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AG Rules Officer-Involved Shooting “Justified”

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH--At 4:30 p.m. Wednesday afternoon, the NH Attorney General's Office released a 23-page report regarding the Sept. 25, 2016, officer-involved shooting incident in Claremont. The findings and conclusions in the report are based upon information gathered during the investigation, including viewing the scene of the incident, photographs, physical evidence, and numerous witness interviews, said the AG's office.

According to the summary of facts, At about 4:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 25, 2016, Cody Lafont was dropped off at his home at 53 Congress Street in Claremont by friends, after spending the evening with those and other friends. Lafont had been drinking alcohol throughout the evening, and appeared to those with him to be heavily intoxicated, but not belligerent, aggressive, or despondent. Lafont lived alone, and there was nobody with him at 53 Congress Street, a single-family residence, when his friends dropped him off and left.

Lafont called 911 several times and requested a police officer. Corporal Ian Kibbe responded to the residence. When arrived at the door, At that point, Lafont, behind an interior screen door, was accompanied by his unleashed and barking pit bull dog, and was holding in one of his hands, up at his chest, Kibbe saw was a revolver. At that point, Kibbe repeatedly told Lafont to drop his weapon,



Sen. Kelly Ayotte made a campaign stop in Claremont on Friday, stopping at Taverne on the Square where she discussed education issues, including full-day Kindergarten, with SAU 6 Superintendent Middleton McGoodwin; Mayor Charlene Lovett is in the background (Bill Binder photo).

Ayotte Makes Campaign Stop In Claremont Friday

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH--With about two weeks left to go before the general election on November 8th, candidates are making their final push of the campaign season to press the flesh and get every last vote possible in an election year unlike any other ever seen in modern American history. Sitting US Senate Kelly Ayotte is seen as being in one of the closest and toughest races in the country as she vies to hang on to her seat against challenger Gov. Maggie Hassan. Although Hassan is now said to be ahead in the polls, some 50 % of Granite State voters have
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backed up onto the lawn several yards away from Lafont, and unholstered his service pistol. Instead of dropping the revolver, Lafont opened the screen door, and his dog ran towards Kibbe and then veered off to the side, still barking.

Kibbe maintained his attention on Lafont, and continued to tell him in substance to drop his gun. Lafont did not say anything, strangely smiled at Kibbe, and then stepped towards the officer while moving the revolver that he held
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in the officer's direction. At that point, believing that Lafont was going to shoot him and fearing for his life, Kibbe fired his service weapon three times. When Lafont fell to the floor in the doorway to his house and dropped his revolver, Kibbe approached and attempted to talk to Lafont and keep him conscious. Kibbe also reported shots fired on his police radio and called for officer backup and an ambulance.

Under RSA 627:5, II (a), a law enforcement officer, like a private citizen, is justified in using deadly force when he/she reasonably believes that such force is necessary to defend himself/herself or a third person from what he/she reasonably believes is the imminent use of deadly force, said the AG's office. After the incident, the revolver that Lafont was holding and pointed towards Kibbe was examined. The revolver was not loaded.

Ammunition that fit that weapon was found inside a locked safe in Lafont's house. Lafont had purchased the revolver from an acquaintance back in January, 2013. Lafont's friends and family members all believed that his

mother and stepfather had taken all of his firearms back in 2015, after an alcohol-related incident, and that he had no firearms in his possession. None of Lafont's family and friends was aware that he owned a handgun.

Accordingly, concludes the report, "Corporal Ian Kibbe of the Claremont Police Department was legally justified in using deadly force against Cody Lafont, and no criminal charges will be filed against Corporal Kibbe as a result of Mr. Lafont's death."

New Hampshire State Police Major Crime Unit detectives interviewed over a dozen people during the course of the investigation, including all of the immediate neighbors of Lafont. Although these witness interviews provided useful information, nobody saw either the actual shooting incident or any aspect of the very brief encounter between Lafont and Kibbe that preceded it. Those few neighbors who heard anything of relevance heard what sounded like three gunshots, in quick succession. One neighbor also heard a voice, which did not sound like Lafont's, yelling words that she could not make out just before gunshots. This limited information is consistent with the account provided by Kibbe.

In addition to the absence of eyewitnesses, there also were no video or audio recordings of any part of the incident. In that regard, the Claremont Police Department does not have body cameras or patrol car cameras, and there were no other surveillance cameras or similar devices at Lafont's residence or in the vicinity to record events.

Kibbe was interviewed. The interview was audio recorded with his consent. The interview was attended by Kibbe and his lawyer and police union representative, two investigators from the New Hampshire

State Police, and two prosecutors from the Attorney General's Office. Kibbe did not refuse to answer any questions, and did not stop the interview at any point.

As to Lafont's motives for his conduct towards Kibbe, although several inferences can be drawn from the evidence gathered, said Attorney General Joseph Foster, ultimately there is no clear answer as to why he behaved as he did in that particular encounter. Factors that

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likely affected Lafont's judgment and behavior at the time were his clinical depression, a serious condition that likely was exacerbated by his unusually heavy consumption of alcohol that evening, as well as his ongoing concern and anxiety over his belief that he was going to jail within weeks.

What Comes Next

According to Claremont Police Chief Alex Scott, "Any time a Claremont Police Officer is involved in a deadly force incident, the matter is investigated first by the Attorney General's Office to review the legality of the officer's actions. As you know, the report from the Attorney General's Office was issued yesterday and the report concluded that the officer's conduct was legally justified and, as such, no criminal charges will be filed in the case.

"The Attorney General's investigation is then followed by an internal administrative review to determine whether the officer's actions were compliant with departmental rules, policies and

procedures. As previously outlined, any officer involved in a deadly force incident is relieved from line-duty status until completion the Attorney General's Review and the Administrative Review. Additionally, pursuant to Department Policy the officer can't return to full duty until it is determined by a police psychologist that the officer is ready to return to regularly scheduled duties."

Ayotte, from A1

indicated they have yet to make up their minds. In this election year, many are taking poll results with a grain of salt.

Before coming to Claremont on Friday, Ayotte held a campaign stop at Ruger in Newport, holding a town hall gathering with employees. From there she met up with Claremont Planning and Development Director Nancy Merrill and visited the downtown area, with a stop at Taverne on the Square. In a phone call with the *e-Ticker News*, Ayotte said

that "New Hampshire is important in the Senate and I will continue to stand up for New Hampshire and work with the people." She cited being recognized as one of the most "bipartisan" Senators in the country and her work on the Armed Services Committee, Budget, Commerce, Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committees as amongst her strengths in running for re-election.

While in Claremont, she said that issues that were raised by citizens included the VA and the needs of small businesses, the recent relocation of NH Industries from Lebanon to Claremont and full-day Kindergarten that has been established in the City.

Ayotte has been criticized for first supporting Donald Trump as the Republican nominee and more recently saying she would not vote for him following allegations against him for sexually assaulting women. "I have built a relationship with the people and for getting things done," she said, prior to a visit to Keene.

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Candidate for Sullivan County Commissioner, District 3

In the ten years that I was in the NH House representing as many as six county towns and my two years as the County Delegation Chair, my efforts benefitted Sullivan County residents from unnecessary costs and expenses, such as removing the toll on the Cheshire Bridge in Charlestown and saving county taxpayers throughout Sullivan County over \$1 million by making the incinerator in Claremont pay for its own upgrades.

I will work just as hard for all of Sullivan County as one of its Commissioners.

**Thank you for your vote
on November 8th**



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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.

Voting ID Law/ St. House Candidates Continued

You will be asked to provide an ID when you vote. The following are types of ID's that are accepted: Drivers license, non-driver ID card, photo ID card for voting identification only, US armed service identification card, US passport, NH student ID, a photo ID determined to be legitimate. If an ID is not available, the NH SOS's web site states that the following would apply, "Verification of the voter's identity by a moderator or supervisor of the checklist or clerk of a town, ward or city (not a ballot clerk). If any person authorized to challenge a voter does so under this provision, the voter shall be required to fill out a challenged voter affidavit before obtaining a ballot." If you do not have an ID, ask to fill out a voter affidavit.

NH House of Representatives Continued

Four hundred members comprise the lower house in the NH General Court with each legislator representing approximately 3,300 residents. This is elected position for a 2-year term. All State Reps are assigned to at least one committee and primarily deliberate and vote on proposed legislation. There are 13 candidates running for the St. House in Sullivan County.

Andrew Schmidt is an incumbent Democratic candidate for House Dist. 1 covering Cornish, Grantham, Plainfield and Springfield. He was first elected to the chamber in 2010 and has served on the Education Committee for two terms. The Committee considers subjects related to school districts, the postsecondary college system and the University System of New Hampshire. He supports public education. Andrew can be reached at 603-863-1247.

Lee Walker Oxenham is an incumbent Democratic candidate for House Dist. 1 covering Cornish, Grantham, Plainfield and Springfield. "For approximately 10 years I was a policy analyst, and then a Study Director, at the National Academy of Sciences. Early in my career I taught courses in Politics, History and Economics at the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University. I completed my academic career as the Liberal Arts chair at Lebanon College. I have been a life-long environmental and community activist, working to protect our clean air, water, soil, and other natural resources for the future. Since I was elected to the NH House in 2014 I have been on the Resources Com-

mittee where I supported bills to promote energy efficiency, locally based renewable energy, and healthy communities. If re-elected I will continue to work for these goals and to best represent the interests of my constituents and the state as a whole." Contact Lee at Lee.Oxenham@leg.state.nh.us

Allison Zito is a candidate for State House Representative in District 3, Ward 1 of Claremont. She has a Bachelors degree from the University of the Arts and works as an artist and teacher at the AVA Gallery in Lebanon and here in Claremont. She has worked with Parks and Recreation to provide free art programs at many special events in our area. Allison substitutes in the SAU6 school system.

She feels very strongly that we must provide employment with a living wage to all who work in our community. It will encourage more people to join the working community and ensure workers have an income and are able to support local businesses. A living wage will discourage illegal activity. Working for a living wage will create a sense of pride in our workers. A proud and self-reliant workforce will create a stronger community. You can reach Allison at allisonzitoartist@gmail.com.

Larry Converse is a Democratic candidate for Dist. 3 – Claremont Ward 2. Born in Claremont, Larry has been a life time resident since 1942. He is married to Janice Cummings and has two children, Christmas and Aaron. He has served four two-year terms and has been on the Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitation Committee all four terms. Larry is currently the Claremont/Unity Town Treasurer and the Sullivan County Treasurer. He can be reached at 603-542-2180 or icallcone@aol.com

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Shaheen Announces Grant For The Community College System To Increase Access To Apprenticeships

MANCHESTER, NH--U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) announced Friday that the Community College System of New Hampshire was awarded \$1.2 million by the Department of Labor (DOL) to fund the ApprenticeshipUSA-NH project. The grant is part of the Administration's ApprenticeshipUSA initiative to expand apprenticeships in diverse industries nationwide.

With this new grant, the Community College System of New Hampshire will create a Registered Apprenticeship system in the Granite State that builds upon the momentum of several initiatives aligned with state economic, workforce development and educational goals. The ApprenticeshipUSA-NH project will serve 133 apprentices, with special emphasis on underrepresented populations including low-income, individuals with disabilities, youth, women, and veterans. Shaheen has been a strong supporter of the ApprenticeshipUSA initiative since its creation in 2014, said her office.

Commentary

Looking Down the Ballot

By Marie Lozito

Secretary, Sullivan County GOP

Today we continue to check out the Republican candidates for state representative. New Hampshire has the largest state house with 400 representatives. The population of New Hampshire has the BEST representation in the country with only 3,291 residents per representative. (Compare that to California with 465,674 residents to representative!) House District 1 (Cornish, Plainfield, Grantham & Springfield) candidates, Ken Gilcrest and Thomas Greenhalge, were discussed last week.

House District 2 covers Croydon and Sunapee. Ian Underwood is the Republican candidate there. He has lived many places but says New Hampshire is the best place he has lived and he plans to stay here. His work experience has varied widely – from planetary science and artificial intelligence research at NASA to raising pigs in Croydon.

He feels the Croydon School Choice has shown a problem that is not being addressed – the deterioration of the Rule of Law. Croydon has three different branches of government telling them different things – the legislature, the courts and the agencies of the Executive Branch. Until this is resolved, no citizen can know what the law says just by reading it, or have confidence that the law won't change at a moment's notice through executive or judicial fiat. He wants to focus on fixing this problem.

Claremont's population qualifies it for four representatives – one for each Ward and one to represent the entire city. (This type of position is called "at-large" and Sullivan County has 3 at large districts.)

Ward 1, which is House District 3, has Francis Gauthier. He and his wife moved from the Upper Valley to Claremont in 2006. He has been active striving to make Claremont a better place in which to live and work since moving here. A licensed NH Master Electrician for 20 years, he was also a landlord for eight years and is currently preparing for certification as an IT technician to repair and build computers.

As a legislator, he hopes to stop the state downshifting financial responsibilities onto the towns and cities. He hopes that the budget surplus (due to moderate Republican policy) will go towards lowering property taxes. He wants to have the legislature renew their obligations to bring back school aid and fund the state retirement system.

Ward 2, Houses District 4, has John J. O'Connor as the candidate there. Married for 31 years and with three children, he is retired from law enforcement. He is running to be the State Representative from Ward 2 because he says we need fighters representing our taxpayers in Concord.

He says that as he drives around the state, he sees many state funded infrastructure projects going on. Why there and not here? The answer he came up with is that their State Reps go to Concord and fight harder for these infrastructure dollars than those that represent the citizens of Claremont.

In the next few years Claremont will face some serious infrastructure

issues with its aging underground water and sewer pipes. We will need help from Concord, we need fighters in Concord. He will fight for every last dime.

Ward 3, House District 5, has Dave Numme. He is an information technology educator who has lived in Claremont for 10 years. His wife of 18 years and he have two daughters. He has been extensively active in various extra youth activities including a local 4H robotics club. He is running because he is concerned about the growing drug crisis in our community and in our state. According to the community needs assessment sponsored by Valley Regional Hospital, this was the number one challenge our community leaders identified. If elected, he will work with Republicans and Democrats alike to provide broader treatment options to help our fellow community members. He also wants to continue the efforts to make our state and our community more business friendly. Doing so will provide new job opportunities as our fellow community members break free from their addictions.

House District 10, the at large district in Claremont, has Walt Stapleton as candidate. An army veteran, Walt, his wife and three sons moved to Claremont in 1983 from New York where he and his family ran an organic farm. He worked as General Manager for Claremont & Concord Ry before starting a railroad consulting and marketing business in '86 and later added a nationwide commercial railroad insurance brokerage. Walt is an active member of St. Mary's Parish and a director for East Africa Charitable Projects Fund, a 501 (3) charity that helps the poor and orphans. Now transitioning to retirement, he feels it is time to give back to the community and the state.

Walt will bring his excellent business background and concern for others to the legislature. He hopes to: return to local control of schools and promote technical education for greater opportunities to work for higher wages; simplify state business taxes and regulations as well as provide incentives for job retention and growth; reckon the cost and social impact of legislation to create fiscally responsible and balanced budgets; improve infrastructure and advocate for public transportation; work to improve the respect for life and dignity of all people.

Next week we will look at the remaining Republican candidates for representative in Sullivan County.

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

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and click on “Who Is My Legislator”

Letters To The Editor

Kenney Asks For Vote For Executive Council District 1

To the Editor:

I am running for re-election to Executive Council District 1 and I ask for your vote on Tuesday, November 8th. The New Hampshire Executive Council has gotten more notoriety this time as two of my colleagues are now running for Governor representing their perspective parties. The Executive Council is a two-part Executive Branch system in which the Council administrates the Executive Branch along with the Governor.

The five Executive Councilors are elected every two years, concurrently with the Governor. Each Councilor represents approximately 265, 000 citizens. We oversee state contracts, approve the spending of the major portion of the billions of dollars that is appropriated annually by the legislature. Additionally, the Council also acts on a wide variety of official actions, such as the nomination and confirmation of some 350 commissioners and directors who administer the 65 departments and agencies in state government. The Council also votes on the judicial appointments to the bench.

Over the past two years, I have travelled over 120, 000 miles to get around the District 1 which consists of 108 towns, four cities and 23 unincorporated territories. I have fielded hundreds upon hundreds of constituent calls, attended dozens and dozens of events and meetings, visited over 70 businesses and produced a newsletter after each Council meeting.

It has been my pleasure to help out so many people with their concerns, whatever they maybe. I have stated "if it is a problem for you, then it is a problem for me and let's solve it together." I have approached the job trying to build bridges and relationships with citizens, community leaders and others to make the position of Executive Council more accessible to the people. Too often, citizens do not know how to navigate state government and it has been my pleasure to help them.

My past experience as a local selectman, a Marine veteran and state legislator (eight years in the NH House and six years in the State Senate) and now three years on the Council have given me even more experience to help people in the District. I have a hundred percent attendance at all Executive Council meetings, Judicial and Health and Education Finance Authority hearings. I have committed myself to the Executive Council full time and I have enjoyed it greatly.

If re-elected, the issues I want to work on are: constituent service, work with the economic development corporations to create more New Hampshire jobs and to shape the ten year highway plan to better assist our communities and transportation system in District 1. I want to help fight the drug opioid crisis in New Hampshire (the Council has passed over \$24 million in contracts to help with prevention, treatment and recovery programs) and work with higher education and the community college system to develop a future work force. I want to continue to support our travel and tourism and recreation industry and to look out for our social service needs. We need to see if we can limit our sole source contracts in state government, there needs to be more competitive bidding process within our contracting system and we need to keep as many contracts here in New Hampshire, millions and millions of dollars are going out of state.

I hope to continue to educate students on the uniqueness of Governor and Council and its history. As of last year, my office re-instituted the District 1 college internship program and it now has the support from Plymouth State University as an accredited internship program.

Finally, the Council is a great check and balance system in state government, the Governor knows she has to count to three before anything passes during a Council meeting.

On November 8th, I asked for your vote and it has been a pleasure serving you.

Joseph D. Kenney
Executive Councilor District 1
Wakefield, NH

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Gibson For Deeds

To The Editor:

To All Voters of Sullivan County:

On Tuesday, Nov. 8th, all area voters will have the opportunity to cast their ballots for local, county, state and national candidates. In Sullivan County one of those key votes will be for the office of Register of Deeds. Although many residents may not be aware of the inner workings of the Deeds' Office, it should be noted that the Registry is the focal hub of all real estate-related matters in the County-- annual real estate transfer taxes total many thousands of dollars.

As a real estate title abstractor and conceyancer since 1973 I have had the opportunity to observe and work in each of New Hampshire's ten county Deeds Registries. I have always found the Sullivan County Registry of Deeds to be most efficient, collegial and technically savvy. In this upcoming election I heartily endorse the Republican candidate, Janet Gibson. She is presently the Acting Interim Register.

My long-term work throughout New Hampshire has given me a broad perspective regarding those qualities which make a top-notch Register of Deeds. My parameters are as follows:

1. Experience;
2. Expertise;
3. Fiduciary responsibility;
4. Ability to work well with staff and the general public.

I believe that Janet Gibson exhibits high standards and marks in each of these areas. Janet served as the Lempster Town Tax Collector for three years (2004-2007). She has now worked at the Sullivan Registry for nearly a decade. She was named Deputy Register in January, 2015 and due to the death of the Register was appointed to that post in the spring of 2015. Her many years of service have made her cognizant and capable in all aspects of deed transfer work (experience and expertise melding together).

As Register, Janet has been charged with a most important fiduciary status--this is certainly a large business enterprise which requires acumen and being bonded. Lastly, the current staff functions daily with high morale, positive personality and dedication to the general public.

Janet Gibson deserves your electoral support in several weeks. I strongly urge that you cast your vote for her. Make certain to exercise your voting right and privilege.

Gordon B. Flint, Jr.
Newport, NH

Support For Yakovleff And Tuthill For State Rep

To The Editor:

Charlestown residents will choose two state representatives on November 8: one from District 8 (representing Charlestown) and one from District 11 (representing Acworth, Charlestown, Goshen, Langdon, Lempster, and Washington). Please join us in supporting Kendra Yakovleff of Charlestown and John Tuthill of Acworth to represent us in Concord. In seeking the District 8 seat, Ms. Yakovleff brings experience in health care, having worked as an opiate addiction counselor and as a protective services worker and professional case manager for the State of New Hampshire. She wants a stronger mental health system in New Hampshire and will advocate for additional clinics, education, and treatment for opioid addiction. She will also work to protect the environment, improve infrastructure, and address the concerns of veterans.

Mr. Tuthill is seeking the District 11 seat and also has an impressive list of accomplishments. He was elected to the New Hampshire House as an Independent in 1998 and served on the Environment and Agriculture Committee. He is a long time environmental advocate in Sullivan County and has worked to promote renewable energy and clean air policies. He has served on the Acworth Board of Selectmen, the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, and the Fall Mountain Regional School District's budget committee. He has also chaired Acworth's historical society and has served on the town's budget committee, planning board, and conservation committee. John supports Bernie Sander's call for social, economic, and environmental justice and will work to advance programs for families, the elderly, and public and private sector employees. He supports expanded Medicaid and a broad-based tax to fund education.

We are fortunate to have Kendra Yakovleff and John Tuthill as candidates, and we urge you to elect them as our state representatives on November 8.

John and Katie Lajoie
Charlestown, NH

Endorses Tom Laware

To The Editor:

While everyone is focused on "to Trump or not to Trump", let me offer an endorsement that is more important. Charlestown is part of my Legislative District, but I am also a Charlestown citizen. That means that my Representative is Tom Laware. Rep. Laware's courtesy and integrity are above approach, and we can all be proud to be represented by Tom in the NH House of Representatives.

In his two terms, he has earned the respect of members of both parties... which makes him a very effective Legislator. Rep. Laware has served on the County Executive Finance Committee and kept your county taxes from increasing. He has fought to support local public transportation, successfully. Tom cares so much about doing what is right for Charlestown, that I have had him call me two weeks after a vote to ask a question about local impact, while there was still time to amend the bill before it cleared the Senate. He never stops thinking about his responsibility, and your best interests. I hope that you join me in voting for Rep. Tom Laware for another term in the NH House representing Charlestown.

Steven Smith
Charlestown, NH

Supports Sen. Ayotte

To The Editor:

It takes courage to work with Senators outside of your party in order to get done what needs to be done, but Kelly Ayotte has certainly not been afraid to do so. Our country is at a pivotal moment with the presidential election coming up, I think many people, including myself are not happy with our options. I am comforted to know that Kelly is out there fighting for New Hampshire. If I do not feel confident in a presidential candidate, I am glad I can at least count on Senator Ayotte to keep fighting for us. She certainly has my vote.

Donald Clarke
Claremont, NH

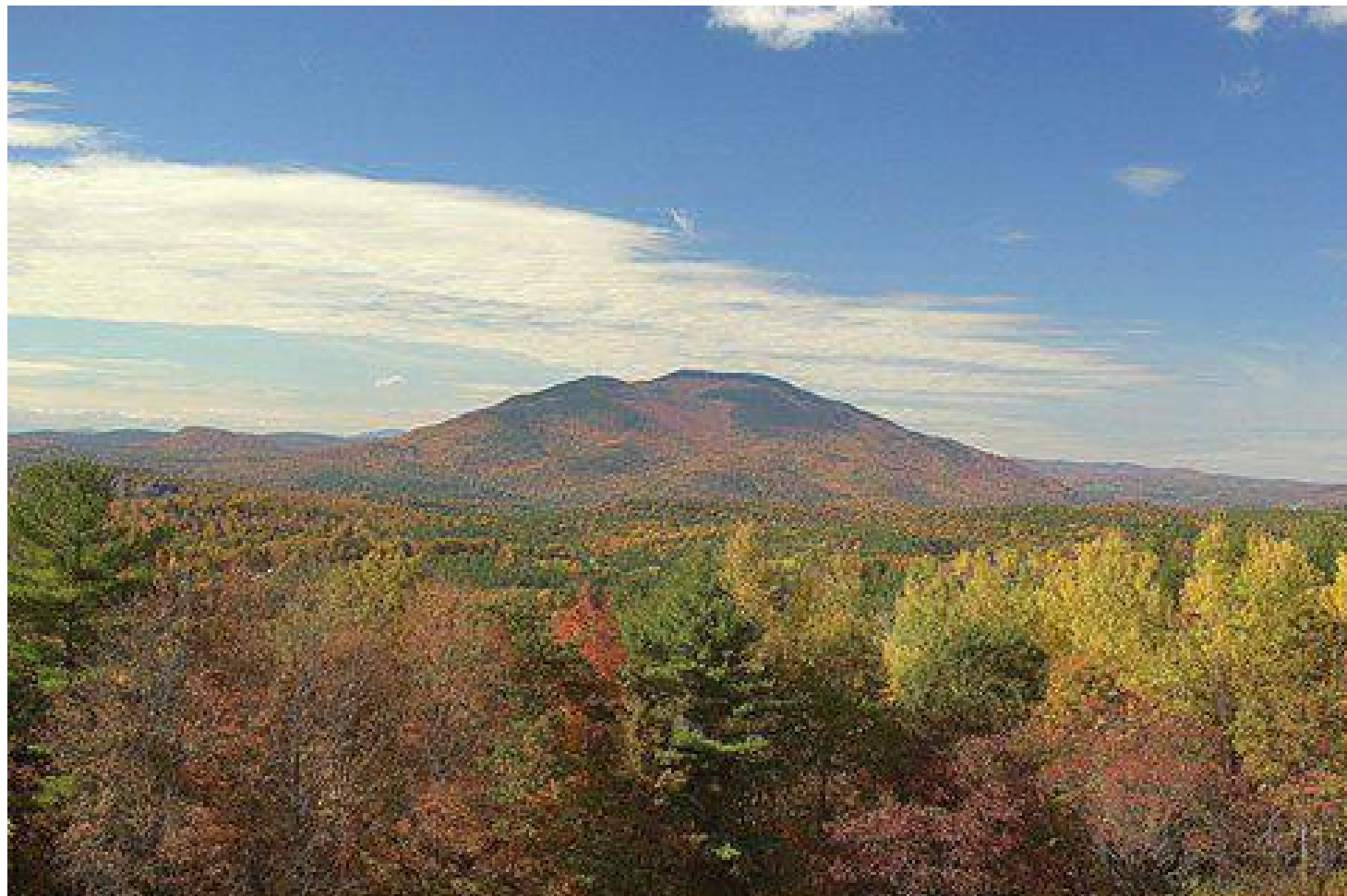
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Beauty All Around...

This shot taken last week by Bill Limoges from Cat Hole Road in Claremont shows the autumn beauty of two states. Residents of the Upper Valley have not been disappointed by the fall colors this year.



All Breed Dog Grooming at the Claremont Pet and Aquarium Center

**Kathy Kenny, formerly of Complete Canine,
is now taking appointments.
Call her at 603-667-7568.**

**Stop in for a free nail trim on
Sunday, October 30th, between 1 and 4 pm.**



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District Welcomes NEASC Committee

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH--School officials were on hand Sunday to welcome members of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges' (NEASC) on-site accreditation team for Stevens High School. The visit by 12 educators will last four days as they evaluate the school's programs, services and more. According to Pat Barry, SHS principal, "For the past year and a half, the school has been involved in preparing a self-study, an extensive document that demonstrates ways in which the school is meeting the Standards for Accreditation."

Barry explained on Thursday that Stevens High School would be celebrating its 2016 NEASC Kick-off on Sunday, October 23rd, at 4:00 in the Event Entrance of the high school. Refreshments, courtesy of the Culinary Program and musical offerings from the Choir and Jazz Bands provided entertainment to celebrate the four-day visitation. The visiting educators from around New England are visiting Stevens to review "our Self-Study and the Endicott Survey the community participated in over a year ago. They will write their own report and this will determine our Accreditation Standings."

An important component of the visit is time for members of the visiting team to meet with school board members and staff of the SAU, along with the Superintendent, to discuss the school's programs and services and learn the thoughts of those associated with the school and the experiences of students at SHS.

Once the NEASC Committee completes its visit, it will take approximately six months for the administration to receive the report, said Barry.

Interested citizens, Chris Irish from the Claremont School Board and Scott Pope and Allen Damren from the City Council were among those who attended the Meet and Greet. The light refreshments were prepared and served by the Culinary Class at the Sugar River Tech Center and were much enjoyed by those who attended (Bill Binder photo).



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Lebanon Police K9 Briggs Receives Body Armor

LEBANON, NH--The Lebanon Police Department's K9 Briggs has received a bullet and stab protective vest, thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Briggs' vest is sponsored by an anonymous donor and embroidered with the sentiment "This gift of protection provided by Vested Interest in K9s, Inc".



Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c (3) charity located in East Taunton, MA whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. The non-profit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four-legged K9 officers. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provided over 2,000 protective vests, in 50 states, through private and corporate donations, at a cost of over 1.7 million dollars. All vests are custom made in the USA by Armor Express in Central Lake, MI.

The program is open to dogs actively employed in the U.S. with law enforcement or related agencies who are certified and at least 20 months of age. New K9 graduates, as well as K9s with expired vests, are eligible to participate.

The donation to provide one protective vest for a law enforcement K9 is \$1,050.00. Each vest has a value between \$1,795 – \$2,234 and a five-year warranty, and an average weight of 4-5 lbs. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States. For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978.

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Search Continues For Missing Weathersfield Teen

WEATHERSFIELD, VT--Missing posters and related material continued to be distributed last week for a missing Weathersfield, VT, teen. Autumn Sanville, 17, disappeared on October 6, 2016. She left for school that morning and has not been heard from again. Her family is trying desperately to locate her; her car was found at the Springfield, VT, boat launch. According to the last statement released by the Vermont State Police, "Prior to Sanville's disappearance, Sanville made several comments to friends that she was planning on running away, and asked not to be contacted." However, the details of her disappearance remain unknown, and law enforcement continues to actively investigate the case.

A GoFundMe page has been set up to help the family and may be found at

<https://www.gofundme.com/help-us-find-autumn-sanville-2v3zgk4>.

Anyone with information regarding Sanville's whereabouts is asked to contact the VTSP at 802-722-4600.



Autumn Sanville

Tips To Protect Your Small Business From Account Fraud

Cybercriminals are targeting small businesses with increasingly sophisticated attacks. Criminals use spoofed emails, malicious software spread through infected attachments and online social networks to obtain login credentials to businesses' accounts, transfer funds from the accounts and steal private information, a fraud referred to as "corporate account takeover."

Combating account takeover is a shared responsibility between businesses and financial institutions. Bankers can explain the safeguards which small businesses need and the numerous products and services which help to detect falsely created requests involving fund transfers, payroll requests and withdrawals. These additional layers help to confirm that the requests are legitimate, accurate and authorized. Companies should train employees about safe internet use and the warning signs of this fraud as they are the first line of defense.

"Small businesses are popular targets of cybercrime," said Karen Cornell, Vice President – Risk Management for Bank of New Hampshire. "Business owners are encouraged to minimize their exposure to online threats by educating their front-line employees and staying alert to any account or network activity that appears suspicious." Online services provide a variety of notification methods which alert you to transaction activity; many options are available to suit your business needs and lifestyle.

In recognition of National Cyber Security Awareness Month, Bank of New Hampshire is offering small businesses these tips to help prevent account takeover:

- Educate your employees. You and your employees are the first line of defense against corporate account takeover. A strong security program paired with employee education about the warning signs, safe practices, and responses to a suspected takeover are essential to protecting your company and customers.
- Protect your online environment. It is important to protect your cyber environment just as you would your cash and physical location. Do not use unprotected internet connections. Encrypt sensitive data and keep updated virus protections on your computer. Use complex passwords and change them periodically.

- Partner with your bank to prevent unauthorized transactions. Talk to your banker about programs that safeguard you from unauthorized transactions. Positive Pay, ACH filter and other services offer call backs, device authentication, batch limits and multi-person approval processes; all designed to help protect you from fraud.
- Pay attention to suspicious activity and react quickly. Immediate notice to your bank is critical and the best strategy to mitigate a business loss. Look out for unexplained account or network activity, pop ups, or suspicious emails. If detected, contact your financial institution immediately, stop all online activity and remove any systems that may have been compromised. Keep records and document everything that happened.
- Understand your responsibilities and liabilities. The account agreement with your bank will detail what commercially reasonable

security measures are required in your business. It is critical that you understand and implement the security safeguards in the agreement. If you don't, you could be liable for losses resulting from an account takeover.

Author To Discuss Book In Meriden

MERIDEN, NH--The Friends of the Meriden Library present *New York Times* bestselling author Michael Tougias speaking about his book, "The Finest Hours: The True Story Of The U.S. Coast Guard's Most Daring Rescue", at the Aidron Duckworth Museum, Meriden, on Friday, Oct. 28, at 6:30 p.m.

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Search Committee Holds 2nd Meeting

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--The Search Committee to help select the next City Manager met Thursday. It has not been smooth sailing at either the first or second gathering.

At the Oct. 4, meeting, allegations that the City Council had already picked the next manager arose, based on rumors; no evidence has been publicly presented to back up the claims. Committee Co-Chair Bethany Yurek told Mayor Charlene Lovett that she had "reliable sources" making the claim but did not reveal who or what those sources were. Lovett called for proof, saying, "Where is the proof? I ask you to document it and I will take it from there." Several other committee members said that they had heard similar rumors as well.

Municipal Resources Inc., (MRI) has been hired to help the City find a new manager, and all applications are going through the firm and being weeded out before the finalists are turned over to the council and Search Committee.

Yurek provided a letter which was read at a recent City Council meeting by Asst. Mayor Vic Bergeron and which she read at Thursday's meeting, reiterating her concerns about the process.

At Thursday's meeting the issue came up again, with Yurek again voicing similar claims. Committee member Cheryl Jones, one of 13 members, resigned from the group, sending a letter of resignation to Alan Gloud of MRI, which was then forwarded to the rest of the committee. Jones questioned the validity of the committee's mission in light of the rumors.

The committee also wrestled Thursday with the issue of allowing public comment at future meetings and finally settled on three-minute limits but did not specify just what the public would be allowed or not allowed to comment on.

Gould told the committee Thursday that the list of candidates has been whittled down from 37 from 18 states to 12 and that the committee will begin reviewing resumes this coming week.

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Ribbon Cutting...

On Wednesday, Oct. 19, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the opening of the new Valley Primary Care Center of Valley Regional Hospital. The new center will provide health care in family medicine and pediatrics. Hospital and City officials joined with employees and construction representatives to celebrate the opening. Donors to the project included The United Way, Osgood's Construction, the Claremont Savings Bank and Casella Waste which presented Valley Regional with a \$3,000 check. Top: L-R—Liza Mc Swain, Mascoma Savings Bank Branch Manager; Deb Freeman, Chamber member; Louanne Lewitt, Chamber member; Mayor Charlene Lovett; President of VRH, Peter Wright; Colin Churchill, Chamber member; Elyse Crossman, Executive Director of the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce; and Katrina Clark, Chamber member. Below: One of the new pediatric exam rooms (Bill Binder photos).



Local Restaurants Included On "Best New" List

Two area restaurants were recently included on the nhmagazine.com 2016's Best New Restaurant list. They include Suna, in Sunapee, and Taverne on the Square in Claremont. CC&D's Kitchen Market, Keene, was included under "Notable Openings".

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Free Tire Disposal Day In City

CLAREMONT, NH--After a huge success this past Earth Day, the City of Claremont is hosting another free Tire Disposal Day in November, 2016. City officials are asking residents to come together with the common goal of cleaning up the City of used tires.

Claremont citizens may drop off car and/or light truck tires (less than 20"- With or without rims) for free on Saturday, Nov. 5, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at the Transfer Station, 875 Washington St.

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Claremont Police Dept. Offers Tips For A Fun And Safe Halloween

CLAREMONT, NH--Police Chief Alexander Scott is recommending that Trick-or-Treating take place in Claremont on Monday, Oct., 31, between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. The Claremont Parks and Recreation Dept. will again be hosting a Halloween celebration from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Pleasant St., Opera House Square and Broad St. Park. For more information, visit www.claremontparks.com.



The following safety tips are suggested:

Small goblins should wear bright, flame-resistant costumes (consider applying reflective tape to costumes or bags for greater visibility);

Remove any mask that will limit visibility when crossing streets;

Carry a flashlight and stay in a group; walk slowly. A parent or responsible adult should accompany young children on their rounds;

Visit homes and businesses in your neighborhood;

Do not eat treats before an adult can examine them at home.

To keep the celebration safe at your home:

Eliminate tripping hazards near your porch and walkway;

Make sure the way is well lighted;

Consider fire safety when decorating;

Use caution with lighted candles.

The Claremont Police Dept. will have additional police patrols on duty this Halloween to help ensure a happy and safe Halloween.

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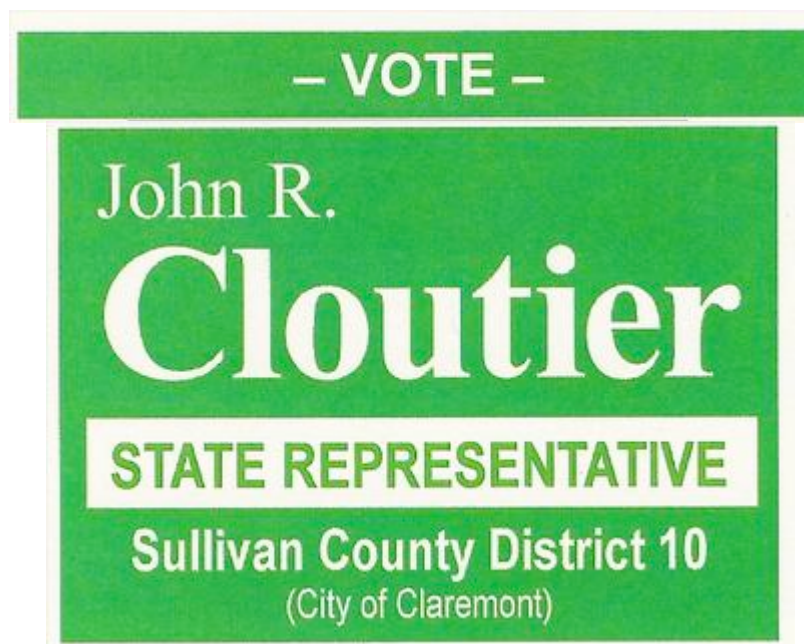
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- Supported Medicaid expansion which helps "Claremont's working poor" and Valley Regional Hospital.
- Supported legislation and Sullivan County budgets aiming to cut Claremont's property taxes.
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Stay Away From Frightful Investment Moves

Halloween is almost here. When you're passing out candy, you'll see many "scary" costumes that will probably just make you smile. But in real life, you can easily find some things that truly are frightening – such as bad investment moves.

Here are a few that you'll want to avoid:

- **Chasing after "hot" stocks** – Many so-called "experts" – not to mention your friends, neighbors, relatives and co-workers – are more than willing to provide you with "tips" on "hot" stocks. But by the time you hear about these stocks, they may already be cooling off – and, in any case, they may not have been appropriate for your needs in the first place.
- **Investing too aggressively or too conservatively** – If you constantly worry about the value of your investment portfolio, and you lose sleep whenever the market drops sharply, you might be taking on too much risk for your own comfort – so you may need to invest somewhat less aggressively. Conversely, if you invest primarily in conservative, low-yielding investments because you think they will help you avoid losses, you might not achieve the long-term growth potential you need to help you reach your important financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement. When you invest, try to balance your need for growth with your personal tolerance for risk.
- **Failing to diversify** – If you only own one type of financial asset, and a market downturn hits that asset class strongly, your portfolio will likely take a big hit. You can greatly reduce the effects of market volatility – and give yourself more chances for success – by spreading your money among a range of investments. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification can't always guarantee profits or protect against all losses.)
- **Paying too much attention to today's news** – Unfortunately, many of the news items of today – or of any day – are more negative than positive. But as an investor, you don't want to be forced into a "sky-is-falling" mentality, because such a mind-set could lead you to make rash, unwise decisions, such as selling quality investments too soon or staying out of the market altogether. Generally, no single event has truly long-term consequences for investors. Consider the recent "Brexit" vote – in the immediate aftermath, the markets fell sharply, but just a few weeks later, they hit all-time highs. That won't happen with every newsworthy occurrence, but historically, the markets have shown resilience. So stay invested and follow a smart, long-term investment strategy that's suitable for your situation – and look beyond today's headlines.
- **Ignoring opportunities** – Are you taking full advantage of all the investment opportunities available to you? For example, are you contributing as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan? If not, you are underutilizing one of the best retirement savings vehicles around. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. You won't always have the chance to participate in this type of tax-advantaged retirement plan – so make the most of it while it's available.

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Claremont Police Commission	1 Seat expires 12/31/2016
Claremont Planning Board	3 seats expire 3/31/2017
Conservation Commission	1 seat expires 3/31/2017
Zoning Board	2 seats expire 3/31/2017

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Halloween Candy Drive In Sunapee

SUNAPEE, NH--Once again this year, there will be a candy drive to support the residents of Central Street who generously provide a safe location for Sunapee families to enjoy the Halloween tradition. The Sunapee Police Department is sponsoring the candy drive this year. Please help them support the Central Street homeowners by donating wrapped and/or packaged candy. Candy donations should be dropped off at the Sunapee Police Department and/or at the Sunapee Town Hall before October 29th as the police department will be delivering all donations on the 29th.

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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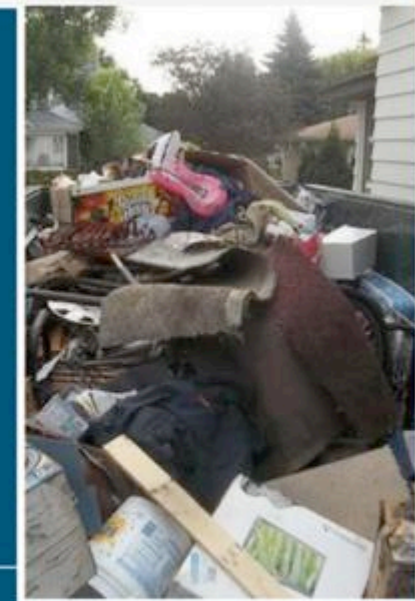
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SHS Poinsettia Sale Starts

CLAREMONT, NH--Stevens High School Alumni Association Xmas Poinsettia Fund-raiser Kickoff is now underway. Three choices of colors: Red, white or pink; four choices of sizes and prices: 6.5" at \$15.00, 7" at \$20.00, 8" at \$25.00 and 10" at \$35.00. Order by Nov. 7th for delivery first week in December. For more details, call Bob Stringer at (603)-542-5129 or email rstringer@stringerfh.com or Danielle Skinner at (603)-477-8516 or danielle.m.skinner23@gmail.com.



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It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



Fall Things

It's definitely not summer. Fall brings on hearty meals, hot apple cider, hot chocolate and spiced cider. There is definitely something to be said about the feeling after raking leaves. Warm up that cider and let's have some donuts.

Mitch, thanks for the email. Always a pleasure to hear from a New Englander-in-exile. Here's to a dry winter!

If you haven't used your slow cooker since last March, now is the time to get it out. There are so many meals that can be done in a cooker it's almost criminal not to use it at least four times a week. And those few of you who haven't used yours at all.....shame on you. You know who you are. They will not burn your house down while you are out. Try it some weekend when you are going to be around. If they were dangerous they would have banned them decades ago. Some of you got one as a wedding gift and have never opened the box. Your first born is a college sophomore so don't you think it's about time? Besides, you won't have to keep worrying that Aunt Harriet will find out and be insulted. That is if you even remember who gave it to you.

This recipe does everything in one pot. Prep time is minimal and clean up is a breeze. This is one you will have requests for.

Barbecued Pork Chop Supper

6 small red potatoes cut into quarters
6 medium carrots cut into one inch pieces
8 bone in pork loin or rib chops
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 28 oz. Bottle barbecue sauce
1 cup ketchup
1 cup cola
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

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

Entree and starch and veggies are all done together. If you find yourself running late, an extra hour in the cooker is no big deal. An extra two hours will make everything soggy, but then you have a wonderful stew.

This is great for Sunday Night Football or the 4:30 game on Sunday. It will be ready at halftime.

I recently read somewhere that if your brown sugar gets hard you can microwave it for a few seconds. Watch it carefully because it will melt if you aren't careful.

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Mayoral Notes

By
Charlene Lovett



A Cardinal Tribute

Fall 2016 has been an exciting season for Stevens High School. The Cardinals have dominated the athletic season, sending teams to the playoffs in field hockey, soccer, football and golfers to the state championship. As the parent of a field hockey player, it has been an unforgettable time.

Yesterday, the Stevens High School varsity field hockey team lost in the quarter finals to Pelham. It was a difficult loss, marking the end of a successful year as the team finished fifth in its division. For the seniors, it marked the end of their high school field hockey career.

These players practiced at least two hours a day beginning weeks before school started. Away games meant hours on the bus, sometimes returning home late in the evening to homework not yet done. They played in the heat, cold, rain and wind. They learned to work together as a team, encouraging one another to do their best. They pushed themselves to work harder, be better, and overcome injury. They felt the joy of victory and the pain of loss.

The coaches spent countless hours not only developing the players' skills, but also their character. They taught them the value of discipline, endurance, and leadership. They built

not only a team, but created a feeling of family among the players.

Never having played sports in high school, I did not understand the impact that athletics can have on students, families and the community. While academics must be the priority in school, the lessons learned on the playing field cannot be replicated in the classroom. Nor is the transformative power of sports limited to the player.

Watching my daughter play has changed me. I have had the opportunity to see her in a new light, and now have a better understanding of the talents and abilities that she possesses. I have watched her mature into a seasoned player. I have made connections with her coaches, teammates and their families that I would have not had otherwise. Moments on the field have become cherished memories.

Many of these moments have been shared by other families and the community. Students recognized during senior night. Team Nick night when hundreds in the community came out, and the boys varsity soccer team played one of the most exciting games I have ever witnessed. Moments that have become part of our community identity.

Our athletes have connected us in a unique way, creating a sense of community and a great source of pride. Their accomplishments have caught the attention of the community and the state. Though field hockey is over for the season, the playoffs for soccer and football continue. Let's fill the park, cheer on the Cardinals, and show our pride!


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

Jewelry Sale To Help Benefit Mt. Ascutney Hospital Auxiliary

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Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center 289 County Road, Windsor, VT
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For a complete schedule of dates and locations, go to MtAscutneyHospital.org/flushots

Rte. 11 Bridge To Be Temporarily Closed For Work

CHARLESTOWN, NH--The Rte 11 bridge over the Connecticut River between Charlestown, NH, and Springfield, VT, will be closed on the 24th of October thru October 28th to complete the rehabilitation work to the Bridge deck.

Detour signs for guidance to an alternate route to cross the Connecticut River will be in place on Rte. 91, 5, 103, 11, and Rte. 131 in VT, and in NH Rte. 12, 12A, 11, and Rte. 103.

The actual duration of the closure is dependent on favorable weather.

Miller Construction of Windsor Vermont is the contractor for the \$695,000 Project.

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Springfield Man Arrested In Theft Case

LEBANON, NH-- On October 19, at approximately 1:00PM, Lebanon Police officers responded to the parking lot of BJ's on 12A for a report of a male subject entering several unlocked cars. Responding officers were given a description of the male and the vehicle that he fled in. Officers located the vehicle and alleged involved subject on Plainfield Road. An investigation determined



Joseph Morin

items had been taken from several cars and all stolen items were recovered.

Joseph Morin, age 33, of Springfield, VT, was subsequently arrested and charged with two counts of Theft, both Class B Felony charges, and one count of Operating after Suspension, a Violation. Morin faces felony charges due to prior theft convictions.

Morin was arraigned at the Lebanon District Division, New Hampshire Second Circuit Court on October 20 and held at the Grafton County House of Corrections on \$5,000 cash or surety.

Cornish Supervisors Of The Checklist Schedule

CORNISH, NH--Cornish Supervisors of the Checklist will meet October 29th 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. at the Town Office for additions and corrections to the list of legal voters.

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Claremont Police Log

Oct. 12

1925 Wanted person pickup; Arrest: Jessica Russell, 36, Claremont, NH, charges: Attempted Theft
1955 Theft
2002 Request Officer

Oct. 13

0219 Theft
0555 MV Stops, Summons: Kurt Shaffert, 43, Bethany, CT, charges: Driving After Revocation or Suspension
1216 Wanted person pickup; Arrest: Ronald Paul LaRoche, 50, Claremont, NH, charges: Conduct After An Accident
1236 Juvenile offenses
1450 Accident, Washington St.
1618 Juvenile offenses
1700 Request officer

Oct. 14

1218 DCYF requests
1246 Accident, Summer St.
1312 Juvenile offenses
1422 Found property

Oct. 15

0518 Fire-water problem
1038 Accident
1839 DWI Arrest; Bo Oscar Dupont, 20, Claremont, NH, charges: Driving While Intoxicated

Oct. 16

1135 Accident, Plains Rd. and Main St.
2121 Domestic disturbance

Oct. 17

1021 Juvenile offenses
1151 Wanted person pickup; Summons: Tracy Snide, 46, Charlestown, NH, charges: Passing a school bus
1330 Accident, Washington St. and Arthur St.
1818 Wanted person pickup; Arrest: Joshua Robbie Converse, 44, Manchester, NH, charges: Receiving stolen property
2334 Found property

Oct. 18

1312 Juvenile offenses
1617 Drug violations
1822 Drug violations
2304 Accident, Elm St.
2334 Theft

Oct. 19

0105 Intoxicated subject
1020 Juvenile with tobacco
1046 Accident, Bowen St.
1250 Juvenile offenses
1803 Accident
1844 Wanted person pickup; Arrest: Crystal Willey, 25, Newport, NH, charges: Arrest On A Warrant, Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs

Oct. 20

0508 Criminal mischief
0701 Criminal mischief
0720 Civil matters
1039 Request officer
1223 Wanted person pickup; Arrest: Randy W. Hannah, 52, Claremont, NH, charges: Driving After Revocation or Suspension
1509 Accident, Central St. and Main St.

Fugitive Of The Week

Ashley Patten

Last Known Address: 134 Cutts Rd., Newport, NH
DOB: 7/20/87
White female, 5'4", 125 lbs., blue eyes, blonde hair

On Sept. 8, 2014, Patten pled guilty in Sullivan County Superior Court to a Misdemeanor Class A Charge of Theft by Unauthorized Taking. On Sept. 8, 2014, the Sullivan County Superior Court ordered Patten to

pay restitution as part of her sentence.

A hearing was set for Sept. 20, 2016, by the Sullivan County Superior Court on the matter of failing to pay restitution by Patten. Patten failed to appear.

On Oct. 3, 2016, the Sullivan County Superior Court issued a warrant for Patten's arrest for failing to pay restitution.



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STEM Workshop...



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Northern Heritage Mills sponsored its 2nd STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) workshop on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at the CSBCC. This program, “Young Women in Engineering Workshop”, was attended by 120 young women from 11 area middle and high schools. The goal of the workshop was to further studies in STEM technology with an outlook of a career in the STEM field.

The program had five workshops that included marine engineering, (they had to build a cardboard boat that would float with a person in it), dry stonewall and arch construction, model bridge building, plasma cutting and cement arch support construction.

All the students had a fun day learning their new skills.

Northern Heritage Mills is a nonprofit founded in 2001 to promote the preservation of historical technologies and to encourage young women to pursue a career in the STEM field. In 2015 they provided programs for 114 young women from 11 schools (Bill Binder photos).

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Candlelight Vigil Hopes To Light The Way Home For Missing Vermont Teen

By Kelly Burch
e-Ticker News

SPRINGFIELD, VT--More than 100 people gathered on a cool, windy Sunday night to light the way home for Autumn Sanville, the Weathersfield, VT, teen who has been missing since October 6.

The candlelight vigil was held at the Springfield boat launch, where Sanville's car was found. Attendees lit candles, exchanged hugs, and shared memories of the 17-year-old who has now been missing for 18 days. Despite the cold temperatures and whipping wind, many people from the community turned out. Organizers hope that the vigil raises awareness among people who have not heard about Sanville.



"The focus is on bringing Autumn home," said Karlene Rogstad, Sanville's mom.

Vermont Police have said that the teen may have run away. However, Rogstad knows that her daughter would not voluntarily stay away for 18 days, even missing her mother's birthday.

"Even if she drove here willingly and got into a car willingly, she would never willingly stay away," Rogstad said.

Chris Rogstad, Sanville's stepfather, agreed.

"There's been no contact with friends, family or social media," he said. "This girl slept with her earbuds in so she wouldn't miss the phone. She sends 10,000 texts a month. The fact that no body has heard anything...." he dropped off. "Runaway is an imperfect term."

Courtney Parizo of Claremont organized the event after being touched by Sanville's story, and astounded by how few people had heard about it.

"My girls are the same age," she said.

Parizo hoped that the vigil would bring attention to the case, especially in New Hampshire, where Sanville worked and had friends.

"Getting the word out outside Vermont has been hard," she said.

"Nobody in Claremont knew about it."

Big Lots and Walmart in Claremont both made donations of candles and other materials to the event.

The Rogstads were touched by the large showing, and encouraged people to keep looking for Sanville. The teen is 5-foot-4 and 120 pounds. Her blue backpack with white flowers and black iPhone 6 with a dark purple life proof case are still missing. When Sanville was last seen she was wearing tall brown Ugg boots, her mom said.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Vermont State Police. Karlene Rogstad also offered her personal email address, karogstad@gmail.com. The Rogstads also asked the public to keep up with the case on Facebook at Help Find Autumn Sanville (@HelpFindAutumn). There is also a Go Fund Me account established to help the family with expenses, including a private investigator.

"It's for whatever is needed in the long term," Chris Rogstad said.

Looking around the boat launch, Rogstad thought about what Sanville would think of the gathering.

"It means the world," he said with tears. "Autumn would be pretty moved."



Top: Candles light up the darkness as family and friends gathered at the Springfield boat launch; left: A display honoring Autumn Sanville; bottom: Karlene Rogstad (left), Sanville's mother, talks with a friend at the vigil (Courtesy photos).

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