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Lambert Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Celebrates 50th Year

By Les St.Pierre
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CLAREMONT, NH—The year was 1968. North Korea captured the USS Pueblo. North Vietnam launched the Tet offensive against the United States and South Vietnam. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert Kennedy were assassinated. Boeing introduced the first 747 'Jumbo Jet'....and Paul Lambert moved Lambert Oil Company to Claremont Junction where it eventually became Lambert Auto Sales.

Last week, May 17, to be exact, was the official date Lambert Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, at what is now 5 River Road, became a half-century old. John Lambert, son of the company's founder and the current owner, used the week to host a Thursday Business After Hours gathering and had a Saturday Jeep Celebration Event sale heading into the upcoming Memorial Day celebration.

Lambert Oil Company was established in 1948 and had been in two other locations prior to its final resting place above the Amtrak railroad station 20 years later on property he had purchased from the railroad company.

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John Lambert, owner of Lambert Auto Sales in Claremont, marked the 50th anniversary of the business started by his father, Paul Lambert, a businessman from the time he was in his youth who carried his expertise in mechanics and salesmanship throughout his lifetime, retiring in 1982. John credits a loyal and dedicated staff as playing a large role in the company's continued success (Bill Binder photo).

Autopsy Results Released in Shooting Case As Investigation Continues

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Attorney General Gordon J. MacDonald, New Hampshire State Police Colonel Christopher Wagner, and Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase announced fur-

ther information last week concerning a homicide investigation in Claremont.

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, suffering from gunshot wounds. Jarvis died at that scene.

An autopsy was performed on Monday on Jarvis by Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Jennie V. Duval who determined that Jarvis' official

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cause of death was multiple gunshot wounds and the manner of death was homicide.

There were a considerable number of private citizens both inside and outside the restaurant at the time the incident occurred, said law enforcement officials. The restaurant was closed at that hour but the bar was open. Anyone who was present at the Imperial Buffet Saturday evening 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.

Jarvis had a long criminal history and he was affiliated with a white supremacist group, according to authorities. He spent more than a decade behind bars and was a founding member of a white supremacist gang that formed inside the New Hampshire prison system in late 2005, reported the *Keene Sentinel*. His Facebook page has numerous references



Jesse Jarvis

to “white people” and his “white brothers and sisters” and the future of “white children”, posts which he described as “racially conscious posts”. He also served as a co-administrator for a Facebook group, S.T.A.N.D, identified on the page as an acronym that was a “natural phenomena which takes place whenever strong Aryans are faced against their organized adversaries—Secure. Territorial. Aryan. Natural. Defense.” That page is no longer available on Facebook. It is not known whether his past activities

are connected to the shooting, said authorities last week.

A funeral service was held on Saturday.

Back in 2008, according to the *Keene Sentinel*, “a regional SWAT team went to a camper in a yard on Summer Street in Charlestown in search of Jarvis, who surrendered and was taken in to custody without incident. Jarvis’ father, Anthony Jarvis Sr., remained inside the camper and refused orders to exit. After verbal exchanges with Anthony Jarvis Sr., police deployed an explosive device designed to throw him off guard and then entered the camper. A state trooper was wounded and Anthony Jarvis Sr. killed in the ensuing shootout.”

The Attorney General’s office ruled the shooting justified following an investigation.

Power Outages Hit Area

Power outages hit Claremont, Charlestown and Unity as well as across the river Sunday afternoon. “The outage began at 3:15 p.m. Sunday and impacted 1,775 Eversource customers in the

area,” Eversource spokesman Martin Murray told the *e-Ticker News*. “Through automatic switching of our Eversource equipment, we restored 354 customers within 11 minutes and 1,377 customers within 19 minutes. The remaining 44 customers were restored at about 5:45 p.m.

“The cause was reported to be Green Mountain Power equipment failure in Vermont that impacted the feed of power into the Claremont area,” said Murray.

A NHEC outage was also reported Sunday afternoon and affected 219 in Charlestown and 88 customers in Unity.

“The outage in Charlestown and Unity is the same outage that affected Eversource customers,” said Seth Wheeler, with NHEC. “It’s my understanding that there was a loss of power on a transmission line in Vermont that provides power to our substation in Charlestown.”

In addition to the outages that last several hours, many other customers experienced very brief interruptions of a couple of minutes or seconds in this area and in the Windsor and Ascutney, VT, region.

—Phyllis A.Muzeroll

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Letter to the Editor

The Criminal Justice Reform and Economic Fairness Act Should not Become Law

To The Editor:

The Act purports to be about economic fairness when bail issues are being considered by the court. The Act, by its very terms, creates a legislative preference for setting cash or other economic bail conditions in a most cynical way. The bill requires that the court, when determining bail, "Shall consider whether the person is a parent and sole caretaker of a child and whether, as a result, such child would become the responsibility of the division of children, youth and families." These words, if they mean anything, mean that two criminal defendants, otherwise identically situated, would be viewed differently under the law because of the economic impact on the State. The one defendant without a child who may "become the responsibility of the division of children, youth and families" would more likely be detained on cash or corporate surety bail.

The factors which should determine an accused's bail are- risk to public safety, risk to the offender, and the risk of flight. A citizen's liberty should not be at greater risk because he or she does not have a child who, if they were detained, would become the responsibility of the State and therefore costs the State money. This is not economic fairness. This is not good public policy. This is not what the New Hampshire criminal justice system should be doing.

The Act is about much more than "economic fairness". The Act legislatively undermines the ability of the State to protect public safety and the accused. There is no single factor more predictive of one's danger to the public safety or themselves than drug and/or alcohol addiction. The Act, with a few words, minimizes the impact of this most significant factor in the dangerousness analysis saying that a dangerous determination "...shall not be based solely on evidence of drug or alcohol addiction...". Those words are the legislature instructing the court to minimize the impact of addiction when considering bail. Forget the hundreds of overdose deaths a year. Forget the thousands of new addicts. Forget the countless crimes associated with addiction. Forget all the tragedy and suffering. This is not good public policy. This will not protect the citizens of New Hampshire. This is not what the New Hampshire criminal justice system should be doing.

The conversation surrounding this Act often makes mention of "pre-trial services" programs and how such programs will provide for public safety. One of the principal components of such programs is urine testing for drug/alcohol use. The act undermines the ability of these programs to protect the public. The Act's language that a dangerousness determination "shall not be based solely on evidence of drug or alcohol addiction..." almost certainly will result in the courts being unwilling to revoke the bail of a defendant who, while on bail, is testing positive for illegal drug use. Without enforcement, pre-trial services programs will not protect public safety. This is not good public policy. This will undermine public safety. This is not what the New Hampshire criminal justice system should be doing.

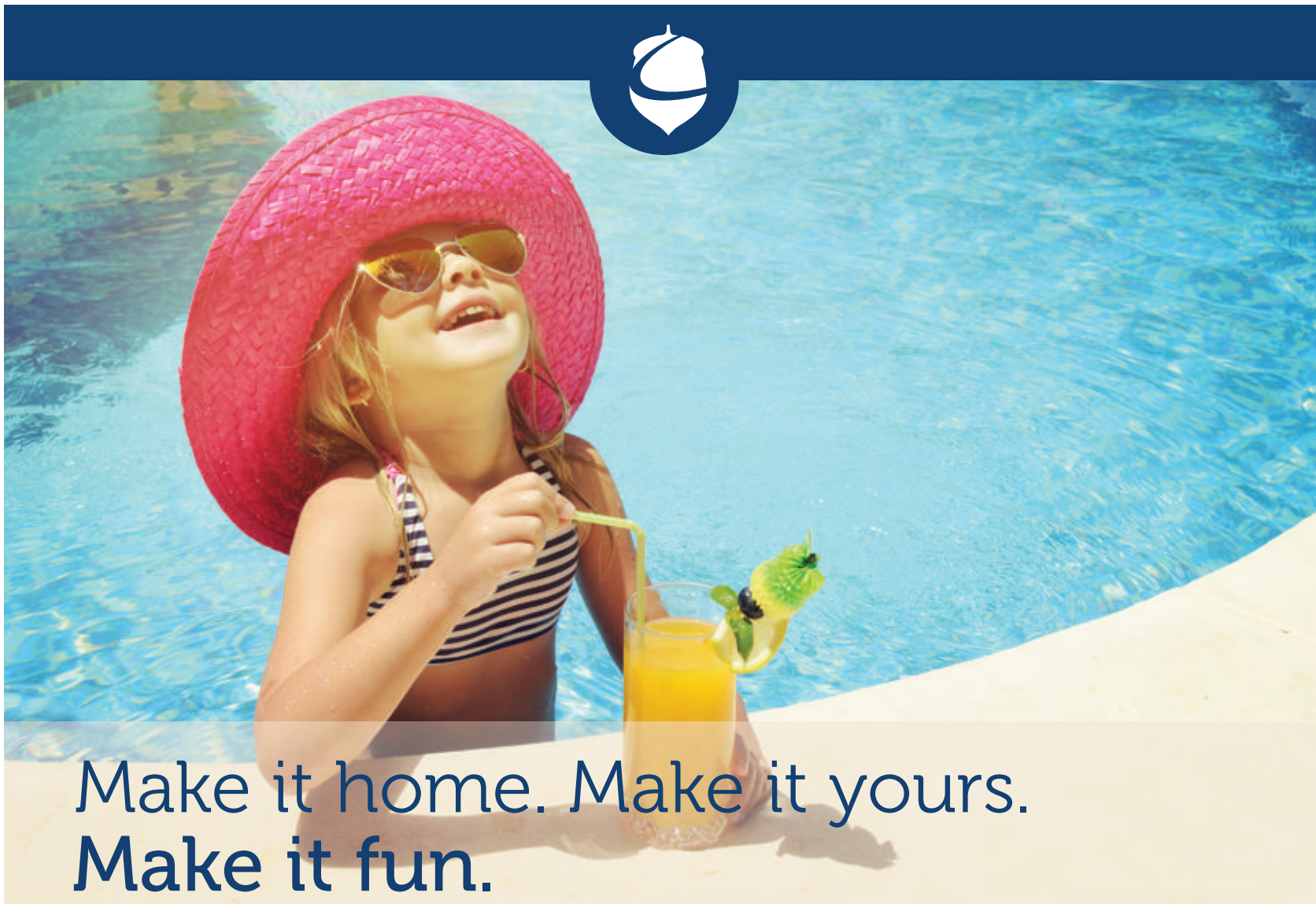
In my thirty years as a prosecutor, I cannot recall ever writing a letter to the editor on a piece of legislation. This legislation is so harmful to public safety and so cynical it warrants the special consideration. The citizens of New Hampshire deserve better.

Respectfully,

Marc Hathaway
Sullivan County Attorney

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School Boards Asked to Challenge NH Education Funding as Communities Struggle with Costs

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont School Board was asked Wednesday night to consider joining a fledging movement to challenge the state on school funding for education. Although the Claremont lawsuit was filed back in the 1990s, today, in the 21st century, many communities like Claremont across the state are struggling more than ever to fund education with little help from the state. At Wednesday's meeting, attorneys Tom Connair and John Tobin spoke about the old lawsuit and the need as they see it to reopen the case showing that the state is not complying with its duty when it comes to funding education in New Hampshire. Connair, from Claremont, said that New Hampshire is one of the richest states per capita but not when it comes to spending money on education. Tobin, who, like Connair, worked on the original lawsuit and is now semi retired, is traveling around the state speaking on the topic and working towards motivating school boards to join together in a new movement to improve funding. "A city like Claremont works really hard and taxes itself higher, but because the tax base is really low, it can raise less money and how profoundly unfair that is," he told the board. "It's laughable when the average costs of providing an education to a kid in New Hampshire is \$15,000, but the state only says it will cost \$3,600."

The state remains heavily reliant on local property taxes to fund education, and towns other than Claremont are feeling the pain as well. According to a recent *Concord Monitor* story, Pittsfield, for example, voted to cut a half million dollars from its budget next year. The district was also hit with "unanticipated special ed costs" and "now has to find \$450,000 in cuts before the fall." Personnel cuts are coming, as well as cuts in sports, uniforms, technology, textbooks and "aging" carpeting and furniture in that district.

Tobin is looking to line up parents, taxpayers, school board members and others to testify regarding the current status of property taxes and the cost of education in the state. He said they would also have to find ways to fund this movement for costs such as hiring professionals to testify. "We might have to ask school boards to kick in some money to help," he said. "This is a long game," he admitted. "It was a long game last time and it will be a long game this time....We need to rein in an oppressive tax system and make it more fair." Superintendent Middleton McGoodwin said he would reach out to Keene, saying the district "would like to develop this through engagement this summer"; board chair Frank Sprague said, "Newport is in," adding that he supported working with other districts and sharing with them "what we're going to do."

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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.

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.

For further questions, please call PathWays directly at 603-542-8407 and ask for Jennifer Ucci or Kerry Sally.



Olivia Churchill and Dylan Chambers, students at Claremont Middle School, were honored at the 19th Annual Scholar Leader Awards Banquet, held in Manchester, on May 17. The students were presented with an award whose criteria included demonstrating academic initiative and scholarship, providing service to classmates and school, exemplifying positive attitudes and demonstrating leadership in the classroom and school activities. Over 350 guests attended, including 74 students from 39 NH schools (Courtesy photo).

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS EQUIPMENT LEASE/PURCHASE FINANCING

The City of Claremont is requesting proposals for a 3-year lease/purchase financing term of \$132,000 for 5 police vehicles. Proposals will be accepted at the Claremont City Hall, Office of the City Manager, 58 Opera House Square, Claremont NH 03743 until 2:00 pm local time on May 22, 2018 or by email at finance@claremontnh.com. Proposals must be clearly marked *Police lease financing* in the envelope or the subject line. After said time, all proposals will be taken to the City Hall Council Chambers and there will be publicly opened and read aloud. Specifications and proposal forms can be obtained from the City's website, www.claremontnh.com; phone (603) 542-7026 x1015, or email to finance@claremontnh.com



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As a “thank you” to our community, we invite you to join us from 8:00–11:00 a.m. at the Unity NH County Complex, Sullivan County Health Care Facility for pancakes, activities, service & program information and tours.

Arrive at 7:30 a.m. to stroll around the campus to enjoy its natural beauty with Stan McCumber narrating the Natural Resources Bird Walk.

At 10:30 a.m. check out the local 4-H youths modeling their newest sewing projects - these youths are amazing!

And, throughout the morning - before or after you eat delicious pancakes - take time to chat with non-profits and County personnel in the Frank Smith Living Room where you can gather program information for services provided by:

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And info on the County's latest job openings, maps of the new 4-mile Unity Mountain trail, and community gardens.

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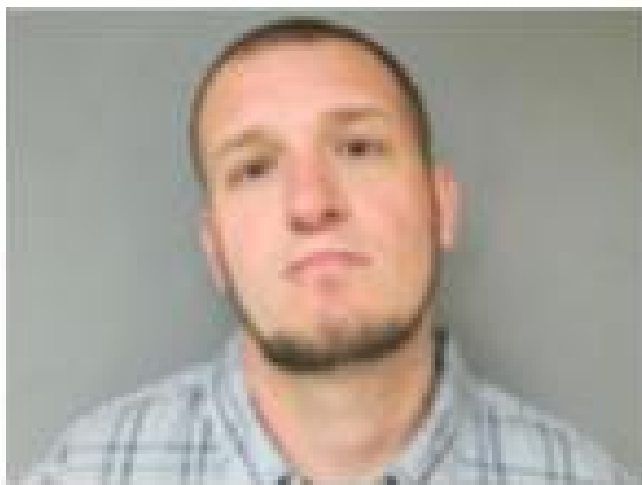
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Pancake Breakfast Event GPS Address: Sullivan County Health Care, 5 Nursing Home Drive, Claremont, NH 03743.

Claremont Man Charged with Possession of Heroin and Cocaine

Arrest Follows Foot Chase

LEBANON, NH—On May 16 at approximately 10:40 a.m., Lebanon Police Officers conducted a motor vehicle stop in the Glen Road Plaza, located at 165 South Main Street. According to the police department, during the stop, officers allegedly discovered that the driver, Brandon Mull, age 27 of Claremont, NH,



Brandon Mull

was in possession of heroin. While attempting to take Mull into custody, he fled on foot, said Chief Richard Mello in a statement. Officers gave chase and were able to tackle Mull a short distance away in the parking lot. While fleeing, Mull allegedly attempted to discard a larger amount of heroin, approximately two ounces, said the police.

After catching Mull, he continued to resist arrest, and officers needed to utilize a Taser to finally take him into custody, reported Mello.

Mull was charged with Possession of the Controlled Drug Heroin with the Intent to Distribute, and Possession of the Controlled Drug Cocaine, both Class B Felony charges. Mull was also charged with Resisting Arrest, a Class A Misdemeanor. At the time of the arrest, Mull was on probation through the Grafton County Correction's Division, said Mello.

He refused the services of a Bail Commissioner, and was transported to the Grafton County House of Corrections to await arraignment on May 17.

Do You Live in a Pre-1978 Home? Do You Have a Garden?

If so, you may be at risk for lead poisoning. Learn how to identify this risk and the practical ways that you can protect your family.

SB 247, an act preventing childhood lead poisoning from paint and water, was signed into law, here in Claremont, on February 8, 2018.

Lionel Chute, Director of Natural Resources for Sullivan County, and Christine LaVallee, Program Manager at New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority, will present a two part conversation on lead in the home and lead in soil on Tuesday, May 22nd, at the Claremont Sav-

ings Bank Community Center, Room B, beginning at 5:45 p.m.

Christine LaVallee, NH Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA), will present important information regarding the new lead law and answer your questions like:

What is and is not required by the new law
Assistance available for homeowners and landlords

By when do I have to make changes?

At 6:30 p.m., Lionel Chute, Director of Natural Resources for Sullivan County, will be giving a presentation on lead in soil. This presentation will be of particular interest to gardeners, as well as families with young children.

If you have any questions or need further information about this event, please contact Mayor Charlene Lovett at 603-504-6273 or Thomas Krebs at the Claremont Planning and Development Department at 504-0349 or tkrebs@claremontnh.com.

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Cornish Fire Association Car Show

Saturday, June 2
10-2PM

The Cornish Fire Association will be holding it's annual car show on June 2 this year. It will be at the Fairgrounds from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. There will be door prizes and food for sale.

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e-Ticker Business News

Lambert, from A1

“He was always looking for something else to do,” the younger Lambert said of his father during an interview in his office. “He had interests in mechanical things.”

The elder Lambert, now deceased, was a businessman from the time he was in his youth and carried his expertise in mechanics and salesmanship throughout his lifetime, retiring in 1982.

“He was into everything,” reported the present owner in regards to his father's upbringing.

Paul Lambert, who never did graduate from high school, initially sold newspapers and had a hot dog cart and sold ice cream. He, also, had a bread business selling to grocery stores and even bought a bakery. He had a bicycle shop where the Toy Castle once stood, not to mention selling cars and pumping gas at service stations. As he grew older he established the oil company and had businesses just a hop, skip, and jump from his 21-room house at Edgewood Circle, now 1 Foster place. He had also bought property at the corner of North and Main Street where Lambert Supply is now, run by another son, Louis.

When Lambert Auto Sales first came about, it was a Rambler dealership sporting the likes of American cars Javelins, Matadors, Hornets and Gremlins. In the early 1970's Lambert's picked up the Jeep franchise from the old Dartmouth Motors, situated across from what is now the high school in Newport. A merger then followed with Renault and later Lambert's became a Jeep Eagle dealer selling some of the first all-wheel drive vehicles and the first of a new breed of Jeep, the Cherokee. Over the years the company merged with Chrysler and Daimler Benz. It was in 2006 Lambert's purchased the Chrysler and Dodge franchise from the former Chase and Avery Auto Sales, also in Newport. Over the last decade was another merger, this with Fiat Chrysler of America. In 2011 construction was finished at the present site, doubling the size of the building.

“We made it very energy efficient,” Lambert's present owner pointed out in the interview. “In the last seven years we purchased only one tank of fuel...and that was just for our backup.

We heat the entire building with waste oil and have an approved EPA furnace which we have inspected and serviced regularly, plus we have heavy duty insulation. We have tightened up things around here and have been recognized for a lot of other energy efficient tasks, not just for this building but also for five warehouses we have.”

employees and one part-timer.

“We have one of the largest parts inventory of new Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram parts in the United States,” Lambert said in a speech at the Business After Hours gathering. “We have over six million dollars of hard to find older parts in over 20,000 square feet of warehouse space.”



John Lambert receives a plaque of appreciation from John Mack--Sales Manager—North-east Business Center for Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (Bill Binder photo).

Lambert Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, the name Lambert Auto Sales now does business under, has a vehicle sales department consisting of three salespeople and a manager who helps with the selection of the right vehicle to fit one's needs and budget.

Altogether, 21 people are employed at LCDJR, several of whom have been there a decade or more. The service department has five factory trained technicians who are experts in their field, supported by a service manager, advisor, and warranty administrator team. The parts department has five full-time

Lambert went on to report that the company repairs most all makes and models of vehicles. In addition, it offers general maintenance, air conditioning, warrantied exhaust systems, alignments, tire service, fluid flushes, electrical diagnostics, transmission and engine overhaul services.

Also offered at LCDJR is an auto detailing department complete with washing, upholstery, dirt extraction, interior detailing and headlamp restoration.

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Beliveau Named CEO, President of Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT & NH

WRJ, VT – Johanna Beliveau has been selected as Chief Executive Officer and President of Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH), Board of Trustees Chair Gary Mayo announced. The appointment was made by a unanimous vote of the Board. “The Board of Trustees are very pleased that Johanna is joining VNH. She brings a wealth of experience and a truly collaborative outlook. She will help continue VNH’s goal of providing excellent care at home in the communities we serve,” Gary Mayo, Chairman, VNH Board of Trustees.



Johanna Beliveau

“We are delighted to have Johanna Beliveau as the new leader of VNH. Her experience in utilizing quality metrics to constantly make improvements in the services we provide to patients in their homes will be most helpful in the years ahead,” said Steve Whitman, Vice Chairman, VNH Board of Trustees and Chair, CEO Search Committee.

Beliveau is currently Director of Quality, Patient Safety and Compliance at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center in Windsor, Vermont. She previously was Associate Chief Nursing Officer at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire. Her clinical and leadership experience includes hospice and palliative care, pediatrics, hospice and hospital operations, regulatory readiness, quality improvement and patient safety science.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Fitchburg State College, a Master of Business Administration from Rosemont Col-

lege, and a Lean Six-Sigma Black Belt certificate from the Thayer School of Engineering, Dartmouth College. Beliveau is also currently pursuing her Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP) from Yale University. A member of the American Organization of Nurse Executives, Beliveau was selected as a Nurse Director fellow in 2015. Beliveau will assume her role at VNH on June 18.

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The Greater Claremont Board of Realtors recently presented a \$1,095.00 check to Stevens High School for a donation to sponsor students for the annual Washington, DC, trip. From left to right are Cindy Haynes, Community Service, GCBR's; Patricia Berry, Principal, SHS; Robert Haynes, Treasurer, GCBR's; and Ann Jacques, President, GCBR's.



The Greater Claremont Board of Realtors recently presented a \$500.00 check to Maple Avenue School for a donation to purchase emergency back packs for the classrooms. From left to right are Dan Cherry, Principal; Cailin Barlow, Nurse; and Robert Haynes, Treasurer, GCBR's (Courtesy photos).

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The Main St. project is underway. Traffic will be disrupted during the work and drivers are advised to seek alternate routes. A sign in the bullpen reminds shoppers that the downtown stores and shops are open for business (Bill Binder photo).

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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,

tion, contact Annette Zamarchi at 603-219-0043 or at annette@ar-nettdevelopmentgroup.com. All net proceeds go to future events for Comeback Communities.



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Bill Cable will assemble an electric bicycle during the workshop and give advice on where you can buy components to do it yourself.

Saturday, June 9, 10:00am - 12:00pm
Cornish Town Hall (Fairgrounds)
294 Town House Road, Cornish, NH

For more information, see Current Events on the Plainfield Energy Committee website at www.plainfieldnh.org/energy/energy.htm. Questions? Contact Evan Oxenham 603-727-9368 evan.oxenham@gmail.com.

Voter Registration and Correction

CLAREMONT, NH—The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Tuesday, June 5, from 7:00pm to 7:30pm in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, for the purpose of registering new voters and making corrections to the voter checklist. This is the last day to change party affiliation for the State Primary Election (September 11, 2018). The Claremont City Clerk's Office is open Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:00 for voter registration.

For more information, visit the City Clerk's page on the City's website at <http://www.claremontnh.com/>.

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You Can Still Gain Tax Benefits from Charitable Donations

Like most people, you probably know several organizations worthy of your philanthropy, and you may well have contributed to them, perhaps on an annual basis. In the past, when you've made charitable donations, it's been a win-win: You were able to provide support to a worthy organization and you received some valuable tax benefits. But with the passage of the new tax laws, things may have changed considerably for many people. Are there still tax benefits to making a charitable donation?

Here's some background: Previously, you may have been able to deduct your charitable donations if you itemized deductions on your income tax return. So, for example, if you were in the 25 percent tax bracket and you gave \$1,000 to a qualified charity, you may have been able to deduct \$250.

But under the new tax laws, the standard deduction is almost doubled for 2018, to \$24,000 for joint filers, and \$12,000 for single filers. As a result, far fewer people are likely to itemize their deductions. If you're in this group, you may find that you have less incentive, at least for tax reasons, to make charitable gifts.

However, receiving a tax deduction is not the only tax benefit of making a charitable gift. If you own an IRA and you're 70 ½ or older, you generally must start taking withdrawals – technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs – from your traditional IRA. (Roth IRAs are not subject to RMDs until after the death of the owner.) If instead of withdrawing the money, the IRA owner decides to transfer the funds directly to a qualified charity, the distributed amount can be excluded from the IRA owner's income. So, in effect, you can get a sizable tax benefit from your generosity. In fact, you may be able to move up to \$100,000 from your IRA per year to an eligible charity and have it count as your RMDs, even if the amount donated is more than the required minimum withdrawal.

Even if you aren't 70 ½ yet, you might still gain some tax benefits from certain types of charitable donations. When you itemized, and you donated appreciated stocks, you were generally allowed a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the stocks on the date of the transfer, even if your original cost was only a fraction of that value. Now, if you don't itemize, that charitable contribution is not deductible, but you can still avoid the capital gains taxes you'd have to pay if you sold the securities, rather than donating them.

Finally, you could name a qualified charity as a beneficiary of your IRA or 401(k). This can allow the assets to pass free of income tax to the charitable group.

Given the increased standard deduction resulting from the new tax laws, many charitable groups are worried about the potential loss of contributions. Nonetheless, as we've seen, you can still find ways to get some tax benefits from your own charitable gifts. And you'll still get the same satisfaction from supporting a good cause.

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It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



SUMMER!!!

Next Monday is Memorial Day and the unofficial start of SUMMER! It's been a long, cold winter and we deserve this.

Most of all we should remember what the day is all about. It's remembering all those who have fallen in service to our country. From the Minute Men of our Revolution to today when our men and women are fighting in foreign lands. I can't help but think of those Colonials who risked a British noose for freedom. They did not take it lightly. It was treason and they knew it. They started the traditions that have been passed down to our military men and women today.

I recently read that there are over one BILLION hot dogs consumed between Memorial Day and Labor Day. More Hot dogs consumed on Memorial Day than any other day of the year. So, get out there and do your part. I know I will.

While you are getting the grill fired up, remember that if you spray anything on your grill surface do it BEFORE the fire starts. That goes for lighter fluid also. The flame can follow the stream back to your container and that is disastrous.

Keep your grill away from your house. My brother-in-law still hasn't replaced the melted vinyl siding on his house. I guess he is keeping it as a reminder.

This year try some Serrano sauce on your dogs. And I'm using the canned cheese because it's convenient and tasty. I used to use sliced American but I never gave it a chance to melt. Speaking of canned stuff...it's alright to use canned chili. Why spend time making your own chili when the canned will do. The rest of the topping will come through. Try a zucchini relish too. Have plenty of napkins around.

When making your hamburger patties try mixing in some shredded cheese. And/or some Italian Bread Crumbs.

If you are the Grill Master Of The Day, go easy on the adult beverages until the cooking is over. You can avoid some serious burns that way.

I don't know about you but I chase the bystanders away. I don't need the distraction.

If your using gas, have a spare full tank handy. I hate running out of gas with a deck full of people waiting for food. Embarrassing to say the least.

If this is your first grill session of the season and especially if you have guests, stick with the burgers and dogs. Don't get frisky on your first day out.

Leave the steaks until later in the season. It's safe to say I'll have more to say about grilling steaks, chops and chicken as the summer goes along.

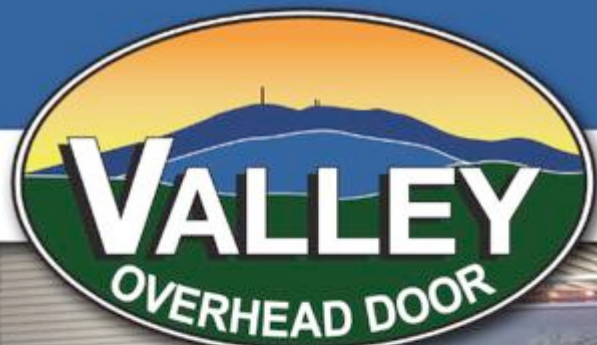
Corn. Leave the husks on. Just wet them down so the husks don't ignite. Place the on the grill and turn them as the husks blacken. Once they are charred all around, take them off the grill and set aside for a few minutes to cool. Then peel the husks off. They will be HOT. The moisture in the corn will steam them to perfection. This also allows most of the silk to come right off with the husks.

If you don't have a vegetable basket, I would suggest you get one. They are cheap and are very handy. I'm not using aluminum foil to wrap my veggies in because I heard that the high temps of the grill does bad thing chemically to the contents. Besides I can watch the cooking in the basket.

Have a safe and flavorful summer.

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Mayoral Notes

by
Charlene Lovett



Honoring Public Works Employees

This year, municipalities across the nation will be honoring their Department of Public Works (DPW) employees during National Public Works Week, May 20 -26. This year's theme is "The Power of Public Works," recognizing the impact that public works has had on modern civilization and in our daily lives. Responsible for providing clean water, disposing of solid waste, building roads and bridges, removing snow or responding to natural or manmade disasters, public works services determine our quality of life.

The quality of the public services provided is dependent upon the professionalism and dedication of the men and women who serve in these departments. The Claremont DPW is staffed with people committed to delivering services that are essential to public health and safety. They are out in the community on a daily basis ensuring that we have access to clean water, intact waste disposal systems, and safe roads. One only has to lose access to understand how essential these services are.

Delivering these services is not always easy, and can often be dangerous. Despite the weather conditions, time of day or holiday schedule, our DPW employees are required to respond to emergencies as they occur. In communities, such as Claremont, with older water and sewer systems, broken lines are not unusual. Too often, these happen during the worst of conditions or time of day.

Such was the case on Veterans Day 2017 when a broken water line occurred on Washington Street. A month later, DPW employees were working around the clock on Christmas Day to clear the roads during a heavy snowstorm. Last month, they spent their Saturday addressing a major water line break on Broad Street. Most recently, they were called in at 2 a.m. to fix a broken water line on Sullivan Street. Reacting to these events as they occur protect public health and safety, but require

sacrifice on the part of DPW employees and their families.

Yet, the benefits we realize from DPW are not limited to the department's ability to respond to public health and safety emergencies. We also benefit financially from their commitment to deliver services in the most efficient and economic manner possible. Over the past year, they have executed energy saving initiatives (i.e. solar panel field, LEDs), reducing operational expenses. They have implemented strategies (i.e. leak detention program, sewer line jetting) that increase production without increasing costs.

As we approach Memorial Day weekend, we can also appreciate the work that the Claremont DPW does in our public cemeteries. With a staff of two, DPW maintains the grounds of three cemeteries from May through

September. When families bury their loved ones, they are the people who prepare the sites throughout the year.

Given the vital role that DPW plays in our community, I hope you will join the City Council and Administration in honoring these dedicated professionals during National Public Works Week. Their work in our community is essential to public health and safety, and our quality of life.

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New Location, new Tastes Rejuvenate Claremont Farmers' Market

CLAREMONT, NH—Are you trying to forget that last winter ever happened? Did you start to “go green” on St. Patrick’s Day — and then filled Easter baskets with greenery to coax spring along — and then watched the trees leaf out all around the City?

Then you are definitely primed for summer. Good news: your wait is over.

Saturday, May 26, is opening day for the revitalized Claremont Farmers' Market. Changes are everywhere for this family-friendly event. The Market has relocated to the Visitors' Center Green at 14 North Street along the Sugar River. The Green is a safe place for children to play, listen to musical entertainers, and especially learn about healthy eating. Hours are from 9am to 1pm, for 16 Saturdays through September 8. On opening day, the first 100 visitors will receive a free tote bag for their purchases.

Market Coordinator Debbie Tardiff has been working for several months to refashion this favorite community event. “The new Claremont Farmers' Market will be a place to learn about new foods and where they come from, and getting to know who grew them,” she said. “You’ll also be able to buy crafts that are made locally and are usually only available at craft fairs or online.” She sees the Market as a regular event for families to attend during the summer, bringing them downtown, while helping local farmers, individuals and businesses.

Another change: the Market is now administered by the Claremont Parks & Recreation Department. “We are excited at the expanded market offerings and new location,” expressed City Manager Ryan McNutt. “The City has invested to improve the Market and make it more convenient for vendors and the general public because we value its role in our community.”

Local sponsors have also stepped up to make the re-energized Market a vital part of City life: Claremont Savings Bank, Red River, National Field Representatives, Pleasant Street Furniture and Antiques, Valley Regional Hospital, Doolittle’s PrintServe, and Ink Factory.

“Foodies” from toddlers to seniors can choose from a wide variety of the best locally grown and prepared foods. Farms and pre-

pared-food vendors will offer enough products to stock your fridge and freezer, make a week’s worth of meals, or simply enjoy on the



The Visitors Center Green will be the new home of the Claremont Farmers' Market.

spot. The Market’s “full menu” of tasty, healthy eating includes beef, lamb, pork, eggs, vegetables, fruits, jams and jellies, basil pesto, jerk chicken, baked goods, rice and beans, hot dogs and hamburgers, and frozen desserts.

If you’re hunting for a unique gift item or household accessory, drop by the various crafts vendors to purchase jewelry, handmade American Girl doll clothes, baby items, pillow covers, starter plants, bath bombs, lotion bars, salves, hair accessories and clothing.

New this year: the Farmers' Market will be hosting the Power of Produce (POP) program from June 30 to August 8. POP, set up by Vital Communities, promotes healthy eating and living. Kids can come to the POP table at the central Market booth for a passport that will be stamped each week they attend and get a shopping tote. Scavenger hunts have them going to different vendors to get questions answered about farms and food, and taste-test both favorite and new foods. After each weekly

activity they’ll get POP bucks to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables.

Also new this year is the ability to use EBT cards (issued through SNAP, the State’s Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). A wireless EBT machine will be at the Market booth. Customers who swipe the card to take money off it will get \$1 tokens to match the debited amount and use to make purchases at food-eligible vendors.

At the same time they can take advantage of Granite State Market Match (GSMM) funds, which provide up to a weekly \$10 match to purchase fresh produce only. For example, if \$5 comes off the EBT card, an additional \$5 in GSMM coupons is given out. And if \$10 is taken off, customers get \$10 in coupons.

A full schedule of music and entertainment will have visitors wanting to show up every week. The Occasional Jug Band kicks off the season this Saturday with their signature blend of folk-bluesy-Cajun pickin’ and fiddlin’. Visit the Market’s Facebook page for weekly updates on which other musicians are appearing. Youngsters will especially like magician Dylan Tenney, who will amaze the crowd on June 9, and clown Cheryl Sprague making balloon animals on June 16.

Tardiff notes that parking will be much easier. “In addition to the parking lot at the Visitors' Center, just steps above the Green, there’s the parking garage on Main Street. From there, it’s just a short walk across the Santagate Bridge.”

So if your summer plans include food and fun times — and whose doesn’t? — the Claremont Farmers' Market is the place to visit. “You can’t get any fresher food than at a Farmers' Market,” says Tardiff. “It was very likely picked that morning!”

Space is still available for additional vendors. Anyone interested should contact Debbie Tardiff at (603) 504-0288 or ClaremontFarmersMarketNH@gmail.com.

What: Claremont Farmers' Market
When: Saturdays, 9am-1pm, May 26-Sept. 8
Where: Visitors' Center Green, 14 North Street
www.claremontnh.com/residents/departments/parks-and-recreation/farmers-market.aspx
facebook.com/ClaremontFarmersMarketnh
vitalcommunities.org/valleyfoodfarm/powerof-produce/

CSBCC SUMMER SWIM LESSONS

Swim Lessons with Hannah Johnson

Cost: \$27/\$54 Non-member
 When: Mondays 6/18-7/23
 Time: 5:30-6:00pm- Preschool
 6:00-6:30pm-Level I
 6:30-7:00pm-Level II

When: Tuesdays 6/19-7/24

Time: 5:30-6:00pm- Preschool
 6:00-6:30pm-Level I
 6:30-7:00pm-Level II

When: Wednesday 6/20-8/1

No Class July 4th
 Time: 5:30-6:00pm- Preschool
 6:00-6:30pm- Level I

Swim Lessons with Louise

Cost: \$32/\$64 Non-member
 When: Tuesday & Thursday
 Dates: 6/5, 6/7, 6/12, 6/14,
 6/19, 6/21, 6/26, 6/28
 Times: 5:00-5:30pm-Level I
 5:30-6:00pm-Level II
 6:00-6:30pm-Level III

Swim Lessons with Mitchell

Cost: \$32/\$64 Non-Member
 When: Sundays 6/3-7/22
 Times: 9:00-9:30am- Level II
 9:30-10:00am-Level III
 10:00am-10:30am- Level IV

Swim Lessons with Abbey

Cost: \$32/\$64 Non-member
 When: Mondays & Wednesday
 Dates: 6/18, 6/20, 6/25, 6/27, 7/2, 7/6, 7/9, and
 7/11. No Class July 4
 Times: 1:30-2:00pm-Preschool
 2:00-2:30pm-Preschool
 2:30-3:00pm- Level I
 3:00-3:30pm-Level II
 3:30-4:00pm- Level III
 4:00-4:30pm-Level I

When: Tuesday & Thursday

Dates: 6/19, 6/21, 6/26, 6/28, 7/3, 7/5, 7/0, and
 7/12
 Times: 1:30-2:00pm-Preschool
 2:00-2:30pm-Level I
 2:30-3:00pm- Level II
 3:00-3:30pm-Level III
 3:30-4:00pm- Level IV
 4:00-4:30pm-Level II

Swim Lessons with Jennie

Cost: \$32/\$64 Non-member
 When: Sundays with one Saturday
 Dates: 6/10, 6/17, 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/21, 7/22
 Times: 10:00-10:30am-Preschool
 10:30-11am-Level I
 11:00-11:30am-Level II
 11:30am-12:00pm- Level III

Swim lesson with Marybeth

Cost: \$32/\$64 Non-member
 When: Mondays & Wednesday
 Dates: 6/18, 6/20, 6/25, 6/27, 7/2, 7/3, 7/9, and
 7/11. No Class July 4
 Time: 4:30-5:00pm- Preschool
 5:00-5:30pm- Level II
 5:30-6:00pm-Level III

Fast Track Swim Lessons with Abbey

Cost: \$32/\$64 Non-member
 When: Monday-Thursday
 Dates: 7/16, 7/17, 7/18, 7/19, 7/20, 7/23, 7/24,
 7/25, and 7/26
 Times: 1:30-2:00pm-Preschool
 2:00-2:30pm-Level I
 2:30-3:00pm- Level II
 3:00-3:30pm-Level III
 3:30-4:00pm- Level IV

Fast Track Swim Lessons with Jennie

Cost: \$32/\$64 Non-member
 When: Monday-Thursdays
 Dates: 7/9, 7/10, 7/11, 7/12, 7/16, 7/17, 7/18, and
 7/19
 Times: 12:00-12:30pm- Level III

Fast Track Swim Lesson with Louise

Cost: \$32/\$64 Non-member
 When: Monday-Thursday
 Dates: 7/9, 7/10, 7/11, 7/12, 7/16, 7/17, 7/18, and
 7/19
 Times: 5:00-5:30pm-Level I
 5:30-6:00pm-Level II
 6:00-6:30pm-Level III

River Valley Community College Holds 50th Commencement Ceremony

CLAREMONT, NH—River Valley Community College's 2018 graduating class celebrated its 50th Commencement Ceremony at the Claremont Opera House, Friday, May 18. The evening boasted 181 graduates receiving a combined total of 196 degrees, and some 140 graduates attended the ceremony.

Commencement speaker Shawn Lessard spoke of the value of growth and change, how they can work together for a better life as well as new opportunities.

Lessard is a 2008 RVCC graduate in the physical therapist assistant program and a former Marine.

Award Recipients: President's Award: Benjamin Drye, 2018 Graduate in Business Management and Accounting; Activities Award: Diane Cammarata, PTK Officer, Majoring in the Mathematics and Science Program with a Concentration in Biological Science (not graduating); Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence: Denise Ruby, Nursing and Respiratory Department Chair; Chancellor's Award for Service Excellence: Sharon Gilbert, Registrar (retiring June 1 after 36 years serving RVCC students); PTK 2018 Teacher of the Year: TBA.

Graduates: Rebecca Adams, Quechee, VT; Garrett Albano, Enfield, NH; Dervis Anber, Keene, NH; Erica Arpin, Rindge, NH; Carol Arsenault, Keene, NH; Jennifer Austin, Claremont, NH; Andrian Baker, Newport, NH; Shane Ball, Glenciff, NH; Kristy Bates, Langdon, NH; Kayci Bayerle, White River Jct, VT; Naomi Beaudry, Charlestown, NH; Kelcie Beck, Bradford, VT; Lases Bingham, Enfield, NH; Laurel Boyd, West Peterborough, NH; Nicholas Bradley, Perkinsville, VT; John Brennan, Lebanon, NH; Nathaniel Brown, Litchfield, NH; Angelica Brown, Nashua, NH; Eliza Budhathoki, Concord, NH; Daniel Carney-Olmstead, Keene, NH; Brittany Cauthen, Springfield, VT.

Also, Livia Cavallaro, Keene, NH; Rebecca Clark, Claremont, NH; Melissa Clark, Gilsum, NH; Julie Clemons, Canaan, NH; Matthew Collier, Claremont, NH; Andrew Comte, Nottingham, NH; Kylie Congdon, Charlestown, NH; Nolan Cota, Newport, NH; Nina Cournoyer, Swanzey, NH; Phoebe Courtot, Peacham, VT; Maygan Daly, Springfield, VT; Bambi DeFilippis, Newport, NH; Jennifer Densmore, Enfield, NH; Corinne Depasquale, Keene, NH; Jaclyn Deschenes, Jaffrey, NH; Samantha Dodge, Newport, NH; Benjamin Drye, Plainfield, NH; Amanda Durgin, Keene, NH; Penny Durgin,

Jaffrey, NH; Martha Dutton, Sutton, NH; Kristen Evans, Nashua, NH; Andrea Ferland, Claremont, NH; Kourtne Flanders, Winchester, NH; Jessica Flore, Springfield, VT; Erik Follensbee, Canaan, NH; Felicia Fontaine, Claremont, NH; Jessica Ford, Claremont, NH; Stephanie Fullmer-Smith, Keene, NH; Stuart Gannon, Enfield, NH; Koral Gardner, Alstead, NH; Karen Gay, Claremont, NH; Brittany George, West Lebanon, NH; Megan Gilpatric, Alexandria, NH; Michael Golec, Charlestown, NH; Eric Gourdeau, Pittsfield, NH; Julie Grasso, Charlestown, NH; Sean Griffin, North Walpole, NH; Nichole Guaraldi, Plainfield, NH; Jazmin Guyette, Hartford, VT; Morgan Hackett, Sharon, VT; Tylah Hagan, Marlborough, NH.

Also, Benjamin Hahn, Bradford, NH; Krystal Hale, Winchester, NH; Amelia Hammond, Grantham, NH; Laura Hansen, Jaffrey, NH; Meghan Hicks, West Lebanon, NH; Lisa Hilow, Keene, NH; Angela Hooper, Claremont, NH; Cynthia Hooper, Keene, NH; Amanda Howe, Lebanon, NH; Aerie Ingalls, Keene, NH; Kasey Jardine, Keene, NH; Andrea Johnson, Canaan, NH; April Jones, Waterbury Center, VT; Deborah Jones-Midgett, Springfield, NH; Barbara Kelly, Keene, NH; Robert Kelly, Concord, NH; Chelsea Kelly, Charlestown, NH; Katharine Kessler, Newport, NH; David Kruse, Richmond, NH; Nicole Kulbacki, Bradford, NH; Katelynne Lafrance, Stockbridge, VT; Allen Lathrop, Marlow, NH; Gretchen Lauer, Richmond, NH; Gregory LeBlond, Weare, NH; Barbara LeClair-Fiedler, Claremont, NH; Adrienne Leclerc, Langdon, NH; Kimberly Lefevre, Thetford Center, VT; Renee Legault, Keene, NH.

Also, Cheryl Lehneman, Gilford, NH; Katlyn Leskiewicz, Claremont, NH; Dawn Lettre, Cornish, NH; Sofia Likhter, Goshen, NH; Danelle Limoges, Claremont, NH; Annie Lockerby, Cavendish, VT; Jennifer Long, Washington, NH; Donna Longo, Jaffrey, NH; Todd Macomber, Sunapee, NH; Skyler Main, Gilsum, NH; Brianna Makalinaw, Lebanon, NH; Corey Marquez, Charlestown, NH; Bailey Marrotte, Swanzey, NH; Rebecca Marshall, Nelson, NH; Kevin Marshall, Lebanon, NH; Amanda Martel, Walpole, NH; Colby Martin, Claremont, NH; Logan Martin, Enfield, NH; Laura Mccullough, South Royalton, VT; Erin McKane, Nelson, NH; Emily Mecheski, Troy, NH; Hannah Meier, Charlestown, NH; Kathleen Melek, Claremont, NH; Gretchen Melnik, Greenfield, MA; Thomas Merullo, South Sutton, NH; Jennifer Miller,

Claremont, NH; Brooke Minetti, Colchester, VT; Elizabeth Mooers, West Chesterfield, NH; Sithembiso Muhlauri, Meriden, NH; Abraham Myre, Keene, NH; Sijia Nadeau, Walpole, NH.

Also, Shaughn Nalezinski, Manchester, NH; Heather Nearing, Bethlehem, NH; Allen OMeara, Keene, NH; Jenna Ostrowski, Charlestown, NH; Alisha Packard, Walpole, NH; Ann Palmieri, Lebanon, NH; Daynel Paris, Grantham, NH; Megan Petrowicz, Keene, NH; Amanda Potter, Lebanon, NH; Trevor Quest, Putney, VT; Nicholas Riel, Lempster, NH; Brandon Roldan, Springfield, VT; Brittany Root, Claremont, NH; Stephanie Rose, Orange, NH; Abigail Ross, Elkins, NH; Katherine Ruelle Costa, Keene, NH; Paul Ruscak, Newport, NH; Christopher Sanders, Alstead, NH; Gloria Sandoval Gonzalez, Claremont, NH; Nicholas Sartini, Keene, NH; Margaret Schagen, Newport, NH; Carol Schieb, Peterborough, NH; Sabrina Scott, Milton, NH; Jaclyn Scott, Keene, NH; Todd Seymour, Newport, NH; Aaron Shields, Keene, NH; Hannah Shores, Dublin, NH; Amy Sibert, Newport, NH.

Also, Courtney Smith, South Acworth, NH; Heather Smith, Keene, NH; Benjamin Soper, Rindge, NH; Raylene Sperling, Keene, NH; Sydney St Pierre, Charlestown, NH; Nicole Stanclift, Keene, NH; Bonnie Stearman, Claremont, NH; Deserai Stone, Plainfield, NH; Lyndsay Sunderland, Chesterfield, NH; Nicole Swasey, White River Junction, VT; Julia Swett, Greenville, NH; Ashley Tallman, Stoddard, NH; Anna Tassinari, Meriden, NH; Jenny Tran, Marlborough, NH; Tiffany Travers, Waterford, VT; Kayla Truman, Richmond, NH; Kenneth Turner, Weare, NH; Elizabeth Valcourt, Grantham, NH; Melanie Valley, Bradford, NH; Rebecca Van Kirk, Spofford, NH; Travis Vicary, Lebanon, NH; Morgan Ward, Claremont, NH; Anna Wardner, Claremont, NH; Lisa White, Hanover, NH; Meghan Wilder, Newport, NH; Camden Williams, Weare, NH; Katherine Wood, Keene, NH; Sarah Woodman, Keene, NH; Deborah Wright, Gilsum, NH; Casey York, Lebanon, NH; Miraya Young, Newfane, VT; Sapna Young, Nashua, NH.

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Claremont Confidential

By Les St.Pierre



The Comfort Of Staff

John Lambert sits in his office chair, looks through the large glass windows, and promptly exhibits a smile.

"After all these years I still enjoy this business and the employees and customers I work with," Lambert reported last week as his business, Lambert Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, celebrated 50 years at its location on River Road at the Claremont Junction. "I feel as a small owner operator store I have more of a personal relationship with my customers and my staff, and that amounts to a better place to do business."

Lambert, the company's owner and president, has been employed at the business his father founded in 1968 for the past 46 years. While it is true he is the face of the company, he is the first to admit he did not get to where he is without a loyal and dedicated staff. He is a true leader, but also an advocate for teamwork.

"I don't go to those meetings," Lambert confessed while being interviewed, showing a number of plaques adorning the office with laudatory recognition of awards earned. "I send someone else. I'd rather be here behind the desk."

Excellent service awards over the years are numerous. They include a Time Magazine Dealer of the Year New Hampshire nominee, Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce 2011 Business of the Year, 2008 Energy Star Small Business Award, Chrysler Five Star Awards and a 2015 FCA Environmental Health and Safety Leadership Award, the only dealer in North America to re-

ceive such an honor.

Lambert's pride and joy is the 1987 People Magazine's Outstanding Service Award. "I was one of only eight dealers in the United States to receive that award," Lambert reported. "I was written up in People Magazine's February 9, 1987 issue." Despite several attempts to get Lambert to attend the fete, he did not go.

The climb to his mountain of success dates back to his years following his graduation from St. Mary High School in Claremont. He went to the University of New Hampshire to study forestry before entering the United States Army during the Vietnam crisis to be trained as an aircraft repairman. Following a year in Vietnam as a helicopter repairman Lambert returned to the States as an instructor to teach Army personnel in Virginia. Released a couple of months early, he then went to California to graduate at Northrop Institute of Technology

while he was shorthanded suggesting I could work evenings and weekends at the airport just a half mile away. Well, I got hooked in the automobile business turning wrenches, selling parts, and then managing the whole store when my father retired in 1982."

The rest, as they say, is history.

Lambert is married to his wife, Janice, and lives in a home they built in Charlestown. They have two daughters, Martha Maki and Mary Morin, and there are six grandchildren.

The return home to Claremont to work at his father's place of business is not something Lambert regrets, although he does miss going to Alaska.

Spurning the "East is Least and West is Best" philosophy at the time Lambert said, "I had to go to California because that is where the action was. After seeing Vietnam and other parts of the world I can say New Hampshire

has a lot going for it. You don't know what you have until you don't have it. I enjoyed coming back and I don't regret it. Being near family has a lot of benefits. I like the four seasons, the people, and the less populated area. I like to be outdoors. I used to go hiking and rock climbing and my wife likes white water sports. New Hampshire has it. I am very happy to be here. Everybody's got gloom and doom about taxes, but there is so much more to appreciate. Claremont is a very active community and does a lot of things to help each other out."

Lambert also owns the bicycle shop situated at the Amtrak station lot

but, admittedly, spends most of his time at the car dealer-

ship. Rob Walker is the store manager and Lambert's daughter, Mary, is the office manager and Vice President.

Lambert stands by his company's belief each and every one of its customers will love it at LCDJR.

....."and I am here to see that you do," he concluded.



John Lambert, owner of Lambert Auto Sales (Bill Binder photo).

and received an FAA airframe and power plant license.

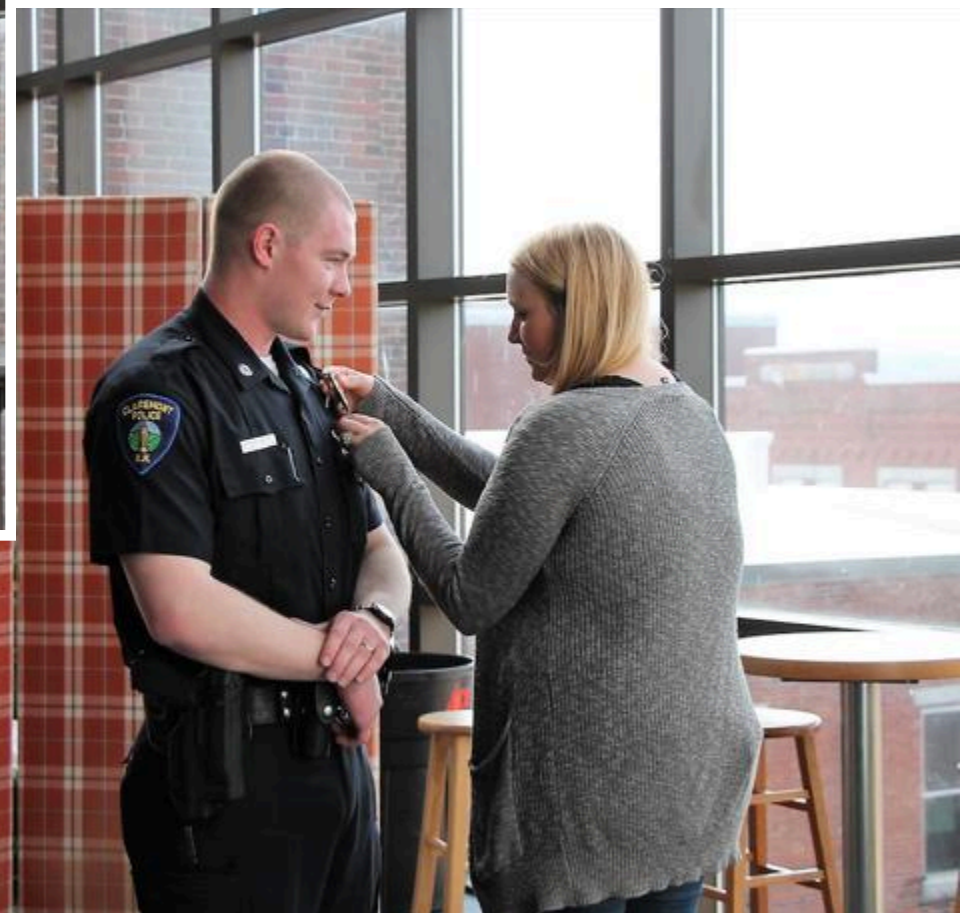
"I was all set to see the world," Lambert stated. "As an aircraft repairman you could get a job anywhere. I wanted to go to Alaska."

That never happened.

"My father asked me to return to New Hampshire and help him at the dealership for a while



A student job fair for elementary school students was held at the Tech Center on Friday, May 18. Businesses were set up and representatives were on hand to answer questions from the students. Students could check out careers in banking, cooking, photography, computer technology, car sales, safety services and more. Tours of the Tech Center were also available (Bill Binder photos).



The Claremont Police held a badge pinning ceremony for its newest officer on Wednesday, May 16. Chief Mark Chase welcomed the family and friends in attendance and reminded everyone that May 15 was National Peace Officer Memorial Day and asked for a moment of silence for all officers that have fallen in the line of duty. Chase then introduced Officer Cameron Blewitt. Blewitt is the grandson of William Blewitt who was a police officer in Claremont from 1947-1973 and retired as Deputy Chief. Blewitt had his badge pinned on by his wife, Shamelle.



SCHS Save a Stray 5K

Join organizers on June 23, at 10:00 a.m., for the 5th annual SCHS Save a Stray 5K to benefit the Sullivan County Humane Society. This event has moved to Newport and will be held at the Robert C. Haserlat Memorial Park on Corbin Rd and run through the historic Corbin Covered Bridge. Dogs are welcome but need to remain leashed and start in the back of the starting line.

The fundraising goal for this year is \$15,000. With the help of corporate sponsors and our pledge drive we can reach this goal! Money raised will be used to help feed, house and give medical care for all our feline guests. To register for the event and learn more about our drive, please go to www.Sullivancountyhumanesociety.org and click on the SCHS Save A Stray tab. It is not necessary to participate in the pledge drive to participate in the 5K. Pre-registration fee is \$20. Kids 12 and under are free. T-shirts will be given to the first 100 paid registered runners. Prizes for the top male and female finishers. Awards to the top three male and female finishers in each age group. A \$100 Common Man Restaurant gift card will be awarded to the top team fundraiser and a \$50 Common Man Restaurant gift card will go to the top individual fundraiser! They will be hosting a post-race BBQ for participants and their supporters!



As part of the NH Child Passenger Safety Program, Safe Kids NH held a four-day seminar on child passenger safety at Time Out Americana Grill last week. The multi-day, 13-module class attended by firefighters, nurses, community health workers, parents and others focused on car safety seats. The modules covered seat construction and safety, how to make sure that the seat was the right one for the child, correct installation in the vehicle and much more. Those who passed the class will be nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians and will be able to do seat inspections in their community or at work. Safe Kids NH volunteer and lead instructor Vinny Curro said there were 12 people in this class and that on this particular day they were doing the practical section of the class which involved installing the seats in a car with all safety straps installed correctly and the seat belts set correctly on the practice figures. **Shown: Carol Sarazin, Community Health worker, passed her installation section (Bill Binder photos).**

