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Two Finalists Named for position of President at RVCC

CLAREMONT, NH—Lucille Jordan, Co-Chair of the River Valley Community College (RVCC) Presidential Search Committee, announced last week that “We received a rich pool of candidates for the RVCC presidential position. Following the Search Committee’s careful consideration of all candidates, a small group of candidates was selected to participate in preliminary interviews utilizing a one-way video interview process. Following this process, four semi-finalist candidates were selected to participate in interviews with the Presidential Search Committee that were held on April 30 and May 1st. The Committee has identified two finalist candidates for further consideration. As part of the search process, these two finalist will participate in a college visit. These visits will be held on Monday, May 14 and Tuesday, May 15. I am confident that through the work of the Presidential Search Committee and the assistance of our college community, we have identified candidates who will effectively meet the future needs of RVCC and the communities the College serves.”

The two finalists include **Cory LeClair**, M.S., currently the Assistant Superintendent of the SAU #6, Claremont & Unity. She previously served as Director of Federal Programs for the SAU #6.

The second finalist is Alfred A. Williams, J.D., currently the Dean of Academic Affairs and Student Services, Quinebaug Valley Community College, Danielson, CT. Previously he served as the Interim Dean of Student Services, Quinebaug Valley Community College, Danielson.

Suspicious Death Investigation in Claremont Following Shooting

CLAREMONT, NH—On Sunday morning, Attorney General Gordon J. MacDonald, New Hampshire State Police Colonel Christopher Wagner, and Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase released information concerning a suspicious death investigation in Claremont.

According to the statement, at approximately 12:14 a.m. on May 13, the Claremont Police Department received a 911 call to respond to the Imperial Buffet restaurant at 154 Washington Street in Claremont. Officers responded to the restaurant parking lot, where

they discovered Jesse Jarvis, age 36, of Claremont, suffering from gunshot wounds. Jarvis died at that scene, said authorities. A motive for the shooting has not yet been revealed.

There were a considerable number of private citizens both inside and outside the restaurant at the time the incident occurred, said MacDonald in the statement. “While there is no known threat to the general public, anyone who was present at the Imperial Buffet yesterday evening after 11:30 p.m. or who has knowledge of this event is asked to contact Sgt. William Bright of the New Hampshire State Police Major Crime Unit at 603-223-4381.”

Chief Medical Examiner Jennie V. Duval had scheduled an autopsy for Monday, May 14, at 9:00 a.m. No further information is expected until that autopsy is complete, said MacDonald.

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll



All was quiet late Sunday afternoon at the Imperial Buffet parking lot with the crime scene having been cleared around 4:00 p.m. (Bill Binder photo).

Crochet, Fiction Writing Groups

CLAREMONT, NH—Join the TLC Crochet Group on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, from 1 to 2 p.m., at TLC Family Resource Center, located at 109 Pleasant St. Learn how to crochet, expand your skills, get help with a project, or share your work with others. The group is free and for ages 11 and older, any gender, and all experience levels. For questions or more information, please call Neil at 603-542-1848 ext. 311 or email neil@tlcfamilyrc.org.

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Brush Fire in Claremont

risk of brush fires (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo).

Smoke from a brush fire in Claremont Friday afternoon could be seen from different parts of the City. (This was taken from across town). The location was reportedly between Burger King and Veteran's Park, making it very difficult for crews to reach. Firefighters went in by foot with gear to put out the fire. Once that was accomplished, crews remained on scene for a period of time to complete an extensive cleanup. Roughly two acres were affected. Dry conditions with wind in recent days have elevated the fire danger in the area, and illegal burns raise the

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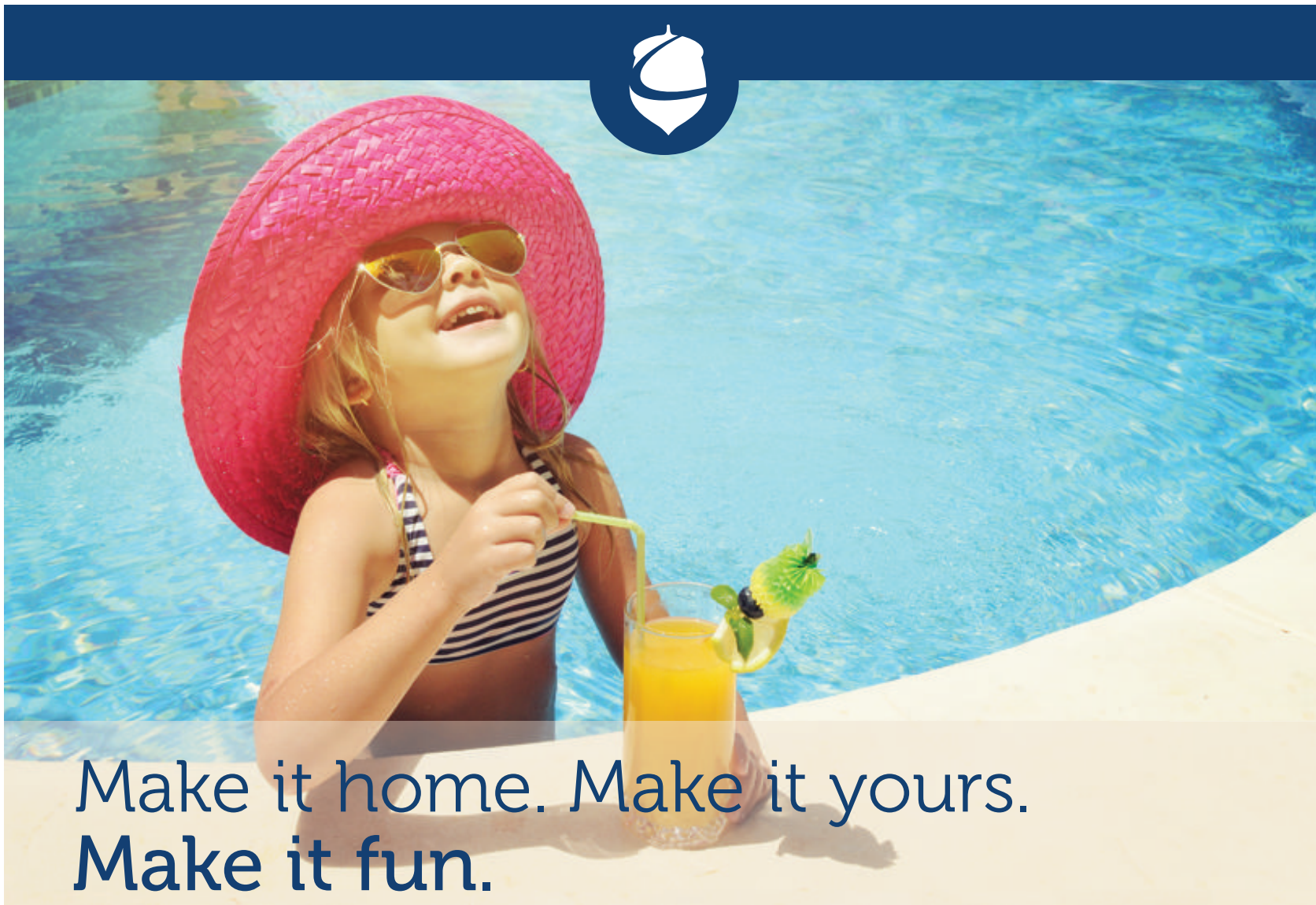
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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

School Choice Legislation Fails

Controversial school choice legislation has failed its last ditch attempt to become law in the Granite State this year.

On May 10 by a 180-163 roll call vote, New Hampshire's House of Representatives refused to concur with a New Hampshire Senate amendment to House Bill 1636, which would have added Senate Bill 193's original language onto the first bill. This non-concurrence occurred immediately after the House had rejected by a much narrower 173-168 roll call vote a motion to establish a House-Senate Committee of Conference on House Bill 1636 that could have hammered out a compromise version of the bill, including compromise language regarding Senate Bill 193. Both votes followed heavy lobbying by House and Republican Senate Leaders as well as Gov. Christopher Sununu on Republican representatives to approve Senate Bill 193 in some form. Consequently, the House's May 2 action to send the controversial measure to interim study will stand. So even if a majority of the House Finance Committee was to recommend the measure's passage later this year-it would not even be considered, let alone become law, until 2019 at the earliest.

Again for readers who may not have read my last column, a brief history of Senate Bill 193. Specifically, the bill was introduced in Jan. 2017 by two Republican legislators, Deerfield Sen. John Reagan and Farmington Rep. Joseph Pitre. It would have established education freedom savings accounts, similar to school vouchers, for parents who wished to send their children to private schools, including religious schools, or homeschool their children. These accounts would have been funded with state education money that now goes to local school districts. The bill passed the Senate on March 16, 2017 by a 14-9 roll call vote with all the Republican senators voting for it, and all Democrats voting against. It then went to the House.

A public hearing regarding Senate Bill 193 was held on April 4, 2017 by the House Education Committee. A long public hearing moved to the House Chamber from the Education Committee Room because the number of citizens wishing to speak on the measure was too large. I attended part of the hearing, did not speak, but indicated my opposition by signing the House's designated blue sheet. Also I noticed that there seemed to be more opponents in attendance than supporters. Anyway, the committee voted to retain the measure on April 25, 2017, for more review. But on Nov. 15, 2017, by a narrow 10-9 majority, the committee voted to recommend preliminary approval of its amended version of education savings accounts. Among those voting against such approval were the two Sullivan County representatives on Education—Sunapee's Linda Tanner, a Democrat, and Lempster's James Grenier, a Republican. Next, on Jan. 3, 2018, the full House gave preliminary approval to



the measure by a 184-162 roll call vote.

Senate Bill 193 seemed well on its way to becoming law, but it was then referred the House Finance Committee for further examination of its fiscal impact. Despite 13 public hearings and work sessions over nearly four months as well as five major amendments to the bill considered by the Finance Division II Subcommittee, which deals with education funding, no acceptable version was able to gain approval of either Division II, or the full Finance Committee. Thus, Finance by a 14-12 majority recommended interim study, with all the committee's Democratic representatives, plus three Republicans voting for interim study, while the remaining Republicans voted against, instead preferring to adopt the bill in some form. Finally, the full House approved interim study by a 170-159 roll call vote on May 2.

The majority report recommending interim study for Senate Bill 193 was written by Berlin Rep. Robert Theberge, a Republican. In the report, Rep. Theberge stated that the Finance Committee recommended interim study for seven reasons. I will list three of the reasons. One, the education savings accounts created by the bill would allow the use of state money for homeschooling of children by their parents with "minimal" state oversight. Two, the savings accounts would be managed by private, non-government entities that could receive up to a five percent fee per child to assist parents wishing to send their children to non-public schools out of the state, money helping to fund these accounts which would not be regulated for any possible "misuse or mal-administration" of such assistance as has occurred in other states with similar accounts. Three, the bill would likely result in the downshifting of at least \$99 million in education costs to local school districts like Claremont over the next 11 years because state education aid would be siphoned off to help fund the savings accounts.

These three reasons as stated by Rep. Theberge make a powerful case for not only sending Senate Bill 193 to interim study, but also opposing the bill, unless it can be drastically rewritten in my opinion. But I'll add a fourth reason. I believe it violates Part 1, Article 6 of the New Hampshire Constitution, which declares, "But no person shall ever be compelled to pay towards the support of any sect or denomination," because state education dollars could be used to help fund the bill's savings accounts that then could be used to help pay for the education of students in religious schools, a possible violation that would be surely challenged in New Hampshire's courts.

On a different note, on May 10 I had the pleasure of greeting approximately 47 fourth grade students from Claremont's Maple Ave. School, who were visiting Concord, including the State House that day. Accompanied by their teachers, paraprofessionals, and school services coordinator, they were fortunate to have had a warm, sunny day to visit. They were also greeted by Claremont Rep. John J. O'Connor as well as Hanover Sen. Martha Hennessey, whose legislative districts also include Maple Ave. School. But greeting the fourth graders was a special pleasure for me because my first visit to the State House was also as a Maple Ave. fourth grader in 1967.

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Shaheen Statement on President Trump’s Prescription Drug Pricing Proposal

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) issued the following statement in response to President Trump’s prescription drug pricing proposal, and specifically, his failure to include changes that would allow Medicare to negotiate lower prescription drug prices:

“Due to soaring costs, many Americans are unable to afford prescriptions that are critical to their health and well-being. Though I’m glad to hear the President address prescription drug costs, I’m very disappointed that his proposal fails to include Medicare price negotiation. This is an enormous missed opportunity to make medications for millions of Americans more affordable,” said Shaheen. “Allowing Medicare to negotiate lower prices with manufacturers would help make medication for chronic conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure more affordable for patients for whom access to prescription medications can be a matter of life and death. Allowing direct drug price negotiation by Medicare could help improve the affordability and accessibility of naloxone, an opioid overdose reversal drug that is essential to saving lives in New Hampshire. I hope the President will reconsider this decision and follow through on his promise to include Medicare negotiation in his plan.”

Providing more direct tools to address drug pricing could also help alleviate the growing pressure that Medicare Part D prescription drug costs are placing on the federal budget. According to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, Medicare Part D spending on specialty drugs, where competition is often lacking, grew by 40 percent per year on average between 2011 and 2015.

Shaheen’s office said she has fought to combat rising drug prices, which hurt every day Americans struggling to afford the medication they need, as well as first responders in New Hampshire who carry naloxone, the antidote that reverses opioid overdoses. Earlier this year, Shaheen spoke on the Senate floor and urged her Senate colleagues to vote against confirming Alex Azar as the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), in part, due to his history as a pharmaceutical executive where he opposed government regulations on drug pricing and saw net prices of pharmaceuticals manufactured by his former company increase by double digit percentages. Shaheen previously backed bipartisan legislation to help reduce the costs of prescription drugs, which was introduced by Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and John McCain (R-AZ). In March, Shaheen introduced legislation with Senator Claire McCaskill (D-MO) that would eliminate the tax deduction for big pharmaceutical companies’ advertising costs, which is currently subsidized by taxpayers.

Hassan Statement on New Report Showing Dramatic Increase in Illicit Fentanyl Seized At Ports of Entry into United States

WASHINGTON, DC—Senator Maggie Hassan released the following statement on a new report from Senator Claire McCaskill (D-MO) showing that the amount of illicit fentanyl seized by the Department of Homeland Security has increased dramatically, and that the overwhelming majority of fentanyl seizures along the border are occurring at ports of entry. Senator McCaskill is the ranking Democratic member of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, on which Senator Hassan also serves.

Ports of entry are official locations where people and goods enter the U.S.— they can include airports, sea ports, and land border crossings. At all these locations, people and goods are inspected by Customs and Border Protection Officers (Port Officers) in order to combat drug trafficking, terrorism, and other threats. Despite the important role that Port Officers play in securing the border, Customs and Border Protection does not employ enough Port Officers to fully staff all ports of entry.

“The trafficking of illicit drugs like fentanyl across the southern border from Mexico is exacerbating the devastating opioid crisis that is taking lives every day – and this report reinforces what I saw on the ground at the southern border last week,” Hassan said. “During my trip to the U.S.-Mexico border, Customs and Border Protection agents in El Paso and McAllen, Texas made clear that they need additional personnel, upgraded facilities, and more advanced technology to help detect, intercept, and halt the flow of fentanyl and other illicit drugs across the border...”



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NHEC Union Employees Announce Strike, Company Responds

PLYMOUTH, NH – The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union #1837 representing 83 employees of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) went on strike last Monday after further negotiations failed to produce a successor agreement to a contract that expired on April 30, 2018. The company has activated a contingency plan that will provide for adequate coverage of power outages and protect public safety.

Certified line crews have been engaged and will be accompanied on any outage calls by non-union NHEC employees who are familiar with the service territory. NHEC's Control Center will still be staffed 24 hours a day and members should still report outages to the NHEC Outage line at 1-800-343-6432, or online at www.nhec.com.

Representatives of NHEC and the union have met 18 times in the past several months to arrive at a contract agreement. A company spokesman said NHEC has offered union members the same pension and 401k benefits that are currently offered to non-union employees, but the "union rejected that offer last week because the company wanted to reserve the right to change the benefit in the future if it became necessary to change it for non-union employees.

"The company remains committed to working with the union and has requested the involvement of a federal mediator to restart the contract talks. At this time there are no new negotiating sessions scheduled."

NHEC is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative serving 84,000 homes and businesses in 115 New Hampshire communities.

Kibbe Pleads Not Guilty to Charges

NEWPORT, NH—Former Claremont police officer Ian Kibbe pleaded not guilty to charges accusing him of performing an illegal search and falsifying official reports. Last Monday, Kibbe waived the formal arraignment, entering pleas on paper in Sullivan County Sullivan Superior Court. He has been charged with one count of conspiracy to commit perjury, one count of attempted perjury, two counts of unsworn falsification, and two counts of obstructing government administration.

On March 28, Attorney General MacDonald announced that he had initiated an investigation into the conduct of Kibbe and Mark Burch of the Claremont Police Department. That investigation was initiated based on information from Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase, which alleged that while acting in their capacity as police officers, Kibbe and Burch had falsified documentation related to a search that occurred in late February, 2018. A 14-page affidavit was released by the State detailing the investigation that led to Kibbe's arrest. Burch has not been charged in the case.

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll

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PathWays of the River Valley to Participate in NH Gives

Online Give-a-Thon to Benefit Hundreds of Nonprofits Across New Hampshire

For the 2nd year, PathWays of the River Valley is excited to announce their participation in NH Gives, a 24 hour, flash mob of giving, hosted by The NH Center for Nonprofits. PathWays serves individuals with developmental disabilities, including acquired brain disorders, in Sullivan and Lower Grafton counties. Currently they support over 600 individuals and families. The agency works with its clients to provide ongoing, individualized supports, and collaborates with local agencies, programs and businesses to provide individuals with meaningful work, recreation and community life.

The 2017 fundraiser yielded over \$3300.00 in donations from local businesses and community members within 24 hours. PathWays is looking to raise a minimum of \$5000.00 this coming June 6th and 7th. The funds are earmarked to help offset the costs of non-Medicaid reimbursable expenses for adults and children with developmental disabilities, as well as fund staff development and training.

"PathWays was created by a group of families in Claremont over 40 years ago; your generous donation will allow us to continue this important work," said Mark Mills, CEO.

Pathways hopes to create a social media frenzy during the event and spur donors to friendly competition to drive fundraising. With sponsor incentive prizes such as \$500 for the first donation statewide and \$1000 prize for the most overall donors, to name a few, the momentum is sure to be high. They are reaching out to local businesses, families, and organizations alike to join the competition and help the regional nonprofit stand out on the state leaderboards, which will be broadcast in real time by WMUR and iHeart Media Group.

Citizens from 24 towns across Sullivan and Lower Grafton counties will have the opportunity to rally around the local nonprofit via a unique online giving event that kicks off at 6:00 p.m. on June 6. An initiative of the NH Center for Nonprofits, NH Gives is designed to fundraise as much money and awareness as possible for New Hampshire's nonprofits within a 24-hour, flash-mob of giving. In 2016 more than \$188,000 was donated to nearly 300 organizations through the initiative, and in 2017, that number climbed to \$294,764. To encourage giving, the Center, with the support of its sponsors, will be awarding cash prizes throughout the day to nonprofits who meet certain benchmark fundraising goals.

The NH Gives event will kick off at 6:00 p.m. June 6th, and end at 6:00 p.m. June 7th. Those who want to participate and learn about donation levels can visit <http://bit.ly/2qTcLRi> to donate directly to PathWays. They can also follow the agency's progress live via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PathWaysNH/>. Visit www.NHGives.org and PathWays in the search field. For further questions, please call PathWays directly at 603-542-8407 and ask for Jennifer Ucci or Kerry Sally.

Marcia Manner Receives Nursing Award

SPRINGFIELD, VT— At its annual breakfast celebrating National Nurses' Week, Springfield Medical Care Systems awarded Marcia Manner, RN, CDE, the 2018 Eileen Austin Neal Spirit of Nursing Award.

Nominated by Sheri Foster, RN, with a second nomination by JoAnne Bohlen and Priscilla Arnold, Marcia's nominations stated:

"Marcia loves her profession dearly along with all the people she has and continues to care for. Nursing has been her life's work. Marcia takes special care of her patients; she listens with compassion and offers nursing advice. She has a way of outlining the pros and cons of a situation that allows patients to make a better choice when it comes to their care. In June 2018, Marcia will have worked as a nurse at Springfield Hospital for 50 years. Coming to Springfield Hospital after completing nursing school, Marcia has worked in a variety of nursing roles, including Medical/Surgical, Intensive Care, as a Diabetic Educator, and at the Adult Day Care Service, where she continues to work. Marcia is a team player and works closely with her nursing peers and other LNA staff to help ensure all of our patients are cared for."

The Eileen Austin Neal Spirit of Nursing Award was created in 2004 to honor all SMCS nurses. Eileen Neal, RN, worked at Springfield Hospital for 65 years.



Jan Sherer, RN, BSN, MBA, Chief of Patient Care Services; Marcia Manner, RNC, CDE; Bob Austin, (son of Eileen Austin Neal) (Courtesy photo).



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Film Explores Toxic Stress and Trauma

CLAREMONT, NH—Please join organizers for a screening of "Resilience" on Tuesday, May 15, at 6:00 p.m. The free event will be held in the Stevens High School auditorium, located at 175 Broad Street in Claremont. Please use the event entrance. The film will be moderated by a member of the TLC staff.

The child may not remember, but the body remembers. Researchers have recently discovered a dangerous biological syndrome caused by abuse and neglect during childhood. As the new documentary "Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope" reveals, toxic stress can trigger hormones that wreak havoc on the brains and bodies of children, putting them at a greater risk as adults for disease, homelessness, prison time, and early death. While the broader impacts of poverty worsen the risk, no segment of society is immune.

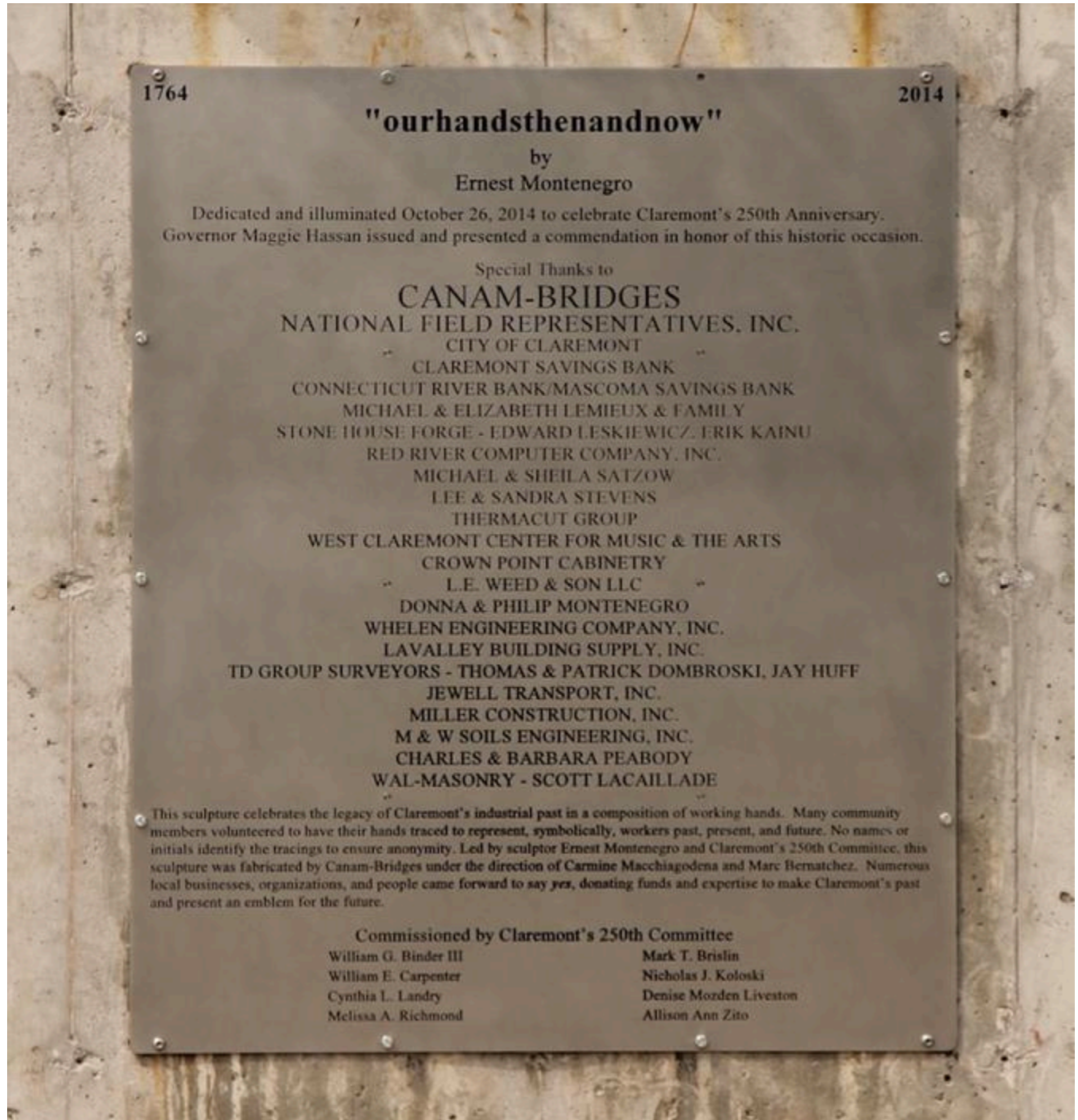
"Resilience," however, also chronicles the dawn of a movement that is determined to fight back. Trailblazers in pediatrics, education, and social welfare are using cutting-edge science and field-tested therapies to protect children from the insidious effects of toxic stress — and the dark legacy of a childhood that no child would choose.

"Understanding the impacts of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) is vital to supporting and strengthening families in our community," said TLC Executive Director Maggie Monroe-Cassel. "The film shows us how we can start to control the havoc caused by child abuse and help reduce the effects of toxic stress. It exposes the problem and gives us hope for a better future."

The screening is co-sponsored by System of Care-FAST Forward and TLC Family Resource Center.



The memorial plaque has been mounted on the “Ourhandsthenandnow” sculpture at the Visitor’s Green in Claremont. Fabricated and donated by Whelen Engineering of Charlestown, NH, it explains the significance of the sculpture which is meant to honor the many hands that have worked and lived in Claremont for the last 250-plus years (Bill Binder photos).



In recognition of National Nursing Week, Valley Regional Hospital held a luncheon for its nurses on Thursday, May 10. In addition to the lunch, each nurse received a special gift from the hospital. Two nurses also received special recognition from the Daisy Foundation, a nursing recognition program which has been embraced by healthcare organizations around the world. Stacey Gatto (L) and Jennifer Martin received the Daisy Award after getting letters from patients who felt that they received exceptional care from these nurses. They were given a commendation, a special Daisy Award pin to wear and a special Healer’s Touch sculpture hand-carved by artists in Zimbabwe of serpentine stone (Bill Binder photo).



e-Ticker Business News

Business Life Growing on Washington St. with Addition of Harbor Freight

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Plans are underway for Harbor Freight Tools to open a location in Claremont, at the former Staples store on Washington St. A tentative soft opening is planned for the end of July, but that is subject to change.

"We're thrilled to be opening our fifth Harbor Freight Tools store in New Hampshire and very pleased by the warm welcome we've received in Claremont," said Eric Smidt, President of Harbor Freight Tools. "At Harbor Freight, we're all about delivering high quality tools at ridiculously low prices. We do it by manufacturing our tools at the same factories as the expensive brands, but we cut out the middle man and pass the savings on to our customers. We've also invested millions of dollars to build and operate our own state-of-the-art quality test labs to ensure that we're constantly driving quality at the lowest possible price. We invite everyone in the Claremont area to visit our [future] new store at 286 Washington St. and see why if you buy tools anywhere else, you're throwing your money away."

The store is 15,000 square feet, and the new business expects to hire 35-40 employees. A grand opening is being planned for August 15, but that, like the soft opening date, is tentative.

Founded in North Hollywood, CA, in 1977 and now based in Calabasas, Harbor Freight Tools identifies itself as the leading discount tool retailer in the U.S. selling high quality tools in over 850 stores nationwide and on its website, <http://harbor-freight.com>.

Harbor Freight Tools stocks over 7,000 items in categories including automotive, air and power tools, shop equipment and hand tools. Photo right shows what the company's storefronts look like.

Activity at the former Staples building is not the only new life blossoming on Washington St.

"Washington Street commercial activity is a headline for 2018," said Nancy Merrill, Claremont's Director of Planning and Development. "Randy Jacobs has invested in a major Scoop City renovation, construction is underway in the old K-Mart building to make way for Hobby Lobby, and the former Staples building will soon be home to Harbor Freight. Yesterday's auction of the long vacant Ford buildings to VIP signals yet another investment on Washington Street. We are pleased that these companies see the opportunity in serving the greater Claremont area and contributing to the growing Claremont economy."

VIP Tires & Service CEO John Quirk put up the winning bid of \$700,000 for the property that formerly housed the Ford dealership on Washington St. last week. Once the property is renovated, plans call for moving the repair service there. Quirk bought VIP many years ago with the company selling its auto parts division to O'Reilly Auto Parts which leases space in the VIP locations.



Company stock photo of store

UVLSRPC Annual Meeting Tuesday, June 19

The UVLSRPC Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 19, at Dowd's Country Inn, 9 Main Street, Lyme, NH. The Social Hour begins at 5:00 p.m.; Business Meeting at 5:45 p.m.; Dinner and Program from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Event speaker is Ben Kilham who is often called "New England's Bear Whisperer. He has been rehabilitating and releasing injured, orphaned and abandoned black bear cubs brought to him by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department since 1993.

For more information, please visit: http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07efbfq9h1bf9228b4&llr=7jf5uhcab&utm_campaign=May+2018+E-Bulletin&utm_medium=email&utm_source=May+2018+-+UVLSRPC+E-Bulletin.

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PJ Lovely Recognized as South West Regional 2018 Champion for Children

NEWPORT, NH—PJ Lovely, the Director of Recreation in Newport, has been recognized as the Southwest Regional 2018 Champion for Children. The Champion for Children Award is presented by the New Hampshire School Administrators Association and recognizes com-



PJ Lovely was joined by his sons, Ryder and Jaguar, both 9th graders at Newport High School. He was recognized along with four other Regional Champions, Sharyn Sasserson (Lakes Region), Donald Bagley (North Country Region), Raymond Wilkins (South Central Region) and Forrest Carter (South East Region). Wilkins was recognized as the state wide recipient of the award. (Courtesy photo).

munity members who have given distinguished public service to benefit children.

Lovely was nominated by the Newport School District with support from Christy Whipple (NHS 1984 Classmate/Newport Montessori), Jeff Miller (Teacher/Newport Athletic Director) and Ben Gallagher (NHS 2019). Whipple stated, "PJ Lovely has an energy surrounding him that is almost tangible...PJ goes

above and beyond to connect with every child and every family so that they feel valued, included and essential to whatever activity is at hand."

Miller added, "He is the unofficial 'Mayor' for young children and families. He goes above and beyond to make sure that every stone gets unturned to provide the best recreational activities for every child in the community. Finally, Gallagher said, "He pushes us to be the best we can be. He encourages us to push ourselves past our limits and work our hardest; both in skills that we are learning and into everyday life. I also think that most of my friends would agree that PJ Lovely is a champion for kids."

Lovely said, "I'm very humbled with the award as there are many more deserving folks who do a lot behind the scenes, whom also should be applauded and thanked. I'm proud to represent our Town, which is filled with the volunteer spirit."

Taft named Mt. Ascutney Hospital Employee of the Month for April

WINDSOR, VT – Tyson Taft, a key member of the Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) maintenance staff, has earned the designation of Employee of the Month for the
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month of April, 2018.

As a member of the Hospital's maintenance department, Taft is responsible for maintenance and repair of facilities and mechanical



Tyson Taft

systems. He also is certified and responsible for administering the Hospital's hazardous materials handling program.

"Tyson always goes above and beyond," said Taft's supervisor, Joseph Martaniuk, Director of Plant Operations. "He has each patient's and staff member's best interests in mind. No matter who you are, he always greets you with a smile and shows a sincere willingness to pitch in and do whatever it takes to get the job done right.

Martaniuk went on to note, "Tyson understands that being in the hospital can be a challenging experience and that quality patient care depends on everyone performing their responsibilities with the utmost care and accuracy. Tyson demonstrates that commitment every day and is more than willing to stay late just to be sure that the hospital's staff has

everything needed to focus on the important work they do."

Taft has been an employee of MAHHC since 2016. He resides in Bellows Falls, Vermont.

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Unique “Comeback Community” Idea Exchange to Take Place May 23rd

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VT—It’s a commitment to helping communities comeback. That’s the focus of ADG’s upcoming Comeback Community Idea Exchange on May 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Engine Room Conference Center, 188 South Main Street, White River Junction, VT.

A Comeback Community has a history of economic excellence, followed by a period of tough economic decline and now - due to innovative strategies and people - is coming back, but differently. Four such communities will be featured - Rutland City and White River Junction, VT, and the cities of **Claremont** and Franklin, NH. Each of the four, in different stages of comeback, will discuss their concept, research, visions and plans that got them started as well as what resources were needed and where they found them and the action steps now underway. Owners, developers, funders, investors, residents and those actively engaged in the comeback process will be exchanging ideas and experiences.

“We have seen over time that certain communities in our region have shared attributes in their economic trials and recovery that they may not realize. These communities were once economic powerhouses, then had steep declines, and are now are re-envisioning themselves, but differently,” said Stu Arnett, Economy Developer at ADG, a leader in smart planning and development solutions for municipalities.

The agenda includes facilitated Q & A between “hands-on” individuals from the communities and the attendees. There will be a short walking tour of the host community, White River Junction,, and a network session will conclude the day. The event’s principal sponsor is UBS Wealth Management.

“We are excited for the opportunity to share our efforts to improve our community with others and to be able to assist them in doing the same,” said former Claremont Mayor and current NH State Representative Ray Gagnon. “As a business owner, I know an idea exchange is exactly what is needed to move us in a positive direction.”

The cost for the Comeback Community Idea Exchange is \$40, including lunch. Space is limited. Register at <https://conta.cc/2pJM-Slw>. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information,

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4th-Grader Presents Petition to City Council about Road Speeds

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By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH—It's not often that members of the public attend City Council meetings, which makes Oliver Beeman's appearance all the more impressive. Beeman, a 4th grader at Maple Ave. School, presented a petition with 45 signatures on it to the Council expressing his concern about the speed at which cars travel on his street, South St. Beeman told the *Valley News* that the idea grew out of a school assignment about government and how to change things. Beeman read a statement in which he said that he was concerned about how fast cars were going, making it hard for him and others to enjoy going for walks. "My street has homes, schools and one of the most-used buildings in Claremont, the Community Center," he said. Traffic is also generated by the use of Arrowhead located off South St. Beeman said there were a lot of people who lived on the street, as well as cats and dogs. He said he would like to see the speed limit on South Street, from Chestnut to West Pleasant, be reduced to 20 mph, the same as Broad Street. He also wants the speed limit on Chestnut Street to be lowered on the approach to South Street.

Mayor Charlene Lovett told Beeman that the City would take a look at his request, commenting that the first step would be taking it to the Traffic Advisory Committee; she invited him back to a future meeting.

Fire Truck to be Dedicated to Former Fire Chief

CLAREMONT, NH—The City Council approved a request Wednesday night to dedicate the 2014 Emergency One "Quint" to former Fire Chief Rick Bergeron. Current Chief Bryan Burr told councilors that the departmental request was to honor Bergeron's 40-year career with the department and that he had been instrumental in acquiring the vehicle, both in its funding and its specs and design. The pin-striping, letter and materials will be donated by Phil Chastenay, a pin-striping and lettering professional. When the project is completed, a dedication ceremony honoring Bergeron will be held with an unveiling.



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How Can You Meet Your Short-term Goals?

Why do you invest? If you're like most people, you'd probably say that, among other things, you want to retire comfortably. Obviously, that's a worthy long-term goal, requiring long-term investing. But as you journey through life, you'll also have short-term goals, such as buying a second home, remodeling your kitchen or taking a much-needed vacation. Will you need to invest differently for these goals than you would for the long-term ones?

To answer that question, let's first look at how you might invest to achieve your longer-term goals. For these goals, the key investment ingredient is growth – quite simply, you want your money to grow as much as possible over time. Consequently, you will likely want a good percentage of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks and other stock-based investments, to fund your 401(k), IRA or other accounts.

However, the flip side of growth is risk. Stocks and stock-based investments will always fluctuate in value – which means you could lose some, or even all, of your principal. Hopefully, though, by putting time on your side – that is, by holding your growth-oriented investments for decades – you can overcome the inevitable short-term price drops.

In short, when investing for long-term goals, you're seeking significant growth and, in doing so, you'll have to accept some degree of investment risk. But when you're after short-term goals, the formula is somewhat different: You don't need maximum growth potential as much as you need to be reasonably confident that a certain amount of money will be there for you at a certain time.

You may want to work with a financial professional to select the appropriate investments for your short-term goals. But, in general, you'll need these investments to provide you with the following attributes:

Protection of principal – As mentioned above, when you own stocks, you have no assurance that your principal will be preserved; there's no agency, no government office, guaranteeing that you won't lose money. And even some of the investments best suited for short-term goals won't come with full guarantees, either, but, by and large, they do offer you a reasonable amount of confidence that your principal will remain intact.

Liquidity – Some short-term investments have specific terms – i.e., two years, three years, five years, etc. – meaning you do have an incentive to hold these investments until they mature. Otherwise, if you cash out early, you might pay some price, such as loss of value or loss of the income produced by these investments. Nonetheless, these types of investments are usually not difficult to sell, either before they mature or at maturity, and this liquidity will be helpful to you when you need the money to meet your short-term goal.

Stability of issuer – Although most investments suitable for short-term goals do provide a high degree of preservation of principal, some of the issuers of these investments are stronger and more stable than others – and these strong and stable issuers are the ones you should stick with.

Ultimately, most of your investment efforts will probably go toward your long-term goals. But your short-term goals are still important – and the right investment strategy can help you work toward them.

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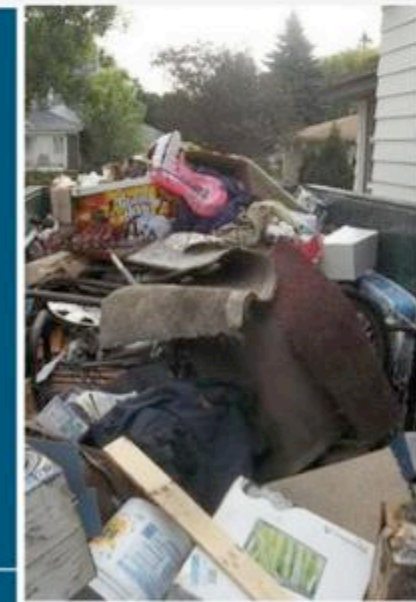
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It's About Food By Johnny Navillus



Slow Cooker Dinners

I came across a great tip the other day. For those of you who make your own soup...When it is finished, pour it into your slow cooker, set it on warm and let it simmer for a couple of hours. This brings all the flavors out and gets them together. It also relieves you from stirring occasionally to prevent burning. And it frees up a spot on your stove. The aroma will still get out and drive people to the brink of starvation. This was a great idea, especially freeing up a spot on the stove.

Since we are already on the subject of the slow cooker, here is a great tasty dinner put together in minutes before work and ready for dinner when you get home.

Barbecued Pork Chop Supper

6 small red potatoes cut into quarters
6 medium carrots cut into one inch pieces
8 bone in pork chops about 1/2 inch thick
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 bottle barbecue sauce (28 oz)
1 cup ketchup
1 cup cola
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

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

The potatoes and carrots form a platform that keeps the chops from sticking to the bottom. Whenever I do meat in the cooker, I usually try to have some base to keep it off the bottom. It isn't always necessary but when in doubt err on the side of caution.

One beef bouillon cube dissolved in one cup of boiling water may be substituted for one cup of broth when necessary. I may not have a can of broth on hand, but I do have bouillon cubes hanging around.

The next dish features two of my favorite ingredients. Merlot and mushrooms. It cooks in about 5 hours, although 7 is good, too.

Chicken Merlot and Mushrooms

3/4 lb sliced fresh mushrooms
1 cup chopped onion
2 teaspoons minced garlic
3 pounds boneless skinless chicken thighs
1 can tomato paste (6 oz)
3/4 cup chicken broth (see above)
1/4 cup Merlot (to taste)
2 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
2 teaspoons sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons dried basil 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon pepper 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Place the mushrooms, onion and garlic in the slow cooker. Top with the chicken thighs. In a bowl combine the tomato paste, wine, tapioca, sugar, basil, salt and pepper. Pour over the chicken. Cover and cook for 5 to 6 hours. You could use chicken breasts and just cook for 8 hours.

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As part of its 125 Anniversary Celebration, Valley Regional Hospital held a Art Appreciation event on Thursday, May 10. The event was held to highlight the new area for local art and historic pictures. The hallway off the main lobby is the perfect place to display local art, pictures and historical papers. The current display has drawings from students at Bluff School and Green Mountain Children's Center along with pictures and art from local artists and photographers as well as some very interesting documents from Valley Regional's history. Below: VRH CEO Peter Wright cuts some cake for the guests at the event.



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“For over 60 years, Eileen Neal exhibited a love for nursing and Springfield Hospital. Our wish in creating the Eileen Austin Neal Spirit

of Nursing Award is to honor her contributions and inspire others to love the profession of nursing as much as Eileen did.”

*Jan Sherer, RN, BSN, MBA
Chief of Patient Care Services*

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 NOMINEES:

Tessa Farrar, RN, Inpatient Care Unit

Simona Fisher, RN, The Childbirth Center

Linda Hurley, RN, Professional Development

Marcia Manner, RN, Springfield Area Adult Day

Marissa Miller-Bennett, RN, Inpatient Care Unit

Deb Phelps, RN, Springfield Medical Care Systems

*Congratulations to
Marcia Manner, RNC, CDE
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