign-ups are at the door.

The event is free and open to all. Refreshments will be provided.

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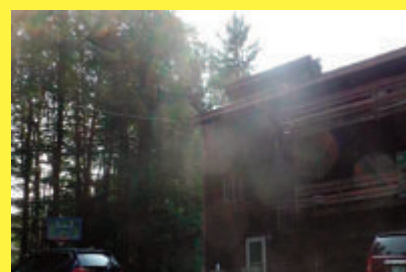
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CLAREMONT— Private cedar-sided Contemporary home on a secluded 2.8 acre Bible Hill area lot. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths and three floors of living space. Huge kitchen with breakfast bar and dining area, living room with lots of natural light, and even a central vac and built-in air conditioners! \$210,000 (MLS#4715169)



GRANTHAM—Come on home and mow the roof! This earth sheltered home offers an attached two car garage, two and a half baths, and plenty of light. The 10.6 acre lot offers both open and forested land. There is an in-ground swimming pool, and great views are yours from the roof. \$122,900 (MLS#4716001)



NEWPORT—Arrive home to a lovely yard, glowing wood floors, large living/dining area complete with a wood fireplace, and an enclosed and heated porch accessed through the kitchen or the dining area. For outdoor entertaining there is a large deck. Vinyl siding and standing seam roof will provide for easy maintenance. One car garage under has plenty of room for workshop. Huge attic area for your storage needs. \$159,900 (MLS#4716682)



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CLAREMONT— Breathtaking majestic home with views of several mountain ranges in VT & NY. Open kitchen, abundant storage and closets, jetted tub, sauna, cozy office, and a reading porch with more views. The 1st floor great room is expansive with deck, stone grill inside & views. Basement level boasts a lap pool for a vigorous or relaxing swim, and more living space. Attached 2 car direct entry garage with RV carport, and two more out buildings for toys & equipment. \$795,000 (MLS#4718417)



NEWPORT— Owner occupant or investor opportunity is knocking here! These are two separate dwellings--one single family at 43 Laurel St, and one two family at 47 Laurel St, situated side by side. The single family has potential for additional 3rd floor expansion. An owner occupant has the opportunity to choose their living arrangement and pay the mortgage with the other two units. Unique arrangement! \$189,000 (MLS#4718809)



UNITY—Sited well back from the street, this home offers a very nice newer kitchen that opens to the dining room. There is a family room entry area and then the living room. Huge bath and separate large laundry room round out the first floor. The 2nd level boasts another large center area suitable for office/den/playroom and two bedrooms. Outside on your 11 acres there is a 3 car garage, an equipment or loafing shed for your horses or livestock as well as a generously sized barn. \$144,900 (MLS#4719147)



CLAREMONT— Situated near Moody Park with a large fenced-in yard with garden! One car garage, recently sealed driveway, newly lined chimney, and a new roof can be checked off your list. Home has hardwood floors, vinyl windows, and is well insulated. The dry basement and easily accessible attic offer plenty of storage. Newer appliances will remain which include fridge, washer, dryer, dishwasher, and oven. Seller is willing to contribute up to \$3000 towards your bathroom remodel. \$129,900 (MLS#4719182)



CLAREMONT— Magnificent Victorian located on an avenue of classic estate-like homes featuring 3 full levels of elegant living. 8 bedrooms, 2 fireplaced living rooms, unique round enclosed porch, modern kitchen, and formal dining room. Attached oversized garage with apartment above for the in-laws, above ground pool, and lovely gardens. Hardwood floors and natural woodwork throughout, stained glass windows, and 3rd floor balcony with mountain views. \$449,900 (MLS#4719375)



CLAREMONT— An adorable doll house! So very many updates make this the perfect home for a "first time owner", single person, retirement home, 2nd home...and the list goes on. The lot is level and larger than it seems, great for children, pets or gardens. Garage with auto-open, and a wonderful front porch. This home has been lovingly cared for, and is turn-key ready. \$119,900 (MLS#4720020)

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Open House...

The Center for Recovery Resources, a community program of TLC Family Resource Center, is observing National Recovery Month throughout September and hosted an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 20. The Center is located at 1 Pleasant St., Suite 104 in Claremont. Here, Wayne Miller, manager of The Center, readies the scissors for the ribbon cutting. The Center for Recovery Resources was developed as a peer recovery program to replace Hope for NH Recovery, which closed in February. The Center offers evidence-based recovery support services and peer support groups for all individuals and families of the greater Sullivan County area with any form of addiction (Courtesy photo).



Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Oct. 1st

NEWPORT, NH—The Sullivan County Farm Bureau will hold its annual meeting on Monday, October 1st, at the Courthouse Restaurant in Newport. The evening will begin with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m.

The theme of the meeting is the future of agriculture in Sullivan County. NH Commissioner of Agriculture Sean Jasper will speak about what he hopes to accomplish during his tenure. He will be followed by a panel of young Sullivan County Farmers discussing how they are adapting to today's changing agricultural environment. The panel will include: Liz Macnamara from Macnamara Farm, Ray Sprague from Edgewater Farm, Sam Nelson from Beaver Pond Farm, and Jason LeClair from LeClair Farm. The LeClair Farm, in Claremont, is the New Hampshire Dairy Farm of the year. The cost is \$20 for members and \$24 for guests. Entree choices are Chicken Cordon Bleu or Baked Salmon.

Reservations may be made by calling Seth Wilner at 863-9200 by noon on Sept. 28th.

Mosaic Mural Project for Ottauquechee Health Center Announced

WINDSOR, VT – This October, Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health
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Center (MAHHC) is inviting the community to participate in The OHC Mosaic Project, a tile-making event to create a beautiful mural for



the exterior wall of the Ottauquechee Health Center (OHC) in Woodstock, Vermont. The event will be hosted by the Woodstock Elementary School, and tile-making will take place October 24-27.

"We're inviting people to decorate a tile, sponsor a tile, or both," said Charles Clement, Director of Development for MAHHC. "The goal is to create a 9' by 11' mural that will add color and life to the exterior of OHC and be a tribute to our community."

Tile-making will be open to Woodstock Elementary School students and Prosper Valley School students at no cost. Members of the general public can sponsor tile(s) for \$100 each to help cover the cost of the project. Sponsors are invited to join in the tile-making if they wish. All tiles will be decorated during the event, then dried, glazed, and fired in preparation for installation at OHC in May of 2019. Tile artist Robert Rossel of Symmetry Tile Works in Epping, New Hampshire, a former member of the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, will be in residence in the Art classroom at Woodstock Elementary School during the event to oversee tile creation. Participants will be given raw clay tiles with basic designs that they may personalize by adding texture and select carving.

According to Maggie Mills, Principal at Woodstock Elementary School, "The OHC Mosaic Project is a great opportunity for our students to learn from an accomplished artist while creating something beautiful for their community. And I'm pleased that [MAHHC]

welcomed Prosper Valley students into the project when that school had to close temporarily."

Those seeking more details on the project can contact Charles Clement at (802) 674-7321 or email mahdev@mahhc.org. Those who wish to sponsor tiles for The OHC Mosaic Project can make their payment by credit or debit card at (802) 674-7088.

Ground Beef Recall

Cargill Meat Solutions issued a recall of 132,606 pounds of ground meat due to a

deadly E. coli outbreak, the US Department of Agriculture said Wednesday.

Eighteen people have become sick with E. coli illness linked to this meat. One of them died.

Cargill Meat Solutions issued a recall for 132,606 pounds of ground beef.

The recalled meat, which may be contaminated with E. coli, is from the chuck portion of the carcass and was produced June 21. The USDA inspection mark on the package says "EST. 86R" inside. The products have been distributed nationwide.

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Representative Annie Kuster paid a visit to the MacGlaflin farm on Case Hill Road on Tuesday to visit and talk with a group of small farmers and representatives from the local dairy industry. Talk and discussion revolved around the current Farm Bill and tariffs that are hurting small farmers around the country. Kuster said the Farm Bill is a good one, but they are having some problems getting it to a vote. She believes that it will not be passed before the November elections, she said, and more likely won't be brought to a vote until after January when the newly elected members to Congress start their terms. Kuster listened to the group as they discussed the tariffs that have been put in place and others that President Trump has said he will pass. They told Kuster that these tariffs have already started to affect small farms and the dairy industry and more tariffs will just make their "situation worse". Kuster told the group that she will keep pushing for a fair and helpful Farm Bill and will do what she can concerning the tariffs being passed. The Farm Bill, which is reauthorized every five years by Congress, covers programs related to agriculture, such as nutrition, conservation, forestry, and rural development. The current Farm Bill expires on September 30, 2018. Right: Kuster talks with Ed MacGlaflin, the owner of the farm. (Bill Binder photos).

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Improving the Assessment/ Abatement Process



The events surrounding the Administration's recent decision to lower the Topstone Building's property value and abate back property taxes was the catalyst for a special meeting which the Claremont City Council held on September 19th. The purpose of the meeting was twofold - to educate both the Council and the public on the assessment/abatement process, and determine if the process needed to be maintained as is or modified. Legal counsel, the city assessor and city manager were present to respond to questions regarding this process. Citizens at the meeting were invited to make comments once the explanation of the process was completed.

At the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Tanguay, the City's legal counsel, reviewed the role and responsibility of the Council in the assessment/abatement process. Because we are a City Council/City Manager form of government and the charter contains a non-interference clause, the Council has no role in the individual decisions that the Administration makes regarding assessment/abatement applications. These decisions are at the operational or administrative level, and managed by the City Manager. As the policy-making arm of our local government, the Council's role and responsibility is the overall assessment/abatement process and the evaluation of its execution. Consequently, Mr. Tanguay strongly recommended that the Council focus on the process rather than the assessor's decision to lower the assessment of the Topstone Building and abate property taxes.

After legal counsel's overview, the City's interim assessor, Mr. Lessard, answered questions that the Council had regarding the assessment/abatement process. (Note: While my next article will be a step-by-step tutorial on the assessment and abatement appli-
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cation process, this article is a general synopsis of the assessment/abatement discussion with the assessor.) The assessor considers a number of factors in determining the value of a property. It is much easier to determine the value of a residential property as there are more similar properties for comparison. Commercial properties are more difficult and are assessed using one of three approaches with the income approach being the most common. If either a residential or commercial owner believes that his/her property is over assessed, he or she can apply for an abatement. If the assessor denies the application, the property owner has the right to appeal that decision to the Board of Tax and Land Appeals (BTLA) or the NH Superior Court. The BTLA will issue an order demanding that the assessor meet with the applicant to negotiate a settlement prior to granting a hearing.

Since December 2017, the City has granted 79 abatements, totaling approximately \$980,000. Many factors are considered when abating taxes. The assessor reviews the documentation provided by the applicant, and if there is good cause to abate them the assessor has the authority to do so. Good cause can include such factors as current fair market value, inability to pay taxes and environmental concerns. Prior to 2014, the portion of taxes collected on the over assessed value of a property would be abated for the year in which the application was submitted. In 2014, the Legislature changed the state statute, and assessors can now abate taxes for the years prior to the application.

After hearing from the assessor, the Council questioned City Manager McNutt on his role in the assessment/abatement process. As the City Manager, he is responsible for the management of the assessor. While he does not necessarily know the details of all of the abatement applications, he is aware of those applications requesting a significant abatement.

After the City Manager's input, the Council heard from the public. Everyone that spoke was concerned with the administration's decision regarding the Topstone Building. Some citizens offered suggestions for improving the assessment/

abatement process. While the Council could not respond to questions specifically pertaining to the Topstone Building, it could consider the public's input regarding process improvements. One such suggestion was the establishment of a Board of Assessors (BOA).

The Cities with a City Council/City Manager form of government that have adopted BOAs include Berlin, Concord, Keene and Lebanon. Membership and responsibilities vary from one city to another; however, the Boards do provide a mechanism for public input and oversight during the assessment/abatement process. Given recent events, it has become apparent that the establishment of a BOA in Claremont would be an improvement to the process. Consequently, the Council agreed to have the Policy Committee, with input from the

administration and legal counsel, draft an ordinance creating a BOA. Once drafted, it will go before the Council for consideration. Given the impact that the assessment/abatement process has on property owners and the City, the Council has made this a top priority.

Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and welcomes your feedback. Please email questions, comments or concerns to her at clovett.ccc@gmail.com.

Book Talk, Signing at the Fiske

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Understanding Risk Tolerance Is Essential for Investment Success

To succeed as an investor, you might think you need to know about the economy, interest rates and the fundamentals of companies in which you'd like to invest. And all these things are indeed important. But it's most essential to know yourself. Specifically, you need to know how much risk you are willing to tolerate to achieve your goals.

Of course, you've lived with yourself your entire life, so you probably have a pretty good idea of your likes and dislikes and what makes you comfortable or uncomfortable. But investing can be a different story.

Initially, you may believe you have a high tolerance for risk, but if the financial markets drop sharply, and you see that you've sustained some sizable losses (at least on paper – you haven't really "lost" anything until you sell investments for less than what you paid for them), how will you feel? If you find yourself constantly fretting over these losses, perhaps even losing sleep over them, you might realize your risk tolerance is not as high as you thought. In this case, you may need to scale back the part of your portfolio devoted to growth in favor of a more balanced approach.

On the other hand, if you believe yourself to have a low risk tolerance, and you start off investing in a conservative manner, you may indeed minimize short-term losses – but you also might find yourself frustrated over the slow growth of your portfolio. So you may decide that being highly risk-averse carries its own risk – the risk of not making enough progress to achieve your long-term financial goals. To reduce this risk, you may need to tilt your portfolio somewhat toward more growth opportunities.

In short, you may have to invest for a while before you truly understand your response to risk. But even then, don't get too locked in to one approach – because your risk tolerance may evolve over time.

When you are first starting out in your career, and for many years after, you are probably investing primarily to accumulate assets for retirement. Consequently, you may need to include a relatively high proportion of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks, in your portfolio. While stock prices will always fluctuate, you will have many years, perhaps decades, to overcome short-term losses, so you can possibly afford to take on a greater risk level in exchange for the potentially higher returns offered by stocks and stock-based investments.

However, things can change once you reach retirement. At this stage of your life, your overall investment focus may shift from accumulation to income. This means you will need to start selling some investments to boost your cash flow – and you won't want to sell when prices are down. (Remember the first rule of investing: "Buy low and sell high.") To help avoid these "fire sales," you may want to adjust your investment mix by adding more income-producing vehicles and reducing your holdings in growth-oriented ones. By doing so, you will be lowering your overall risk level. Keep in mind, though, that even in retirement, you will need some exposure to growth investments to help you stay ahead of inflation.

Become familiar with your own risk tolerance – it can play a big role in your investment decisions.

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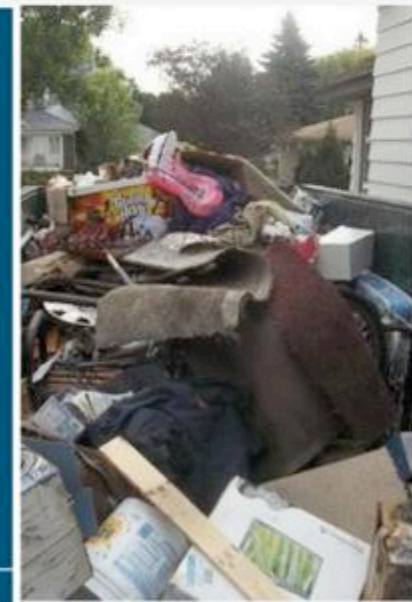
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CLAREMONT, NH—In a workshop series called Staying Connected with Your Teen being offered in at the TLC Family Resource Center in Claremont, parents of preteens and teens will learn how to improve communication, reduce the risk of problem behaviors and build strong family bonds. The free five-week program is being facilitated by New Hampshire Teen Institute at TLC Family Resource Center, 109 Pleasant St., Tuesdays, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23.

This is an interactive program for all parents/caregivers of teenage children. In a lively and open atmosphere, parents will learn specific strategies that will help teens become more involved in the family and less likely to engage in problem behaviors. The workshops use an interactive, skills-based format that provides plenty of opportunities for parents to learn from each other and problem-solve. For more information, please email or call Julie Yerkes at jyerkes.ti@gamil.com or 978-226-3322.



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It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



One Skillet

The best thing about cooking in one skillet is the flexibility it affords. It's all there in front of you. If you want to change an ingredient or add a different flavor, you have it right there. This is especially true if you are doing a rice-based dish. Once something is in the oven, it's usually too late.

By the time I leave in the morning, I know what kind of a day I'm going to have. I take a protein out of the freezer, if necessary and let it thaw in the fridge. If I have to, I'll run into the supermarket on my way home for some chicken breasts or chopped meat or pork chops.

This is a great cast iron dish. It's rustic, easy and very tasty. I found this long ago and massaged it to my liking. I heard somewhere that this dish was named for Napoleon's horse. He named dishes after battle won, but he may have had a horse named Marengo. Anyway, here it is with credit to The Food Network:

One Skillet Chicken Marengo

3 chicken breasts cubed into bite sized pieces

Kosher salt or sea salt and freshly ground black pepper 3 tablespoons vegetable oil

1 medium sweet onion, sliced

1/2 pound mushrooms, sliced

1 yellow bell pepper, seeded and julienned

2 tablespoons tomato paste

1/2 cup white wine

1/2 cup beef broth

1 (14-ounce) can chopped tomatoes

1/2 tablespoon butter

Season the chicken with salt and pepper to taste. In a large saute pan, heat the oil over medium-high heat and add the chicken. Brown on all sides. Remove from the pan and set aside on a plate.

In the same pan, add more oil, if needed, along with the onion, mushrooms and peppers and saute until softened and fragrant, but not limp, about 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Stir in the tomato paste and cook a few minutes to cook out the raw flavor. Turn up the heat, and add the wine/wine to deglaze the pan and let it reduce for 2 or 3 minutes. Add the beef broth and tomatoes. Once the mixture begins to bubble, add the browned chicken and any juices from the chicken and reduce the heat to a simmer. Cook until the chicken is warmed through, about 3 minutes. Turn the heat off and stir in the butter. Transfer to a serving platter and serve immediately.

The best thing about the cast iron is that it can go from stove top to the oven without a problem. I sear my steaks in an extremely hot cast iron skillet and then finish it in the oven at 450. Just be careful of that extremely hot handle.


When properly seasoned and cared for, the cast iron becomes naturally non-stick, and cleanup is a breeze. There are a bunch of books out there about cast iron cooking. Unfortunately, I once saw an offer for one that had free shipping for one day. They also had an apology for those who could not place an order that day. They were so inundated with online and phone orders they had to extend the offer. I missed both days but still want to buy a copy some day.

Play with your food. Keep everyone guessing.

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The City's emergency responders were dispatched Thursday morning at 6:58 a.m. to the scene of a single vehicle accident. According to Claremont Fire Chief Bryan Burr, "The vehicle left the right side of the road on Route 11/12 (Charlestown Rd) northbound and struck a tree. The vehicle sustained heavy damage to the right front. There was one occupant in the vehicle that was trapped, a female driver who sustained severe lower extremity injuries. Fire personnel used two sets of hydraulic tools to remove the driver from the heavily damaged vehicle. The extrication took several minutes due to the extensive damage. Once extricated and stabilized, the driver was transported directly to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center by Golden Cross Ambulance. "This was a well-coordinated team effort displayed by members of the Claremont Police and Fire Departments and Golden Cross Ambulance," said Burr (Photo submitted by Claremont Fire Dept).



Claremont First Responders were called to the scene of a crash on Main St., between W. Terrace and Bank Ave., the morning of Sept. 16 at about 7:30 a.m. Claremont Fire Chief Bryan Burr reported Monday afternoon that there was "an extensive extrication of a male driver with bone fractures. No other occupants or injuries." Damage at the scene included a sheared off utility pole. A parked car on the property was also damaged (Photos submitted by the Claremont Fire Department).



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Newport Opera House Association Announces Cast for 2018 Fall Play, "The Foreigner"

NEWPORT, NH—The Newport Opera House Association (NOHA) has announced the cast for the hilarious comedy, "The Foreigner", written by Larry Shue and directed by Christopher Rex Jacobs.

Set in rural Georgia, Betty Meeks fishing lodge is a quiet place, until Charlie Baker - "the foreigner" - arrives. Being told he does not speak or understand a word of English, he learns everyone's deep, dark secrets, with surprising and hilarious results.

The talented ensemble cast will feature faces familiar to NOHA audiences, alongside newcomers, and includes Christopher Gardner as Owen Musser; Andrew Merritt as Staff Sargent "Froggy" LeSuer; Steve Cornish as Charlie Baker; Suzanne Boyington as Betty Meeks; Brian Bevacqua as Rev. David Marshall Lee; Alison Wood as Catherine Simms; and Natasha Vuletich as Ella Simms.

"The Foreigner" will be directed by Christopher Rex Jacobs, who is a NOHA Board Member and has appeared on the Opera House stage in productions of "Annie Get Your Gun", "The Mousetrap", and "Once Upon a Mattress". While this is the first time Jacobs has directed in New Hampshire, he has extensive experience. In Chicago, he directed for Hobo Junction Productions ("The Temp", "The Regulars") and Corn Productions ("The Adventures of Rex Danger", "Bobby Corn" and the "House at Weedy Lake"). Jacobs has also been seen locally in shows at the New London Barn Playhouse, Northern Stage, Revels North, and North Country Community Theatre. Jacobs has a degree in Theater from Eastern Michigan University.

"We are delighted to have Chris directing our fall play," said Amy Bailey, Executive Director of NOHA. "It's so exciting to have someone with his wide experience join us here, both artistically and on our Board."

"I am beyond thrilled with the talented local artists we have been able to assemble for the show, they are a gifted group of storytellers," says Jacobs. "The wonderful thing about theater and "The Foreigner" in particular is that it shines a light on difficult subjects and allows you to explore them in a comedic way, which then opens the door

for dialogue. This kind of communication is much needed in today's world."

Performances will take place on Nov. 2nd and 3rd at 7:30pm and on Nov. 4th at 2pm. Tickets will go on sale on October 1st and will be available for purchase online at [www.new-](http://www.newportoperahouse.com)

portoperahouse.com, or by calling the Box Office at 603-863-2412. Premium reserved seating is available for \$15; general admission tickets will be \$10. Seniors, children and students are eligible for a \$2 discount. For more info, visit the website or call (603) 863-2412.

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TLC introduces Miss Kendra's List Program to Local Schools

CLAREMONT, NH— For nearly two years, TLC Family Resource Center has been screening the film “Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope.” The film helps to explain the concepts of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), such as any type of abuse, divorce, and homelessness.

One of the beauties of the movie is that it doesn't stop by identifying the problem and the far-reaching impacts of having a high ACEs score. The producers highlight evidence-based programs that can help children cope and be resilient. One of those programs is the ALIVE Program which was started by The Post-Traumatic Stress Center in New Haven, CT. The program is currently being used throughout the New Haven and Minneapolis school districts as part of the ALIVE Program.

The program was designed to be used with classes from kindergarten to 5th grade and uses simple, direct language to remind people of the basics of child safety. ALIVE also offers a variation of this for middle school and high school students. At the start, elementary school students are introduced to “The Legend of Miss Kendra” that explains how a woman named Miss Kendra was coping with loss and generated a list to define what the basics of child safety are.

There are classroom activities created to work with each grade level which includes reading the list out loud, discussion of the list, writing and reading letters from Miss Kendra. The students are encouraged to write to Miss Kendra and share things happening in their lives. The program is free to the students.

Bringing the program to Sullivan County was an important step for TLC to meet the needs of the community around ACEs.

“I have seen the film “Resilience” many times now. In the film, we are introduced to Miss Kendra and her empowering list for children. Each time I see the film, I am struck by the hope that it represents in the face of Adverse Childhood Experiences,” said Maggie Monroe-Cassel, director of TLC Family Resource Center. “Hope will drive us to do something for our children. For TLC, Miss Kendra's List is another step in our efforts to reduce the effects of trauma on lives of children.”

Stacey Hammerlind, Family and Community Coordinator/ Family in Transition Coordinator for SAU No. 43, and Melony Williams, clinical supervisor at TLC, attended training for Miss Kendra's List and will be working together. They will be introducing the program to the Newport kindergarten classes this month.

“Children today have to deal with a lot of grown up issues — economic stress, the regional housing shortage, the opioid epidemic. No matter how much parents try to protect their children from the stress in their lives, kids are

incredibly perceptive and don't miss much. They bring these worries with them to school and it can make it really hard for them to concentrate on school,” said Hammerlind.

Williams is looking forward to sharing the program with the students in Newport.

“I feel that working with the Kindergarten students in Newport, alongside their teachers and paraprofessional staff, will give these children the opportunity to learn about how children need to be kept safe, to understand their worries, to express them to caring adults and to hopefully be able to set them aside so that their minds and hearts are more open and ready to learn about academics as well as to form healthy social connections,” she said.

“It is exciting to think about the positive effects that could happen through the partnership between TLC, the Richards Elementary Staff and the parents while we roll out the Miss Kendra curriculum in NH,” Williams continued.

There are plans to bring the program to the Claremont School District in the future. You can read more about Miss Kendra at <http://traumainformedschools.org/miss-kendras-list-and-child-safety-classroom-activities>.

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Woman Wanted in Connection with Boat Landing Incident

Car Recovered from River on Sept. 15

CLAREMONT, NH—On September 15 at approximately 11:48 a.m., Claremont Safety Services responded to the boat landing on Ferry Landing Road in Claremont for a report of a vehicle completely submerged in the Connecticut River. It was unknown how long the vehicle had been in the water or whether there were people inside of it. Dive personnel were dispatched to the scene and performed a search of the area. They determined that there were no people inside of the car.

The vehicle, a 2010 Acura TL, was removed from the water by a local towing service with the assistance of divers. An investigation into the circumstances which led the vehicle to end up in the river began. Subsequent to that investigation, an arrest warrant has been issued for the following subject: Erica Belknap-Morris, 30, of Claremont, NH.

According to the Claremont Police Department statement released this noon, Belknap-Morris is charged with Theft of a Motor Vehicle (Class A Felony), Criminal Mischief (Class A Felony), Theft of Services (Class B Felony), Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card (Class A Misdemeanor), and Contempt of Court. Her current whereabouts are unknown.



Erica Belknap-Morris

The criminal investigation remains ongoing at this time, and further charges are anticipated, said the Claremont Police Department. Anyone with information about this investigation or Belknap-Morris' location is encouraged to contact Claremont Police Captain Brent W. Wilmot at (603)542-9538 or bww@claremonth.com.

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Thursday, September 27

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Newport Man Arrested on Sexual Assault Charges

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont Chief of Police Mark Chase announced last Monday evening in a statement that, following an approximate six-month investigation, the Claremont Police Department has arrested a subject on a warrant for six counts of Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, one count of Attempted Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, and three counts of Felonious Sexual Assault involving a child under the age of 13; according to the complaint, the alleged crimes occurred between the 1987 and 1991, said Chase. Arrested was Alan Wirkkala, 51 years old, of Newport, NH.

The criminal investigation remains ongoing at this time, and further charges are anticipated, said Chase.

Anyone with information about this investigation is encouraged to contact Claremont Police Detective Colby D. Casey at (603)542-7010 or ccasey@claremonth.com.

