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County Bus Service Resumes On Tuesday

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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KEENE, NH--Southwestern Community Services (SCS) officially announced on Thursday that the much anticipated return of public transportation services will begin on Tuesday, October 11. Service will begin at 6:00 a.m. and run through 5:00 p.m. in Newport, service to and from Charlestown will operate 7:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., and Claremont from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. The service will operate Monday through Friday each week except for federal holidays.

Officials with Southwestern Community Services said they plan to re-brand the service in conjunction with a service planning, service evaluation, and service marketing project that will take place over the next few months. "SCS is excited to be able to take over the Sullivan County transportation program. It is clear that reliable transportation is critical to the physical and economic wellbeing of the community." said John A. Manning, CEO of Southwestern Community Services.

SCS will operate a Deviation Route Service in Charlestown, Claremont, and Newport. The Deviation Route Service will allow for the buses to deviate off the established route pattern up to one quarter mile to pick up and drop off passengers. Effective October 11, passengers who would like to request a deviation must call (603) 477-9423 and should be prepared to provide the dispatcher with the address of the requested pick up location. Passengers are encouraged to call to schedule deviations at least one business day in advance as deviations are limited to allow buses to arrive to the established bus stops on time. Please refer to Route Schedules for a listing of bus stops and times.

SCS plans to reinstate all transportation previously provided by Community Alliance of Human Services and will do so in phases. Phase One is the opening of the Deviated Route Service operating in Newport, Claremont, and Charlestown. Phase Two is planned to begin on October 17 and will include the Volunteer Driver Program that will provide demand response transportation service throughout Sullivan County and neighboring communities by request. The Volunteer Driver Program is in part funded by Section 5310 Federal Transportation funds. Section 5310 funding is reserved for senior citizens and individuals with disabilities; therefore, the Volunteer Driver Program will

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Autumn Beauty...reflected in Acworth, NH, shows that despite the drought, the fall colors are spectacular this year (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo).

Bus, from A1

serve primarily seniors and individuals with disabilities. However, general public trip requests will be accommodated if possible. Route schedules and transportation service information will be available from any driver and at local businesses in Charlestown, Claremont, and Newport.

Buses were shuttled back Thursday, and plans called to have the Now Operated by Southwestern Community Services sign installed today, Monday.

SCS said in a statement that it was "pleased to offer public transportation service to the residents of Sullivan County. We would like to offer our sincere thanks to the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, local community leaders, and residents for their commitment and dedication to keeping public transportation operating in Sullivan County."

The Transportation Program's telephone lines will open Tuesday, October 11, at 7:00 a.m.

For additional information call (603) 477-9423.

T-Bird Mini Mart Robbed In Claremont

CLAREMONT, NH--On Oct. 5, shortly after 3:00 a.m., Claremont Police were dispatched to the T-Bird Mini Mart on Charlestown Rd. for an alarm activation. Upon arrival, officers saw that a side glass entry door had been smashed out. Officers did not locate anyone on scene. Initial investigation revealed camera footage of someone breaking into the store and stealing assorted cartons of cigarettes. The suspect was in the store for a very short period of time and then left through the same smashed door and is believed to have headed in a northerly direction towards the Subaru dealership. The suspect appeared to be wearing a hood sweatshirt inside out with the hood covering his head.

Later in the morning of Oct. 5, the Claremont Police Dept. was called to the Head Start building at the intersection of Charlestown Rd. and Kinney Pl. for a report of a burglary. Responding officers learned that sometime during the late evening or early morning hours someone had forced their way into the building and rummaged through a number of the offices. It's believed that a small amount of cash was stolen.

Based on the proximity in timing and location, there is a strong possibility both of these inci-



A suspect was caught on video tape breaking into the Mini Mart.

dents are related. The Claremont Police Dept. continues to actively investigate both incidents. Anyone who may have information about either of these incidents is encouraged to call the Claremont Police Dept. at 603-542-9538.

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Commentary

Political Tapestry

By Pat Kinne

Sullivan County Democrat Chair

Tapestry is defined as an intricate or complex combination of things or sequence of events. Politics can be complex and confusing. Executive Council, NH Senate and NH House districts are all different. It can be difficult to know who is running to represent you. It is my intention to explain Democratic positions and to introduce the candidates for Sullivan County.

NH Opioid Crisis/St. Senate Candidates/Sullivan County Candidates

There have been more than 240 deaths in New Hampshire so far from drug overdoses surpassing the number of traffic related deaths. Part of Governor Hassan's plan to combat this opioid crisis is to protect Medicaid expansion, which provides insurance for addiction recovery services to 50,000 citizens and to increase the available treatment and recovery programs while supporting drug courts. The Governor is taking a multi-pronged approach to this issue; however, it is important to remember that drug abuse is not a crime. We cannot incarcerate our way out of this problem.

State Senate

The NH Senate is the upper house of the New Hampshire General court consisting of 24 members representing districts based on population. There are no term limits.

Martha Hennessey is the NH Senate Dist. 5 Democratic candidate covering Charlestown, Claremont, Cornish and Plainfield in Sullivan County. Martha moved to New Hampshire at 3 years old and graduated from Hanover High School and Dartmouth College. Her career has primarily been as a psychologist, working with children and college students around educational/learning issues. She served in the House of Representatives, on Child & Family Law, and is passionate about issues affecting NH families and children, including affordable childcare and education from Pre-K through college; paid family leave; and living wages with equal pay for equal work.

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John Garvey is the NH Senate Dist. 8 Democratic candidate covering Acworth, Croydon, Goshen, Grantham, Langdon, Lempster, Newport, Springfield, Sunapee, Unity and Washington in Sullivan County. NH Business Review describes John Garvey as "...the consensus candidate of moderates of both parties." John is an award-winning mediator who works with parties to reach solutions. He supports: investment in our infrastructure, including bridges, roads and Broadband; fighting the opioid crisis; continuing the Medicaid expansion that provides healthcare to 50,000 hardworking Granite Staters; K-12 education and private-public job training partnerships between employers and community colleges; reducing regulatory burdens on small businesses. See more information at www.johngarvey.org or e-mail him at john@johngarvey.org.

County Government

New Hampshire has County Government. There are 10 counties in NH whose responsibility it to provide local sheriff services and oversee the nursing homes as well as prisons. Elected officials of the County are Commissioners, Sheriff, Registrar of Deeds, Registrar of Probate and County Attorney.

Commissioner – A Commissioner is a part-time elected official who is responsible for supervision of County Departments, buildings and land. Commissioners exercise budgetary oversight over all county expenditures.

Jay Phinizy is the Democratic candidate for Sullivan County Commissioner. He has been a resident of Acworth NH since 1973 and is a life member and past Deputy Chief of the Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue. After six years, he recently retired from the NH Farm Service Agency/ USDA, which oversees lending and farm programs for New Hampshire's Farmers. "Combining that management experience with ten years in the New Hampshire Legislature as a Representative, Chairman of the "House Environment and Agriculture Committee", and past Chair of the Sullivan County Delegation, I have a good background and experience in state and county government. Over the past few years, Sullivan County has made excellent strides in several areas including drug rehabilitation, improvements to the nursing home and the county jail. While making sure that the county continues its progress in these areas, it is important to keep county taxes as low as possible. I look forward to working with Commissioners Jeff Barrett and Ben Nelson whom I have known and have respected for quite a few years" said Jay Phinizy. Contact Jay at jamesphinizy@gmail.com

County Candidates to be continued next week.

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Shaheen, Hassan Announce Grant to Boost New Hampshire Small Business Exports

MANCHESTER, NH--U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), lead Democrat on the Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship, and New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan announced last week the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) will receive \$213,000 through the State Trade Export Promotion (STEP) grant program to help more small businesses increase their exports by reaching new foreign markets. Shaheen helped create the STEP program through the Small Business Jobs Act, legislation she crafted as a member of the Senate Small Business Committee. The program was reauthorized through 2020 as a result of Shaheen's amendment to a trade enforcement bill signed by President Obama in February.

The STEP program has a demonstrated track record of helping small businesses reach new markets, generating a return on investment of \$22 in U.S. small business export sales for every \$1 awarded, said Shaheen's office.

Commentary

Looking Down the Ballot

By Marie Lozito

Secretary, Sullivan County GOP

The other weekend I was at the Chili Cook-off in Claremont. As a candidate, I was helping to man the Republican booth at the festival. In conversation with one young woman, she commented that she always votes, but only for the president because she really didn't know anything about other candidates and didn't see any reason to vote for them. I pointed it out to her that the other candidates actually have much more of an impact on her daily life than the president does because they are the ones running your local governments – town/city, county and state. They are the ones making the rules and regulations you have to live under and charging the taxes you have to pay.

The top of the election ballot is obviously the presidential race followed by the US Senator and US Representative races. There is usually plenty of campaigning about those races, so I will not look at them in my articles. Looking further down the ballot brings us to the NH state races. I consider these races important. I hope you do, too. These positions affect our everyday lives here in NH. I'd like to take a brief look at the Republican candidates.

Running for the Governor position we have two current members of the Executive Council, the Democrat, Colin Van Ostern, and the Republican, Chris Sununu. Chris ran and won the District 3 Executive Council seat in 2010, 2012 and 2014. Chris has a firm grasp of the importance of the state's small business economy, and understands the issues that impact the innovation and job creation spurred by small businesses. A graduate from M.I.T., Chris worked for 10 years as an environmental engineer in various regions across the United States designing systems and solutions for cleaning up some of our country's most hazardous wastes sites. In his work, he has focused much of his time to local, national, and international real estate development, venture technologies, and business acquisitions. He currently lives in Newfields with his wife, Valerie, and their three children.

Next there are the Executive Council races. The Council's primary function has always been to ensure a check and balance on the executive powers granted to the Governor. It has the authority and responsibility, together with the Governor, over the management and administration of the affairs of the state. As watchdogs of the state treasury, the Council approves all state expenditures and contracts greater than \$25,000 in value. The Council appoints and confirms over 300 state employees including Court Justices, Military Officers, Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners and conducts management and oversight of the state's 10-Year Highway Plan. The New Hampshire Executive Council was created to ensure that our state maintained its fundamental principles of low taxes, limited government and local control.

There are five Council Districts and the area each district covers has about 264,000 people (1/5th of the population). Council districts 3,4 & 5 are in the southeast part of the state. District 2 includes Charlestown

and Unity, covers the towns south of them and runs in a thin line east across the state to the Maine border. The Republican candidate here is Senator Sam Cataldo.

Sam Cataldo is a retired nuclear engineer and Air Force veteran. He has been elected twice to the Senate. He serves as the Vice-Chair of the Judiciary Committee and sits on both the Executive Departments & Administration and Commerce Committees. He previously served 4 terms in the House of Representatives and was a member of the Science, Technology and Energy Committee. In a statement, Senator Cataldo said "...In all of my professional careers and the roles I have served in, being a State Senator has been the most rewarding work I have been able to do in my life. In the future, I look forward to continuing to serve the citizens and the State of New Hampshire in other capacities." Senator Cataldo now hopes to take his extensive legislative knowledge to the Executive Council.

Council District 1 covers Claremont and Newport and runs to the east and north to the top of the state. The Republican candidate here is incumbent Joseph Kenney. As an Executive Councilor, Joe Kenney has focused on helping people throughout the 108 towns and 4 cities in District 1. His focus has been to address issues that many North Country residents face in their everyday lives. He has done extensive work with businesses, the workforce and economic development in the area. He voted to approve the special legislative session on comprehensive substance abuse legislation, built relationships with regional treatment facilities and worked closely with the DHHS to address treatment concerns. With a 100% Governor & Council meeting attendance record, he has traveled over 120,000 miles and answered hundreds of constituent requests while servicing his constituents.

Next week I'll look at the Republican State Senate races and start looking at the Republican Representative races.

Marie Lozito is running for the NH Senate 5th District. You can contact Marie at marielozito4nh@gmail.com.

Ayotte Announces She Will Not Vote For Trump

MANCHESTER, NH--Senator Kelly Ayotte issued the following statement midday Saturday announcing that she will not vote for Donald Trump:

"I wanted to be able to support my party's nominee, chosen by the people, because I feel strongly that we need a change in direction for our country. However, I'm a mom and an American first, and I cannot and will not support a candidate for president who brags about degrading and assaulting women. I will not be voting for Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton and instead will be writing in Governor Pence for president on Election Day," said Ayotte who was one of many leading Republicans withdrawing support over the weekend for Trump.

On Friday, a video showing Trump making lewd and derogatory comments about women was made public; in reaction to the tape, Ayotte issued a statement calling Trump's remarks "totally inappropriate and offensive."

Zoning Board Approves Variance For Seasonal Campground At Racetrack

By Phyllis A, Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--It took nearly two hours to get it done Monday night, but the Claremont Zoning Board voted to approve a variance at the Claremont Speedway that would permit the construction of a 149-site seasonal campground on the property. The lengthy process included voting individually on five different criteria. No new information was presented at the meeting, said City Planner Mike McCrory.

A number of conditions were included in the variance request which the property owners must meet. They include hooking into the City's water system, having a full-time campground manager living on site during the seasons that the campground is operating, changing the function of the site from seasonal to another use will require having to go back before the ZBA and Planning Board, that campers will be allowed to remove their RVs once a season to go elsewhere and that the property owners obtain all the necessary permits, be they local, state or federal, before the project is started. The City will also have access to inspect the property at any time.

The criteria that the board had to consider included asking if the applicants had used good judgment, would it be contrary to public interest or the spirit of the ordinance and would it be a hardship for the applicant if the variance were denied. Board member Tracy Pope was the only member to vote against all five criteria. "I don't think the spirit of the ordinance is being observed," she said. "We are adding a second, non-conforming use in a rural residential area. That is not in the spirit of the ordinance." Board member Abigail Carmen disagreed, saying, "In the grand scheme of things, it is not outside the spirit of the ordinance." The campground will constitute a second primary use of the property, the first being the race-track.

Race cars and related parts will not be allowed on the campground, and fencing will be required so as to restrict access to certain areas on the property and keep users from trespassing onto abutting properties.

The project now goes before the Planning Board as the next step in the process, although it is not known when that will happen.

Newport Issues Mandatory Water Restrictions Notice

NEWPORT, NH--Due to continuing drought conditions the Town of Newport has escalated the voluntary water restrictions to mandatory water restrictions. "Our groundwater levels and lake water levels have been declining steadily," said the Town on its website. "Due to these conditions, it has become necessary to reduce our water consumption by restricting outside water use." This is a town-wide restriction that applies to town water system customers. Restricted activities include:

- All nonessential water use
- No watering of residential landscape areas (lawns or gardens)
- No washing of vehicles
- No washing down paved surfaces or filling swimming pools
- Fire department training involving water use
- Watering of Town properties

The hydrant flushing program has been cancelled for the rest of the year.



School Board Vacancy

The Claremont School Board and SAU #6 School Board are accepting applications from interested Claremont residents to fill one vacancy on the Board created by a recent resignation. This position will expire in March 2017.

Applicants are asked to submit an application and resume of qualifications. Applications for this vacancy are available online at www.sau6.org, or are available at the SAU 6 Administration Office, 165 Broad Street, Claremont, NH.

Deadline: Interested residents should send a completed application to Dr. Middleton K. McGoodwin, Superintendent of Schools, by Friday, October 21, 2016. The Claremont School Board will select a resident to fill this vacancy after the School Board interviews applicants on November 2, 2016.

Community Cruise NH to VT For Cody Lafont

Friday, Oct. 14



Those interested in participating are asked to meet at the Kmart plaza at 6:00 p.m. From there we will take highway 12 north to CJ's Tavern in Quechee, VT, for food and then drive back to Kmart. There will be a \$2 donation fee per car to take part in this cruise; all monies raised will be given to Cody's mother to donate to charity.

Newport Opera House Assn. Looks To Expand Board In Its 40th Season

NEWPORT, NH--Over 40 years ago, a group of Newport citizens came together to rescue a beautiful building from years of neglect. After many months of hard work, the Opera House was ready for use again and premiered its first community theater production, "The Music Man," on June 4, 1976. Thus, the Newport Opera House Association was born, with the dual goals of ensuring the future of the Opera House building as a historic town landmark, and also to bring diverse performing arts events for citizens to participate in or enjoy from the audience.

Today, the mission remains the same: To provide affordable quality entertainment, diverse cultural events and a sustainable creative outlet for the whole community, within the historic Newport Opera House.

To continue to fulfill that mission, the Association is actively seeking to expand its Board of Directors. NOHA is seeking individuals who have time, energy and skills to actively lead NOHA into the next phase of growth. Interested individuals should send a letter of intent to NOHA, outlining your interest, any special skills or expertise you could contribute to the Board, and any prior experience you may have serving on a non-profit Board of Directors. Letters of intent should be directed to Board President, Virginia "Biddy" Irwin, and can be mailed to NOHA at PO Box 351, Newport, NH 03773, or emailed to info@newportoperahouse.com. Any questions can be directed to Managing and Artistic Director Amy Bailey at the above email address or by phone at 603-863-2412.

Those who would like to get involved at NOHA but don't want to join the Board can become a member of Friends of NOHA, its new volunteer program. Friends of NOHA can help in a myriad of ways: ushering at a performance, helping with administrative tasks, working backstage or by serving on a committee. You can join Friends of NOHA on its website at (www.newportoperahouse.com) or by calling or emailing the Box Office.

The NOHA is excited to be back for its 40th season; the 2016-17 season includes familiar favorites like its popular Halloween Dance (Oct. 29) and the spring musical (title to be announced soon), plus two nights of "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play," and other upcoming surprises. Contact us for more information at the contact information provided above.

Two Arrested On Drug Charges In City

CLAREMONT, NH--On Thursday, Oct. 6, the Claremont Police Dept., in cooperation with the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force, executed a search warrant at 29 Kenyon St. as part of an ongoing drug sales investigation. Arrested during the search warrant was Daniel Stevens, 36, 29 Kenyon St., Claremont. Stevens was arrested on two felony counts of sale of heroin, and additional charges are likely, said Police Chief Alex Scott. Stevens was arraigned today in the 5th Circuit Court, Claremont District Division, and bail was set at \$50,000 cash only.



Daniel Stevens



Cassandra Greer

The Claremont Police Dept., in cooperation with the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force, also arrested Cassandra Greer, 39, Grove St., Claremont, on Thursday on two felony counts of sale of heroin. She was arraigned in the 5th Circuit Court, Claremont District Division, and bail was set at \$5,000 cash or surety.

The investigation leading to these arrests is ongoing, and additional arrests are possible, said Scott.

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My Turn A Guest Column



Building A Healthier Community

By Peter J. Wright

There has been a lot of discussion about whether or not the new five star rating system released by CMS (the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) is truly beneficial to customers looking to compare hospitals. Much of the conversation has revolved around the complexity of the system and whether consumers are able to understand the methodology behind the results. Unlike other rating systems, CMS results are based on a diverse set of criteria intended to provide transparency that gives customers a more in-depth perspective on how hospitals are performing in several areas of service. As with any ranking system, there is always room for improvement, but with this comprehensive overview, patients can determine which hospitals are likely to meet their expectations. The CMS system is considerably improved over other publicly available rating platforms, such as peer review websites that offer limited or no quantifiable data to back up their ratings.

To further incentivize hospitals to improve and/or maintain high quality standards, ratings are released each quarter. Currently, Valley Regional Hospital has a four star rating from CMS. That encourages us to continue earning our patients' approval by providing value to the population we serve, while continuing to improve services. The ratings from CMS system accurately demonstrate our level of commitment to offer the best possible experience for every patient, every time they walk through our doors. From the providers and nurses to the administrative staff, we consistently work toward the goal of providing the highest quality service, for every encounter.

Valley Regional Hospital is one of only 13

critical access hospitals in the state. We constantly explore new ways to expand services to fulfill the needs of our community. By identifying opportunities and addressing gaps within the local healthcare system, we're able to offer essential services to provide greater local access to care, and to cultivate a more well-rounded healthcare system. As an example, the opening our urgent care center last September was a step in that direction. That expanded service added value to the community by creating jobs; Urgent Care also directly impacts the quality of care our patients experience by reducing time and out-of-pocket costs incurred during a visit to the Emergency Department. Another recent move to enhance our quality of service is the lease agreement we negotiated with the newly-built Newport Health Center, in order to meet the growing needs of the local population. The additional space allows us to expand our primary care services and some specialty services, such as physical therapy, making it easier for patients in other towns to get the care they require close to home.

Despite questions raised from others about the CMS five star system ratings, Valley Regional Hospital will use the results as motivation to continue our dedication to providing outstanding services to our patients.

Valley Regional Hospital isn't just a building – it's a team of passionate people working together to build a healthier community.

Peter J. Wright is President and CEO of Valley Regional Healthcare.

Firemen's Parade Oct. 14

CLAREMONT, NH--The annual Firemen's Parade in Claremont will be on October 14th this year. As usual, that's a Friday and the starting time will be 6:30 p.m. The parade will follow its usual route, starting at the Claremont Middle School.



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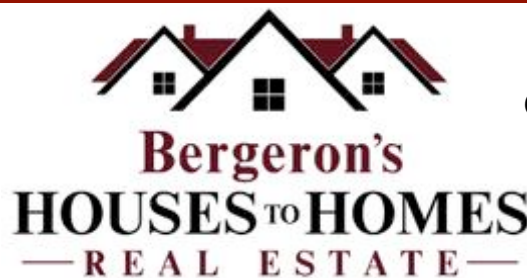
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Huberts, Changes Thrift Store And Turning Points Network Partner For Domestic Violence Awareness Month Shopping Event

CLAREMONT, NH--Turning Points Network, along with Hubert's Family Outfitters and Changes Thrift Store, invite you to give back to your community and support victims and survivors of domestic violence this October, which also happens to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). Plan to "Shop Purple for Prevention" at Changes Thrift Store and Hubert's Family Outfitters in Newport and Claremont.

"Shop Purple for Prevention" is a way for community members to help in a practical and fun way," said Grace Glor, Education Coordinator at TPN, "It's also a great way to shop for the holidays or treat yourself." Glor added. This will be the third annual Shop Purple for Prevention. The event takes place at all locations from Friday, Oct. 14th, to Friday, Oct. 21st. A 10% discount will be offered for any items purchased that contain the color purple, the color that represents domestic violence awareness.

Plan to "Shop Purple for Prevention" during this week and enjoy the discount, knowing that the proceeds go directly to Turning Points Network to support their prevention education program. Then, wear your purple and tell someone why you care about domestic violence awareness and support TPN's work.

Friends Of The Fiske Book Sale and Festival Oct. 15

CLAREMONT, NH--The Friends of the Fiske Free Library will hold a Book Sale and Fall/Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Fiske Free Library, Broad Street, Claremont. The Friends of the Fiske Free Library, a non-profit and volunteer support group for the Fiske Free Library, use the traditional book sale as their major fund raiser. This year in addition to the book sale, the Friends will also hold a Fall/Harvest Festival with food, crafts and entertainment. This year's Friends Book Sale will be held in the Gilmore Room of the library. The book sale will feature a large collection of quality and collectible cookbooks and other newer non-fiction and a good selection of newer, good quality fiction. The sale will also have a number of tables of collectible books of fiction and non-fiction. A number of other donated "odds and ends" will be offered for sale. A "bargain basement" lot of books will be offered for sale. All books will be reasonably priced. A Friend noted that with the holidays a couple months away, this would be a good time to give yourself a special early gift or get a special book for someone on your list.

The Fall/Harvest Festival will be held, weather permitting, on the front lawn under tents. The Festival will run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will feature a bake sale, a light lunch and entertainment of make and take crafts, a quilt raffle, basket making demonstrations, and music. The bake sale will feature a wide variety of home-made baked goods and other foodstuffs made by the Friends, staff, and patrons. A light lunch will be for sale from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. The make-and-take crafts will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Space will be available on a first-come basis, no registration, and while supplies last. Three crafts will be available.

The younger crafters will be able to make a Pumpkin Kat while the older crafters can choose between creating a Leaf Butterfly or Leaf Decoupage on bottles. At 2:00 p.m. the drawing for the quilt raffle will be held. Tickets will be available at the bake sale table or ahead of time at the library. Emery Hutchins and Jim Prendergast, Two Old Friends, will present a show from noon to 2:00 p.m. featuring American and Celtic songs, ballads, and shanties accompanied by guitar, banjo, and mandolin.

The Book Sale has been the Friends traditional major fundraiser. With the funds raised through the fall book sale and the on-going book sale in the library foyer, the Friends sponsor children's and adult programs throughout the year. These programs include summer reading entertainment programs for the children, craft programs, speakers, and other like programs.

The Friends invite all to show their support of the Fiske Free Library and the Friends by stopping by on Saturday the 15th to shop at the Book and Bake sale and to enjoy the crafts and entertainment.

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Laura, a New Hampshire special Olympian, presented Chief David Cahill with a gift in appreciation of the Sunapee Police Department's dedication to the Special Olympics of New Hampshire on Thursday. Each spring, Sunapee officers volunteer their time for the Torch Run to kick off the summer games and each winter, they volunteer at the winter games at Waterville Valley. Pictured is Laura presenting Cahill with a gift of gourmet cookies and candies (Courtesy photo).



The 1st Annual Sunapee Skateboard and Scooter Competition, sponsored by the Sunapee Police Department, took place on Sunday, Oct. 2nd, at the Sunapee skateboard park on Route 11. Medals and prizes were won and fun was had by all the participants (Photo, courtesy of Paul Howe).

Robarge Appeals Case To NH Supreme Court

CONCORD, NH--The *Valley News* reported last week that James Robarge, convicted of murdering his wife, Kelly, the same day she filed for divorce in June of 2013 has appealed his conviction to the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

Robarge, said the *Valley News*, is arguing that "Sullivan County Superior Court judge erred when he allowed prosecutors to present some evidence at trial last year, including cellphone records that placed him near Kelly Robarge on June 27, 2013, the morning she disappeared."

Springfield, VT, Police Log

Case # 16SF05882: On September 26, 2016 there was a reported break in at P&M Auto located at 280 River Street in Springfield. Items were taken from the business. Under investigation

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There have been several other burglaries that have occurred in nearby towns. Anyone with any information about these incidents can contact the Springfield Police Department at 802-885-2113.

AARP Fall Celebration BBQ

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Area AARP Chapter will be meeting at noon on Thursday, Oct. 13th at St. Joseph's Church Hall on Elm Street in Claremont for a Fall celebration barbecue. Cost is \$5. RSVP to Brenda Saunders at 603-542-5335 before Thursday. Charlene Lovett, Claremont Mayor, will be available to talk about what is going on in the city and to answer questions. Members are asked to bring non-perishable food for the after school and weekend back pack programs hosted by Trinity Episcopal Church. Dues are \$5 a year and the group is open to seniors on both sides of the river.

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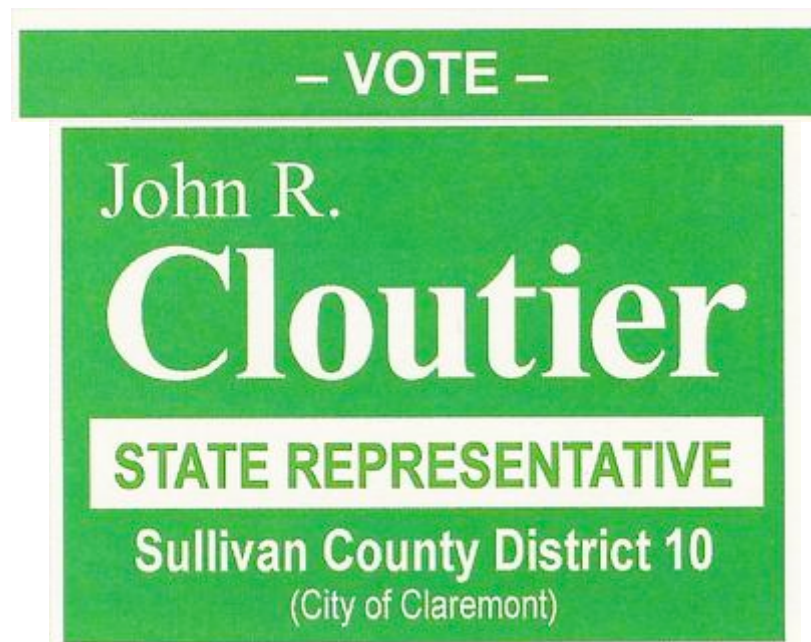
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- Supported Medicaid expansion which helps "Claremont's working poor" and Valley Regional Hospital.
- Supported legislation and Sullivan County budgets aiming to cut Claremont's property taxes.
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Springfield Hospital Welcomes New General Surgeon

SPRINGFIELD, VT--Springfield Hospital is pleased to welcome Maury D. Smith, Jr., MD, as General Surgeon. Smith received his Bachelor of Science, cum laude, from University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, and his MD-MPP (Master of Public Policy) from Harvard Medical School and School of Government.

Smith completed his General Surgery Residency at Emory University in Atlanta, GA.

Previously in private practice in Alabama, Smith most recently served as General Surgeon at Gifford Medical Center in Randolph, VT.

Smith is board-certified in General Surgery by the American Board of Surgery and is a member of the American Society of Breast Surgeons and the Vermont Medi-



Maury D. Smith, Jr., MD

Chairman of the Surgical Morbidity and Mortality Committee and the Cancer Committee/Tumor Board at Gifford Medical Center, where he was also a member of the Peer Review Committee.

Appointments can be made by contacting Springfield Hospital's General Surgery office at 802-885-5600.

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Pizzas For CHaD...

A percentage of each special "Nick's Pizza" sold in September at the Tremont House of Pizza was earmarked for a fundraiser for CHaD. Recently, Nick Coombs was presented with a check for \$1,579 from the pizzeria. Jocelyn Peterson of Tremont presented Coombs with the check. The restaurant sold 500 "Nick's Pizzas" last month and will be adding it to their menu as a tribute to Coombs whose fundraising was for The CHaD Hero race event which will be held on Oct. 16th; it is the biggest fundraiser for CHaD. To make a donation to CHaD in Coombs' name, go to www.chadhero.org, find his name and make your donation (Courtesy photo).



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e-Ticker Business News

Maloney Joins Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont & New Hampshire

WHITE RIVER JCT, VT – Dr. Cristine Maloney has joined Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) full-time as Hospice Medical Director after working for the agency for four years in the Hospice program. Maloney is a graduate of the University of Vermont College of Medicine. She is board certified in Internal Medicine, completing her residency at Yale



Cristine Maloney, MD

School of Medicine, and is board certified in Hospice and Palliative Medicine, having completed her palliative care fellowship at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. Dr. Maloney most recently worked at Gifford Medical Center as an attending physician in both internal medicine and palliative care, providing primary care as well as palliative care consultation.

Maloney's primary focus will be on providing increased availability to VNH Hospice patients and the VNH Hospice team. She will be available to do home visits (for patients who do not typically see their primary care providers as often as they did earlier in their illness) and will be conducting more comprehensive reviews of medications to ensure they meet hospice goals of care. In addition to providing additional support for patients and the VNH Hospice team, Dr. Maloney will be involved with admission and discharge planning for the new Jack Byrne Center for Hospice and Palliative Care and will also be working on symptom management for patients in various care settings.

"I'm excited to join the VNH team after working one day a week for the organization

for a few years as Associate Medical Director," she said. "I believe there are some great opportunities to further improve hospice care in

the area, and I look forward to helping with this process."

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On October 5, McDonald's restaurants of New Hampshire spearheaded a fundraising effort to raise \$50,000 for the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police. In Claremont, Abigail Ouelette, who loves police officers, got to visit with several local law enforcement officers: Left to right - Captain Mark Chase, Ouelette, Chief Alex Scott, Sheriff John Simonds and McDonald's Manager Roy Thomas (Bill Binder photo).

MakerSpace Events For October

CLAREMONT, NH – The Claremont MakerSpace has a variety of events planned for October. These include an Intro to Sewing class, a workshop tour at Crown Point Cabinetry, a Halloween-themed drawing session, and hands-on demos at The American Precision Museum's Model Engineering Show. Visit

www.ClaremontMakerSpace.org/events for more information and a full schedule. If you have questions, please email them to: info@twinstatemakerspaces.org.

Changes Made To Claremont School Calendar

CLAREMONT, NH--With a record turnout expected at the polls on November 8th, the Claremont School Board recently approved the following changes to the 2016-2017 school calendar: Monday, November 7, no school. The 7 1/2 hours of parent-teacher conferences planned for November 8th will be held on this day, 12:30 – 8:00 p.m.; Tuesday, November 8, no school. Tuesday, June 13, 2017: Last day of the 2016-2017 school year (if there are no additional cancellations).

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Local officials and members of the public gathered Thursday evening for a project about how to make the City the best place for its youngest residents (Bill Binder photo).

Community Holds Conversation About How Best To Meet Needs Of Youngest Children

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--A community conversation was held on Thursday at the Claremont Middle School to discuss how the City can be the best place for all young children to live, grow, learn and play. Some 65 people attended this event. After a light dinner provided by Farro's Deli, the gathering was broken up into smaller groups for discussion. Twelve tables were set up with ideas to be discussed by the small groups of attendees, with group members changing tables so that everyone had a chance to have input for all of the different items. Some of the topics included infant and preschool care, information and awareness about resources, before and after school care, mental/behavioral health support for families and children, affordability of child care and other family resources, and parent knowledge and education. Other areas covered included looking at what is currently in place and working, what is missing, who in the community has the least access and opportunity and who/what should be responsible for these issues. Among those attending were City Councilors, teachers, other professionals and interested parents and residents. The purpose of the event was for community members to share perspectives about the needs of young children from before birth to age 5 in Claremont. Attendees were asked to think about what is working well in the community, what are the strengths that support early childhood development and what are the barriers they see in the community to address the needs of the youngest children and their families.

Ideas, recommendations and points of view will be summarized in a report that will be shared with all participants and key public officials and community leaders.

The Claremont Early Childhood Coalition partnered with New Hampshire Listens of the Carsey School of Public Policy at the University of New Hampshire for the program. Welcomes and Purposes were presented by Superintendent of Schools Middleton McGoodwin and Assistant Superintendent Cory LeClair.

According to information from the NH Kids Count 2015 Data Book provided Thursday night, there are 8,543 children living in Sullivan County; 12.6% live in poverty, two out of five students use free and reduced-priced lunch; one out of three households are headed by single parents; 236 children and youth are homeless in Sullivan County; 40.7% children in the county are enrolled in the Medicaid & Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to help parents with health care costs.

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- **Place a fraud alert.** If you suspect you have become a victim of Identity theft, place a "fraud alert" on your credit reports by contacting any of the three credit reporting agencies. You can choose a short-term or long-term alert. And if you're an active member of the military, you can request a special, one-year alert.
- **Feed your shredder.** Shred all old bank and investment statements, applications for new credit cards and any other documents that contain personal information.
- **Destroy digital data.** If you have a variety of financial accounts, you're not just creating a paper trail – you're also establishing a digital "footprint." So, when you sell or otherwise dispose of a computer system or hard drive, you may want to take steps to destroy personal data. You might think that simply deleting it would be sufficient, but tech-savvy identity thieves can "undelete" files or recover information from a formatted drive. However, products are available that allow you to completely wipe out data on hard drives.
- **Change passwords.** It's a good idea to change your Internet passwords every so often – especially those passwords that provide access to financial accounts.
- **Leave your Social Security card home.** Snagging someone's Social Security number is a real "catch" for identity thieves, so do everything you can to thwart them. And you can start by leaving your Social Security card safely at home – after all, there's probably never a good reason to bring it out, anyway. In fact, be wary of anyone, or any business, that asks for your Social Security number, either in person or online. Except for a few obvious exceptions, such as your tax preparer, most reputable businesses don't need to know anything about your Social Security information.
- **Watch for "phishers."** If you've ever gotten an e-mail, supposedly from your bank, advising you that your account will be "frozen" unless you provide personal details about your account, it's a good bet that someone is "phishing" for this information – and they're using the "freezing" threat as bait. What's particularly alarming is that these "phishers" have gotten quite good at duplicating logos and using official-sounding language. However, a legitimate bank would never threaten you this way with an e-mail, so, if you get such a message, contact the bank's fraud department.

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Central Street will be closed to all vehicular traffic on Halloween, Monday, October 31st, between the hours of 5:30 and 8:00 p.m. to provide a safe location for Sunapee's trick or treaters.

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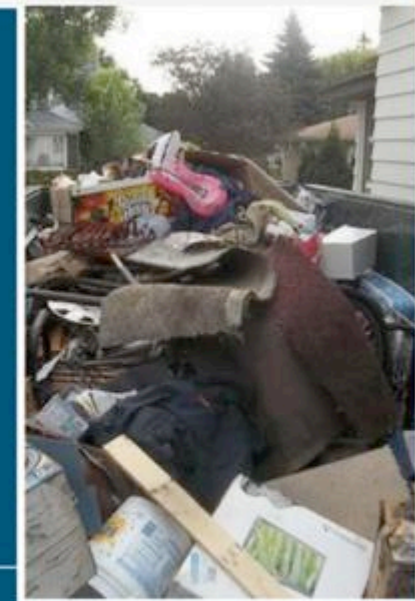
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Dave and Heidi (Rook) McGuigan of Farmington, NH, will kick-start your efforts to organize, to do research, and to give you information on where to go for help to find your family records. The McGuigans have a combined total of 50 years on the subject and can help you get started on your own family tree.

Please join the Historical Society on the 11th at the Town Office Building at 488 Townhouse Road. All are welcome.

Tacos In The Park In Plainfield

PLAINFIELD, NH--Tacos in the Park in Plainfield, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., at Cory Taber Field, Oct. 15, behind the Plainfield Community Church, 1094 Route 12A. Free.

It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



Fall

The leaves are starting to really change now. The air is chilly and the nights are slowly approaching freezing. Get those delicate plants and herbs in.

I got tired of wrestling with a one gallon jug of Maple Syrup. So I took one of those empty plastic squeezable honey containers and filled that with Maple Syrup. The big jug now lives in the refrigerator in the basement but could stay way back on the bottom shelf of the fridge.

There was an article on the internet about iconic foods of all the states. The iconic food for New Hampshire was Cider Donuts. Really? I was surprised.

Another article was about American Chop Suey. It seems that New England is the only area that uses that title. My mother used that name but she was from Massachusetts. When shown a picture, Granite Staters readily identified it as American Chop Suey. The rest of the country just called it macaroni and beef.

Scallops wrapped in bacon without Maple Syrup is just plain wrong.

Apple Sausage Beans

- 1 package uncooked maple breakfast sausage links.
- ½ cup finely chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ½ cup unsweetened apple juice
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons molasses
- ½ teaspoon apple pie spice
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 cans (28 ounces each) baked beans
- 1 large red apple cubed

Cut the sausages into ½ inch pieces.

In a large skillet, cook the sausage, onion and garlic over medium heat until the meat is no longer pink and the vegetables are tender, drain if necessary.

Transfer to the slow cooker.

In a small bowl combine the apple juice, brown sugar, maple syrup, pie spice and nutmeg. Stir into same skillet, stirring to loosen the browned bits (fronds) from the pan.

Cook and stir until sugar is dissolved.

Add the beans, apple and apple juice mixture to the slow cooker.

Cover and cook on low 5 to six hours.

Leave the house for a few hours and the aroma on your return will be incredible.

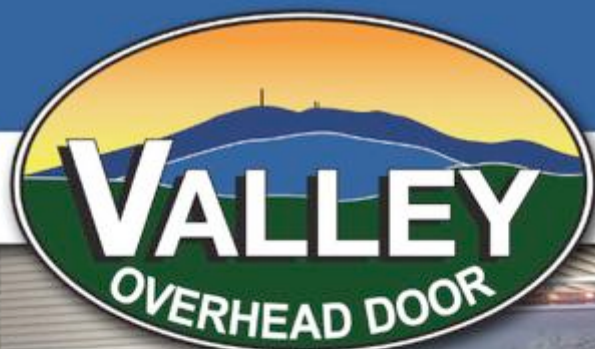
I guess you could use sweetened apple juice if that is all you had. Use plain baked beans. The flavored ones may not do as well.

Use these beans as a side dish for burgers, hot dogs or anything grilled.

Speaking of hot dogs, does anyone still refer to them as "frankfurters" or "franks". In my misspent youth New Englanders used those terms exclusively. These delicacies were always served on Frankfort rolls. Now called New England style. As opposed to the rolls cut along the side, Those were Coney Island style and unheard of north of the CT-NY border.

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Schools Deal With “Creepy Clown” Issue

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

NEWPORT, NH---The recent scare of “creepy clown” posts on social media, many intending to scare children especially on Oct. 7, reached Newport last week, prompting the school district and police to address the bizarre issue on Thursday in a letter sent to parents.

“Many of you are aware that ‘creepy clown’ social media threats have been reported across the nation,” wrote Superintendent of School Cindy Gallagher and Chief of Police James Burroughs in a joint statement. “Nearly all incidents have been unsubstantiated or found to be a hoax. “The conversation about the ‘creepy clowns’ reached a critical point in the district yesterday and today with some students expressing concern. We are writing to you to ensure that we all have the same information and are taking steps to minimize the effects of these unsubstantiated rumors.

“We have instructed the staff to report any incident in which students are expressing concerns about clowns doing potential harm to students and staff. The administration in conjunction with the School Resource Officer have investigated each of the concerns raised about creepy clowns coming to the high school on Friday to cause harm to students and staff. This same rumor is running rampant throughout social media, specifically on Facebook. At this time, neither the Newport Police Department nor the Newport School District has experienced any credible threats regarding these ‘creepy clowns’. We will continued to investigate each report in case there is new information that will help us keep the community safe. “Additionally we have met with student groups at both Richards and Newport Middle High School to listen to concerns, talk about safety, and to encourage everyone to forego any pranks that may scare others or cause public alarm.

“We realize that these kinds of situations can and do create real fear among students. Please assure your children that we are taking all concerns seriously and that the district’s staff are working closely with the Newport Police Department to address the concerns. Additionally, please help us prevent pranks by

requesting that your children do not dress in clown costumes until the hysteria passes.

“We encourage you to notify the Newport Police Department immediately to report any suspicious activity occurring within our community, on or near schools or at any school-related events. The number to the Newport Police Department is 603-863-3232.”

In Claremont, SAU 6 Superintendent Middleton McGoodwin told the *e-Ticker News* that “We are working with the local authorities, and parents, to help students

understand this matter.”



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Energy Vampires at Work

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Mayoral Notes

By
Charlene Lovett



Making Claremont A Place Of Choice

Opportunity creates desirability. Quality education, living wage jobs and affordable housing are foundational elements in making a community a place of choice in which to live and work. Last week's community discussion about early childhood development began to tackle the question of "How can Claremont be the best place for all young children to live, grow, learn and play?" It was the community's chance to examine the question and discuss what we can do to enhance the opportunities for all of our young children.

The Claremont community discussion on October 6th was part of the Early Childhood Community Conversation Project, a statewide initiative involving nine other towns and cities in New Hampshire. This initiative is funded by the Endowment for Health and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, and is supported by New Hampshire Listens in partnership with Spark NH. Together, the Claremont Learning Partnership (CLP) and SAU6 applied to become a part of this statewide initiative. Working with other Claremont partners, the CLP and SAU are building a community-wide early childhood coalition in order to make a positive difference for children and families in our City.

Why the focus on early childhood development? Scientific evidence demonstrates that the healthy development of the human brain is interwoven with a child's early experiences. Early experiences set the stage for learning, health and behavior as the child ages. Developing policies and partnerships that support early growth and development of our children not only benefit the child, but also the community when health and educational outcomes are improved.

According to the handout disseminated during last week's discussion, Claremont's population of children under the age of five is 880 with another 2,312 between the ages of 5-19. Together, they comprise nearly ¼ of our population. Nearly half of the families in Claremont with children under the age of 18 are single parent homes, and some families are living in poverty. Though Claremont has 14 licensed childcare facilities, their capacity is limited to 526 children.

What do the statistics indicate? Claremont has a lot of children, and some of them are growing up in households challenged by lack of financial resources and quality childcare. Last week's discussion began the process of identifying what works well in the community regarding early childhood development and what does not. All ideas, recommendations and points of view shared during the discussion will be summarized in a report that will be shared with all participants, public officials and community leaders.

The next community-wide action forum on this topic is scheduled for December, and I hope you will join us in this conversation. Policies and

partnerships that support the healthy development of our youngest citizens will provide the framework for opportunity and success. Working together, we can proactively create an environment that makes Claremont a place of choice in which to live, work and raise the next generation.

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

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Tension On School Board Leads To Resignation

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--Tensions that arose at the SAU 6 meeting Monday night spilled over to the regular school board meeting on Wednesday, cementing the resignation of a Claremont School Board member that was declared on Monday in an email.

Board member Becky Ferland, who also served as chair of the SAU board, said in an email following Monday night's meeting that she was resigning following an exchange with Brian Rapp and Chris Irish, Claremont School Board chair and vice chair respectively, stating that she had been "bullied" by the other two. The war of words stemmed from a discussion that turned heated over talking about district employees on social media; Ferland admitted that she had brought up the superintendent on social media, both criticizing him and also expressing support. Rapp and Irish countered, saying that it was inappropriate to talk about school employees in that format.

In the email sent to board members later Monday night, Ferland wrote, "It is true that I commented that Dr. McGoodwin had annihilated our school district but I also stated I supported his new direction that he presented on the first day of school. It is an exciting time. I went up to him after the meeting and let him know how refreshing and positive the presentation was. The video at the end was just icing on the cake. I felt that an extension of his contract would provide him with the opportunity to move the district forward. I voted to extend his contract."

Ferland also wrote, "As the SAU board chairperson I contacted NHSBA Attorney Barrett M. Christina about Dr. McGoodwin's contract. He informed me that it is my responsibility to make sure that everyone on the board is familiar with his contract and is in agreement with the terms of his contract. The non-public session this evening RSA 91-A:3 II (a) was to let everyone know the terms of the contract. As board members you have the right to suggest changes as you see fit to negotiate with Dr. McGoodwin or to accept it as written. This process is the same with all the contracts that are done with employees of the school district. After the discussion it was my plan to sign the contract under the direction of the board."

The SAU board had recently approved extending the superintendent's contract.

Ferland ended her email, saying, "It is very disheartening to be treated in such an unprofessional way. I have learned that the best way to deal with a bully is to not engage. Therefore I am resigning because the bully tactics of some members of the board are unprofessional and counter productive. We are all passionate about education or we would not do what we do. It is my sincere hope that you will continue to move forward so that all students can be successful and an asset to our community."

Ferland's resignation statement did not make clear whether she was leaving the SAU board or the Claremont board, an issue raised at Wednesday night's meeting, which she attended briefly. Her son, Brent, also a board member, argued with Rapp and Irish, saying his mother only intended to leave the SAU board as chair, not the Claremont School board as well. However, Rapp disagreed, saying the resignation was for her Claremont

School Board seat and that the board would be moving on without her. "I have two legal opinions," Rapp said. "She resigned."

"You can wordsmith this to death. It is in writing. It is public," said Irish. "It is done. If you have an issue, talk to legal counsel."

An attempt to rescind the resignation was brought up by Brent Ferland and board member member Patrick Adrian but was turned down by Rapp, who said there was now a vacancy that would need to be filled to finish out Becky Ferland's term. "She can run again in March," said Rapp.

A clearly upset Brent Ferland got up from the table and headed for the door. When asked if he was resigning as well, he replied, "I don't know, am I?"

Brent Ferland did not reply to an email request late last week to comment on his status with the board.

The SAU office sent out ads last week on Thursday soliciting applicants for the vacant board seat, the term of which runs until March of 2017.



Members of the Professional Firefighters of Claremont, Local 1571, kicked off the annual "boot drive for MDA" on Sunday, Oct. 9. The firefighters set up at Walmart and collected funds for Muscular Dystrophy Association research, collecting some \$2,028 for the MDA. L-R—Fftr. Bill Hardy, Lt. Scott Messer, Lt. Jim Chamberlain (Bill Binder photo).

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Weathersfield Teen Reported Missing

WEATHERSFIELD, VT--Vermont State Police continue to actively look for a Weathersfield, VT, teen identified as Autumn Sanville. Sanville is 17 years old, 5'4, and weighs approximately 120 lbs. She has long brown hair and green eyes.



Autumn Sanville

Sanville was last seen in the Springfield, VT, area in the early morning on October 7. Sanville has not been seen or heard from since that time. Anyone with information regarding Sanville's whereabouts should contact the Vermont State Police at the Westminster Barracks at 802-722-4600.

Amtrak Committee Announces Two Raffles

CLAREMONT, NH--The Ad Hoc Committee - Amtrak is running two raffles. One is for two round trip tickets from Claremont to NYC via Amtrak, and the other raffle is for a new bike or \$400 of merchandise at Claremont Cycle Depot. Tickets are \$20 a piece, but only 200 have been printed for each raffle. Consequently, chances are 1 in 200 that you will win.

Tickets can be purchased at Claremont Cycle Depot or from one of the Ad Hoc Committee members (Charlene Lovett, Raymond Gagnon, Carolyn Towle, Scott Magnuson, Jeffrey Albright).

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After November 4th, Claremont citizens may bring leaves, bagged in compostable biodegradable bags, to the Transfer Station on Tuesdays & Saturdays at no cost.

Per City Council policy adopted on May 12, 2004, the Public Works Department will no longer accept or pick up leaves that are not in paper, biodegradable bags. Paper Compostable (30) gallon bags are available at various local hardware, grocery, and department stores.

Scott W. Sweet
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