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Chief Rick Bergeron to Retire Following 40-Year Career

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH--After 40 years of service to the Claremont Fire Department, Chief Richard "Rick" Bergeron will be retiring at the end of this month.

"Chief Bergeron was hired as an on-call firefighter in April of 1972," said City Manager Ryan McNutt. "He became a career firefighter for the department in July of 1977. Over the course of his career he received a number of promotions, holding the ranks of Lieutenant, Assistant Chief and Deputy Chief, prior to becoming Chief in 2011."

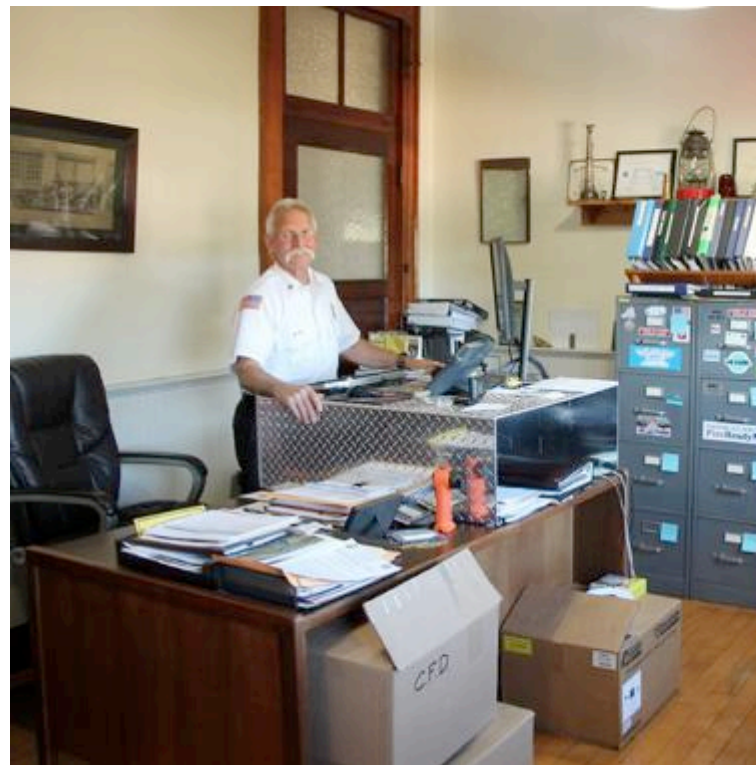
"I am reluctant to retire because I love this job and working with the team we have at the department," Bergeron said. "It is time to allow others to move into leadership, but I will miss this every day."

Some of the major projects and initiatives that have been undertaken during Bergeron's administration of the department include the successful application and award of approximately \$856,000 in SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grant funds over the years that allowed the City to hire and retain firefighters without impact to the tax rate and the AES wireless fire alarm system modernization project.

Bergeron was also instrumental in securing the grant that procured the emergency generator at the Community Center, as well as numerous other grants that have saved tax dollars and have led to increased performance, efficiency, and public safety, said McNutt. Bergeron has also been the manager at the Claremont Airport, overseeing operations and maintenance. Recently, he managed the replacement of a 90-year-old wooden aircraft hangar with a new structure. He has also overseen a number of improvements and upgrades to the Claremont Fire Station on Broad St. He also oversaw the celebration of the station's 100th anniversary in October, during Fire Prevention Week.

"Chief Bergeron will retire with the knowledge that the Claremont Fire Department and the Claremont Airport are operating at the highest level of professionalism. His leadership will be missed," said McNutt.

His replacement will be announced at the City Council meeting on the 13th, said McNutt.



Claremont Fire Chief Rick Bergeron (File photos)



VRH Enhances Life-Saving Care by Implementing TeleEmergency Services

CLAREMONT, NH--Valley Regional Hospital will begin offering TeleEmergency services to its patients, in collaboration with the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health System, providing advanced health services close to home and increasing access to highly specialized care.

At the push of a button, Valley Regional board certified physicians and emergency room staff will have immediate, virtual access to a team of Dartmouth-Hitchcock physicians and nurses who specialize in emergency medicine, based at Dartmouth-Hitchcock

Medical Center in Lebanon. "Valley Regional is excited to leverage additional resources to support our staff, when access to a second opinion can be beneficial in critical cases," said a hospital spokesperson.

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The connection is made using a high-definition, live two-way audio-video camera and a Wi-Fi-enabled monitor, mounted to the wall.

TeleEmergency medicine supports patient care in several ways:

- Access to additional board-certified emergency physicians and additional experienced emergency nurses 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year
- Increases access of rural communities to highly specialized care
- Faster activation of emergency transport teams, when time is of the essence
- Additional clinical support during multiple emergencies
- Fewer transfers enable patients to stay close to home
- Collaborative approach allows local caregivers to focus exclusively on patient care

Valley Regional Hospital provides emergency services to more than 10,000 patients in the community each year. Open 24 hours a



day, Valley Regional’s Emergency Department is equipped to handle any patient that comes through its door; however, access to a second set of eyes and ears can be beneficial in specific cases. The new TeleEmergency service will provide that extra support to Valley Regional Hospital’s board certified emergency doctors when needed.

“TeleEmergency gives us the ability to increase and enhance the level of health care in our community,” said Valley Regional Hospital’s President and CEO, Peter J. Wright. “Telemedicine has been demonstrated to improve patient outcomes, and this technology will help us as we continue to adapt to the needs of our community. It gives our patients access to some of the finest specialists, enabling us to deliver the best care, at the right time, every time.”

The Director of Emergency Services at Valley Regional Jenn Ranney, MSN, MHA, CEN, welcomes the collaboration with her off-site colleagues. She commented, “TeleEmergency brings an incredible resource to our community emergency department. At the push of a button we can

have Certified Emergency Nurses and Board Certified Emergency Physicians provide real time expert guidance and education, as well as be an extra set of hands for documentation purposes and assistance with transfer arrangement to a higher level of care when needed. It will also afford us the opportunity to determine the best facility for admission of patients that are on the cusp of being appropriate for a community hospital versus a tertiary care facility.”

The goal, according to Dr. Kevin Curtis, Medical Director of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Center for Telehealth, is to “help deliver outstanding care to our region, independent of patient location. We are thrilled to join a tremendous bedside team at Valley Regional and assist the providers, staff, and most importantly, patients, in whatever manner needed.”

Please go to www.vrh.org or call 603-542-7771 to learn more about health care services offered at Valley Regional Hospital in Claremont.

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Shaheen Urges FCC Chairman Pai to Consider Importance of Net Neutrality Rules for Small Businesses

WASHINGTON, DC--Friday, U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), the lead Democrat on the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship, led several of her colleagues in a letter to Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Ajit Pai, emphasizing the importance of net neutrality regulations to small business interests. The senators urged Chairman Pai to fully consider the impact of any regulatory changes on small businesses before voting on any changes. The other senators signing the letter include fellow Small Business & Entrepreneurship Committee members Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Ben Cardin (D-MD), Mazie Hirono (D-HI) and Tammy Duckworth (D-IL).

“In advance of the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) upcoming vote on proposed changes to the existing net neutrality rules, we are writing to emphasize the importance of an open and free Internet to the nation’s small business community,” wrote the senators. “The structure of these crucial regulations must maintain a level digital playing field for businesses of all sizes and we implore the FCC to fully honor the unique challenges that small businesses face in an online market and reject changes that could disadvantage this important sector of our economy.”

The senators continued, “The concept of a fair and open Internet prevents discriminatory practices that could favor larger companies online - like higher costs for faster delivery speeds or prioritization of provider content. Small businesses are particularly dependent on high quality Internet services in order to increase their consumer base and expand their operations and are much less likely to have the resources to invest in this kind of ‘pay-to-play’ system... As the lynchpins of many local communities, small businesses deserve our support.”

Earlier last week, Shaheen joined a letter led by Senator Hassan to Pai expressing concern over reports that bots filed hundreds of thousands of comments to the FCC during the net neutrality policymaking process and called on the Chairman to delay the planned December 14th vote to roll back net neutrality rules until an investigation of the state of the record is conducted.

Hassan Highlights Impact GOP Tax Bill Would Have on Medical Research and the Next Generation of Scientists

WASHINGTON, DC--During a Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee hearing Thursday, Senator Maggie Hassan questioned Dr. Francis Collins, Director of the National Institutes of Health, about the harmful impact that the Republican tax plan would have on biomedical research and the next generation of researchers who would see their higher education costs rise dramatically under the Republican proposal.

Hassan noted that the 21st Century Cures Act “took important steps for the next generation of researchers by helping to make it more affordable for prospective students to pursue their graduate degrees in science and engineering.” The Senator added, “In recent weeks, I have heard from a number of graduate students, Dr. Collins, who are fearful of how the Republican tax legislation – particularly the House version of it - could impact their ability to pay back their student debts, and whether it could even force them to drop out of their programs.”

Nicholas Warren, a PhD candidate at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College who is studying cancer biology and pharmacology, wrote an op-ed where he described the impact the tax bill would have on him: “this would triple my taxable income, and increase my yearly taxes by more than \$10,000. It could force me to drop out of school, because I would not be able to afford rent and groceries while earning below the poverty line.”

Hassan asked Collins, “Can you comment, Dr. Collins, on what you think this provision would mean for the future of our young researchers and biomedical research?”

Collins said, “These are our future, graduate students that are learning to be the next generation of leaders in science across very many disciplines, but certainly I think of life science as needing those individuals to be the ones who are going to make the next breakthroughs. Anything that happens to discourage the best and brightest from taking that track, or to feel that they can’t afford to do so, is something we should approach with great concern.”

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Library Arts Center Gallery

58 N. Main St.
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For more information on the Gallery of Gifts, as well as the Arts Center's many other programs, visit www.libraryartscenter.org.

Eaglemania at COH

CLAREMONT, NH— Presented by Fly on the Wall Concerts, The World's greatest Eagle's tribute, Eaglemania, performs one night only, Saturday, Dec. 16, at 8:00 p.m. Formed in 2010, Eaglemania has evolved into a nationally touring tribute to The Eagles, performing to sold out audiences everywhere they go.

Eaglemania performs all of the hits of the Eagles, as well as Don Henley, Glen Frey, and Joe Walsh's solo albums. Their attention to detail and their ability to reproduce the Eagles exactly leaves their fans with an experience that they do not soon forget. The band consists of an ensemble of veteran musicians whose goal is to faithfully reproduce the Eagle's repertoire, music they love to sing and play.

Tickets are \$29 and \$39 and can be purchased by calling 603-542-0064, in person at COH in the city hall complex, or online at

www.claremontoperahouse.org. Cash bar from Sweet Fire BBQ available before the show and during intermission. Tickets make great holiday gift.

A Service of Lessons and Carols

NEWPORT, NH--A Service of Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, Dec. 24, 1:30 p.m., at the Grace Anglican Church, Laurel Street, Newport. All are welcome.

Cookie Swap at Plainfield Community Church

Cookie swap, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Plainfield Community Church, Dec. 17. Bring three dozen cookies of one kind, the recipe to share, and a container to take other cookies home. Drinks provided. Chimers Bell Choir Christmas Concert, 2:00 p.m. (Donations welcome).

Sing! A Joyful Christmas Sing-Along

December 21st, 6:30pm
At Union Church, 133 Old Church Rd, Claremont, NH.

Sing along to favorite sacred and secular holiday music with local musicians Kirsten Becker, piano; Angela Biggs, soprano; and Melissa Richmond, flute. From mangers and wise men, to nutcrackers and dancing reindeer this will be an event to remember. Admission is by donation, we ask you to consider a donation in support of our local musicians and youth. Hosted by the West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts, visit wcc-ma.org for more info.



Regional Holiday Events:

Festival of Lights

Our Lady of LaSalette Shrine, Enfield, NH

Lessons & Carols Service

Wednesday, December 13th, 7:00 PM Sacred Heart Church, Lebanon NH

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to 9 Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer. A light reception will follow.

Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 16th, 9:00 AM until gone Sacred Heart/St. Charles Social Center, Bellows Falls, VT Cost: \$5 per pound.

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Saturday morning, December 16

10:30am-12:30pm

Library Arts Center Gallery

58 N Main St.

Newport, NH

Drop in to the Library Arts Center on Saturday mornings in December between the hours of 10:30-12:30 to make a unique, creative

Christmas Vacation Activities at the Fiske

CLAREMONT, NH--The week of Christmas vacation, the Fiske Free Library will have many activities for families to enjoy!



Wednesday, Dec. 27- Puzzles
Thursday, Dec. 28- Popcorn and a movie (Despicable Me 3) at 1:00 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 29- Keva planks for building!
Saturday, Dec. 30- Puzzles, Legos, Keva Planks

On all days there will be many games available for families to play. Drop in and join us for fun activities at the library.

Sponsored by: The Friends of the Fiske Free Library.

Call the library for more information at 542-7017.

Notice of Public Meeting for Amtrak Stop

CLAREMONT, NH--The recently formed Amtrak Station Host Association of Claremont, NH, will hold its second meeting Thursday, Dec. 14th, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the CSB Community Center, 152 South Street, Claremont. Agenda will include talk about Amtrak ridership and updates, volunteer host training, administrative coordination with Amtrak, and planning for a group "Community Fun and Friendship" train ride Claremont to Brattleboro and return sometime in mid-January.

Also accepting new members at this meeting for folks who are interested in becoming train "meet & greet" host volunteers.

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Challenges Remain As School Board Reviews Future Budget Considerations

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont School Board continued down the winding road of working towards crafting the next budget Wednesday night, with no clear path as to how they will get there if they want to still cut \$1.2 million from the current budget to give taxpayers some relief. The board has charged superintendent Middleton McGoodwin with finding ways to meet the large cut request; he presented a list of reductions that the administration was unable to recommend. In the end, it will be the board's responsibility to make the tough cuts. "Please do not look at this as our recommendation," McGoodwin said. "These are proposals to comply with [the board's] request."

Nearly three dozen people, from citizens to staff, attended the meeting. Several cautioned against cuts. "I've done budgets for 30 years," said Tom Rock, with the Claremont Development Authority. "Budgets are give and take. If you're getting by with \$30 million, make it \$31 million. Put the students first."

The list of cuts or proposed reductions to meet the board's directive ran some 30 items plus, and included cutting technology by \$1 million and eliminating technology contracted services. Other areas on the cutting or reduction block included (but were not limited to) district wide staff development; textbooks; transportation repairs

/maintenance services; CMS social worker; director of adult education (with those duties being taken over by the tech director); two SPED teachers at the high school; three other teachers at SHS, likely from languages; one teaching position at the elementary level; building improvements at Maple and CMS; one administrative assistant at SHS; crisis counselor at SHS, contracting services instead; school psychologist, shifting to contracted services; and school resource officer, which would result in a loss of programs and student supports. The resulting proposed 2018-19 budget was \$30,264,458, a change of \$1,212,788, or a decrease on the tax rate of \$1.73. The administration also presented a recommended budget of \$31,148,256, a decrease of \$328,990 from this year's budget. It includes \$300,000 for technology, keeps several positions intact, including the social worker, and would reduce the tax rate by 47 cents. There was strong support from staff that the social worker's position and other mental health services are critical to keeping challenged students in school. "Money we spend to raise kids is money we take away to educate kids," vice chair Chris Irish said, wondering why the district is paying these costs

when there are services in the community.

Wednesday night's meeting ran until almost midnight and provided a road-map for board members to continue navigating. The next meeting is Dec. 20.

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Mayoral Notes

By
Charlene Lovett



Legislative Actions in 2018

As the current Council winds down with its last scheduled meeting on December 13th, the State Legislature is gearing up for the 2018 session. In January, the Legislature will act on a number of committee reports for bills retained over the summer. Given the impact that these bills could have on Claremont if passed, it is important that we communicate with our legislators as much as possible.

At the last Claremont School Board meeting on December 6th, Superintendent McGoodwin mentioned Senate Bill (SB) 193, also known as the "school choice" bill. While he voiced his support for parents having the right to choose where to send their children to school, his concern dealt with the fact that this bill would divert state funding from public schools to others. The Claremont School District has very few revenue resources at the local level, primarily property taxes and tuition for out-of-district students. Options for increasing locally derived education revenue include increasing the number of taxpayers, taxes, tuition or out-of-district students.

Some of these options are undesirable, others difficult to achieve at the moment. Consequently, the state's contribution, in the form of adequate education grants, is critical while we grow the community's tax base and desirability as a City in which to work, live and play. Recent legislation

has decreased adequate education grants annually by 4%, creating a dilemma at the local level as to how to deliver a quality education with decreasing revenue. It appears that the passage of SB193 will further reduce the amount of adequate education grants to the Claremont School District.

Protecting parents' ability to choose the right educational institution for their child is important. SB193 recognizes this. The controversy stems from the fact that the bill proposes to protect this right by establishing education freedom savings accounts using funds diverted from adequate education grants. The degree of controversy was reflected in the study committee's 10-9 vote to recommend passage of SB193 as amended. The legislature is scheduled to vote on this on January 3rd.

Another bill retained in committee over the summer was SB247, also known as the "lead bill." Like SB193, the committee voted to rec-

ommend passage of this bill as amended; however, the vote at 23-3 in favor was far less controversial. Having attended many of the committee work sessions, it was clear that members understood the negative impact that lead poisoning has to children and that we need to proactively address the issue across NH. This is also scheduled for a vote on January 3rd.

If you would like to learn more about either of these bills, please visit the NH General Court website and type in the bill number on the home page. Also, please consider reaching out to your legislator and voicing your position on the issue. They need to hear from you, and we need to make our voices heard. Our community depends upon it.

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

The City of Claremont is looking for your input on CABLE TV service; we want to know what you think about Comcast Cable.

There will be a public meeting to discuss the Cable Franchise Renewal and we want your thoughts and concerns !!!

- ▶ The meeting will be December 13th in the City Council Chambers at 7:10 pm.
- ▶ Are you satisfied with your cable television service the way it is?
 - ▶ Customer Service?
 - ▶ Choice of programming and pricing?
 - ▶ Signal Quality?
- ▶ What changes, within reason, would you like to see to the present system?
- ▶ We need to know what the cable customers in Claremont think!
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Fugitive of the Week

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Reason: Failure to appear in court



Original charge: Driving Under the Influence Fourth or Subsequent Offense

On Oct. 22, 2017, Adrian P. Stockwell was arrested on one count of Driving Under the Influence or Subsequent Offense, a Class B Felony. He was ordered to appear in Sullivan County Superior Court on Nov. 9, 2017, as part of his criminal bond order.

On Nov. 9, Stockwell failed to appear in Sullivan County Superior Court. As a result, the Sullivan County Superior Court issued a warrant for his arrest, on Dec. 4.

This information is provided by Sheriff John Simonds, of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department. Anyone with information regarding this individual is asked to contact their local police department.

Rudolph the Elf Comes to Meriden

Daniel Jolley performs as Rudolf the Elf in a special holiday magic and balloon show that will delight children of all ages. This event will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the Plainfield Elementary School. Free and open to the public.

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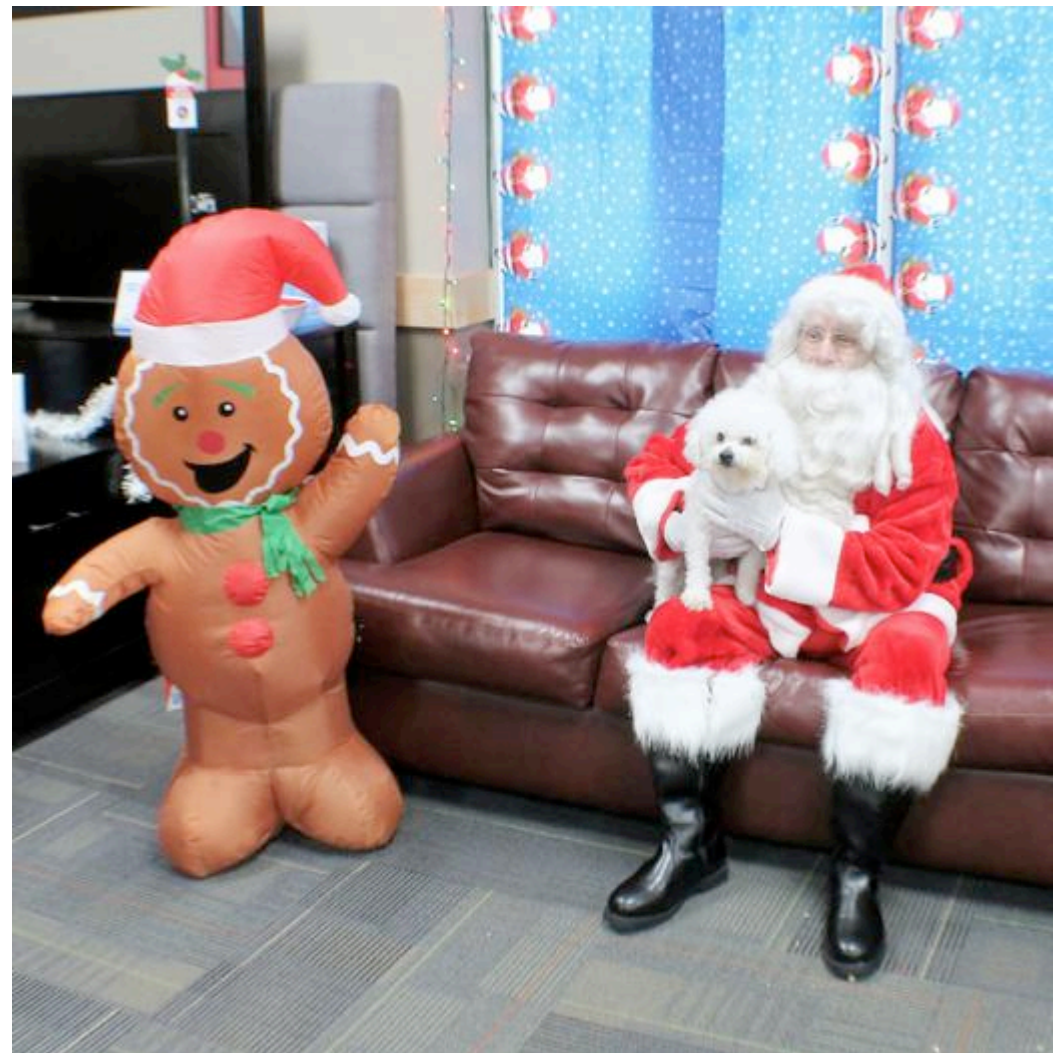
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First Snow Leads to Dozens of Accidents in Region

The first snow of the season starting falling Saturday afternoon and residents woke up to around four inches of the white stuff Sunday morning. Dozens of accidents were reported throughout the valley as roads became slick very quickly Saturday, with roads icing up beneath the falling snow. "I think the roads were warm enough so that the snow melted and froze some after it fell," Cathy Hull Parks told the *e-Ticker News*. "We were headed to Claremont from Cornish to get our tree and slid around a lot on the hill by Cornish Auto Center. We aborted mission and came back home. We knew we would make it okay, but figured the chances of someone sliding into us were pretty good so decided it was not worth it." "I was on my way to Hampton, NH, for a boxing match but turned back almost to Concord," said Lori Pond Saturday evening. "The road are very bad and cars were flipped over and off the road and [there was] a four-car pile up. I thought i was going to be a part of it but was able to miss it and turn back." Readers from many communities reported slippery and dangerous road conditions. More snow is expected on Tuesday (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo).



The annual Gingerbread House Decorating event was held at the Union Episcopal Church on Saturday, Dec. 9. About 25 houses were decorated in the morning session with about the same number expected in the afternoon session. For a small donation, houses and candy to decorate the houses were supplied and then the decorating began. Families and others used their imagination to make their houses bright, cheerful and fun! Azure Rheaume (L) and Coranna Maki (9) (who has been coming to the house decorating event since she was 6 months old) did a wonderful job on their houses! (Bill Binder photo).



Carrie, owned by Lori Brown and Ray Yanklowitz, enjoyed having her picture taken with Santa Claus at the Rent-A-Center on Washington St. on Saturday, Dec. 9. All proceeds benefit the Sullivan County Humane Society (Bill Binder photo).

City Departments Release Joint Statement Following Swastika Incident

CLAREMONT, NH-- A joint statement from the City Manager, City Council, and Claremont Police Department was released on Tuesday following an incident in the City where a swastika was painted on a sign on private property.

The statement read:

"The Claremont Police Department (received a call on Friday, December 1, 2017, about an incident in which someone vandalized a sign on private property. The sign was painted over and defaced with a hand-painted swastika. The Claremont PD is investigating this act along with other similar acts of vandalism to this citizen's property.

"Last week's incident reminds us of the need to ensure that Claremont is a community in which all people are treated with respect. Our prosperity as a City is directly related to each individual's ability to contribute to its success. Actions of violence, racism or discrimination against one another jeopardize this, and cannot be tolerated.

Claremont is a city rich with people who care for one another and for the community as a whole, and we must continue to build upon that. Our reputation as a great place to live, work and play will only be secured when everyone has equal opportunity to participate."

---Phyllis A. Muzeroll

Winter Parking Ban in Effect

CLAREMONT, NH--Per Claremont City Ordinance #247, a Winter Parking Ban is now in effect through April 15, 2018. No overnight parking will be allowed on City streets between midnight and 7:00 am.

Christmas Show at Eugene's World Gallery

WINDSOR, VT--Christmas Show at Eugene's World Gallery, 149 Main street, Windsor. The Christmas Show will run through December 23, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. everyday, including Sundays.

Santa is Coming to Windsor Dec. 16

WINDSOR, VT--Santa is Coming to Windsor by Fire Engine, Saturday, Dec. 16, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Windsor House, 54 Main Street. Bring your list and tell Santa whether you've been naughty or nice! Hot chocolate, cookies, and candy canes! All are welcome!



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Nominations for President's Awards Now Being Accepted

CLAREMONT, NH--The Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the 61st Annual President's Awards. These awards will be presented on January 26 to the Business, Citizen, Non-Profit Organization and Young Professional of the Year.

Nominations will be accepted through 5pm on Friday, December 15. Nomination forms along with category criteria can be found online at

<https://form.jotform.com/72965391014155> or by contacting the Chamber Office (603) 543-1296.

Sullivan County Health Care Makes U.S. News & World Report's Best Nursing Home Rankings

UNITY, NH--U.S. News & World Report released a list last week in which Sullivan County Health Care ranked among the "11 best nursing homes" out of 73 in New Hampshire. The full article can be found at: <https://health.usnews.com/best-nursing-homes/area/nh>

U.S. News & World Report gathers their information from the U.S. government's Medicare website, where consumers can make informed nursing home choices. A link to Sullivan County Health Care's results can be viewed here:

<https://www.medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare/profile.html#profTab=0&ID=305093&Distn=9.3&loc=03773&lat=43.391957&lng=-72.2126905>

Medicare ranks nursing homes by assessing results of: health & facility inspections, staffing levels, data on medical care quality measures, fire safety inspections, any federal government enforcement actions taken and how well nurs-

ing home residents were treated in specific areas of care.

"We are extremely proud to say that Sullivan County Health Care currently holds a 5-Star Rating," said a spokesperson with the facility.

Ted Purdy, the SCHC Administrator, and Patti Henderson, the Sullivan County Health Care Director of Nursing, attribute these honors as a direct result of the care and services given by their staff – staff who are committed and strive on an ongoing basis to meet resident needs, every day.

Sullivan County Health Care is a 156-bed nursing facility in Unity, NH, licensed by Medicare and Medicaid, and provides post-acute

nursing and rehabilitation, along with long term care services to the elderly and respite for their care givers, doing so, at the trail head to the newly named Unity Mountain Trail, while surrounded by beautiful landscapes of rolling fields, an actively managed sugar bush and community gardens.

NHEC Foundation Grant Puts NH Solar Shares Over the Top

PLYMOUTH, NH--A matching grant of \$10,000 from the New Hampshire Electric Co-
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op Foundation will allow NH Solar Shares to break ground on its first solar photovoltaic (PV) array that will share renewable energy with low income families.

The inaugural Solar Shares array will be built in Plymouth, NH, on land donated by The Common Man Family of Restaurants, to the right of the Frosty Scoops ice cream stand on North Main Street in Plymouth. It will consist of three or four pole mounted solar arrays serving as shade for the customers as well as a solar picnic pavilion.

The Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative (PAREI) has partnered with New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) to create NH Solar Shares, which aims to build small-scale solar arrays in one community at a time using local volunteers, donations and charitable foundation grants.

The majority of the PV electricity will be credited directly to the electric bills of low income families living in the region of the solar PV array. When the first array is built, NH Solar Shares will be recommended to families through established social service organizations and programs where income verification has already taken place. Solar Shares will be a voluntary program to which families will apply individually. In addition to wanting a portion of their power to be offset by solar energy, these families must also possess an interest in taking part in an energy education program.

Under the leadership of PAREI Co-Director Sandra Jones, NH Solar Shares met the matching fundraising challenge issued by the NHEC Foundation by raising more than \$10,000 through individual donations. The Foundation's matching grant will allow NH Solar Shares to break ground on the Plymouth PV array as soon as this spring, with expected completion by summer 2018.

"We're always looking for creative ways to ease the financial burden faced by some of our members living on low or fixed incomes," said NHEC President/CEO Steve Camerino. "NH Solar Shares does that, while also reducing the impact of electric

consumption on the environment and increasing the portion of clean renewable energy on the grid. NHEC and NH Solar Shares is a

partnership that accomplishes a lot for our members and the community."



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Christmas Candlelight Service

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Date and Time: December 24th, 6:30p.m.

Location: Calvary Baptist Church

Address: 97 Maple Ave. in Claremont, NH

Contact church office for more info: 603-542-9600

Sununu Announces Decision to Opt Out of FirstNet Plan, Pursue Innovative Alternative Plan


CONCORD, NH--Governor Chris Sununu announced Thursday that New Hampshire will opt out of the FirstNet plan presented by AT&T, and will instead pursue a contract with Rivada Networks, LLC, for the provision of an alternative plan for the build out of a high speed wireless broadband network for New Hampshire's first responders. Sununu made the announcement at New Hampshire State Police Troop F in Twin Mountain, NH, where he was joined by Attorney General and FirstNet Opt-Out Review Committee Chair Gordon MacDonald, Safety Commissioner John Barthelmes, State Interoperability Coordinator John Stevens, and numerous other members of the public safety community.

The Governor's decision comes after the unanimous opt-out recommendation from the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee, and the receipt of a financial and regulatory due diligence report from the FirstNet Opt-Out Review Committee, established by executive order on October 16, 2017. In making the announcement, the Governor issued the following statement:

"New Hampshire's Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee determined from a technical standpoint that an opt-out of FirstNet is far and away our best option, as evidenced by their unanimous 15-0 vote," said Governor Chris Sununu. "After reviewing the report from the FirstNet Opt-Out Review Committee, it is clear that while an opt-out decision comes with regulatory and financial risks, those risks can be mitigated through the safeguards and contractual provisions that the Committee has recommended. I am incredibly grateful to the members of the Opt-Out Review Committee for their assistance in our due diligence evaluation."

"Rivada has proposed a plan that has the potential to provide immense value to our State, including unparalleled public safety infrastructure investments that will lead to unmatched and near universal coverage for the new public safety network. If we successfully navigate the opt-out path, New Hampshire will retain a level of control that it would not have enjoyed in an opt-in scenario. I am pleased that we have the opportunity to pursue a plan that will provide the maximum benefit to our public safety community and all of our citizens. New Hampshire deserves nothing less."

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The Power of #MeToo

One in four New Hampshire women have been sexually assaulted. One in 20 New Hampshire men reported being sexually assaulted, 68% before their 18th birthday. According to the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, over 14,000 victims of domestic and sexual violence were served by NH crisis centers in 2016.

Locally, nine hundred individuals came to Turning Points Network in the last year, directly or indirectly affected by domestic or sexual violence. Survivors included young moms and dads with children, parents calling on behalf of teens, single individuals of all ages, and experiences ranged from physical and sexual assault to child abuse, stalking and human trafficking for sex.

Now the #MeToo movement is encouraging survivors to come forward who might never have reported which will likely push the percentages of domestic and sexual violence even higher for 2017.

Jessica Bennett, gender editor for the *New York Times*, writes “the hashtag #MeToo has exploded on social media as a vehicle for women to share their stories. For perhaps the first time in history, powerful men are falling, like dominos, and vulnerable women are being believed.”

The outing and firing of high-profile individuals also sends a compelling message to the corporations who support the networks, the entertainment industry and politics because corporations historically have included the same kinds of abuse of the powerful over the vulnerable.

Many are surprised at the widespread sexual harassment and assault that’s recently come to light – not just in the media/entertainment complex, but in our schools and universities, our churches, politics and government. If we really look at our society, however, there’s a subculture with a long history of abuse

of power that has pervaded all systems, congregations and assemblies. The way to change begins with each of us and our families and immediate communities by not tolerating offensive behaviors or language, such as jokes that trivialize abuse and diminish respect. We can define what constitutes abuse, promote respect and make safe spaces for people to disclose.

And for the skeptics among us, very few people ever make up these kinds of accusations, because disclosing comes with the kind of unforgiving spotlight where truths and untruths ultimately get sorted out.

Cultures and the perceptions that drive them can be changed. #MeToo has started the conversation among us at all levels. Turning Points Network is committed to keeping the conversation going and to being part of the change – in our offices in Claremont and Newport, at our emergency shelter, through our 24-hour crisis and support line, and in the violence-prevention programs we bring to Sullivan County schools.

OUR TURN is a public service series made available by Turning Points Network in celebration of its 40th anniversary of providing violence-prevention education programs in our schools, services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, and helping people move

from the darkness of abuse toward the light of respect, healing and hope. For information contact 1.800.639.3130 or www.turningpointsnetwork.org or find us on Facebook.

Catholic Daughters Education Contest Opens

CLAREMONT, NH--Art, Essay, Computer Art, Poetry, Music and Photography are the categories included in the Education Contest sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Any student, boy or girl, in grades 4-12 is eligible to enter the contest. There are three divisions according to grade level, and a student may enter more than one category. Awards are given for each division in each category. The 2017 themes are “The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy” Psalm 125 or “Finding joy in my life.”

Here is an opportunity for students to apply their talents, their lively imagination and freedom of thought. Applications and rules may be obtained from Arline Marro, CDA Education Chair, (603) 542-5933.

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Time to Review Your Investment Strategy for the Year

As the year draws to a close, it's a good time to review your progress toward your financial goals. But on what areas should you focus your attention?

Of course, you may immediately think about whether your investments have done well. When evaluating the performance of their investments for a given year, many people mistakenly think their portfolios should have done just as well as a common market index, such as the Standard & Poor's 500. But the S&P 500 is essentially a measure of large-company, domestic stocks, and your portfolio probably doesn't look like that – nor should it, because it's important to own an investment mix that aligns with your goals, risk tolerance and return objectives. It's this return objective that you should evaluate over time – not the return of an arbitrary benchmark that isn't personalized to your goals and risk tolerance.

Your return objective will likely evolve. If you are starting out in your career, you may need your portfolio to be oriented primarily toward growth, which means it may need to be more heavily weighted toward stocks. But if you are retiring in a few years, you may need a more balanced allocation between stocks and bonds, which can address your needs for growth and income.

So, assuming you have created a long-term investment strategy that has a target rate of return for each year, you can review your progress accordingly. If you matched or exceeded that rate this past year, you're staying on track, but if your return fell short of your desired target, you may need to make some changes. Before doing so, though, you need to understand just why your return was lower than anticipated.

For example, if you owned some stocks that underperformed due to unusual circumstances – and even events such as Hurricanes Harvey and Irma can affect the stock prices of some companies – you may not need to be overly concerned, especially if the fundamentals of the stocks are still sound. On the other hand, if you own some investments that have underperformed for several years, you may need to consider selling them and using the proceeds to explore new investment opportunities.

Investment performance isn't the only thing you should consider when looking at your financial picture over this past year. What changed in your life? Did you welcome a new child to your family? If so, you may need to respond by increasing your life insurance coverage or opening a college savings account. Did you or your spouse change jobs? You may now have access to a new employer-sponsored retirement account, such as a 401(k), so you'll need to decide how much money to put into the various investments within this plan. And one change certainly happened this past year: You moved one year closer to retirement. By itself, this may cause you to re-evaluate how much risk you're willing to tolerate in your investment portfolio, especially if you are within a few years of your planned retirement.

Whether it is the performance of your portfolio or changes in your life, you will find that you always have some reasons to look back at your investment and financial strategies for one year – and to look ahead at moves you can make for the next.

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Toys For Tots in Sunapee

SUNAPEE, NH--The Sunapee Police and Fire Departments are holding a Toys For Tots collection on Sunday, Dec. 17, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Sunapee Safety Services Building. Those interested in helping are asked to donate a new, unwrapped toy.

Claremont Area AARP to Meet Dec. 14

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Area AARP Chapter will meet Thursday, Dec. 14, at 12 noon at the Imperial Chinese Restaurant on Washington Street for a Christmas party (Note time change).

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It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



Things in General

I've been telling myself for years that I'm not going to serve some red sauce-based dishes the same day they are cooked. Because as everyone knows, these are best the next day. The problem is that they look so good and smell so good only the leftovers make it to the refrigerator. Nothing wrong with that, but it wasn't the plan. Maybe if I make it a New Year's Resolution it would work. Maybe one week. Oh, well....

Speaking of red sauces, Mike and I were talking this week and he hit me with a surprise. Everyone knows that Mike likes to play with his food. This time he was making meatballs and sauce with the usual sausage thrown in. Then he got the idea to brown up some baby back ribs and put them in the sauce as it cooked for several hours. He claims they were excellent and I'm inclined to believe him. I'm going to try it next time I'm making sauce. I'll bet they are great the second day, but they didn't make it to leftover phase in Mike's house. Play on, Mike.

Athena, another foodie in Claremont, made an outstanding chicken curry that made me want more than the few forkfuls she graced me with. Really great but without any heat. Her sister evidently doesn't like spicy foods, so Athena made this "no heat" curry. It seems like an oxymoron, but it reminds us that curry is a term that takes many forms and tastes. Drive on, Athena.

Even though I use my slow cooker throughout the year, winter seems to make me want to use it even more. It really comes in handy around the holidays. Every evening seems to be devoted to one thing or another and the faster we can get through dinner, the better. It's times like these I really appreciate having dinner done when I get home.

Pork Chops

Rinse the pork chops.

Season chops with salt, pepper and granulated garlic.

Cover the bottom of the cooker with a layer of chops.

Spoon uncooked mushroom soup over the chops.

Sprinkle with paprika.

Repeat until all the chops are in and the last layer is the soup.

Set the slow cooker on low and return in 7 or more hours.

It doesn't get any easier than that.

Serve with rice and peas. The sauce is great on the rice, especially zapped the next day.

Athena, keep up the good work.

Play with your food. Mike does.

Write to Johnny at etickernews@gmail.com.

Robbery Reported in Weathersfield

WEATHERSFIELD, VT--On Friday, Dec. 8, at approximately 4:00 a.m., two males wearing masks followed an older female employee into the Downers Corner Store prior to opening. Upon entering the store, they pushed the employee, June French. The two males stole a variety of cigarette packs and cigars. The employee was transported to the Springfield ER for evaluation. The State Police is asking that anyone with knowledge of the incident or who may have seen any suspicious individuals or vehicles parked in the area to contact Trooper Tyler Noyes of the Westminster State Police Barracks at 802-722-4600.

Photos of the two suspects sought in the assault and robbery released by the Vermont State Police.



Town of Sunapee Sestercentennial Committee Report

SUNAPEE, NH--The Sunapee Sestercentennial Committee has been meeting for the last 14 months planning events to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Sunapee's founding. Many events and activities are being planned for the celebration weekend of August 17-19, 2018.

Many events are being planned by the Committee and local organizations to include a traditional street parade; antique boat parade; music concerts; photo display; a community breakfast; fireworks; a street fair; burying of a time capsule; community photo; at least one Sunapee High School reunion; and other on-going events.

Currently a group of Sunapee residents, headed by Becky Rylander, are making a town quilt featuring Sunapee people, scenes and places to be ready to display during the celebration. To get more information about, or become involved with the quilt project, please contact Rylander at

sunapee250th@town.sunapee.nh.us.

Sunapee Cove Assisted Living has signed on to sponsor and coordinate a musical event, and the Sunapee Recreation Department will be bringing Draw the Line, an Aerosmith Tribute band to perform over the weekend. Charlie & Marion Hafner of Chadwick Funeral Home have kindly donated a vault for us to collect Sunapee memorabilia to be buried as a time capsule to be opened at the 350th celebration. Other local organizations are planning events to be held. More information will be forthcoming as plans are finalized.

The NH Division of Motor Vehicles has granted Sunapee residents permission to replace the front license plate with a 250th commemorative license plate, designed by Mike McLaughlin of Grantham. Stocker Granite works has designed a commemorative granite arrowhead for the anniversary. Information on sales and purchase locations will be coming out shortly.

Other commemorative items and fundraising opportunities will be announced as soon as they are available. Residents, organizations and businesses wishing to get involved in the planning or wanting more information can go to the Committee web page at town.sunapee.nh.us; click on Boards and Commissions, then select Sestercentennial Committee or email the committee at sunapee250th@town.sunapee.nh.us.

Arrowhead Seeking Volunteers to Help with Winter Operations

CLAREMONT, NH--With winter activities on the horizon at Arrowhead--tubing, skiing and snowboard--operations help is critical to the continued success of the recreation area.

"It's time to recruit people for tubing and skiing operations for the upcoming season at Arrowhead," said Chuck Allen, vice president of the Arrowhead Recreation Area. "For those who have helped in the past, expressed an interest in helping in this area or interested in helping in other ways, please contact us. We were a little thin last year and need to build up our pool of volunteers.

"If you can help or can encourage others to help, please do so. This is for lift operators, lift attendants and tubing area workers. We will have operations training for returning and new people, possibly the weekend of the 16th; we will put out notices when date is known."

Contact info:

Email: arrowhead@arrowheadnh.com - best contact method; phone: (603) 542-7016 - Leave a message; or visit their website at www.arrowheadnh.com.