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Newport School Board to Consider Use of Open Spaces in Towle Building

NEWPORT, NH--The Newport School Board is seeking community input on the use of the Towle School Building.

The Board will host an open meeting on October 5, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Towle Building Auditorium. The purpose is to discuss use of the open spaces in Towle for the immediate future and to consider long term possibilities.

The Board hopes that participants from the Open Session will volunteer to serve on a committee to write a recommendation for the use of Towle School, said Superintendent Cindy Gallagher.

All are welcome to attend. If you cannot make this meeting but would like to be involved, please contact Virginia Irwin at virwin@sau43.org or Gallagher at cgallagher@sau43.org or 865-9500.

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Arrests Announced in Drug Investigation

NEWPORT, NH--On Sept. 27, The Newport Police Department announced the arrest of two Newport subjects, in a joint investigation with the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force.

The month-long investigation targeted and disclosed two persons allegedly involved in the sales and distribution of crack cocaine in Newport, said Newport Police Chief James Burroughs. The two individuals were identified as: Frank Magistro of Bradford and Newport, age 41, and Antwan Brown of Newport, age 27.

As a result of the investigation, information was obtained that led to a search at Brown's Unity Road



Antwan Brown



Frank Magistro

residence and his two vehicles. As a result of the searches, additional evidence of the alleged sales operation was obtained, including, allegedly, a quantity of controlled drugs, said Burroughs in a press release. Brown's charges are as follows: One count of a Sale of Controlled Drug (Crack Cocaine), and one count of Conspiracy for sales of a Controlled Drug (Crack Cocaine).

Magistro's charges are as follows: Three counts of Sales of a Controlled Drug (Crack Cocaine).

Both Magistro and Brown were held on \$100,000 cash bail and were due to be arraigned in the Newport Circuit Court on September 28th.

All charges in these cases constitute class B Felony level offenses. Due to the active nature of this investigation, additional charges are expected and additional arrests are expected to be made, said Burroughs.

Assisting in the apprehension of Magistro were officers from the New London Police Department. Assisting Newport Police in the search of Brown's residence was a member of the New Hampshire State Police K9 unit.

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Hassan Applauds Senate Passage of Bipartisan MAIN STREET Cybersecurity Act

WASHINGTON, DC--Senator Maggie Hassan applauded the Senate's unanimous passage last week of the bipartisan Making Available Information Now to Strengthen Trust and Resilience and Enhance Enterprise Technology (MAIN STREET) Cybersecurity Act. The legislation, which Senator Hassan cosponsored, will help to provide a consistent set of resources for small businesses to best protect their digital assets from cybersecurity threats.

“Small businesses are the foundation of our economic success in communities across New Hampshire and America,” Hassan said. “The recent Equifax breach is the latest evidence of the cyber threats that businesses face, and we must do more to provide small businesses with the resources and tools they need to protect against these types of attacks. The MAIN STREET Cybersecurity Act is a critical step toward reaching that goal, and I look forward to seeing this legislation signed into law.”

In 2014, the Senate unanimously passed the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2014, which codified the industry-led process for the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework, a comprehensive voluntary guide for organizations and businesses to better manage and reduce cybersecurity risks. While this framework continues to play a key role in improving the cyber resilience of the United States, additional coordinated resources may be necessary to improve the ability of small businesses to use it. The MAIN STREET Cybersecurity Act will ensure NIST considers the needs of small businesses as it updates the framework and provide simplified, consistent resources based on the NIST framework specifically for small businesses.

Shaheen, Hassan Introduce Legislation that Would Ensure Transparency and Accountability in DEA Quotas for Prescription Opioid Painkillers

WASHINGTON, DC--Thursday, U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) joined four of their democratic colleagues to introduce legislation to shed light on Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) quotas on OxyContin and opioid pain medication, and the secretive process by which the pharmaceutical companies gain approval to produce the deadly opioid painkillers that are taken in New Hampshire and across the country.

“The over-production and over-prescription of painkillers has taken a devastating toll on our communities, and fueled the worst public health emergency in our state's history,” said Shaheen. “The DEA has already taken positive steps to reduce the amount of opioid painkillers in the marketplace, and this legislation will create greater transparency as we seek to reduce the over-production and over-prescription of opioid drugs. Oversight and accountability are fundamental to this effort. This legislation will provide the necessary information needed to help in our fight to control and prevent abuse of these potentially deadly drugs.”

“As the heroin, fentanyl, and opioid crisis continues to ravage communities in New Hampshire and across the country, we must do more to address the overuse, misuse, and abuse of prescription opioids that has played a major role in fueling this epidemic,” Hassan said. “I applaud the Drug Enforcement Agency for taking steps to lower opioid production quotas earlier this year, but we must keep working together to combat this crisis. I am proud to help introduce the Opioid QuOTA Act, which will provide much-needed information on these quotas and the pharmaceutical companies that manufacture prescription opioids, and I look forward to working with members of both parties to advance this important legislation.”

For 2018, the DEA has proposed manufacturing levels in the United States that would be the equivalent of nine billion 10-milligram pills of OxyContin. Despite this massive quantity of addictive opioid pain medication that the DEA would approve for production, there is little public information about which individual companies are manufacturing prescription opioid pills or how many. Specifically, the Opioid Quota Openness, Transparency, and Awareness Act requires the U.S. Attorney General to make available through DEA's website the quotas for an opioid painkiller issued to a registered manufacturer, as well as that manufacturer's actual use of the quota.

Claremont Central Fire Station is 100 Years Old

By Les St.Pierre
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--“There is so much about this building I don't know,” said Claremont Fire Chief Rick Bergeron when commenting on his one and only shelter for today's fire vehicles, “but every now and then I will stumble upon something or one of the older guys will come through with a story.”

The Claremont Central Fire Station, built in 1917, is now in its 100th year of use and looks as if it could easily go another 100 years.

“Over the years the guys have taken care of it,” Bergeron further stated, “but it is always in need of something. Still, it's not bad for being 100 years old!”

Bergeron, while making a tour of the building's basement, pointed out a hose rack that has been around as long as the building's inception and is still in use today. “That rack has been there as long as this building has,” he said pointing to the wooden structure deep into the cellar. “Most of our fire hoses come in 50-foot lengths. That's the way we buy it. When the hoses come in wet after a fire that rack can be used to stretch the hoses out to dry.”

“The basement hasn't changed significantly,” the fire chief explained. “There have been some upgrades over the years, but the steel is original. We still store all kinds of stuff down here.”

Perhaps the biggest upgrade, quite naturally, came when the heating system went from coal to oil and from steam to forced hot water. Bergeron, age 65, recalled the time when he was quite young growing up on High Street and watching the Staff Brothers deliver coal to the post office and to the fire station.

“We used to burn coal and, boy, was it ever dirty!” recalled retired Claremont firefighter Norm “Lefty” Dion. “We used to wash those walls all the time. We used to keep those walls pretty clean. Those walls are in good shape even today. It's a good building.”

Major changes came to the 100 Broad Street establishment under the reign of William “Skip” Sullivan who came to Claremont as fire chief from Massachusetts and, after just a five-year stay, moved on to Hampton, NH. While Sullivan, who came here in 1977, was chief, he had the main floor heavily reinforced.



According to Bergeron's assessment and information written down by retired Claremont Assistant Chief firefighter Charles B. Fletcher, in an article in *SooNipi Magazine*, brick arches were nestled between the cellar beams and over time the rubble and concrete slabs would deteriorate due to the weight of new and improved vehicles to the point, Sullivan was told by engineers, that the original floor could see those vehicles one day crashing downward through the floor. Although the original steel remains throughout the building, welded plates were added in 1980 or '81 and the floor is now poured concrete slabs.

“We now house six trucks inside here,” Bergeron pointed out. “When this

building was originally built they, of course, did not anticipate for the weight of today's vehicles. There is some 66,000 pounds of weight on that floor, 33 tons, from just the ladder truck.” Bergeron estimates there can be 100-plus tons of weight on the floor when all six trucks are neatly tucked inside the station.

Also notable is the fact that the upstairs to the building has been altered. Bergeron's office overlooks the CVS store and the Charles Puksta Bridge with Washington Street in the background. There are two bathrooms upstairs along with a full kitchen and a dorm-style sleeping area and an assembly hall room. The assembly hall remains from 1917 and is used for meetings and training exercises. Where the kitchen is now is where the former “battery” room was located. “It's called the battery room because batteries are what powered the fire alarm system and the boxes around town,” Bergeron quipped.

Bergeron, who became a full-time firefighter in July of 1977, pointed out each and every fire alarm superintendent dating back from the time he first came aboard: Harry Frazier, Harry Ryan, Wally Smolnik, Bruce Kolenda, Joe Morin, and presently Tim Vezina.

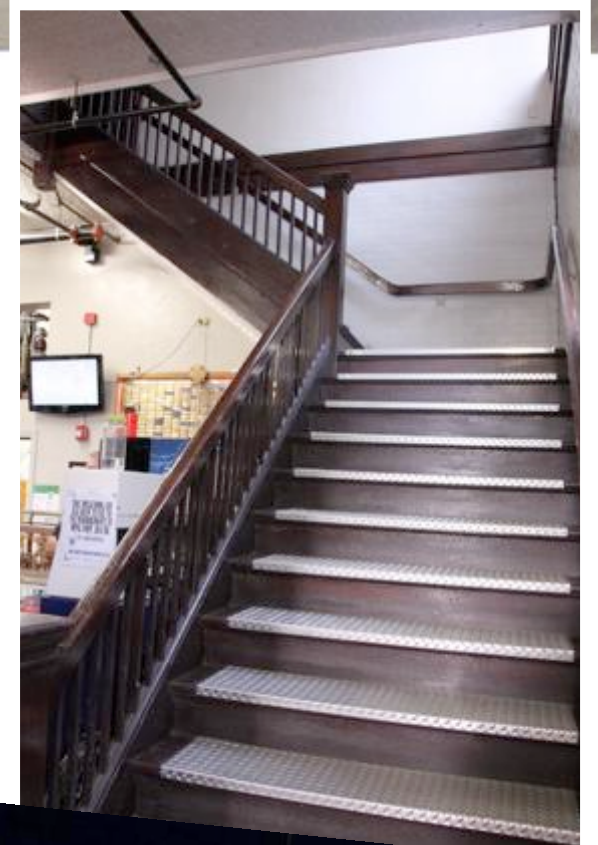
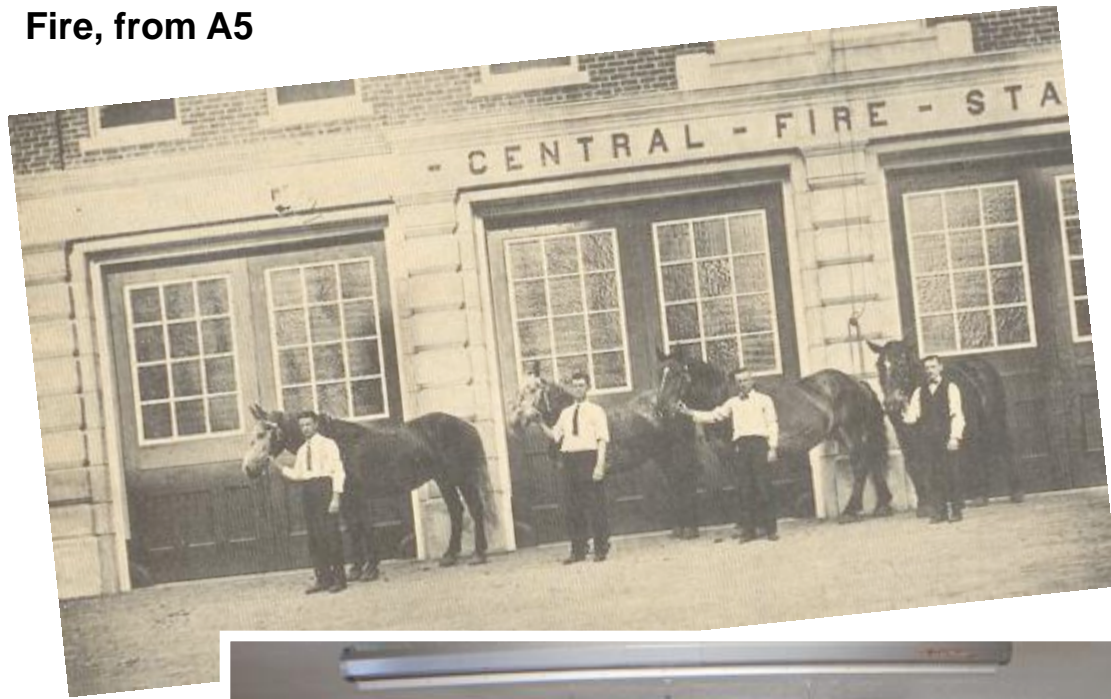
“The other aspect of their job is to take care of traffic lights,” Bergeron stated.

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Claremont's first piece of equipment.

Fire, from A5



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Upstairs hallway with slide pole for quick access to the apparatus floor; there used to be three of these in the station but with the advent of the new, bigger fire trucks, two of the poles had to be taken out for safety reasons. Right: Hoses laid out for drying.

Fire, From A6

Also upstairs is the infamous slide pole, so often depicted in firehouses. At one time there were three poles which firefighters could slide down when a call came in for a fire. Sullivan authorized the installation of a second pole before he left.

“He (Sullivan) was only here for five years,” Bergeron emphasized. “He was a busy guy, a real energetic guy, sometimes too energetic. He was only 33 years old. That’s really unheard of for a chief now.”

The station originally had swinging doors. The doors today are only the third set of doors since 1917. The originals swung in and were replaced by wooden overhead doors. The doors now seen were onsite in the late 1990’s or early 2000 when Peter Chase was Fire Chief.

According to research done by Fletcher, early firefighters in Claremont, prior to 1917, emerged out of four separate fire houses. They were located on Main Street (near Central Street); North Street (near the old foundry); under the town hall; and in West Claremont. In those days horses were used to draw the wagons that contained fire fighting equipment. Those horses were housed at the Sears Stable on Main Street; at the Arthur King home on Pleasant Street; and at a livery stable on Franklin Street.

In 1917 four horses became housed in the new station built on Broad Street. They stayed inside at the rear of the station. A big garage-

door type of entrance and exit was built in the back of the new building, making it easy for the horses to enter and exit the building. “It got to the point after five or six years the whole building stunk,” Bergeron said, reporting he had heard from stories told along the way. Thus, as has been documented, Dick, Dan, Prince, and Sam were relegated to a new home, a shed out back erected in 1925 by local contractor Walter Fletcher at a cost of \$1,964.77 for material and labor.

The winding staircase with a 90-degree angle is the original and, in staying with the logic at the time, was built that way so the horses would not go upstairs. However, according to Bergeron, the staircase is not a deterrent for skunks. “I can tell you, skunks will go up to the second floor,” he said, citing experience. “Some guys in the assembly hall noticed a skunk going by down the hallway one summer night. They tried to get it but couldn’t find it. It had crawled under the sink in the kitchen. They eventually trapped him with a Havahart cage and let him go. Oh yeah, we often get bats in here, too.”

The cost of the original building in 1917 came to \$25,000 with Hira Beckwith getting \$24,600 and the remaining \$400 going to F.A. Currier for electrical work.

All the windows have been replaced. “We used to have windows that rattled on very cold days,” Bergeron added. “Also, snow would often come through under certain conditions. We have also had the attic insulated. The building does better now heatwise.”

Bergeron stated at one time there was talk of erecting another fire station out at Claremont Junction since in the late 1960’s Joy Manufacturing moved from its Main Street and North Street locations to the River Road and it was thought it might be a good idea to have a fire station in that general area. City officials, Bergeron added, thought the River Road area was really going to develop, but it never did. “Actually, it was good they didn’t build out there because, although there is some industrial growth there, take a look now at Washington Street,” the Claremont fire chief commented. “As it turns out, this spot, with Main Street, Broad Street, Pleasant Street, and Washington Street right in front of us, is still the center of all spokes that lead the city. If we can only have one spot, this is a good spot.”

As locations go, the present fire station fits the bill. However, due to its size, problems do remain.

“The problem with this station,” Bergeron revealed, “is it is hard to get modern trucks into it. It’s really tight. Our ladder truck had to be specially made to fit into the building.”

Bergeron did confess that at one time he thought perhaps the former Moose building location further down Broad Street would have been a nice place to build a new station since it would still be centrally located, but a city purchase of the land never did come to fruition.

“You couldn’t have a better place than where it is right now,” Dion voiced. “It’s in a good spot right there.”

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Open House Oct. 14th

This year, the Claremont Central Fire Station turns 100 years old. To mark this milestone, the department will be hosting an open house on Saturday, October 14th. The open house will run from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. All are invited. The 14th was chosen as the date to mark this occasion because it is the day after our Association's parade, which will take place the evening before, and will kick off at 6:30 p.m. Also, it falls at the end of the National Fire Prevention Week. Tours of the station will be given, and refreshments will be available. There will also be current equipment on display, as well as some older mementos of years past. Please join us in celebrating our proud old fire house.

---Chief Richard Bergeron



Fire, from A7

Solar array on the roof of the fire station. This provides hot water for the station and is backed up by the pellet boiler in the cellar that provides the heat for the station.



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Our Turn: Books That Tell a Different Story

Books stacked in precarious piles, surrounded by faded boxes filled with papers and binders full of information—to the naked eye it looks like chaos. However, there is a certain purpose in the general clutter. In fact, the materials act as a timeline. They detail the transition that Turning Points Network's education curriculum has taken over the years.

Over 20 years ago, Turning Points Network started building relationships with schools in Sullivan County. With only one part-time educator, this was no small task. She attended anti-bullying trainings and began the work of creating comprehensive programming for schools based on Nan Stein's "Bullyproof." A few years later, she was joined by another educator.

Today, the curriculum continues to change shape and form. Our educators constantly look for the best ways to teach with the most engaging stories and activities. From Body Safety and Connect with Respect to Healthy Dating Relationships and Sexual Violence & Consent, they are always perfecting the curriculum.

Each school year, then, the program is a little different. It is a little more engaging. It has a slightly different script. It is more tailored and updated. The final result from hours and hours of ceaseless editing—cutting edge material that is specific to Sullivan County. So where does that leave us currently?

We're shifting gears yet again, because we want to offer the best curriculum possible. Thus, we are pleased to announce that we will start to incorporate infor-

mation from Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Vermont (PCAVT). PCAVT offers the best of both worlds, in that it is based on concrete evidence and it prevents victimization AND perpetration. As part of the curriculum we will continue to teach empathy to students and promote anti-bullying messages but we're going to do it in a slightly different way.

Returning to the overflowing piles of books, they seem to tell a different story. They tell part of Turning Points Network's journey. More than that, the books demonstrate our underlying commitment to helping children and young adults in our community. For over twenty years, we have tried to make our community

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Slate of Candidates for City Council Released

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--The following candidates have filed for the Claremont City Council election which will take place on Nov. 7. Incumbents include Mayor Charlene Lovett; Assistant Mayor Allen Damren; and Councilors Scott Pope; Abigail Kier; recently elected to fill an open seat; and Nick Koloski who, is running as an At-Large candidate; presently he is the Ward 3 councilor.

"I'm running at large for a few reasons," said Koloski. "Over the past eight years I have encountered several people who said they would have contacted me about their concern or issue, but I wasn't their ward councilor. I explain that I never paid attention to ward lines and answer everyone. I want everyone to feel free to contact me and not have that invisible barrier in place. I have also gotten a lot of folks that state they wish they could vote for me but they don't live in Ward 3. Now they get the chance. Regardless of who you vote for, please come out and cast a vote when the time comes."

Not filing for re-election are Carolyn Towle, who cited health reasons, as well as Keith Raymond, Bruce Temple and John Simonds.

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Council Passes Resolution for Solar Array at Wastewater Treatment Plant

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--The City Council voted Wednesday night to pass a resolution for a supplemental appropriation for a solar array at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to reduce electricity costs at the facility. The vote follows studies done on various locations. The resolution, which was passed unanimously, gives the City the approval to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$320,000 to the 2018 Sewer Division Budget to install a 151 KW solar array system at the treatment plant. The funding will come from the Sewer Enterprise Fund with no impact on the tax rate.

Jack Ruderman, of ReVision Energy, presented an overview of the project to the council prior to the vote. He said the system would have a life span of 40 years and is a clean, renewal resource. The company has installed similar systems around the state, including at the state DMV facility in Concord. They have also done a rooftop project at Dartmouth.

The City is expected, according to projections by the company, to see savings in energy costs after about 15 years with savings of about \$40,000, with that figure increasing to \$170,000 after 20 years and \$460,000 after about 30 years. By the end of the 40-year life span of the system, the savings are estimated to be around \$836,000, said Ruderman.

According to Assistant DPW Director Vic St. Pierre, ReVision Energy was the most familiar with Ever-source resources and was the most responsive of the three bidders. The City is moving now on the project as the company uses solar panels made outside of the US and tariffs on panels were expected to be enacted by the end of September. There are no American panel makers, said Ruderman. While some weeks in winter could see no production, Ruderman

said the City would see the system making up for that in the spring and summer.

Fire Dept. Receives Donation of Oxygen Masks for Pets

CLAREMONT, NH--The City formally accepted a donation of pet oxygen masks via a motion at Wednesday night's meeting.


Fire Chief Rick Bergeron said that Lt. Mike Zombeck had inquired about purchasing such masks as they have used them in the past; a donation of three masks, three different sizes, materialized from the Canine Company, with a value of \$150. The company, said Bergeron, has donated over 200 such kits. He said his department has "given mouth to mouth on cats and dogs" and said that they can "bag them or supplement them with oxygen as we do human patients." The masks that have been donated can fit a wide range of different sized cats and dogs, including kittens and small dogs.

---Phyllis A. Muzeroll

Planning Board Oks Goddard Block Plan

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Planning Board approved a site plan Monday night for a conditional use permit to rehab the Goodard Block. The plan by New England Family Housing calls for gutting it and creating 36 studio and one and two-bedroom apartments. Parking of one space per unit must be met before the certificate of occupancy is granted. Nineteen come with the property. The ZBA has approved a variance for the reduced number of parking spaces sought.

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Merrill Joins Vital Communities Board

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VT--Vital Communities welcomes three new members to its Board of Directors: Barbara Barry of Woodstock, VT, Nancy Merrill of Lebanon, NH, and Rick Mills of South Strafford, VT. They join 10 incumbent board members, as well as new Revers Board Fellows from the Tuck School of Business, Catherine Boyson and Rene Bystron.

Mills, JD, has been the Executive Vice President at Dartmouth College since September 2013. He is responsible for the management and coordination of the administrative operations of the institution including financial, facility, human resources and other administrative operations. Before coming to Dartmouth, Mills was Executive Dean for Administration at Harvard Medical School.



Nancy Merrill

Merrill is the Director of Planning & Economic Development with the City of Claremont. During her tenure she has focused on reinvestment and adaptive economic development. Merrill also serves as an at-large commissioner at the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission and has been a member of the Board of Directors for the Capital Regional Development Council since 2005.

Barry recently retired as co-owner and innkeeper of Applebutter Inn Bed and Breakfast in Woodstock after 15 years. She spent most of her career as a special education teacher and administrator until her career change in 2002. Barry has been a board member of the Woodstock Garden Club, and a founding member and board chair of Sustainable Woodstock.

Caissie Named VRH Senior Director of Dev./Community Engagement

CLAREMONT, NH--Robin Caissie of Strafford, VT, has been named Senior Director of Development and Community Engagement at Valley Regional Healthcare. She earned her B.S. degree in business management from Franklin Pierce University and took several masters' level courses in health care leadership at The Dartmouth Institute. She has spent

the last 24 years working in the development field, and has held senior positions at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Middlebury College, The Sharon Academy, and The Trust for Public Land.



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On Thursday, the Claremont Kiwanis inducted new officers for the 2017-2018 year. L to R—Treasurer—Greg Frazer, Secretary—Jamie Callum, Vice President—Courtney Porter, District 8 Lt. Governor—Elliot Curtin, who performed the swearing in ceremony and President—Ann Dewey (Bill Binder photo).

Ottauquechee Health Center to Honor Two Doctors

WINDSOR, VT – Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) has announced that pediatricians Dr. Michael Kilcullen and Dr. Patricia Staley of Ottauquechee Health Center (OHC) in Woodstock, VT, will be recognized at a special event on the playground of the Woodstock Elementary School on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. The event is open to the public and is an opportunity to commemorate the successful career of Kilcullen and welcome Staley to the area. Attendees will be able to speak with the doctors,



Dr. Patricia Staley and Dr. Michael Kilcullen

and hear brief opening remarks from Joseph Perras, MD, President, CEO, and Chief Medi-

cal Officer of Mt. Ascutney Hospital. Refreshments will be served.

Kilcullen has served on the Mt. Ascutney Hospital staff since 1979, and provided local young people with pediatric medical care for more than 30 years until his retirement in June 2017. From 1983 to 1997, Kilcullen also served as Medical Director at OHC. He continues to share his expertise as an Assistant Professor at Dartmouth Medical School, where he teaches Pediatrics and Community/Family Medicine.

Staley, a resident of Barnard, VT, is a board-certified pediatrician who earned her medical degree from the Penn State Hershey College of Medicine, and completed her pediatrics residency at UCLA, including participation in their Child Health and Advocacy track. Following her residency, Staley spent three years working with the Indian Health Service on the Navajo Reservation in Chinle, AZ, before moving to Santa Fe, NM, where she provided both outpatient and inpatient pediatric care at Christus St. Vincent Medical Center. She works with pediatric patients of all ages, striving to effectively collaborate with families and community resources to help children thrive.

Eversource Employees Power Cleanup of Local Watershed in Claremont

MANCHESTER, NH--Eversource employees partnered with the Connecticut River Conservancy recently to clean up trash in and around Sugar River in Claremont, helping with the organization's ongoing efforts to protect and beautify the expansive watershed. Sugar River, a tributary of the Connecticut River, serves as home to a variety of wildlife species, and is a place where visitors from near and far enjoy recreating.

"It's a nice feeling to come together with my co-workers to help clean up this beautiful natural space for our community to enjoy," said Community Relations Specialist Laurel Boivin. "As residents of New Hampshire, we're proud to be a part of this effort to keep our water

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The cement floor has been poured at the MakerSpace (Sawtooth) building, and construction of the rooms has begun (Bill Binder photo).



Watershed, from A15

sources clean for our own health, the health of our neighbors, and the health of the wildlife that live in and around the river."

On Sept. 22, a total of 17 Eversource employees collected 250 pounds of trash and recyclables from in and around the Sugar River near Ferry Landing and the Rail Trail, preventing the trash from washing downstream or contaminating local water supplies. The Source to Sea Cleanup is an annual trash cleanup of the Connecticut River system - rivers, streams, parks, boat launches, trails and more. Each fall, thousands of volunteers of all ages and abilities head out to places of their choice all along the four-state watershed (NH, VT, MA, CT) to clean the Connecticut River and its tributaries on foot or by boat. Over the past 20 years, Connecticut River Conservancy volunteers have removed more than 997 tons of trash from the Connecticut River and its tributaries.

The Connecticut River Conservancy relies on residents and visitors to identify areas of the 11,000 square-mile watershed in need of cleanup. Volunteers use human power and sometimes heavy equipment to pull out everything from recyclables, fishing equipment and food waste to tires, televisions and refrigerators.

"Many areas of the watershed are cleaner and more safe for families and wildlife thanks to the efforts of our volunteers," said CRC River Steward Alicea Charamut.

Individuals and groups may register for the Source to Sea Cleanup by visiting www.ctriver.org/cleanup. Anyone with a "trash tip" may contact CRC at cleanup@ctriver.org, or by calling 860-704-0057.

Eversource employees recently partnered with the Connecticut River Conservancy over the weekend to clean up trash in and around Sugar River in Claremont, helping with the organization's ongoing efforts to protect and beautify the expansive watershed (Courtesy photo).

New Hampshire DMV to Close Offices for Two Days

CONCORD, NH--The NH Department of Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will implement a new driver licensing system in October to replace the current system originally implemented in the 1980s. Implementation of the new system will require the closure of all DMV offices on Monday, October 9th and Tuesday, October 10th and will temporarily limit some services.

"Although temporarily closing DMV offices is required during this transition time, we are aware of how the closure will impact our customers," said DMV Director Elizabeth Bielecki. "Hopefully, by providing advanced notice, we will minimize the inconvenience this closure will cause."

During the transition:
Town/City Municipal clerks will not be able to process the state portion of vehicle registrations from Friday, October 6, through Tuesday, October 10.

Online services, including Online Driver License Renewal and On-line Ticket Pay, will not be available from Wednesday, October 4, through Wednesday, October 11.

Ticket pay by phone will not be available on Monday, October 9, and Tuesday, October 10. To pay a ticket by phone on another day during normal business hours, please call 1-800-272-0036.

SCHS to Sponsor Bingo Event

CLAREMONT, NH--Sullivan County Humane Society will be holding Bingo at the Claremont Senior Center at 5 Acer Heights Road in Claremont on Sunday, Oct. 22. Doors open at noon, games begin at 1 pm. Fabulous prizes-including restaurant gift certificates, store gift cards, and so much more. \$5/20 games. There will also be 1 grand prize game, for \$3 a play. Grand prize is a smartwatch! You can purchase multiple game packs for more chances to win.

Snacks will be available! By law, you must be at least 18 years old to attend. Questions? Call 542-3277.



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Arrowhead meeting October 3rd

CLAREMONT, NH--The next Arrowhead meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. The agenda includes discussing the Fall Festival, upcoming activities, projects and the approaching season.

The Arrowhead Recreation Club is looking for some help at the Fall Festival/Chili Cook Off on Saturday, Oct. 7th. The club needs setup help in the morning, people to help at the booth and cleanup crew. If interested contact the group; the help would qualify for high school community service time.

Also, it's that time of year again where they have to manually brush saw the face to make it usable for the upcoming season. If you are willing and able to help, please contact the club.

It is also time to start thinking about and recruiting volunteers for the upcoming season, especially for operations, ski shop, ski/snowboard instructors and concessions. Please consider volunteering.

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Four Junior Girl Scouts from Troop 30261 recently completed their Bronze Award project. According to Tara Tilton, with the Troop, "They came up with the idea. We spoke to an expert advisor with a local support group, raised funds with a bake sale, applied for a grant and presented the project in the community. It took many hours to plan and execute. They shopped and made homemade blankets to finish seven 'go bags' to donate to the local foster chil-

dren. For difficult situations, they can now not feel hopeless and alone and will have some value in a nice duffel bag filled with personal care items, some school supplies and small comforts. Their stuff isn't trash, so why should their things be put in a trash bag when they have to be taken out of their home?"

The girls and their co-leaders delivered the bags Tuesday to Claremont's DCYF office. They will submit a final report to council and receive the bronze award, which is the highest award a junior can earn. "All of the go bags have a \$30 Wal-Mart gift card which will help with emergency items," added Tilton. "Foster children often come into care with not much. And we should mention, our host church, First United Methodist Church, helped the girls with a few donations for the bags. They have been amazing."

Photo: Girls giving the bags to DCYF staff; From the left: Lyndsie West, Kylie Tilton, Victoria Feickert, Patience Tuttle.

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Consider Multiple Factors When Creating Retirement Plans

When you create your financial and investment strategies for retirement, what will you need to know? In other words, what factors should you consider, and how will these factors affect your investment-related decisions, before and during your retirement?

Consider the following:

- **Age at retirement** – Not surprisingly, your retirement date likely will be heavily influenced by your financial situation – so, if you have to keep working, that’s what you’ll do. But if you have a choice in the matter, your decision could have a big impact on your investment strategy. For example, if you want to retire early, you may need to save and invest more aggressively than you would if you plan to work well past typical retirement age. Also, your retirement date may well affect when you start accepting Social Security payments; if you retire early, you might have to start taking your benefits at age 62, even though your monthly checks will be considerably smaller than if you waited until your “full” retirement age, which is likely to be 66 or 67.
- **Retirement lifestyle** – Some people want to spend their retirement years traveling from Athens to Zanzibar, while others simply want to stay close to home and family, pursuing quiet, inexpensive hobbies. Clearly, the lifestyle you choose will affect how much you need to accumulate before you retire and how much you will need to withdraw from your various investment accounts once you do.
- **Second career** – Some people retire from one career only to begin another. If you think you’d like to have a “second act” in your working life, you might need some additional training, or you might just put your existing expertise to work as a consultant. If you do launch a new career, it could clearly affect your financial picture. For one thing, if you add a new source of earned income, you might be able to withdraw less from your retirement accounts each year. (Keep in mind, though, that once you reach 70 ½, you will have to take at least some withdrawals from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.) On the other hand, if you keep earning income, you can continue putting money into a traditional IRA (until you’re 70 ½) or a Roth IRA (indefinitely) and possibly contribute to a retirement plan for the self-employed, such as a SEP-IRA or an “owner-only” 401(k).
- **Philanthropy** – During your working years, you may have consistently donated money to charitable organizations. And once you retire, you may want to do even more. For one thing, of course, you can volunteer more of your time. But you also might want to set up some more permanent method of financial support. Consequently, you might want to work with your legal advisor and financial professional to incorporate elements of your investment portfolio into your estate plans to provide more support for charitable groups.

As you can see, your retirement goals can affect your investment strategy – and vice versa. So, think carefully about what you want to accomplish, plan ahead and get the help you need. It takes time and effort to achieve a successful retirement, but it’s worth it.

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Bushueff, LeClair Named to Governors Millennial Advisory Council

CONCORD, NH – Tuesday, Governor Chris Sununu announced the members of the Governor's Millennial Advisory Council, following his Executive Order establishing the Council on September, 21. The council includes two from Sullivan County: Josh Bushueff, with the MakerSpace project, and Cory LeClair, Assistant Superintendent for SAU 6.

The Council is intended to offer insight and policy recommendations to the Governor regarding millennial issues in the Granite State: "We have to ensure that New Hampshire remains the best place to live, work and raise a family for all Granite Staters, and the Millennial Advisory Council is a big step in the right direction," said Sununu. "The Council will offer insights and policy recommendations to attract and retain a millennial workforce and work to address other issues that millennials face all across the Granite State..."



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It's About Food By Johnny Navillus



Pork Chops

I found this recipe on my kitchen counter last week. The note said "to-night please." I have no idea where it came from. It looks like it was cut out of a magazine.

It looked manageable so got the pork chops out of the freezer to thaw and checked the other ingredients. No Kosher salt but I have some sea salt that I could use. Anyway, here it is. It got great reviews and was declared a "keeper". It's a whole lot easier than it looks, but I won't tell.

The sauce is really great and doesn't take away from the taste of the pork. It says that butter is optional, but tasting it first left me feeling it was a bit too acidic. You try it and decide for yourself.

Pan-Roasted Pork Chops With Lemon And Capers

4 pork chops about 1 inch thick
1 tsp. Kosher salt
½ tsp freshly ground black pepper
1 ½ tsp olive oil (I used peanut oil)
1 large garlic clove minced (I used 1 large and 1 medium)
¾ cup low sodium chicken broth
2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
2 Tbsp capers rinsed and drained
1 Tbsp unsalted butter (minimum)

Sprinkle pork chops with salt and pepper.

Place a large skillet over high heat (cast iron, of course). When skillet is hot, add the oil. Add pork chops one at a time, waiting about 30 seconds between each addition, and cook until well browned, about 3 minutes. Turn and cook about another 2 to 3 minutes.

Remove chops and set aside. Lower heat to medium-high.

Add garlic to pan and saute until golden, about 1 minute.

Add chicken broth and lemon juice.

Bring to a simmer and reduce until slightly thickened.

Whisk in mustard, add capers.

Remove from heat.

Swirl in butter until it melts.

Spoon over chops and serve.

When you see instructions like "Add pork chops one at a time, waiting about 30 seconds between each", it's so that each cooks independently and you have time to remove each without burning or over cooking. Things can get stuck to the bottom of pans and can take time to remove.

Another thought. If you are using really thick chops, stick them in a hot oven for a couple of minutes to be sure they are cooked through. This is where a good cast iron skillet works well. Oh. And don't forget to scrape up the scraps that are stuck on the bottom of the skillet. The acid in the lemon juice will loosen them up. Just stir these fronds into the sauce.

A little white wine in this sauce wouldn't hurt it any. Nor would some mushrooms. This has made me want to do this again soon.

Add a box of stuffing mix and a cup of water to the meat when making meatloaf. Top it off with barbecue sauce instead of ketchup.

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Newport School District Fee Committee Seeks Community Input

NEWPORT, NH--The Newport School Board Fee Committee is seeking community input on the desirability of charging fees for participation in Extra Curricular Activities in the Newport School District.

"The Fee Committee has developed a set of nine propositions which it is presenting in the form of a survey," said Superintendent Cindy Gallagher. "The survey seeks to know whether community members agree or disagree with each proposition."

The link to the electronic survey is NSB Fee Study Committee - Community Survey is: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfsG05YiREAUovyDUco39zvjvWFJa5FpIWizzt6LMHbl3eYgA/viewform>.

Paper surveys are available at the SAU 43 Office at 86 Main Street, and in the main offices at the Richards Elementary and Newport Middle & High School. Copies of the survey were made available at the homecoming events. Digital versions of the survey were shared with all Newport School District families. Additionally, links to the digital version of the survey are on the District's Website at www.sau43.org and on the District's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NSDHomeoftheTigers>.

Survey results will be tallied on Friday, Oct. 6.

If you have questions or would like to request a copy of the survey, please contact Cindy Gallagher atcgallagher@sau43.org, (603) 865-9500.

The propositions include:

- The Newport School District should charge a reasonable fee to all students who participate in extracurricular activities.
- If the District charges fees for participation, there should be a means by which a family can request waivers based on economic standing.
- If the District charges fees for participation, there should be a maximum value that any one family pays.
- Newport students who attend public schools should pay fees for participating in extra-curricular activities, including athletics.
- Newport students who are homeschooled or attend private schools

should pay fees for participating in extracurricular activities, including athletics.

- Students from towns that tuition into Newport School District and who attend the public schools should pay fees for participating in extra-curricular activities, including athletics.
- Students from towns that tuition into Newport School District and who are homeschooled or attend private schools should pay fees for participating in extracurricular activities, including athletics.
- If I pay for my student to participate on a team or in an activity in middle school, I expect that my student will get equitable time.
- If I pay for my student to participate in a varsity sport or other activity in High School, I expect my student participate with equitable time.

The Fee Committee will present its recommendations to the Newport School Board on October 12. The Fee Committee meets Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Towle Building. This is a public meeting, and all are invited to attend.

"The Newport School Board has discussed the possibility of a 'fee to play' as a revenue source in each of the last three budget development processes," said Gallagher. "The discussion always meets with strong feelings on both sides.

The Board included the question on the March 14, 2107, school ballot vote. Article 7 asked, 'Shall the District convene a committee to study the feasibility of charging a fee for participation in extracurricular activities, including athletics, as a source of revenue for the Newport School District?' This passed by a

narrow margin of 216 in favor of the committee and 211 against it."

Parent Cafés to be Introduced to Newport Families

NEWPORT, NH--Don't wait in line! Come join a Parent Café!

Parent Café is a free program that will be held at Assumption Hall, located at 40 School Street in Newport, beginning on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 1:45 p.m. The eight-week program is sponsored by TLC Family Resource Center and SAU 43.

The program is free and snacks will be provided for parents and children. Children of those attending will be brought to the hall at the end of the school day. The group will be facilitated by parent educators from TLC Family Resource Center and led by parents.

Parent Cafés provide parents with the opportunity for parent-to-parent peer support, resource sharing and enhancing parenting skills around the five protective factors—resilience, social connections, knowledge of parenting

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and child development, support and communication. These are five research-based conditions or attributes that help individuals and families deal more effectively with stressful events and mitigate or eliminate risks in families.

RSVPs are recommended but everyone is welcome to join. Please RSVP to Stacey Hammerlind, Family and Community Coordinator, at SHammerlind@sau43.org or (603) 454-8271. For more information about Parent Cafés, please visit tlcfamilyrc.org/parent-cafe.

Sunapee Halloween 2017 and Candy Drive

SUNAPEE, NH--Once again this year, there will be a candy drive to support the residents of Central Street who generously provide a safe and fun location for Sunapee families to enjoy the Halloween tradition. The

Sunapee Police Department is sponsoring the candy drive this year. Please help us support our Central Street homeowners by donating wrapped and/or packaged candy. Candy donations can be dropped off at the Sunapee Police Department and/or at the Sunapee Town Hall before October 30th as the police department plans to deliver all donations on the 30th.

Halloween in Sunapee will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 31st, between the hours of 5:30 and 8:00 p.m.

Central Street will be closed to all vehicular traffic during that time to provide a safe location for Sunapee's Trick or Treaters to enjoy the holiday.



Claremont and Plainfield police officers came out to the annual Claremont Christian Academy (CCA) Jogathon Fundraiser event at Monadnock Park Friday afternoon to participate in a Race the Cop event for a student who raised more than \$200 for the cause. CCA offers a Family Tuition Discount Program for which the fundraiser was held. Last year the event raised \$20K. Students run, jog or walk around the track at Monadnock Park for one hour and, prior to, acquire individual sponsors who donate money per lap or a flat rate. Business sponsors on the tee-shirts help cover the costs of the tee-shirts and incentive prizes for the students. This year they have 128 students in grades K-12 between two campuses (K-5 at Calvary Baptist Church in Claremont and 6-12 at Life Fellowship Foursquare Church in Charlestown). For more information, visit www.claremontchristianacademy.com (Courtesy photos).



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Community Health Forums to be Held in Claremont, Lebanon and Wilmot

Share your thoughts about the health of our region!

As part of its 2017 Community Health Needs Assessment, Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice invites you to attend one of its Community Health Forums, being held to help identify and address the health needs of our community.

- October 11: Claremont Savings Bank Community Room, 145 Broad Street, Claremont

- October 17: Hypertherm, 71 Heater Road, Lebanon

- October 26: Wilmot Community Association Red Barn, 64 Village Road, Wilmot

All three forums will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public. "We hope area residents will join us to share their thoughts and concerns about the health and wellness of our region," said Jim Culhane, President and CEO. "While Lake Sunapee VNA can't address every need, we can work as an agency and community partner on those issues where we can have the greatest im-

pact." RSVPs are appreciated by calling 603-526-4077.

TPN Partnering with Businesses to Promote Prevention of Violence

CLAREMONT, NH--During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Turning Points Network is partnering with local businesses in Claremont and Newport to promote the prevention of violence and support for survivors. Several shops along Pleasant St. in Claremont and Maine St. in Newport are putting purple lights in their windows. The purple lights represent the need to 'shed light' on the devastating effects of domestic violence in Sullivan County. Show your support for survivors by wearing a purple ribbon—found in participating businesses—throughout the month of October. Turning Points Network is Sullivan County's 24-hour taskforce against domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. To learn more about the agency or for more information about preventing domestic violence, please call 543-0155.

Annual Fire Prevention Parade Oct. 13

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Firefighter's Association 132nd Annual Fire Prevention Parade will take place on Friday, Oct. 13. It begins at 6:30 p.m., rain or shine. The parade starts at the Claremont Middle School, then travels on to South Street to Pleasant St. to Opera House Square and will disband in front of City Hall.

Right: Claremont Middle School recognized its September Students of the Month on Friday at their school-wide assembly. From left to right: Paulette Fitzgerald, CMS Principal; Ananya Bandi, 6th grade; Emma LaPlante, 7th grade; Haylee Curtis, 8th grade; and Audra Bucklin, CMS Assistant Principal. Below: The entire 6th grade started the year building a sense of community by tie dyeing tee-shirts with the CMS colors of red & white (Courtesy photos).



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Cancer Screenings...

Taking a proactive approach to possible health issues, 13 members of Local 1571 Professional Firefighters of Claremont (PFFC) were screened for skin cancer on Thursday, Sept. 28. President of Local 1571 Jim Chamberlain set up the screening by getting in touch with President and CEO Peter Wright at Valley Regional Hospital. Wright offered an area in the VRH Urgent Care area for the screenings, and Dermatologist Jose Peraza offered to do the screenings for free. Chamberlain explained that skin cancer can be due to the amount of possible carcinogens that firefighters are exposed to because of all the plastics that are released during fires. "We wanted to take a proactive approach to this possible problem," Chamberlain said. "Thanks to the cooperation of VRH and Dr. Peraza, we made it happen." (Bill Binder photo).



Last Call Fundraiser...



Before closing their doors after 52 years of serving locals and tourists, MacKenna's Restaurant in New London held a Last Call fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 30, to benefit the Kearsarge D.A.R.E program and the New London Police and Fire Community Outreach Programs. The staff for this event were members of the Police and Fire Departments who challenged each other to see who could get the most tips for their service. The challenge was that the group who had the least amount of tip money at the end of the night would have to wash the other groups vehicles. (P.D. would wash fire trucks or Fire would wash police cruisers) The Fire Department came out the winner, and the two groups donated over \$1,300 to the fundraiser. Raffle, prize money and money from the dinners will benefit the Kearsarge D.A.R.E program and the New London Police and Fire Community Outreach Programs. MacKenna's donated all the food and supplies for the event (Bill Binder photos).

Rockin' The House!

Recycled Percussion, the band known for its use of trash cans, ladders, power tools and any other household items that will make noise when hit with drumsticks, rocked Stevens High School to the rafters on Tuesday, Sept. 26. Started in Goffstown in 1996 and based in Las Vegas now, the band came to Stevens to film an episode of their television show, "Chaos and Kindness", which shows the band visiting cities and towns to promote acts of kindness and play their special brand of music. They visited classrooms to talk with the students, set up a slip and slide on the second floor for the students and then invaded the gym for a loud and fast-paced concert. They also visited other schools in Claremont before heading back to Las Vegas.



Photos:
The band in action at SHS, Cory LeClair, Asst. Superintendent of SAU 6, and Councilman Nick Kolo-ski with band members Justin Spencer and Ryan Vezina with their special Claremont sun-glasses.



Photos by Bill Binder

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Draft Animal-Power Field Days in Cornish

By Erin Rice
e-Ticker News

CORNISH, NH--While Saturday had been wet, raw and chilly, the last day of the Draft Animal-Power Field Days at the Cornish Fairgrounds on Sunday promised to be the opposite as the sun's rays lifted the fog and warmed the air.

Even though the event was wrapping up on Sunday to end by early afternoon, the grounds were still bustling with activity. While most of the activity centered on the obstacle course at the Woodman's Ring, a silent auction was also taking place, along with vendors, and a five-horse team of Suffolk Punch horses in the Ball Field.

The five-horse team alone was an impressive sight because, according to Reva Sebolt, the event organizer, "Suffolk Punch horses are actually an endangered species, which is too bad because they make an excellent farm horse."

Indeed the large horses seemed to easily, and calmly, navigate the Ball Field pulling a wagon of hay and people, beautifully serving their purpose.

Back at the Woodman's Ring, teams of oxen and horses alike with their drivers, or teamsters, navigated an obstacle course designed "to mimic a variety of farming scenarios the animals were suited to handle," explained Tom Jenkins of West Hampton, MA, to the audience.

One activity, a cable attached to a water bucket and pole with a strip of tape on each, seemed too easy for such powerful animals. However, it was a perfect obstacle to test how well trained a team was since the bucket had to be raised only to where the tape strips would line up, and no more. With such large, powerful animals, even one small step could be too much. This obstacle mimicked the scenario of farmers using draft animals to lift heavy beams or other objects via a pulley system. With such a precarious situation, it's no wonder the skill of a team is held to such high standards.

The obstacle course also wasn't meant to be a competition, but rather a learning opportunity. They guided and mentored each other through difficulties.



Above: Tom Jenkins with his team on the obstacle course.

Below: Jay Bailey of Brattleboro, VT, with his team, navigating the cones in the obstacle course (Erin Rice photos).



While most would view an event such as this as a window into the past, an old tradition of a bygone era, the Draft Animal Power Network emphasizes and campaigns the opposite: that draft animals are an alternative power source for agricultural needs today and in the future. Another unique aspect to this event, Sebolt pointed out, was that, "most of the volunteers for this event were also presenters."

The volunteering support by those also participating in the Field Days, the learning opportunities such as the obstacle course, and the small timber frame house built by participants and spectators featured in the Silent Auction, the three-day Draft Animal-Power Field Days certainly displayed a strong sense of community, support, knowledge and passion for animal-power and sustainable land use.