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## Election Draws 79% Voter Turnout Rate In Claremont

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
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CLAREMONT, NH--City election officials prepared for a large voter turnout in Claremont on Tuesday and their expectations were met as the election drew a 79% voter turnout on Nov. 8. At times there were long lines at the three City wards, and traffic tie-ups in the final hours of voting. A glitch with the ballot counting machine at the Disnard School, Ward 3, early in the day, added to the challenges of the day, but elections officials were able to secure a replacement machine, thus eliminating the need to hand count ballots election night, a relief for Ward 3 voters, some of whom expressed concerns that their votes would not count or would somehow be tampered with, despite the fact that hand counting used to be the norm.

In Claremont, Donald Trump narrowly defeated Hillary Clinton, 2680 to 2529, while in the governor's race, Republican Chris Sununu topped Colin Van Ostern, 2627 to 2554. In the  
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From left: Ward 2 Ballot Clerks Elaine Osgood and Norma Limoges watch as candidate-for-Sheriff John Simonds checks results after the election Tuesday night at the Claremont Middle School polling location. Simonds won re-election as Sheriff of Sullivan County (Les St.Pierre photo).

## City Council Asked To Consider PILOT For Hydro Proposal

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CLAREMONT, NH--An owner of several hydroelectric dams is interested in reviving one in Claremont that is currently sitting idle, but he is seeking a tax break from the City to make that

happen. Robert King addressed the City Council Wednesday night, sharing that he and a business partner are interested in buying the middle dam off Lafayette St. but that they are seeking a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) to move forward. King said that he has been developing small hydros for a number of years;

he is out of Keene, and his partner, he said, is out of Enfield.

King told councilors that John Webster developed the Lower Village Hydro Plant in the 1990s; it sits between two other active hydroelectric systems. He said that Webster "built  
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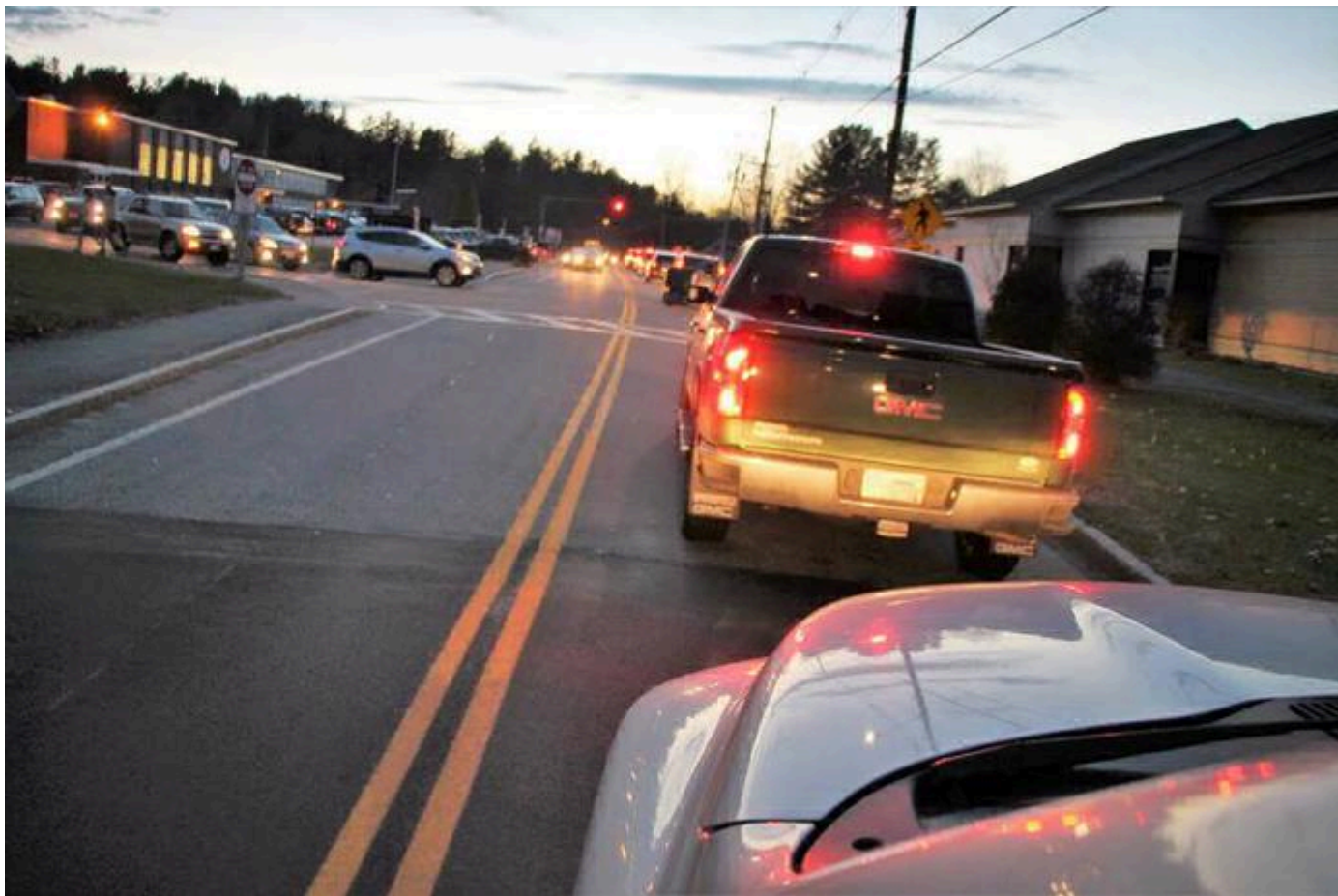


**Election, from A2**

US Senator's race, Gov. Maggie Hassan beat out sitting Sen. Kelly Ayotte, 2734 to 2508. Democratic Congresswoman Annie Kuster held her seat, beating challenger Jim Lawrence, 2712 to 2347, and Executive Councilor Joe Kenney kept his seat, topping Democratic challenger, 2632, to 2485. The State Senator race in Claremont was close, with Martha Hennessey squeaking by Claremont resident, Marie Lozito, 2580 to 2572. Statewide, Sununu, Hassan, Kuster, Kenney and Hennessey would go on to win their seats.

In the State House races, Republican Francis Gauthier beat Allison Zito, 758 to 660, for District 3; Republican newcomer John O'Connor unseated incumbent Larry Converse, 1065 to 958, District 4; Democrat Ray Gagnon held onto his seat in District 5, topping Dave Numme, 1037 to 709; and Democrat John Cloutier, also the incumbent, beat Walter Stapleton, 3023 to 2252, District 10.

In the Sheriff's race, incumbent John Simonds beat out Democratic challenger Andrew O'Hearne, 3167 to 2218; Republican Janet Gibson topped James Reed for the position of



**It was a steady stream of traffic at the Claremont Middle School as voters showed up to cast ballots in Wards 1 and 2 Tuesday evening. Polls saw a high level of activity in Claremont at all three wards (Bill Binder photo).**

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Register of Deeds, 2538 to 2228; Gibson also received 435 Independent votes. Diane Davis won Register of Probate, beating Patrick Adrian, 3063 to 2072. And in the County Commissioner 3rd District, George Hebert topped James Phinizy, 2634 to 2415.

There were 5727 total ballots cast in Claremont and 707 same-day registrations.

To see results from other Sullivan County towns, please go to [www.etickernewsclaremont.com](http://www.etickernewsclaremont.com) and visit the Recent Posts section.

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**11/12/2016**

**NH PowerBall**  
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**Hot Lotto**  
**4 8 12 15 26 16**

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## Letters To The Editor

### **Thank You For Your Support**

**Dear Neighbors,**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the voters of Claremont’s Ward 3 (Sullivan District 5) for re-electing me as their representative to the NH House. The level of support and heart-felt comments received have been humbling, and I am truly appreciative. I would also like to thank my opponent who ran an honest campaign based on issues.

While the upcoming legislative session will be different – I pledge that I will try to represent Claremont to the best of my abilities. As we now shift from campaigning to governing, please note that I urge the residents of Claremont to contact me regarding any concerns or issues you wish addressed in Concord. Please note that I will continue my Ray Gagnon – State Rep Facebook page for those interested in following what is happening at the statehouse. Lastly, feel free to call and leave a message on my home phone, or by emailing me at [RepGagnon@gmail.com](mailto:RepGagnon@gmail.com) should you need to contact me personally.

Again, thank you for selecting me to serve you in the NH House of Representative.

Best wishes,  
**Raymond Gagnon**  
**Claremont, NH**

### **TPN Extends Gratitude**

**To The Editor:**

Turning Points Network would like to thank the Library Arts Center, artists, workshop and special event leaders, and all those who came to share in the art show Voices & Visions: Empowerment Through Art. We are grateful to the Library Arts Center for being such a collaborative and creative partner in this first-of-its-kind local art show that brought out hundreds of community members to share in a vision for personal empowerment. Special events included a healing sounds concert, Chakra workshop, poetry night and teen story slam—all of which allowed the community to explore the ways empowerment heals and inspires. Thank you to the Library Arts Center for nurturing vibrant and diverse expressions of art and thank you all for joining with TPN to lift

voices and share visions for healthy relationships and healthy communities.

**Turning Points Network**  
**Claremont, NH**

### **Statement From Hassan On Federal Mental Health And Substance Use Disorder Parity Task Force Report**

CONCORD, NH--Governor Maggie Hassan issued the following statement on the report recently released by the White House Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Parity Task Force:

“Providing parity for mental health and substance misuse treatment is critical to ensuring that people can access the treatment and care that they need, which is integral to our comprehensive strategy to combat the substance misuse crisis. Thousands of Granite Staters have accessed behavioral health and substance misuse services through the coverage provided by our bipartisan health care expansion plan, and earlier this year, we also began providing parity for behavioral health and substance misuse treatment for our traditional Medicaid population.”

Increasing access to treatment is a critical component of Hassan’s comprehensive strategy to combat the heroin, opioid and fentanyl crisis, which also includes supporting law enforcement and strengthening prevention and recovery efforts, said her office in a statement. This year, the Governor has signed bipartisan legislation cracking down on fentanyl, limiting prior authorization requirements for treatment, making improvements to New Hampshire’s prescription drug monitoring program, requiring all prescribing boards to update prescribing rules for opioids, establishing a statewide drug court program, providing funding to upgrade technology for the prescription drug monitoring program and providing \$5 million in additional resources for prevention, treatment and recovery as well as supportive housing.

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# Commentary

## Political Tapestry

By Pat Kinne Sullivan County Democrat Chair

### New Hampshire Makes History

For the first time in the history of the country an all female, all Democratic Congressional Delegation has been elected. Gov. Maggie Hassan defeated Kelly Ayotte in the US Senate race. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen's term continues. Carol Shea-Porter defeated Frank Guinta in Congressional District 1, and Anne McLane Kuster defeated Jim Lawrence in Congressional District 2. We can expect great work from these amazing women.

### Thank You

Thank You to all Democrat and Republican candidates that ran for office in Sullivan County. It takes courage, commitment and hard work to run a campaign. Without these contests we would not have democracy. The Good Citizens website ([goodcitizen.org](http://goodcitizen.org)) has a great definition of democracy. "A democracy is a form of government that is "of, by, and for" the people. Of the People means the government is comprised of regular citizens; By the people means the government is elected by its citizens; and For the people means that the sole purpose of government is to act in ways that benefit us."

I want to thank those who volunteered their time phone banking, canvassing, doing visibility, putting up signs and donating to the various campaigns. It amazes me the amount of volunteerism that occurs in NH. Even the State Senate and State House Reps. are essentially volunteers.

Congratulations to Martha Hennessey who will be representing part of Sullivan County in the NH Senate, and Andru Volinsky who has been elected to the Executive Council to represent part of Sullivan County,

I want to thank the following for their successful efforts in their campaigns for the St. House: Andrew Schmidt & Lee Walker Oxenham (Dist. 1), Sue Gottling (Dist. 2), Ray Gagnon (Dist 5- Claremont Ward 3), Bidy Irwin (Dist. 6) Linda Tanner (Dist. 9) and John Cloutier (Dist 10-Claremont Wards 1-3).

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## Ayotte Concedes NH Senate Race

MANCHESTER, NH - Senator Kelly Ayotte released the following statement late Wednesday afternoon regarding the results of the New Hampshire Senate race:

"I just spoke with Governor Hassan to congratulate her on her election to serve in the U.S. Senate. I wish Governor Hassan, her husband Tom, and their children Ben and Meg the very best.

"I also want to thank my family – my husband Joe and our two children, Kate and Jake. I could not serve New Hampshire without their

support. I want to thank our family, friends, supporters, and volunteers who worked their hearts out for our campaign. I could never fully express how grateful and humbled I am by the outpouring of support our campaign has received since day one.

"It has been a tremendous privilege to serve New Hampshire in the Senate and to make progress on addressing our heroin epidemic, making it easier for our small businesses to create good paying jobs, and supporting those who keep us safe in a dangerous world.

"This is a critical time for New Hampshire and our country, and now more than ever, we need to work together to address our challenges. The voters have spoken and now it's time all of us to come together to get things done for the people of the greatest state in this nation and for the greatest country on earth.

"I want to thank the people of New Hampshire for their support, encouragement, and friendship over the past six years, and for the tremendous honor of serving as their voice in the Senate."

Hassan released the following statement thanking Ayotte for a hard-fought campaign:

"I want to thank Senator Ayotte for a hard-fought campaign, for her service to our state, and for her graciousness when we spoke a short while ago.

"This election exposed divisions in our nation. But in a season that focused on our differences, we also saw glimpses of how much we share. In the United States Senate, I will reach out to people from both sides of the aisle to identify shared goals and common ground to expand middle class opportunity and to move New Hampshire and America forward.

"I am deeply grateful to the people of New Hampshire for the great trust that you have once again bestowed upon me, and I will work every day to honor it."

Only 1,023 votes separated the two candidates.

## Kuster Statement On Reelection

CONCORD, NH-- Congresswoman Annie Kuster (NH-02) released the following statement on the announcement that she has been reelected to a third term as the U.S. Representative for New Hampshire's Second Congressional District. Her reelection makes her the first Democrat to win a third term in New Hampshire's Second Congressional seat since 1853:

"In my time serving in Congress, I've focused on working across the aisle to improve opportunity for all Granite Staters. Working with Republicans, Democrats, and Independents to achieve real results, that's the New Hampshire way.

"I first want to thank my opponent, Jim Lawrence, for a spirited debate and an honorable campaign focused on the issues.

"I also want to thank my family for their support and the volunteers who made calls, knocked on doors, and put out signs; I could not have done this without all of you. And of course, I want to thank all the voters. Thank you for trusting me with the responsibility of being your voice in Congress."



**Claremont Voters,  
Thank you for your continued  
support at the polls on Nov. 8.  
It is much appreciated.**

**State Rep. John R. Cloutier,  
Sullivan County District #10.**



## Hydro, from A1

it from scratch” in 1995 but that the operation has not done well and was never fully utilized. Now the turbines need to be rebuilt before the operation can be re-activated. There is an existing power purchase agreement with Green Mountain Power that has eight years left on it, said King, who added that time is of the essence, both in terms of using the power purchase agreement and getting the turbine parts removed before winter sets in.

King proposed paying the City rates of 2 1/2% up to 4 1/2% of gross revenues over a period of years, saying that in a year of average rainfall, that would equate monies for the City from \$11,000 up to \$20,000 annually.

“Seems like an interesting proposition,” said Councilor Allen Damren.

While councilors sounded interested in the proposal, Assistant Mayor Vic Bergeron said he didn’t think they “had enough information” to make a decision, and there were concerns that if the City offered a PILOT to this venture, then the other two systems operating on the river--Lower Valley LLC and Sweetwater Hydroelectric (Coy) could theoretically come to the City and request the same, impacting taxes. King pushed that the PILOT could be written in such a way that it could only apply to his proposal, but City officials did not seem to share that opinion. The councilors asked for more information regarding the tax impact of the proposed PILOT and other related issues.

The issue will come before the council again on Dec. 14; King is hoping for an answer by then.

## Abutters Request Rehearing On Speedway Campsite Variance

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--Two abutters of the Claremont Speedway have sent letters to the Claremont Zoning Board requesting that the board’s decision to approve a variance that would allow a campsite on the Speedway property be reheard. Charles Egbert and Reverdy and Rebecca Ford, all of whom live on the Thrasher Road, requested the rehearing.

The decision to grant the variance was approved on Oct. 3 after a series of hearings. The owners of the Speedway agreed to a number of changes before the application was approved. The abutters criticized the board on a number of issues and said that the variance did not meet all five of the necessary criteria to be approved.

The public meeting concerning the requests will be held on Monday, Nov. 21.

The topic was discussed at Monday night’s Zoning Board meeting; City attorney Jane Taylor told the board that there are usually two reasons for a rehearing: That there is new evidence that has not been presented before and/or that the board made a mistake that has to be corrected. She told the board if it says “no” to a rehearing, “you’re done.” She said the other parties could then go to Superior Court. She added that they could take new testimony, consider what is presented, and then decide whether to reconsider, keep as is or modify. She said that rehearings in town did not occur very often.

## Arrowhead Recreation Area Offers “Get Ready For Winter Sale And Raffle”

CLAREMONT, NH--The Arrowhead Recreation Area has announced a “Get Ready For Winter Sale And Raffle”: Season Pass Sale of \$5 off all preseason season pass prices from, Monday (11-14-16) thru Saturday (11-19-19). There will also be a drawing for a 10-pack of day passes.

Everybody who tubes must be on a tube release form, so even if you don’t know if you will be tubing, fill out a tube release form any way, which is good for the whole season. Get Ready for Snow Tubing by filling out your on-line tubing release form between now and Saturday, Nov. 19th, to be eligible for a drawing for a 10-pack of all day or night vouchers. Each pass is good for one tubing or ski/snowboarding session. Eligibility: You must be 18 or older, one entry per household to be eligible for the raffle.

Go to their web page at [www.arrowheadnh.com](http://www.arrowheadnh.com) and click on the web link for the tube release form in tubing paragraph on the home page or under the drop down menu tubing/requirements.



**The Corbin Covered Bridge in Newport will be closed for this week for repairs. The bridge was damaged by a hit and run driver in August (File photo).**

## Sons Of The American Legion Pool Tournament

CLAREMONT, NH--The Sons of the American Legion, Claremont Squadron 29, will hold a pool tournament on Nov. 19, at the American Legion Hall, 119 Broad Street, Claremont. Sign up begins at noon, and play begins at 1:00 p.m. The format is draw for partners, double elimination, and the cost is \$10 per player. Lunch will be provided to all players. For more information, please contact the Canteen Steward at (603) 542-9222.

This event is open to members, bona fide guests, and prospective members.



## Governor Hassan Announces New Hampshire Fuel Assistance Program To Open November 14

CONCORD, NH-- Governor Hassan announced that the New Hampshire Fuel Assistance Program (FAP), which helps vulnerable Granite State families with their heating bills, opens this year on November 14.

Also known as LIHEAP or the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, FAP provides assistance to New Hampshire families and seniors whose annual household income is at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. For a family of four this year, that means an annual maximum income of \$48,600. The average FAP benefit for eligible families this winter, based on the federal grant award, is expected to be approximately \$645.

"The Fuel Assistance Program provides critical support to Granite families struggling to pay heating bills, helping to keep homes warm and protect the health and safety of our citizens during the cold winter months," Hassan said. "I thank the Office of Energy and Planning and the state's Community Action Agencies for their work in delivering these important services to families in need, and I encourage those who qualify to apply as soon as possible to ensure that they can receive fuel deliveries before colder weather arrives to New Hampshire."

New Hampshire has received notification of \$25,381,123 in federal LIHEAP funding for the Fuel Assistance Program under the current continuing resolution. Additional funding for the program may be released once the federal budget is approved by Congress. New Hampshire's funding level has remained relatively stable for the last year few years, allowing the program to serve 32,082 households last year with an average benefit of \$646.

The program will open two weeks earlier this year than the standard December 1 opening date because the federal funds have been released and New Hampshire's state and local agencies are prepared to launch the program.

Fuel Assistance Program benefits are a supplement to a household's annual fuel needs. For general information about the program, visit

<http://www.nh.gov/oep/energy/programs/fuel-assistance/index.htm>. For contact information for the Community Action Agencies and intake locations, visit <http://www.nh.gov/oep/energy/programs/fuel-assistance/agencies.htm>, or call 211.

All building owners and renters can learn more about saving energy and saving money at [www.nhsaves.com](http://www.nhsaves.com).

## Kids Pumpkin Turkey Craft

CLAREMONT, NH--The Fiske Free Library will hold a Kids' Pumpkin Turkey Craft on

Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., in the Gilmore Room of the Fiske Free Library.

This turkey craft program is open to kids ages 5 to 12 and is free of charge. Reservations are not required. Children are welcome come in and create a "Tom T. Pumpkin" while supplies last. Starting with a plain pumpkin, the kids will create a turkey using leaves and paper. Your child's "Tom T. Pumpkin" can be used as a centerpiece or Thanksgiving decoration.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Fiske Free Library and is free of charge.

## Being Thankful

Don't like your job? There's someone out there who would be happy to take it. (Note that the same concept can apply to your spouse!) But let's get back to what we are talking about, your job and the satisfaction that comes from it. YES it can, and it does, every day.

Thanksgiving is a great time of the year for an attitude adjustment. No job is going to be a walk in the park every day; after all, it is called "work" for a reason. You may feel the grass will be greener at another place of employment. The fact is, there will always be aspects of any job that you enjoy, and a few that you don't. How you approach and deal with all aspects of your job can make a difference.

Abraham Lincoln said, "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be." A worthwhile exercise may be to write down the things you are thankful for. You may want to do a full Pro/Con list about your job. If the pros outweigh the cons, then make a concerted effort to concentrate on the pluses at your position. Here's another idea: Every day, write a short entry about something good that happened to you in a gratitude journal and when you are having a bad day, take the time to look back on this list to remind yourself of all the positive aspects in your work day. There is no such thing as perfect in any situation, but the way we look at things makes a big difference. What's that? You say there is nothing about your current work life to be grateful for? What about the fact that you are getting paid? You gain a sense of accomplishment? You make a difference? There are many benefits that come from being gainfully employed and they can become overlooked at times.

By focusing on the positive, you'll find that your mood lightens. Maybe you can enjoy your current workplace by learning to take yourself lightly, but your job seriously.

Readers: What are you most thankful for in your workplace? Remember those things and appreciate the good that comes every day and let that be your focus.



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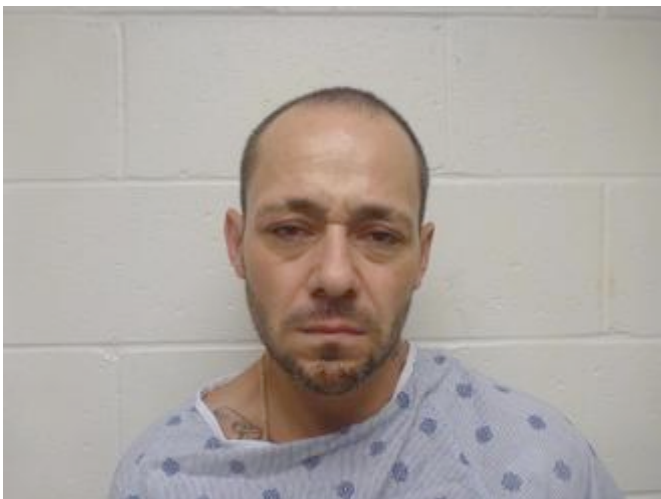
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## Two Arrested In Burglary Investigations

CLAREMONT, NH—Since Oct. 5, the Claremont Police Department has been investigating two commercial burglaries that occurred during the late evening of Oct. 4th and/or early morning of Oct. 5. The two businesses were T-Bird Mini Mart on Charlestown Road and the



**Mark Perry**



**Justin Daisy**

Head Start Preschool on Charlestown Road. On Oct. 26th the Claremont Police Department responded to a report of a commercial burglary at Howe Motors on Charlestown Road. Based on the ongoing investigations of these burglaries, the Claremont Police Department began to monitor Marro Home Center. On Nov. 8, shortly after 1:30 a.m., officers discovered a burglary in progress at Marro Home Center. Found in the building was Mark Perry, 37, Claremont. Perry was ultimately arrested for burglary (Marro Home Center). He was arraigned in the 5th Circuit Court, Claremont District on Nov. 9, at which time a plea of not guilty was

entered. Bail was set in the amount of \$5,000 cash only.

On Nov. 10, a search warrant was executed at 112 Charlestown Road, Apt. #4, as part of the investigation into the burglaries noted. As a result of the search warrant and the ongoing investigation, Justin Daisy, 25, Claremont, was arrested on two counts of conspiracy to commit burglary (Howe Motors and Marro Home Center) and one count of possession of a stolen firearm. Daisy was arraigned in the 5th Circuit Court, Claremont District Division on Nov. 11.

The investigations are ongoing, and Perry is likely to face additional charges, said Claremont Police Chief Alex Scott.

## Claremont Man Arrested For Sexual Assault

CLAREMONT, NH--On Nov. 7, the Claremont Police Department, in cooperation with the



**William Cote**

New Hampshire State Police, arrested William Cote, 45, Claremont, on felony charges of incest and aggravated felonious sexual assault. Cote was arraigned on Nov. 8 in the 5th Circuit Court, Claremont District Division where pleas of not guilty were entered, said the Claremont Police Department. Bail was set in the amount of \$50,000 cash only.

## Springfield Mascoma Bank Robbery Reported

SPRINGFIELD, VT—On November 10, at approximately 0815 hours the Mascoma Sav-



ings Bank located at 270 River Street in Springfield, VT, was robbed at gun point. The subject approached the Manager upon opening and appeared to have been lying in wait. The subject is believed to have been working with an accomplice and on a possible blue tooth device at the time. Subject remained inside the branch actively demanding more money from the Manager for an estimated period of 20-30 minutes. The subject exhibited similar features and statements to those associated with the Windsor County South Credit Union on October 18, 2016. Subject was described as 5'11" to 6'2" heavier looking build, white male, tan Carhartt pants, green hoodie, black gloves, work boots, and black mask with sunglasses. The gun was described as a black semi-automatic handgun. Subject referenced having people watching the establishment. The subject appeared to have local knowledge of the area and took the Manager's vehicle to flee the scene. Subject is believed to have met up with an accomplice or had a stash vehicle.

At this time the subject has not been located and anyone with information is asked to contact the Springfield Police Department at 802-885-2113.

## St. Mary Holiday Craft Fair

CLAREMONT, NH--St. Mary's Annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Gym, Main St. Featuring area crafters, food concession, cookie sale and more. This event is sponsored by the Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus.



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## *Ann's* *Property* *Of The Week*

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## “Hero Care” App Offers Red Cross Resources to Service Members and Veterans

CONCORD, NH / BURLINGTON, VT.--The American Red Cross has released the new Hero Care mobile application, and with Veteran’s Day ceremonies still fresh in our minds, sharing this resource with the service members in your family and circle of friends may be just the tool they need. This free app is designed to help members of the military, veterans and their families identify and access both emergency and non-emergency Red Cross services from anywhere in the world.

According to VeteransData.info, there are nearly 162,000 veterans in New Hampshire and Vermont – around 10% of our population. Making sure that they have access to the services the Red Cross can provide for military members and veterans is important.

“When an emergency happens, accurate information, easy access to services and time are of the essence, especially for military families” said Adam Burritt, Service to Armed Forces Director for the American Red Cross in New Hampshire and Vermont. “That’s why the Red Cross has designed the new Hero Care App - whether you’re the parent of a child joining the military, a military member, a military spouse or a veteran, the Hero Care App will connect you vital services and guide you to valuable resources that will help alleviate stress during emergencies and provide important information right at your fingertips.”

Some the important features of the app include but are not limited to:

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- Securely and easily access information about their service member in the case of an emergency, including updated information as they move or change duty assignments.
- Access non-emergency Red Cross behavioral health assistance including financial assistance and free local workshops for military kids and spouses.

The Hero Care App is available to download for free in app stores, by texting ‘GETHERO-CARE’ to 90999 or by clicking on the following link from a mobile device: <http://3cu.be/sharehc>.

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Maple Avenue School Principal Dan Cherry visited the Hopkinton Fair this year and saw a unique American flag made of wood for sale at one of the craft tents. He mentioned it to members of the Maple Avenue PTO and they decided to purchase a flag for the front lobby of the school. Designed and crafted by Brett Steinhilber, owner of American Patriot Woodworking, the flag was delivered and mounted on Thursday, Nov. 10. The flag, which has the Pledge of Allegiance written on it, was presented to the students at an assembly in recognition of Veterans Day. Right: Steinhilber with Cherry (Bill Binder photos).

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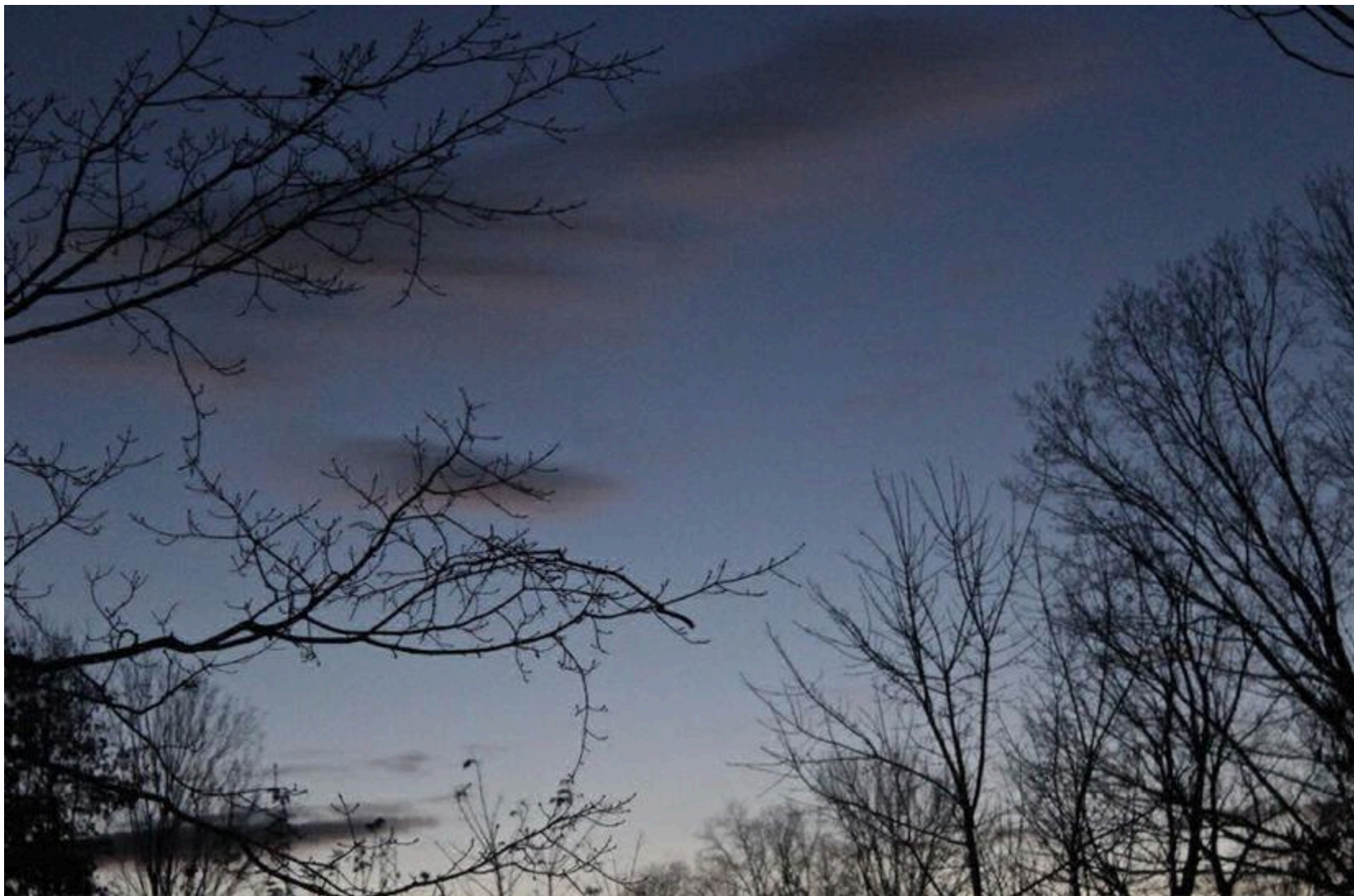
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### Oct. 28

1555 Accident, North St.  
 1647 Request officer  
 1658 Accident, Washington St.  
 1733 Burglary  
 1808 MV stop, arrest: Bobbie Jo Trujillo, 38, Claremont, NH, charges: arrest on a warrant  
 1835 Accident with injuries, Chestnut St.  
 1953 Juvenile offenses  
 2058 Accident, Broad and Chestnut Sts.  
 2122 MV complaints, arrest: Alexander G. Kelley, 27, West Minister, VT, charges: Bench warrant  
 2215 Simple assault  
 2331 Remove subject, Kyle White, 26, Claremont, NH, charges: Criminal Mischief (vandalism)

### Oct. 29

1857 Untimely death  
 1951 Medical call  
 2337 Intoxicated subject

### Oct. 30

0020 Intoxicated subject  
 0219 Simple assault  
 0611 Shoplifting  
 1155 Accident, Mulberry St.  
 1309 Theft  
 1405 Theft  
 1435 Theft  
 1825 Domestic disturbance  
 2157 Police info  
 2243 Abandoned vehicle  
 2249 Abandoned vehicle  
 2311 Armed robbery  
 2357 Suspicious activity

### Oct. 31

0333 DWI arrest: Alan Knox, 27, Claremont, NH, charges: Driving While Intoxicated, Driving After Revocation or Suspension  
 0935 Wanted person pickup, Neil E. West, 37, Newport, NH, charges: Bench warrant  
 1150 Accident, North and Main Sts.  
 1658 MV complaints  
 1919 Simple assault  
 1936 Found property

### Nov. 1

1341 Assist other police dept.  
 1651 Suicide  
 1740 Restraining order violation  
 1751 Accident, Washington St.  
 2156 Found property

### Nov. 2

0928 Found property  
 1150 Sexual assault  
 2051 Dog complaints

### Nov. 3

0112 Domestic disturbance, arrest: Jessica Lee Griffin, 32, Claremont, NH, charges: Domestic Violence.  
 0842 Simple assault  
 0902 Attempted Locate/Wanted Person, arrest: Alan Scott Graves, 54, Claremont, NH, charges: Arrest on a warrant  
 0955 MV stop, Russell E. Smith, 62, East Wallingford, VT, charges: Operating without a valid license  
 1227 Weapons complaint  
 1352 Accident, Washington St.  
 1442 Attempt Locate/Wanted Person, arrest: Catherine Logrono, 33, Claremont, NH, charges: Bench warrant  
 2331 Intoxicated subject

### Nov. 4

0019 Attempt Locate/Wanted Person, arrest: Amy Cary, 37, charges: Bench warrant  
 0919 Wanted person pickup, arrest: Haley Fisher, 25, Nashua, NH, charges: Domestic Violence  
 1237 Suicide  
 1647 Suspicious activity  
 1745 Untimely death  
 1805 Juvenile offenses

### Nov. 5

0807 Wanted person pickup, arrest: Daniel J. Dromgoole, 41, Claremont, NH, charges: Willful Concealment  
 1204 Accident, Washington St.  
 1254 MV theft  
 1335 Accident, Bowen St.  
 1414 Juvenile offenses  
 1621 Theft  
 1722 Fights  
 2321 Simple assault

### Nov. 6

0047 Criminal mischief  
 1111 Dog complaints  
 1549 Recovered stolen property  
 1644 Domestic disturbance

### Nov. 7

1323 Wanted person pickup, Felicia Corrin Cardi, 26, Springfield, VT, charges: Criminal Mischief (vandalism), Simple Assault  
 1557 Juvenile offenses  
 1611 Theft  
 1631 Wanted person pickup, arrest: William R. Cote, 45, Claremont, NH, charges: Incest,

Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault Statutory Rape  
 1746 Attempt Locate/Wanted Person, arrest: Marjorie A. Blaisdell, 36, Claremont, NH, charges: Bench warrant  
 2209 Simple assault. arrest, Corey Hankins, 21, Claremont, NH, charges: Bench warrant, Criminal Solicitation To Commit, Receiving Stolen Property  
 2335 Theft

### Nov. 8

0138 Burglary, arrest: Mark Allen Perry, 37, Claremont, NH, charges: Burglary  
 0816 Wanted person pickup, arrest: Mark Allen Perry, 37, Claremont, NH, charges: Burglary  
 1408 Criminal mischief  
 1938 Wanted person pickup, arrest: Christopher C. LaRoche, 49, Claremont, NH, charges: Theft, From a Building

### Nov. 9

0045 Domestic disturbance, arrest: Douglas Stephen Salls, Jr., 24, Claremont, NH, charges: Domestic Violence  
 1229 Accident, Windsor Rd.  
 1600 Serve Paperwork  
 2107 Domestic disturbance  
 Nov. 10  
 0600 Accident  
 0822 Drug violation

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## Man In Train Incident Identified

CLAREMONT, NH--Last Monday afternoon the Claremont Police Department released the name of the man struck and killed by an Amtrak train after he deliberately walked in front of it. He has been identified as Anthony Beebe 39, of Charlestown, NH.

A week ago Friday, at approximately 12:37 p.m., Claremont Emergency Services were called to respond to the rail tracks between the Claremont Junction and Grissom Lane for a report of a man who appeared to deliberately walk in front of the south bound Amtrak train and was hit, said authorities. Upon arrival, emergency responders confirmed that the individual hit by the train was deceased.

---Phyllis A. Muzeroll



# e-Ticker Business News

## Mt. Ascutney Hospital Honors 38 Staff Members For More Than 550 Years Of Service

WINDSOR, VT – Recently, Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) recognized 38 employees who have collectively served the hospital for more than 550 years. Staff members were honored at a special Employee Service Awards dinner in the Hospital's café, where MAHHC Interim President Gay Landstrom personally thanked them for their contributions and commitment to the Hospital, its patients and the community.

"Each of you has made a positive difference for Mt. Ascutney Hospital and our community," said Landstrom. "We thank you for your service and dedication to making our mission and vision a reality every day for our patients. Landstrom was joined by several department heads and other MAHHC staffers who echoed her praise for MAHHC employees.

Staff members honored at the event were: 35 years of service—Dr. Marlene Sachs; 25 years of service—Tamra Howe; 20 years of service—Vickie Day, Amanda Hook, Heather Rumrill, Martha Zoerheide; 15 years of service—Rosemary Attwood, James Boyle, Terilee Dana, Debra Franks, Candace Hingston, Barbara Howard, Judith Hunt, Mark Linkiewicz, Jennifer Patterson, Linda Penn, Melanie Sheehan, Gwen Spaulding, Kelli Rapp, Maureen Reed; 10 years of service—Sarah Agnoli, Patricia Arthur, Paula Basso, Katrina Burgmeier, Robert Cowles, Susan Falzarano, John Frisbee, Dr. Alden Hall, Brenna Heighes, Jesse Hills, Elizabeth Hollinshead, Christie Dean Leary, Terri-Lynn Picard, David Podell, Beverly Rokes, Katherine Sawyer, Sharon Snide, and Kitty Tilton.

**Mt. Ascutney Hospital event honors 38 staff members for more than 550 years of service (Courtesy photo).**

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## Eversource Urges Customers to Report Scammers & Deceptive Marketers To The Utility

MANCHESTER, NH-- Eversource business and residential customers continue to pick up their phones and open their doors to find indi-

viduals on the other side claiming to be "representatives" or "partners" of Eversource.

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## Eversource, from A15

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Eversource customer Paul Day reports seeing individuals targeting utility customers in his Rochester neighborhood. "A couple of solicitors who looked very young came to my door and told me they were working with Eversource to decrease my electric bill," Day said. "They asked to see my bill and seemed upset when I refused because my personal information is on it. When I called Eversource, the customer service representative I spoke with told me they could have used the account information on my bill to change my service to another supplier. I'm glad I didn't show them my bill."

Eversource rarely makes unsolicited phone calls and would never solicit door-to-door on behalf of a competitive supplier. All Eversource employees carry company-issued identification, and any electrical contractors working with the company carry documentation explaining the nature and location of their work. Customers can always call Eversource to verify this information. The company has joined with utilities across the country to spread the

word out about scams impacting customers nationwide.

"We're hearing from thousands of our customers who continue to be negatively impacted by these dishonest solicitations," said Penni Conner, Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer at Eversource. "We urge any customer who feels they have been targeted by deceptive marketers or are the victim of a scam to contact us immediately. Every concern is logged and passed along to state regulators."

"The Public Utilities Commission has received a number of calls from customers as a result of the door-to-door marketing efforts of some competitive energy suppliers," said Amanda Noonan, Director of Consumer Services and External Affairs. "We encourage all customers to do

their homework before making any decision to change their energy supplier and to contact the Commission to learn more about choosing a competitive energy supplier, as well as to verify that an energy supplier is authorized to conduct business in New Hampshire." A comparison shopping guide is available on the Public Utility Commission's website, where customers may learn more about a supplier and confirm the energy supply price a utility has offered.



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# Claremont Honors Veterans Day...

By Bill Binder  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--The cold, blustery day didn't stop family, friends and veterans' supporters from gathering in Broad St. Park on Friday for a ceremony to honor all veterans.

After welcoming the crowd, post 29 Adjutant Michael Richmond reminded the crowd that Veterans Day was established in 1918 as Armistice Day by President Woodrow Wilson to mark the end of WWI. In 1954, President Eisenhower changed the name to Veterans Day to honor all veterans.

Other speakers included Post 29 Commander Henry Sipple who told the crowd,



Andy and Lois Buchanan played "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Black Watch", the Honor Guard, made up of members of the Legion and

**Above: The Honor Guard fires the rifle salute; left: Bella Harty, A Unity 7th grader, reads her essay during ceremonies on Friday (Bill Binder photos).**

"Veterans come in all shapes and sizes, young and old, poor, rich and in all colors." He was followed by Rolling Thunder Chapter 2 President Denis Desilets who reminded the crowd of the POWS/MIAS who will never be forgotten.

Bella Harty, a Unity 7th grader, read her stirring essay about her grandfather, a Vietnam veteran, who suffered from severe PTSD. Her grandfather's PTSD affected the whole family and yet drew her and her grandfather closer together, she said.

VFW, fired the gun salute; taps was played by Stevens student, Rebecca Stevens.

After the closing prayer by Deacon Ken Czechowicz, Adjutant Richmond invited everyone back to the Legion for lunch.



**The Claremont Fire Department was called to the scene of a brush fire at Fairwoods Lane Saturday night. The cause was not immediately determined. Crews were called to another brush fire Sunday evening close to a residence on Clay Hill Road. Crews also assisted Unity on Sunday with a brush fire call (Courtesy photo).**



## How Should You Use Retirement Plan Distributions?

During your working years, you are (hopefully) putting money into your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. But once you've retired, how can you maximize the benefits you get from these plans?

First of all, you need to be aware of the rules governing withdrawals from your retirement plans. If you are older than 59½, you can withdraw money from your traditional IRA without paying penalties, though the withdrawals will typically be taxable. But once you reach 70½, you generally must start taking "required minimum distributions" (RMDs) from these accounts, with the annual amount determined by your age, the account balance and other factors. (The situation is different with a Roth IRA. If you are the original account holder, you are not required to withdraw funds from your Roth IRA at any age. You can choose to withdraw your contributions at any time, tax and penalty free. To withdraw your earnings tax and penalty free, you generally must have owned the account for at least five years and have reached age 59½.)

So, assuming you do have a traditional IRA and a 401(k) or similar plan, what should you do with the RMDs? You'll probably require at least some of these distributions for your living expenses, but if you don't need it all, what should you do with the "excess"?

Here's one suggestion: As part of your overall retirement investment portfolio strategy, you can reinvest the money into these three "buckets":

- **Near-term income bucket** – For this bucket, you're not concerned with high returns – you just want the money to be there when you need it for expenses and unexpected costs, such as a major car repair, a new furnace, and so on. It's always a good idea to have an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses – and your short-term income bucket could be an ideal source to help build such a fund.
- **Medium-term income bucket** – During retirement, you can probably never have too many sources of income, so you may want to fill a bucket with intermediate- and long-term bonds, which make regular interest payments.
- **Long-term income bucket** – Even when you're retired, you will need some growth potential in your portfolio to help keep you ahead of inflation in the long run. So this bucket should be filled, not surprisingly, with growth-oriented investments. These investments can fluctuate in value, but as long as you don't need to tap into them in a hurry, you may be able to avoid taking withdrawals when the price is down.

In addition to this "bucket" approach, you do have other options for your RMDs. For example, you could give your grown children some financial assistance, possibly for help in funding their IRAs. Or, you could contribute to a college-savings vehicle, such as a 529 plan, for your grandchildren. And you can always make charitable contributions, which allow you to support worthwhile organizations and, by doing so, earn some potential tax benefits. Clearly, you can do a lot with your RMDs. And you worked hard for them – so make sure they work just as hard for you.

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**A Time Of Thanksgiving**

November is the month dedicated to giving thanks for all that we have as individuals and as a nation. In celebrating Veteran's Day, we remember all that have served in the military. In preparing for Thanksgiving, we reflect upon what is good in our lives and in our community.

Last week, organizations throughout the community took time to thank veterans for their service to our nation. The Opera House hosted the Jazz Ambassadors, the U.S. Army Field Band from Washington D.C. The Senior Citizens Center invited Rolling Thunder to participate at its annual luncheon in honor of veterans. Valley Regional Hospital hosted a luncheon for all veterans within the organization. The local chapters of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Rolling Thunder organized the Veteran's Day ceremony in Broad Street Park, followed by a luncheon open to the public.

These were just the events that I was able to attend, but does not encompass everything that occurred here in honor of Veteran's Day. With only 1.4 million or less than one percent of Americans currently serving, there is a growing concern that people will forget about the military or understand what it means to serve. Given what occurred throughout the community last week, there can be no doubt that Claremont values its veterans.

In addition to the Veteran's Day activities, the month has been peppered with sporting and community events, bringing people of all ages together for a common purpose. Numerous Stevens High School varsity teams have

gone to the playoffs. Churches have organized dinners and fundraising events. Residents have worked together in decorating the city for the holiday season. It has been an exciting and busy time, but clearly a time of community.

This sense of community is created through the actions of its residents. It takes time, sacrifice and dedication. However, it is the fabric that unites us and helps us as individuals weather the circumstances of our lives. Thank you to all of the people of Claremont who have helped to create community. Without you, Claremont would just be a city.

*Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and welcomes your feedback. Please email questions, comments or concerns to her at [clovett.ccc@gmail.com](mailto:clovett.ccc@gmail.com).*

**Shaheen Highlights New HUBZone Designation For Sullivan, Grafton Counties**

MANCHESTER, NH-- U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), lead Democrat on the Senate Small Business Committee, applauds the recent rule change by the Small Business Administration (SBA) that places the entirety of Sullivan and Grafton counties in the HUBZone (Historically Underutilized Business Zone) Program, enabling local small businesses a preferred status when competing for government contracts and sub-prime contracts. These counties join areas of Concord, Dover, Franklin, Manchester, Nashua, Rochester, and all of Coos County as HUBZone areas. Shaheen has been a strong supporter of the HUBZone Program, which has helped many Granite State small companies compete for important federal contracts. As Ranking Member of the Small Business Committee,

Shaheen was instrumental in passing the HUBZone Revitalization Act of 2015 which was signed into law last year, creating eligibility for areas affected by base closures such as Sullivan and Grafton counties.

"Small businesses are the core of New Hampshire's economy and the HUBZone Program is one of many tools created by the SBA to help small businesses get their foot in the door to secure government contracts," said Senator Shaheen. "I encourage small business owners in Sullivan and Grafton counties, and all HUBZone areas, to learn more about HUBZones so they are equipped with the knowledge and tools to utilize this important program as they scale their business."

"Costa Precision Manufacturing has a significant base of defense industry clients," said Kevin Brenker, Sales Manager of Costa Precision Manufacturing Corp., which is currently applying for HUBZone status in Claremont. "The HUBZone designation helps Costa as a small business compete for additional federal program awards and serve other federal contractors in a greater capacity. We've been impressed with the coordinated effort led by the City of Claremont and Senator Shaheen's office to bring this to fruition."

The SBA will hold HUBZone workshops in Lebanon (Nov. 18, River Valley Community College - Lebanon), Littleton (Nov. 22, White Mountains Community College) and Claremont (Dec. 9, River Valley Community College) to assist Granite State small businesses determine eligibility and guide the application process.

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## “Flip The Switch” Contest To Light Park

CLAREMONT, NH--On Friday, Nov. 25th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m, Santa Claus will be coming to town at Broad Street Park to greet all the children in Claremont. This event will also be the official lighting of Broad Street Park to begin the holiday season.

This year one lucky person will be selected to “flip the switch” to begin the festivities of the holiday season. All those who are interested in being the "switch flipper" should submit a short essay as to why they want to flip the switch! All individuals should either mail their essay to the Heart of Claremont at P.O. Box 51 Claremont, NH 03743 or drop off their essay at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center. The deadline for individuals to submit their essay is Thursday, Nov. 17th. The winner will be announced on Friday, November 18th.

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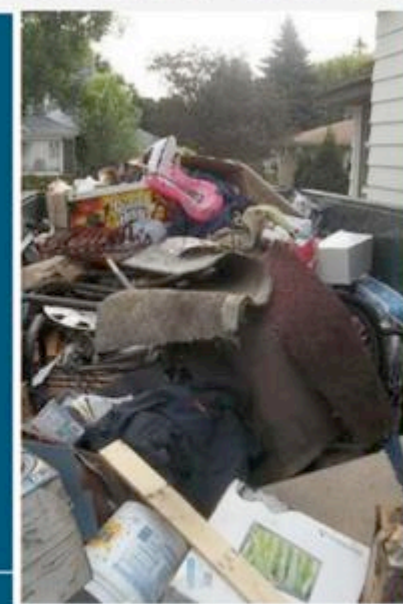
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## It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



### Preparations

Thanksgiving is a week from this Thursday, November 24th. Seems early. Probably because I'm not prepared.

Make space now in your freezer. Turkeys are now on sale at those really low prices. You may want to pick yours up now before the larger ones are all sold out. Even if you go somewhere else for the day, save it for later. I get two. One for Thanksgiving I put in my daughter's freezer and one for Christmas that I put in mine. This also gives me the motivation to clear out all the stuff in my freezer that may be getting old or the three bags of shell-on edamame I'll never use.

Your guest list should be complete by now. Who is making and bringing what should be done.

If you cook with gas, check your tank. Thanksgiving means a lot of cooking. If in doubt order a delivery. Better than running out or eeking by later.

Stock up on heavy duty aluminum foil. Dig out the large roasting pan you inherited from grandma. Check on all the utensils. Especially the big lifting forks. Wednesday night is not the time to realize you need something. Check on paper/disposable plates for leftover snacking and informal meals. Why wash more than you have to?

The way the weather has been lately, some items will keep nicely on your deck as long as they are tightly sealed. Cider, soda, things like that. Save space in the fridge. I wouldn't put any pies out there. Neighbors do get nosy. Pumpkin pie is a great temptation.

Marsala. Veal Marsala, Chicken Marsala, Pork tenderloin Marsala, The Bumper of a '57 Chevy Marsala, it's all good. Every time I reach for the bottle or order it I think of him. One minute of his time influenced me for the rest of my life.

Marsala wine is very similar to Sherry. It's fortified (blended with brandy) and was developed by an Englishman to compete with Spanish Sherry.

When sauteing meat, remove it from the pan. Add the wine and some butter and scrape the bits off the skillet. Add some butter and a little light cream if you wish. Reduce it by half, bring the meat back and cook the meat through, just a couple of minutes. Serve with whatever you like.

Remember, when in a strange town, the cop on the beat knows everything about his area. Restaurants especially.

Next week we'll talk about roasting your turkey. If this is going to be your first turkey, don't miss next week.

Play with your food. Your grandmother did.

Write to Johnny at [etickernews@gmail.com](mailto:etickernews@gmail.com).



## SAU Budget Hearing Tonight

By Patrick Adrian

This Monday, November 14th, the SAU's proposed budget for 2017-18 will be presented in a public hearing. The proposed budget for Claremont's portion would increase by \$73,317, adding four cents to the tax rate.

One of my goals when running for school board was to revive a regular news column, like Charlene Lovett had initiated during her service. Her column greatly benefitted my understanding when I was a new resident, and I believe printed media is still a critical source for informing our community.

The SAU budget is a good place to start. I've heard a variety of questions, about the difference between the SAU and the Claremont District, how Cornish's withdrawal will impact Claremont, and why school spending doesn't decrease when enrollment declines.

Please be aware that I am writing entirely as a citizen. My opinions neither represent nor reflect those of the Claremont or SAU school boards, or its members. I only aim to provide an overall picture of next year's proposal, its components, and the process.

### What is the SAU Budget?

The SAU budget is a smaller portion of Claremont's School District budget, which we vote on in March. The SAU budget contains expenses we share with our partnering towns, Unity and, presently, Cornish. It includes our Superintendent, Directors of Technology and Special Education, office equipment and building maintenance.

We have to approve these expenditures with Unity's board members, before calculating our funding share into the Claremont District budget.

### Looking at Next Year

With Cornish leaving our SAU in June, we knew many residents were concerned about its impact on Claremont. Some residents wanted the SAU to reduce its spending equally to what we'd be losing in revenue. And that

hope was shared by every single board member, as well as our finance director and top two administrators. Next year's overall spending is reduced by \$117,000. Many office positions are consolidated, with employees across departments assuming additional responsibilities. Every department and office saw cuts: The Technology Department's by 11%, the Special Education Office's by 16%, the Superintendent Office's by 9%. After adjusting new increases -- some in salaries, many in insurance costs -- spending is cut by 5%.

But that still falls short of the 11% Cornish had funded, or \$215,000 for next year. While SAU spending is reduced \$117,000, Claremont's portion of funding increases \$193,000. Our net balance is \$73,000.

### Why the Increase?

#### A Problem of Perception

There's a common misconception by some which assumes "If the student population declines, the cost in services should decline too." And while that might sound logical, depending on how one looks at it, if applying it to educa-

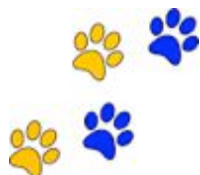
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## Budget, from A23

tion, he or she'd be looking at it wrong. It would be like looking in the sky, and concluding the sun is orbiting around the earth. Or that, if one's body is made of atoms, and atoms are invisible, one must be invisible, too, creating the worst hide-and-seek strategy of all time.

Here's why it doesn't work: Say we have 20 students, for which we employ a full-time teacher. Even if the student enrollment drops to 15 students, we'd still have to employ that teacher. In the SAU's case, the removal of Cornish students doesn't lessen the need for a superintendent or curriculum coordinator.

Cornish's students only comprise 4% of our total SAU, with one elementary school. It won't lessen the work or importance of our SAU staff. Mike O'Neill, our Director of Budget and Finance, put a phenomenal effort into restructuring and consolidating whatever positions he could; any further restructuring was likely to be far more detrimental than any savings were worth.

### What About the New Spending?

I raise this topic because I expect someone will ask, and I want to be thorough and forthcoming with public information. As mentioned earlier, increased spending occurs in two areas: Higher insurance costs (which Mike O'Neill can explain Monday night far better), and salary increases to, I believe, four positions: of the Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction Coordinator, Network Administrator, and Payroll Specialist. The total amounts to \$16,000, and adjusts them to those in surrounding districts.

I, personally am absolutely fine paying an extra dollar and change to keep these professionals in our district, and keeping these salaries competitive with the job market. Today's education system, like it or not, makes their roles essential. And from my short time on the board, I can say we have some irreplaceable talent that easily pays for itself. Also bear in mind, once this budget is incorporated with this SAU budget, its expenses can find offsets in the whole. The SAU budget is not "a second budget to fund, on top of our other"; it's merely a section we complete through another public process.

Hopefully some people will find this helpful. While SAU budgets rarely captivate public interest like the district one, under-

standing this part of our system benefits the broader picture.

The public hearing for this budget is tonight (Monday, November 14th) at 6:00 PM at the SRVRTC.

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## Mt. Ascutney Hospital Annual Craft Fair

WINDSOR, VT--Mt. Ascutney Hospital's Annual Craft Fair will be held in the Mt. Ascutney Hospital Conference Rooms on:

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### MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE Tuesday, November 15, 2016 5:15 PM Visitor Center, 14 North Street

#### AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Minutes
  - a. October 18, 2016
- IV. Business
  - a. Draft Natural Resource Chapter
  - b. Draft Parks & Recreation Chapter
- V. Correspondence
- VI. Other
- VII. Adjournment

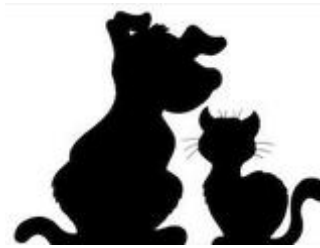
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