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## Gov. Signs SB152, Expanding School Employee Background Checks

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
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CONCORD, NH – Governor Maggie Hassan issued the following statement after signing Senate Bill 152 on Thursday, relative to criminal history records checks for school employees and designated school volunteers:

“Ensuring public safety, especially for our schools and our young people, is state government’s most important responsibility, and we must always work together to strengthen protections for our most vulnerable and to keep students and children safe from harm,” said Hassan. “By facilitating stronger criminal record checks on potential school employees and designated school volunteers, Senate Bill 152 will strengthen our efforts to protect students and help superintendents identify patterns of behavior that could impact the safety of our schools.

“I am thankful that legislators from both parties have taken this important step forward to protect the safety of young Granite Staters, and I am proud to sign this bipartisan bill that will help ensure that our students can continue to learn and thrive in a safe school environment.”

The legislation to expand background checks was filed following a case two years ago at Stevens High School that involved math teacher Christopher LeBlanc who was charged with sexual misconduct with a 14-year-old student. He later pled guilty to two charges of sexual assault and is serving a multi-year sen-



**Father Stanley Piwovar recently celebrated his 65th year as an ordained priest with a group of friends and a dinner at the Pleasant Restaurant. On May 19, 1951, he was ordained as a priest in Manchester, NH, by Bishop Brady. During his 65-year career, he has served in churches in Littleton, Franklin, Manchester, Exeter and in 1965 he came to Claremont. In addition to all his church duties Father Stan was the chaplain for the Claremont Fire Dept. for 37 years. Although he formally retired “six or so years ago”, Father Stan still gets out to visit with friends on occasion, including Ron Gilbert, pictured on the right (Bill Binder photo).**

tence at the state prison. He had a criminal record for theft and other charges that did not show up in the then allowed background check when he was hired.

“For the past two years, with the support of Claremont parents, state representatives, state senators, NH State Police, New Hampshire School Board Association, Claremont Police Chief Alex Scott, and Mayor Charlene Lovett, an ongoing effort to change New Hampshire’s law involving criminal history record check information for public schools occurred,” SAU 6 Superintendent Middleton McGoodwin told the *e-Ticker News*. “New Hampshire’s prior crimi-

nal history record check law prevented superintendents of schools from accessing specific criminal history information of any person who applied for employment.

“Ironically, many other New Hampshire organizations responsible for the safety of children did not have the limited access that New Hampshire school districts have faced. Summer camps, for example, have been able to access a applicant’s complete criminal history.”

McGoodwin added, “Further, many states, including Maine, Vermont and Massachusetts, have no restrictions on school districts that al-

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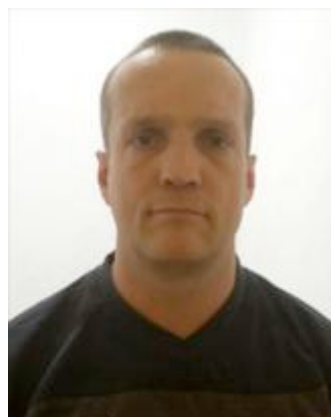
lows superintendents of schools full access to this critically important information.

“With the passage of Senate Bill 152, New Hampshire’s criminal history records check law will now allow superintendents of schools to learn if a potential employee has a criminal history that represents the type of person who should not be allowed to work in a school district with children.”

## Arrest Made In Home Invasion Case

After a thorough investigation into a May 3, 2015, home invasion in Charlestown, NH, where a 63-year-old woman was tied up and over \$25,000 worth of personal items were stolen, Jeffrey Buzzell, 41, Claremont, NH, was arrested by New Hampshire State Police at the New Hampshire Probation and Parole Office in Claremont, it was announced on Wednesday. He was arrested without incident and charged with one count of Receiving Sto-

len Property; Buzzell was arraigned on Thursday in the 5th Circuit Court in Newport on that one count. Additional charges may be forthcoming, and investigators anticipate additional arrests.



**Jeffrey Buzzell**

According to the prosecution during the arraignment, key information about the case surfaced during phone calls between the suspect and his wife while he was in prison. That information led authorities to a dirt road in Newport where a number of the stolen items had been buried. “We could establish he was in New York pawning items with two other people,” County Attorney Mark Hathaway told WMUR. “What we couldn’t establish is the circumstances in which he came in possession of those items.”

Bail was set at \$250,000

Investigators from Claremont Police, Charlestown Police, New York City Police Department and New Hampshire Probation and Parole assisted with the investigation.

Anyone with information pertaining to this investigation should call Detective Sergeant Shawn Skahan at Troop C 603-358-3333.

---Phyllis A. Muzeroll

## Increase In ATM Card Skimming Seen

CONCORD, NH—Deputy Banking Commissioner Ingrid E. White and Attorney General

Joseph A. Fos-

ter are urging New Hampshire consumers to be vigilant following a concerning increase in Automated Teller Machine (“ATM”) card skimming frauds.

ATM card skimming fraud involves the attachment of electronic devices on or around an ATM to illegally collect data from the magnetic strip of the card, while hidden cameras are also installed to capture the personal identification number entered by the customer. How to reduce the chance of becoming a victim of ATM card skimming:

- Check all ATMs and other card-reading devices before use. Signs of card skimmers include: The ATM cover looks loose; scratches or sticky tape residue which might indicate a false ATM front; a pinhole on the machine which could indicate a camera has been installed; an extra keypad layered over the ATM’s keypad; and try jiggling the card reader – if it moves, it could be a card skimmer.
- Opt for ATMs inside buildings and in high traffic areas as these are harder for criminals to target.
- Cover the keys when entering your pin. If you have a choice, opt for credit (or using your debit card as credit) to prevent criminals from gaining access to your pin.

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A driver lost control of his vehicle Wednesday on Maple Avenue in Claremont due to a medical event, hitting a tree and then the front of a house. Because it was a medical issue, the *e-Ticker News* is not publishing the name of the victim (Bill Binder photo).



A tractor trailer overturned on Rt. 11 in Georges Mills early Wednesday afternoon. The driver was not hurt, but traffic was restricted to one lane for several hours until they were able to upright the truck and move it (Gayle Hedrington photo).

## Missing Acworth Woman Deceased

ACWORTH, NH--On May 17, at approximately 9:40 p.m., Troopers from Troop C responded to a residence in Acworth, NH, for the report of a missing female. The responding Troopers made contact with the residents and learned that at approximately 2:00 p.m. Sheila Brodne, 57, South Acworth, NH, left a note for her husband that she went shopping in the Keene area. Troopers initiated an investigation and canvassed the area, but were unable to locate Brodne at that time; investigators put out request for the public's help to find her, releasing a description of what she was wearing and her vehicle.



Sheila Brodne

The NH State Troopers tweeted on Friday: "UPDATE: Missing Acworth woman has been located."

No details were provided in the Twitter post, and none has been made available. Today, the *Keene Sentinel* posted that NH State Police Lt. Joseph DiRusso confirmed the death.



There was a head-on collision Friday afternoon shortly after 5:00 p.m., east of One Mile West in Sunapee. According to the Sunapee police, Newport driver Morgan Hannigan crossed over from the westbound lane, striking a van driven by John Zelewski of Richfield, CT. Both drivers had to be extricated, and DHART was on the scene with two helicopters. The road was closed for about two hours; emergency units from Sunapee, Newbury, Goshen and New London responded to the call (Gayle Hedrington photo).

## 35th Anniversary Asbury Short Film Concert

MERIDEN, NH--The 35th Anniversary Asbury Short Film Concert, will take place at the Kimball Union Academy, Flickenger Auditorium, Meriden, Thursday, June 23, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Asbury Short Film Concert brings to New Hampshire another expertly curated selection of short films. Based in New York, Asbury Shorts is NYC's longest running short film event that brings an action packed selection of short films from around the world and from the past and present. Early Bird tickets, \$10; \$15 after June 9th. Call 603-469-3444 for more information.

# Commentary

## NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

### Some County Officials To See Pay Raises



Some Sullivan County elected officials will get raises in their salaries next year. But the salary of one elected official will stay the same, while the salary of another will actually be decreased.

On May 17 the Sullivan County Delegation to New Hampshire's House of Representatives adjusted the salaries of seven out of eight Sullivan County's elected officials, adjustments that will take effect on Jan. 4, 2017, when the officials' new terms begin. The only elected official not affected by the Delegation's May 17 adjustments is the Sullivan County Registrar of the Probate, an official whose salary is now set by state law. The remaining county officials whose salaries were adjusted included the three commissioners, the treasurer, attorney, and high sheriff. Under current state law, the Delegation is required to officially set the salaries of all the just-listed officials, except for the registrar of the probate, before the filing period begins for any Sullivan County citizens who wish to file their candidacies to be elected to one of the just-listed officials. The filing period this year opens on June 1, and runs thru June 10.

The Sullivan County Delegation approved the biennial salary adjustments by unanimous voice vote in Newport with no debate. This quick approval followed an earlier unanimous recommendation by the Delegation's EFC (Executive Finance Committee) to make the salary adjustments. The adjustments include a \$360 annual salary increase for each of the three county commissioners, an increase which would hike each of the three salaries from the present \$10,140 per year to \$10,500 per year. But readers should remember that the job of county commissioner is a part-time executive position with the day-to-day functions being done by a full-time county manager, who is hired and accountable to the commissioners.

Other approved salary adjustments include a raise for the county attorney, which would be spread out over the two years of this official's two-year term. In Jan. 2017 the attorney's salary would rise from its current \$84,162 per year to \$92,000 per year. Then in Jan. 2018 the salary would go up an additional \$1,380 to \$93,380 per year. Additionally there is a pay raise for the high sheriff, also spread out over two years. More specifically, the high sheriff's salary would rise from its present \$62,868 to \$64,000 annually in Jan. 2107, and then from \$64,000 to \$65,000 annually in Jan. 2018.

However, the other salary adjustments include no raise for the county treasurer, which is only a part-time position. In other words, the treasurer's current salary of \$5,070 per year will remain the same for the next

two years, until at least Jan. 2019 when the next term would begin. Furthermore, another approved salary adjustment will actually reduce the salary of the registrar of deeds, which was officially \$56,569 annually as of this year. Starting in Jan. 2017, the registrar's annual salary drops to \$52,000, a \$4,569 reduction. But then in Jan. 2018, the salary would rise by \$780 to \$52,780 annually.

As for the reason behind the approved salary reduction for the registrar of deeds, let me review some recent events. As readers may remember from my Feb. 1 column, the position of registrar was declared temporarily "vacant" by the Delegation on Jan. 27, an action that followed the untimely death of incumbent Registrar Chaunee Baker on Jan. 12, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. But the registrar's duties are being exercised by Deputy Registrar Janet Gibson, a career county employee, who has so far indicated that she would not file as a candidate for registrar in either the Sept. 8 Primary or Nov. 8 General Election. Therefore, Delegation approved the reduction in the registrar's salary, starting next year, because it believes the next registrar of deeds, whomever county voters elect, will not have the amount of experience past registrars like the late Ms. Baker had.

For the record, I do support all the adjustments in the the salaries of elected Sullivan County officials as just described. I believe all the salary adjustments are reasonable actions for a small, rural county like ours that is not very wealthy. But a county that overall has hardworking and resourceful elected officials as well as county employees, in my opinion. Also readers should remember that the Delegation's salary adjustments are based on the elected positions and their responsibilities, not necessarily the individuals who presently hold the positions. After all, these individuals could either retire, or be tossed out by Sullivan County voters on Sept. 13 or Nov. 8.

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Now I briefly return to the 2016 Legislative Session In Concord, a session that is quickly coming to a close. In an update, I was pleased to learn on May 21 that Gov. Maggie Hassan had signed Senate Bill 152 into law on May 19, a bill that I had written about in some detail in my April 11 column, and would expand criminal background checks for prospective school employees and volunteers in New Hampshire. A bill, along the unsuccessful House Bill 346, that was introduced in response to a 2014 incident at Claremont's Stevens High School in which a student was victimized by her teacher, who was hired despite some previous misdemeanors and felonies, which were blocked from being listed on his background check because of current law. Hopefully, incidents like the one just-described will never happen again in our state because Senate Bill 152 is now law, a bill that might have never become law without the persistent lobbying on its behalf by the victimized student's mother, Claremont Mayor Charlene Lovett, and Claremont School Supt. Middleton McGoodwin.

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## **Ayotte Questions Administration Officials On Federal Government’s Response To Opioid Abuse Epidemic**

WASHINGTON, DC-- During a Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee hearing on Tuesday, U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte questioned Director of Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Michael Botticelli, Principal Deputy Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Kana Enomoto and Director of Homeland Security and Justice at the U.S. Government Accountability Office Diana Maurer on the federal government’s response to the growing opioid abuse epidemic in New Hampshire and across the country.

During Tuesday’s hearing, which coincided with SAMHSA’s National Prevention Week, Ayotte focused on ways to increase access to lifesaving opioid overdose reversal drugs like Narcan, and expressed concerns with recent media reports that have noted significant cost increases for these drugs. Ayotte also questioned the hearing witnesses on ways to expand access to treatment, including by increasing existing caps on evidence-based programs like medication-assisted treatment, as well as by addressing arbitrary caps that currently limit access to residential treatment services for mental health and substance use disorders.

Ayotte also addressed the issue of heroin and fentanyl being trafficked into the country across the southern border and asked Director Botticelli for an update on drug interdiction efforts. Fentanyl, Ayotte said, “is really the main driver of the drug deaths... in New Hampshire.”

“...The vast majority of overdose deaths that we’ve seen in the United States seem to be attributed to either straight fentanyl or heroin-laced fentanyl – not just in New Hampshire but around the country. And you’re right. While we know some about the fentanyl supply chain, we need to actually amp up our intelligence around the fentanyl [supply],” said Botticelli.

## **Shaheen Calls On World Health Organization To Evaluate Public Health Risks Of Holding 2016 Summer Olympic Games In Brazil**

WASHINGTON, DC--Tuesday, Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) urged the World Health Organization to break their silence on the potential for the 2016 Summer Olympic Games to spur a global outbreak of the Zika virus. In a letter sent to Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Shaheen urged the WHO to commission a comprehensive evaluation of the public health risks associated with the Summer Olympic Games that will be held in August in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Nearly two million Brazilians have contracted Zika since its initial outbreak in 2015. An estimated 10,000 athletes from as many as 200 countries, and 500,000 spectators from around the world are expected to travel to Brazil for the Summer Olympic Games. Earlier today in Geneva, Dr. Chan held a press conference on the topic going only so far to say that athletes and attendees should exercise necessary precautions if they attend the Games.

In her letter, Shaheen voices her strong concern about the potential for the Olympics to greatly accelerate the global outbreak of Zika, citing a recent paper in the Harvard Public Health Review by Dr. Amir Attaran of the University of Ottawa.

“The Olympic Games is a global event that brings citizens and communities together from around the world. But I question whether gathering thousands of athletes and hundreds of thousands of spectators in a country where nearly two million people have been infected with Zika is safe for our global health,” said Shaheen. “Athletes, spectators and the public deserve to understand the personal and global health risks associated with holding the Games in Brazil. All of the efforts underway to prevent Zika are at risk of being undone if the Olympic Games spurs a global outbreak.”

While the full medical impact is not yet known, the Zika virus is associated with pediatric microcephaly and brain damage, and studies have also linked it to adult conditions like Guillain-Barre syndrome and acute disseminated encephalomyelitis. Scientists have also indicated that the strain of Zika in Brazil is more dangerous than previous Zika outbreaks that have occurred elsewhere in the world.

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## Claremont School Board Files Objection To Union's Cease And Desist Motion

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
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CLAREMONT, NH--Last week the Claremont School Board filed an objection to the motion for cease and desist filed by the Sugar River Education Association (SREA) against the district in regards to the A/B schedule for classes at the high school. The board, represented by Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon, P.A., set forth its details and specifications of its arguments in objection to the motion in a Memorandum where it requested that "the PELRB (Public Employee Relations Board) deny the instant motion or in the alternative, defer ruling on the instant motion until after a hearing on the merits on the pending Unfair Labor Practice Charge and award such further relief as justice may require."

The memorandum is 41 pages long and covers many years worth of class schedules at the high school, the recent history of changing from a block to an A/B schedule, which triggered the action against the district by the union and why, in the board's opinion, the "Association is not likely to succeed on the merits of its charge."

On May 6, the Sugar River Education Association filed a motion for a cease and desist order against the district, requesting that the PELRB order "that the Claremont School District cease and desist from refusing to implement an arbitration award relating to the 2016-17 schedule at Stevens High School in Claremont, and order that the District comply with the Arbitrator's award which states that the imposition of this new schedule violates the parties' collective bargaining agreement." In the fall of 2014, a SHS Scheduling Committee was formed to determine whether the then current 4 x 4 SHS schedule was meeting the needs of all SHS students.

Preparation for implementation of the 2015-2016 schedule included school board presentations, frequent discussions with SHS staff and public forums with parents and residents. In February of 2015, the union filed a grievance about the approved 2015-2016 SHS A/B schedule, and in April the arbitrator ruled that the school board violated the Collective Bargaining Agreement, a ruling which the school board rejected, saying that state law permits school boards to set class schedules. In August of 2015, mediation between the school

board and the union was rejected by the SREA, which later filed and then withdrew a cease and desist order. In November of 2015, the union filed unfair labor practice with the Public Employees Relations Board which recommended that both parties go back to arbitration. The same arbitrator recently again ruled that the new class schedule, where students take classes in individual subjects on alternating days for a year rather than four subjects every day for a semester, violates the CBA and sidebar letters of agreement. He ruled that the district must pay 33 high school teachers \$153,000 for additional instructional time required under the A/B schedule. It remains the position of the school board and the administration that RSA 189:1-a gives the board the authority to establish class schedules. The SREA has argued that a block scheduling side letter addendum to the contract with the district means the old scheduling format must stay in place and that a provision in the contract says arbitration decisions are binding on all parties. In the cease and desist motion, the union argues that "The District has the responsibility 'for establishing the delivery of instruction.' That means the District gets to decide what the high school schedule is. But

the District also gets to decide whether to bargain that schedule with the Association. Where, as here, the District has bargained with the Association and agreed upon a high school schedule, that agreement is binding upon both the District and the Association. Nothing in RSA 189:1-a, II, changes that. The District is bound by its agreement, and that agreement, in turn, binds the District to any arbitration award that enforces that agreement."

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# Newport's Chamber Day, Brewfest Set For June 18th

NEWPORT, NH--The Sunshine Town is less than a month away from Newport's 7th annual Chamber Day. June 18th, starting at 9:00 a.m., the Newport Town Common will be filled with folks from all over. "Our annual event has become the unofficial kickoff to the Summer season, and the Newport Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that this year's Chamber Day will be our biggest yet," said Steve Smith Chamber Board member. Over 40 vendors, local businesses, town departments, non-profits and more will display themselves on the Common, showcasing their businesses, selling their wares, putting on games, explaining what they do, and generally engaging this wonderful community. "This is a perfect opportunity to see what the Newport area has to offer, and have lots of fun while you are here. We will have a free bounce house for the kids, free karaoke on the bandstand and lots more," said Smith.

"Back again this year is our 3rd annual Newport Brewfest, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m." said Smith. "In an effort to support the smallest of New Hampshire's breweries, we have evolved our Brewfest into a Nano Brewfest. A nano brewery is smaller than a micro brewery and is a brewery operation that produces fewer than 2,000 barrels of beer per year. These are some of New Hampshire's most unique, experimental, and inspired beers brewed in the Granite State! We are proud to feature at least 10 of NH's best Nano Breweries. You'll find beers from The Lonewolfe Brewing Company, Mooselick Brewing, Third Colony Brewery & Winery, Big Water Brewery, Garrison City Beerworks, Rockingham Brewing Company, Squam Brewing, Swift Current Brewing Company, Belgian Mare Brewery and Canterbury AleWorks. We will have over 30 hard-to-find beers to chose from."

Tickets are limited to 300 and cost is \$19.99 (plus online fee) or \$25 at the gate, and can be purchased exclusively online; visit the website, [www.NewportNHChamber.org](http://www.NewportNHChamber.org), for more information and the purchasing link.

New this year is a chance to win \$1,000 with Cow Patty Bingo; 625 tickets will be sold at \$10 each. When the cow goes, you could win! "We thank the Ed and Heather Peckham of Goshen for the use of their cow," said Smith. Chamber Board of Directors have raffle tickets, or you can see Chamber Executive Director Ella Casey at the Chamber office, 2 North Main Street to buy your tickets.

Finally, another new and great event will be the BBQ Competition. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winner of the contest, and the general public will be able to buy dishes from each of the competitors. More entries are needed for the event; to enter the BBQ Contest, please email Chamber Director Steve

Smith at [steven.Smith66@gmail.com](mailto:steven.Smith66@gmail.com) for more information. Cost to enter the competition and sell food is \$25.

This will be a rain or shine event. For more information, please contact Smith or Ella Casey at 863-1510.

## CITY OF CLAREMONT PUBLIC NOTICE

### VOTER REGISTRATION & CORRECTION

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Tuesday, May 31, 2016, from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. 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.

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## Vermont Fire Academy Instructors Attend Solar Training

MONTPELIER, VT-- Rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) systems present special considerations for firefighters. A workshop held Monday at the Vermont Fire Academy provided fire safety instructors with information they can use to teach local firefighters across the state about how to deal with fires on buildings equipped with solar PV systems. The workshop was jointly hosted by the Clean Energy States Alliance, the Vermont Public Service Department, and the Vermont Fire Academy.

Just like any new residential technology, solar PV offers unique challenges to firefighters. As rooftop PV becomes more common, firefighters need to be prepared for the challenges that this technology presents. Since PV panels can present electrical hazards for firefighters, de-energizing rooftop PV systems represents one such issue. In Monday's workshop, fire safety instructors learned how to recognize the difference between solar PV modules and solar thermal panels, how solar PV modules work, and how to handle them during a fire. Over the next several months, the newly trained instructors will deliver training on this topic to local fire departments across the state.

"With the huge boosts in rooftop PV deployment over the past few years, it's important for firefighters to know how to recognize and treat PV systems in the event of a fire," said Nate Hausman, a Project Manager for the Clean Energy States Alliance, one of the organizations that developed this workshop. "We're glad to help bring these PV fire safety trainings to Vermont."

"The information that will be shared will increase firefighter knowledge of solar equipment and outline safety measures when operating around solar installations", said James Litevich, Chief of Training at the Vermont Fire Academy. "This knowledge will also aid the fire officer's decision making process when directing fire suppression activities that involve structures with PV installations."

"As solar becomes more integrated into our buildings and landscape, our Department is committed to working with the Fire Academy and others to ensure the projects are constructed with fire safety in mind,

and that the training necessary for public safety is made available," said Christopher Recchia, Commissioner of the Public Service Department. The Vermont Fire Academy will

begin offering PV fire training to firefighters across the state in the upcoming months, with financial support from the Public Service Department's Clean Energy Development Fund.

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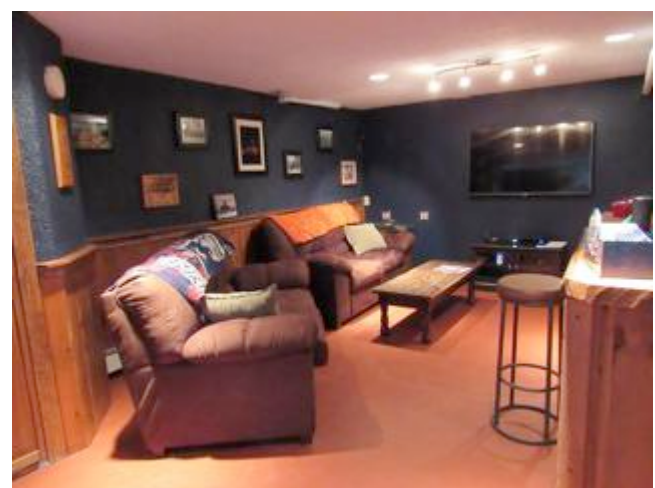


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## Call For Submissions For NH Literary Awards

MANCHESTER, NH--The call for submissions has opened for the 12th New Hampshire Literary Awards, presented by the New Hampshire Writers' Project in partnership with the Center for the Book at the NH State Library. In recognition of the rich and varied literary talent in the Granite State, awards will honor books in five categories. Works considered must be written by a native or resident, or be of subject matter inherently connected to New Hampshire.

Books may be nominated in the following categories:

- Outstanding Work of Fiction
- Outstanding Book of Poetry
- Outstanding Work of Nonfiction
- Outstanding Work of Children's Literature
- Outstanding Young Adult Book

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ity and diversity of the state's writing community," said Kevin Flynn, New Hampshire Writers' Project trustee and member of the NH Center for the Book advisory board.

Winners of the biannual New Hampshire Literary Awards will be announced on November 3, 2016 at a special reception and ceremony hosted at the New Hampshire Institute of Art in Manchester.

Nominations are encouraged and welcome from writers, publishers, organizations, and the general public. Qualifying books must have been published between June 1, 2013, and March 31, 2016. Entrants must submit three print copies of the book and a \$50 nomination fee along with their completed nomination form. Nominations must be postmarked by May 31.

Complete rules and submission details are available at [nhwritersproject.org](http://nhwritersproject.org).

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## River Valley Community College Holds Graduation At Claremont Campus

CLAREMONT, NH--The following students graduated from River Valley Community College Friday evening at the Claremont campus. Dr. Mark Rubinstein, president of Granite State College, was the commencement speaker and spoke on the issue of, is college worth it?

Those graduating were:

Ryan John Acheson, White River Jct., VT; Melissa Camille Ahjahorie, Lebanon; Joanna H. Alexander, White River Jct., VT; Alanna Marie Allain, Jaffrey; Kelsey Marie Allard, Claremont; Palmer Gerald Allen, Reading, VT; Peter James Apicelli, Campton; Michelle Renee Armstrong, Claremont; Jennifer Elaine Armstrong, Claremont; Mallory Brown Armstrong, Swanzey; Kayla E. Ash, Claremont; Christine Mae Aubrey, Newmarket; Jacob N. Baker, Charlestown; Jason Kenneth Bangrazi, Newport; Tyler Alexander Barsaleau, Rumney; Lindsey Jean Bass, Rumney; Colin Benoit, Keene; Adam C. Bergeron, Orford; Jeremy Ryan Bourassa, Sunapee; Raenee Lorraine Bourque, Claremont; Victoria Marie Bouton, Keene; Tyler James Braley, Canaan; Sarah Briant Braley, West Lebanon; Holly C. Bristol, Lebanon; Brittany Kathleen Brooks-Bowen, White River Jct, VT; Stephanie Lynn Brown, Charlestown; Christian B. Brown, Plymouth; Cassie Marie Brown, Keene; Mia Lynn Brown, East Thetford, VT; Katie Lynn Brownell, Canaan; Brittany Kate Bruce-McEwan, White River Jct, VT; Kenneth John Brummel, Claremont; Stacey W. Buskey, White River Jct., VT; Allison J. Byrnes, Troy; Laura Lynn Call, Keene; Barbara Ann Canavan, Keene; Teena Marie Canfield, Langdon; Susan Mary Carbonara, Keene; Nichole Marie Carey, Winchester; Tiffany Joy Carrier, Andover; Danielle Michelle Chasse, Wilton; Mitchell Tyler Chicoine, Claremont; Isil Theresa Chin, West Lebanon; Taylar M. Clark, Gilmanton; Brianna Lynn Cluff, Bradford; Michael Franklin Copp, Hartford, VT; Calista Marie Corbett, Newport; Robert George Cote, Newport; Steven Jeffrey Cotting, Canaan; Sharon E. Cox, Lebanon; Erin Cody Cox, Swanzey; Chelsey Croteau, Keene; Jess D. Crozier, Townshend, VT; Travis Walker Cunningham, Claremont; Megan Therese Currier, Claremont; Megan Rea Cutts, Charlestown; Holly Ann Cyr, Sunapee; David Allen Dalke, Charlestown; Tabetha Jean Dansereau, Claremont; Benjamin Gregory Davis, Venice, FL; Philip Davis, W. Chesterfield; Jennifer Gail Decatur, Troy; Dylan Alan Drew,

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# Sullivan County Commends Healthcare And Corrections Staff

NEWPORT, NH--The Sullivan County Board of Commissioners congratulates and thanks its staff at Sullivan County Health Care and Department of Corrections for a number of recent achievements:

- Sullivan County Health Care recently received deficiency-free status for both long-term care and life safety compliance following a three-day survey by the Department of Health and Human Services (this is an unannounced annual inspection of all long term care facilities to ensure ongoing compliance with operations licensing).

- Corrections Lieutenant Matthew Lockhart recently completed the National Jail Leadership Command Academy at Sam Houston State University in Texas. Lockhart is the first Sullivan County employee to attend this program, which annually accepts only 25 corrections personnel from around the country. Earlier this year, Lockhart was recognized by the American Jail Association as one of 35 people under age 35 to watch in corrections leadership.

- Corrections Sgt. Sean Mellish received a letter of commendation from the Board of Commissioners following his identification and swift response to a potential security breach.

- Corrections Officer Betty Johnson received a letter of commendation and lifesaving pin from the Board of Commissioners following her use of the Heimlich maneuver on a choking inmate.

- Sullivan County Health Care Director of Nursing Patti Henderson was accepted into the Emerging Leaders Program, a challenging seven-month leadership training program offered by Primex, the County's risk management provider.

- Corporal Jeremy Farnsworth received 2016 DOC Employee of the Year for his role as a field training officer for new personnel, his participation on the Corrections Emergency Response Team (CERT), his

promotion to Corporal, and his all around enthusiasm for his job.

Ted Purdy, director of Sullivan County Health Care, noted that staff work daily to provide high-quality health care services. "The unpredictable timing of the surveys plays only a small role in maintaining compliance," Purdy said. "Resident care drives everything we do, and a deficiency-free survey is meaningful in that the state and public can have confidence in the services that we already know are resident centered and high quality."

County Manager Jessie Levine noted that the deficiency-free survey highlights not only the quality of nursing care, but also dietary, housekeeping, facilities, activities, therapy, and social services.

Corrections Superintendent David Berry also had high praise for his team. "The words 'thank you' are just as important in the workplace as in our personal lives. Success is often based on showing appreciation to those who have worked and put in the effort to make all of us shine. The DOC has an amazing team; everyone does their job and they all deserve recognition on a daily basis."

"The work counties do often flies under the radar," said Levine. "Sullivan County has top notch staff who quietly and capably go about their service to the communities inside and outside of our buildings, and the Board of Commissioners

wanted to make sure the public was aware of their talent and commitment."

## Cornish Supervisors Of The Checklist Session

CORNISH, NH--The Cornish Supervisors of the Checklist will meet Tuesday, May 31st, from 7:00-7:30 p.m. at the Town Office, Town House Rd., for additions and corrections to the list of legal voters. This is the last day to change party affiliation before the State Primary Election.

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### VRH Nurses Being Honored With The DAISY Award

CLAREMONT, NH--Nurses at Valley Regional Healthcare are being honored with The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. "Valley Regional celebrates the excellence and compassion of its nursing staff every year, highlighting the service they provide as the backbone of care for our patients. This year, Valley Regional has partnered with the DAISY Foundation to recognize the extraordinary efforts nurses perform every day," said the hospital.



Lori Lavertue, left, Lynne Gagnon, right (Heidi L. Page photo).

The Inaugural DAISY Award Honoree is Lori Lavertue, who works in the Emergency Department. Her nomination was made by a patient's family who commented, "A tough moment for our family became easier because of a nurse who was dedicated to her work and her patient." She provides outstanding patient and family-centered care that demonstrates Valley's guiding principles of integrity, excellence, accountability, and compassion. Other Award nominees were also recognized: Christen Emerson, Kane Center; Laura Labrie, QI/QA, ED; Leslie Minckler, Medical/Surgical unit; and Tracey Thibodeau, VRH Surgical Associates. DAISY Award honorees personify Valley



### Key To Success...

Sixteen graduating seniors who belong to the Stevens High School Key Club were recognized by the local Kiwanis Club on Thursday, May 19, at Stevens High School. Kiwanians Luke Avery and Chuck Goodwin thanked the seniors for all that they have done as Key Club members and presented each senior with a medallion which can be worn during the graduation ceremonies. Seniors who received a medal are: Alaina Bandanza, Rachael Dansereau, Abigail Dole, Scott Garrison, Aly Lizotte, Aiden Mattice, Rebecca Menard, John Page, Justin Park, Troy Putnam, Austin Roy, Hans Schneider, Hannah Scott, Angelika Seaman, Emily Vamkham and Julia Valgas (Bill Binder photo).

Regional's "remarkable patient experience. These nurses consistently demonstrate excellence through their clinical expertise and extraordinary compassionate care. They are recognized as outstanding role models in our nursing community," said the hospital.

Twice a year, a nurse will be selected by Valley Regional's DAISY Committee to receive The DAISY Award. Presentation at a celebration with colleagues, physicians, and patients, the honoree receives a certificate commending her/ him for being an "Extraordinary Nurse." The certificate reads: "In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly

meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people." The honoree is also given a beautiful and unique sculpture called A Healer's Touch, hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Africa.

The not-for-profit DAISY Foundation is based in Glen Ellen, CA, and was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. The care Barnes and his family received from

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# e-Ticker Business News



## Ribbon Cutting...

The new 100 Mile Market held a ribbon cutting at the store on Pleasant St. in Claremont on Thursday, May 19. Business owners, city officials and friends gathered to congratulate April Woodman on her new endeavor. Local goods from a 100-mile circle around Claremont are available at the market. Woodman said that “We are reaching out to more and more local businesses for stock in the store.” She went on to say, “Although we have larger producers for some of our goods we would really like to get small local producers for a greater variety of goods.” Woodman’s philosophy is “know your farmer, know your food.” Future plans call for a bakery and much more (Bill Binder photo).

## DAISY, from A16

nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patients’ families .

Valley Regional Chief Nursing Officer Lynne Gagnon said, “We are proud to be among the healthcare organizations participating in the DAISY Award program. Nurses are heroes every day. It’s important that our nurses know their work is highly valued, and The DAISY Foundation provides a way to help us to do that.”

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# Council Continues To Review Proposed FY2017 Budget

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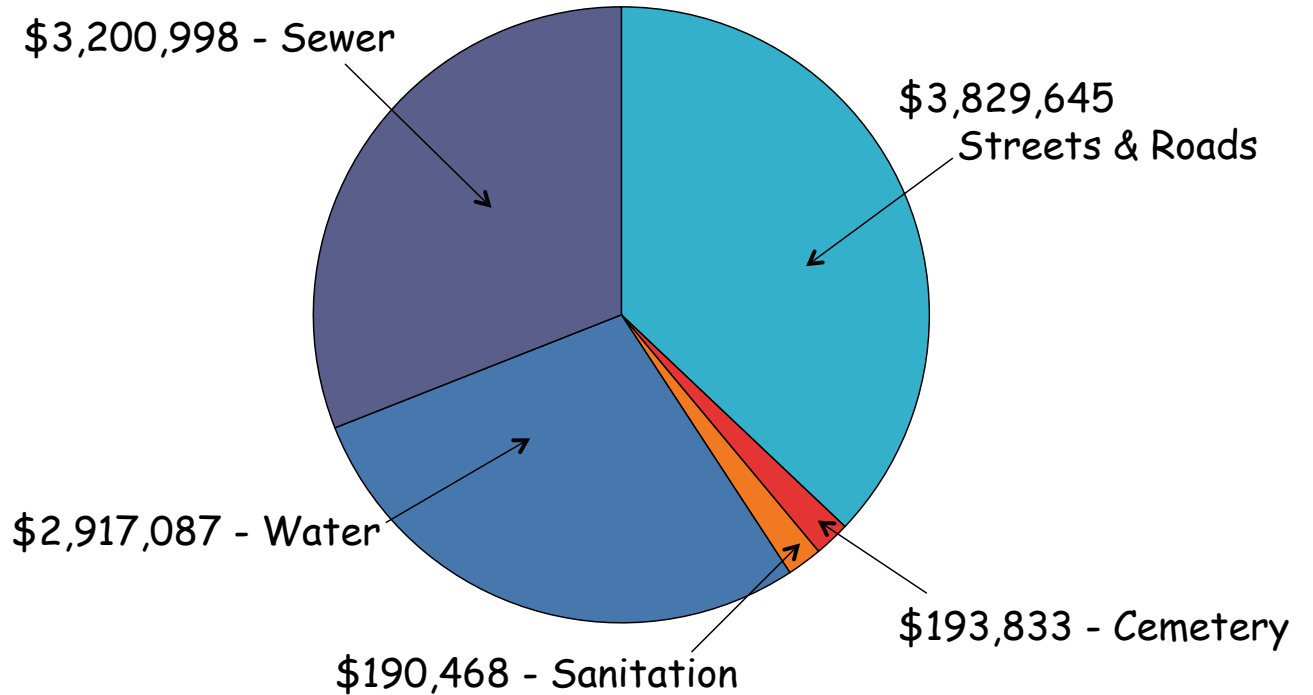
CLAREMONT, NH--The City Council continued its work reviewing the proposed FY 2017 budget Thursday evening. That meeting focused on the departments overseen by the Department of Public Works, with much of the focus being put on streets and roads. As Mayor Charlene Lovett wrote last week in her column, "Finding the best approach to fund roads in 2017 will be a challenge. Mr. Santa-gate's proposed budget does not include new funds for roads. Rather it relies on the money left over from the \$1.5 M bond from last year in order to avoid increasing the tax rate. Given that the tax rate was the number one complaint when I ran for office, his approach is certainly an option. The question to be answered is whether it is the best solution for both the upcoming year and in the long term."

Addressing that concern will likely be one of the most difficult decisions the council has to make as it crafts the next budget, bearing in mind the amount of roadwork that is needed as well as where the tax rate stands. Amongst its duties, the Claremont DPW maintains 126 miles of roadway or 320 streets/roads (20 miles are gravel), 35 miles of sidewalks, 12 bridges and 1,700 catch basins and has a highway staff of 11 to do the work. The department has been spending about \$84,000 annually just filling potholes. About half the salt and sand budget for last winter was used, due to the milder than usual weather, and that line item of remaining funds has been transferred to paving to be spent there.

Interim DPW Director Scott Sweet has prepared a six-year paving and preservation CIP proposal for the City that would invest \$750,000 annually for 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 and \$1,739,000 for 2020/future road work.

While the council is only reviewing budget proposals at this stage of the process, Lovett pointed out that funding for paving has fluctuated greatly in recent years and she asked the council to give "great consideration" to establishing "a steady funding line for roads and paving."

## 2016/2017 DPW BUDGETS (Department Request)



The City Manager's proposed FY 2017 budget does not fund pavement work in the amount of the \$750,000 as requested by the DPW director; approximately \$750,000 remains from the road bond which equals the goal in mind for the 2017 budget, said the administration (Graph, courtesy of the DPW).



The Bluff School held its annual music concert for the first time at the Opera House and family and friends packed the house. From Kindergarten through the 5th grade, students went up on stage and performed their music for the crowd. Each grade sang songs or played recorders or drums. A great job was done by the 4th grade singing the difficult "Star Spangled Banner," and all the grades did another great job singing "America" (Bill Binder photo).

## Talk To Your Adult Children About Smart Financial Moves

If you have children who are finishing college or embarking on their first full-time job, you obviously want them to get off to a good start in their adult and working lives. And by virtue of your years of experience, you probably have some good advice to offer – especially when it comes to making smart financial moves.

Of course, you can find a broad array of financial topics to discuss. But if you want to concentrate on just a few, you might consider these for starters:

- Investing for the future – When young people are paying off student loans, they may not think they can also afford to invest for the future. Indeed, this can be challenging – but it's not impossible. So, if your children go to work for an employer that offers a retirement plan, such as a 401(k), you may want to point out that they can have money automatically invested – and since they never really "had" this money in the first place, they are less likely to miss it. They can start by deferring small amounts; when their earnings rise, they can increase their contributions.
- Buying a home and paying off a mortgage – With interest rates still low, now is not a bad time for prospective first-time homebuyers. Of course, if your children truly are starting out in the working world, it will likely take them a few years to save up enough for a down payment. But even after they reach that goal, you may want to warn them not to become "house poor" by spending a large portion of their total income on home ownership. If they do buy a house, though, and their incomes go up as their careers progress, they may wonder if they should pay down their mortgage quicker. While they might feel good about lowering that debt, you may want to point out that an argument could be made for putting money in assets that will likely be more liquid, such as stocks and bonds. For one thing, if your children were to lose their jobs, and they needed cash to tide them over until they were once again employed, they'd likely find it much harder to get money out of their homes than their investment accounts. Also, in terms of accumulating resources for retirement, they might be better off building up their investment portfolios, rather than sinking every extra dollar into their homes.
- Using credit wisely – Urge your children to avoid taking on excessive credit card debt and taking out non-essential loans. As you know, having a good credit score can pay off in several ways, including getting better rates on mortgages. You may want to risk sounding "old fashioned" by encouraging your children to live within their means. And consider pointing out that it's often the people who are the most frugal today who may end up with the most money tomorrow.

It's not always easy for young people to get off on the right foot, financially speaking. But as someone who knows a thing or two about controlling debt, saving and investing, you can help your children out by imparting a few words of wisdom.

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## Mayoral Notes

By  
Charlene Lovett



### Our People, Our Pride

Taking action, achieving success or making sacrifices is never easy for the people involved, but their efforts are often the source of pride for others. Living in this community are many people whose actions have given us reason to be proud. Here are just a few examples.

May 19th marked the end of a two year effort to change the law when Governor Hassan signed SB152. Prior to this change, school district hiring authorities were not given all of the information contained in an applicant's criminal background check. Consequently, school districts ran the risk of hiring individuals with misdemeanors or felonies outside of those specifically listed in the old law.

In 2014, the Claremont School District unknowingly hired a teacher with a criminal history and, as a result, one of our students was victimized. Though the victim and her family have been forever marked by this event, they had the courage and tenacity to bring to light the failure of the law to protect students. Their desire was to ensure that this never happened to anyone else.

Testifying in Concord is not an easy thing, especially when it entails talking about painful events one would rather leave in the past. However, the victim and her mother did this on multiple occasions. Joining them were individuals from Claremont and other areas of NH

who testified in support. It was a long process, requiring the help of our local senator and representatives to keep the bill alive during the legislative process.

In the end, the multiple drives to Concord and hours of testimony proved effective. After two years, the bill finally reached the Governor's desk, and is now law. School district hiring authorities across the State will now have access to all of the information in an applicant's criminal background check, allowing them to make informed hiring decisions. As a mother of a student in the public school system, I owe the victim and family a debt of gratitude. They opted to turn a painful event into a catalyst for change, and make our schools safer.

On May 21st, one of our Rogue Robotics team comprised of four local high school students competed at Louisiana State University (LSU) in the U.S. Navy National SeaPerch Challenge. The 6th annual competition was comprised of 193 teams from 34 states, Australia, the Cayman Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Teams were graded on poster presentations, as well as maneuvering hand-built remotely operated vehicles through an underwater obstacle course. When I wrote this article I didn't have the final results of the poster or obstacle competition. However, I was told that our team had advanced to the top 30 for the poster presentation and had to formally present it to the judges.

Regardless of the final results, this team advanced to a national competition. In doing so, they met other students with the same interest and abilities. They heard keynote speakers from LSU, the Navy, and ExxonMobil, and learned of opportunities in a

multitude of professions. Their achievement expanded their vision of what is possible, and opened doors previously unknown. These experiences will not only impact them individually, but will also serve to inspire others.

Soon we will celebrate Memorial Day, a time set aside to remember veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Claremont has a rich history of people serving their nation, and our cemeteries are the final resting place for many who died while in service. The stories of their lives may be lost over time, but their gravestones and our monuments remind us that they answered their country's call and, in doing so, sacrificed their lives.

We live in a community with people who chose to take action when it was necessary. We have students who worked hard and achieved national recognition. We have men and women who served their country, some sacrificing their lives. For them, the path was never easy. For us, it was a source of pride.

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### Stevens Class Of 1966 Meeting Saturday

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### SHS Class Of 1971 Meeting Wednesday

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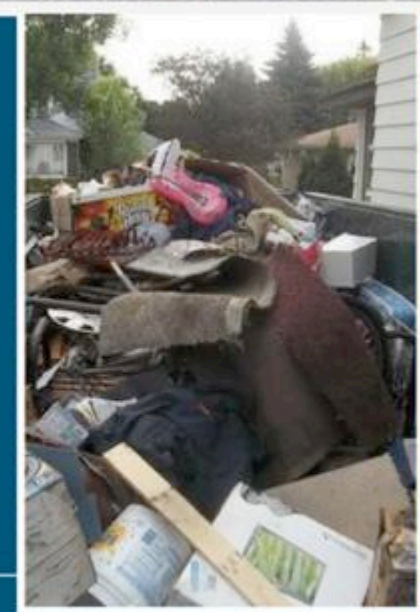
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## U.M. Army To Return To Claremont


CLAREMONT, NH--With the approach of summer the First United Methodist Church of Claremont is looking forward to the return of the U.M Army, that amazing group of young people who spent a week sprucing up the town with their rakes, shovels, hammer nails and paint brushes. Last year, they built two ramps for two families to help get a loved one out of the home with ease! They also painted and gardened and cleaned.

This year they are returning on July 17.

Since they can't sleep at the old stone building this year, the church has gone to the town and found other sites.

If you have work to be done, please contact Deb at the First United Methodist Church at 603-542-5783. The advisors to the group will be here for pre-site visits on June 18.

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## It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



### Memorial Day

The unofficial start of Summer. We can only hope that the weather catches up with the calendar.

This week get those grills cleaned up. Top off the propane tank. If you use charcoal, get a fresh bag or two. Last years leftovers may be damp and difficult to light. Don't throw them out but mix them in with the fresh.

Keep the grill away from the house. Vinyl melts and wood burns. Every firefighter I know recommends keeping your hose handy and the water on just in case. Don't have these guys show up in uniform. The neighbors can't miss that big red truck parked in front of your house. Invite them on their day off.

Make a list of what you want to cook this year. Start off with the easy stuff. Burgers and dogs are always welcome. Leave the steaks and chicken for later. Leave the fish for much later when you are really up to a challenge. More on that as the season progresses.

Don't lose sight of what Memorial Day is all about. It is all about our honored War Dead. This can be a day of tough memories for surviving vets. The toughest wounds don't leave visible scars.

I've been seeing more this year about leaving an indentation in the top of your burger just before it goes on the grill. A few years ago it was some kind of secret, but now it's everywhere. It helps the burger retain it's shape and keeps grease bubbles from forming.

Please remember to work the patties gently. Over working the meat makes it tough. Try mixing Italian Flavored Bread Crumbs in with the meat. Great flavor booster. Be careful, too much make for dry burgers.

Try making some thin patties and keep them for cheeseburgers. Grill them as usual, but put the cheese on one and top with another thin patty. Grill until the cheese melts, turning as needed.

I like using American cheese. Granted, the others lend an exotic flavor but come on, man, it's all about the melt. Nothing likes to melt like American. Be a gourmet some other time.

This early into the season it's all about getting "ramped up". Don't get fancy or try to outdo last year. Keep the sides traditional. Potato salad, macaroni salad, cole slaw and maybe baked beans.

There are more recipes for baked beans out there than there are people making them. For those just starting out here are a few tips for baked beans:

Start with generic canned baked beans. Or maybe you want to start from scratch and do the overnight soaking thing. I didn't think so.

This is for the night before your cookout. Empty four or more cans into a large bowl. Then add ketchup, yellow mustard, molasses, Worcestershire sauce and Maple Syrup. If you want some heat, try chili powder or Sriracha sauce. Taste test as you go. It prevents surprises later. Once you have it to where you want it, refrigerate overnight. Notice.....no salt or pepper.

The next day, cover the top completely with bacon slices. Bake at 250° for at least four hours. Low and slow. I think the bacon and Maple Syrup are critical, but that's just me.

Play with your food. 'Tis the season.

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



# SUICIDE POSTVENTION

Two training dates:

Saturday, June 4, 2016 9:00 am – 4 pm

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or

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***Presenter:*** Sara Tracy, *NAMI New Hampshire, Community Educator, Franklin Welfare Director and Advocate for Community Resources*

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## Career Day...

5th grade students from Bluff, Disnard and Maple Avenue Schools attended a Career Day at the Sugar River Tech Center on Friday, May 20. Sixteen local businesses were set up to answer the students' questions about their professions and why they chose them as a career. In addition, students took tours of the various trade classrooms offered at the Tech Center. Clockwise: Gemologist Laurie Roy explains the different gems to some students; the veterinarian table was an interesting stop; the students loved Stella and she loved having her belly rubbed! First responders were on hand as well to share their stories and answer questions.

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# Moody Park Celebrates 100-Year Anniversary

CLAREMONT, NH--June 2016 marks an important anniversary for the City of Claremont and the Parks and Recreation Department. It was 100 years ago that William Moody donated a portion of his property to the residents of Claremont to be used as a free public park. Since then, Claremont residents and others from surrounding communities have enjoyed many hikes, picnics, bike rides, and times spent relaxing in the park. In 2013-2014, the selective timber harvest, as part of the City's forest management plan changed the landscape of Moody Park.

"We are going into the 3rd year after the timber harvest and new growth in the park has been prevalent," explained Mark Brislin, Director of Parks and Recreation. "Upgrades to existing trails and the addition of new trails have sparked a new excitement within the park and the view of Mount Ascutney from the top of Moody Park has been reclaimed," he added.

Throughout the month of June, the Parks and Recreation Department and other various groups within the community will be offering programs to help celebrate the 100-year anniversary and showcase the many uses of Moody Park.

Below is a list of programs that will be offered throughout the month of June. Please be sure to visit the department's website at [www.claremontparks.com](http://www.claremontparks.com) for up to date information or call the Parks and Recreation Department for more information at 542-7019.

Events begin on **June 1-June 30**. From dawn to dusk there will be a **story walk**. Meet at Shady Pines Loop (1/4 of a mile, on the right from main gate). This is a fun, self-guided, educational activity that places a children's story along a trail, connecting kids to literature in a natural, relaxed setting.

**Wednesdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29** at 6:00 pm there will be **group mountain bike rides** sponsored by Claremont Cycle Depot. Meet at the front gate of Moody Park. All skill levels are welcomed. Enjoy the trails, explore, and learn new bike skills from friends.

On **Sunday, June 5th**, Registration opens at 7:00 am for the **All In Moody Park Mountain Bike Race**. Meet at the sand pit area and follow the signs. This year's race will feature laps approximately 6 miles in length with several long climbs, tight single-track, the "Gravity Cavity" descent and climb, and the new flow

trail. To pre-register for this visit [www.Bikereg.com/](http://www.Bikereg.com/).

**Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21, and 28** at 6:00 pm, there will be **group runs** at Moody Park Sponsored by Tread Setters Running Group. Meet at the pavilion at the top of Moody Park. All running levels are welcomed. Enjoy the trails and explore the park in the company of friends, all while getting a good workout.

**Saturday, June 18th**, at 8:00 am, come out for a **bird watching/walk** with Naturalist, Wendy Ward.

Meet at the front gate of Moody Park. Come and see what species of birds are living and thriving in Moody Park. This walk will explore some of the trails and habitats of Moody Park. Binoculars, bug spray, and good hiking shoes/boots are recommended.

**June 25th** at 9:00 am, come for **fairy house building**, led by Claremont Girl Scouts. Meet in the lower picnic area of Moody Park. Use your imagination to build a house fit for a fairy in the lower section of Moody Park. Natural materials will be provided, such as sticks, bark, dried flowers, seed pods, pine cones, shells, stones, etc. Feel free to also bring any natural materials from home.

**June 25th** at 1:00 pm is a **look back in time at Moody Park**, presented by Claremont Historical Society. Meet at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center, Room B. Take a look back in time to 1916 and relive the history of Moody Park and the legacy that William Moody left to Claremont.

*\*All of these events are free, with exception to the All In at Moody Park Mountain Bike Race.*

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## Claremont Confidential

By Les St.Pierre



### Alumni Fever Is In The Air

There is a fever going around town, but everyone seems to be feeling quite well. There is a feeling of frenziness, surprise, warmth, love, unknown expectations, and celebratory jovialness all thrown into one accompanying this annual fever. It is called Alumni Fever, and it always makes an appearance around this time of the year.

For some, the fever never goes away. But for most, it begins the middle of May, peaks the first or second week in June, and then fades away into the sunset, sure to return the following year. Every five years it is at its highest pitch to those who eagerly await its appearance. A yearly dose, however, seems good for the soul. It affects those of all ages, and does not discriminate.

The fever brings with it, first and foremost, high school graduation, followed by post-grad parties, an ever-sought parade with marching bands and crudely designed floats, a luncheon, class parties, golfing, and capped with a wonderful banquet anchored by the announcement of several scholarships being handed out to worthy students going on to college.

Yes, Virginia, there will be a parade this year! There was a time, however, when that statement was in deep peril of never having the basis to be uttered. In fact, soon after last year's alumni festivities, to be exact. There simply was no more money to put on a decent parade in 2016.

Oh, sure, there would have been a few marching bands and maybe a few floats, but Claremonters are prone to viewing an hour and half's worth of smiling faces trekking through the city streets shouting out to reveling bystanders. The upsetting news spewed forth by Stevens High School Alumni Association members was met with brute force and, thanks to the hard work of the association's Dick Girard, who chaired not one, but two, 120-club raffles and the generous donations by Alumni members and various city businesses, the pa-

rade will go on. It should be mentioned many of the 120-club raffle winners turned over their winnings right back into the parade fund. You see, Claremonters want their parade. Blame it on the Fever.

The parade doesn't take place through osmosis. There is a cost involved, although many just take it for granted, not knowing what is involved. To put on what alumni association members feel is a "decent" parade, the cost is in the \$18,000 range. Carolyn LeBlanc, Stevens High School Alumni Association Treasurer, reported at this month's meeting of the organization's get-together before the upcoming parade, some \$14,000 has been raised, "with amounts still coming in."

Saturday, June 11, is the parade date, commencing at 10:30 a.m. Girard has taken over the parade duties from former association President and Parade Director

Bob Stringer. Stringer will still assist Girard in handling the parade lineup. Girard has ordered 15 vests for parade officials. "People were getting confused when we would tell them, 'See the one in the red shirt,'" Girard said. "Besides, it is a safety issue."

At last report, there have been 15 class floats registered to be viewed by hundreds lining the streets. The parade theme this year is "Great Books". A few of the titles thus far known are Charlotte's Web, The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn, Red and Black II, and The Three Little Pigs. Members of the Class of 1981 were seen this past Saturday afternoon getting into the spirit assembling a house made of sticks to go along with those made of brick and straw. The 50-year Class of 1966 had a Saturday morning meeting designing their float, coming up with the idea to assemble it in two separate places, Huck's raft in one, and the whitewashing of a picket fence in another. Members showed no remorse in knowing June 11 lies only a few more days away, feeling quite confident they will get their float up and running in due time despite a lack of materials and workers thus far.

The 25 Class of 1991 has been exceptionally school-and community-spirited, taking the bull by the horns soon after last year's parade, and



has sanctioned two separate bus trips to Connecticut casinos, turning over all monies earned to the Alumni Association.

As is custom, it is the 25-year class that has the honor of naming the parade marshal. This year's parade marshal is Arlene Tatro.

Kids, you can relax! The New England Patriots mascot, "Pat," is returning for the 2016 walk down Broad Street, South Street, and Pleasant Street. In addition, the Alumni Association has contracted two New England Patriots cheerleaders to accompany "Pat" as he makes merry with fans along the mile and one-quarter route. The Association, however, at its last meeting, still had not come up with someone to don the costume of the Stevens High mascot, a bright red Cardinal.

New to the festivities this year will be the placement of cookbooks with recipes attributed to alumni of SHS. Danielle Skinner and Val Corcoran, two of the newer and younger association members, came up with the idea and the books are on sale for \$15 each.

The association's scholarship committee will be meeting this week making critical decisions as to who will become this year's worthy recipients and on how much will be doled out. Last year the association handed out the largest sum it has ever given out, \$66,700.

In other action, at its April meeting the association heard from guest speaker Zach Williams, Claremont's Business Economic Development Coordinator. Williams made a presentation on how the city is seeking growth of the area's work force. Williams was seeking ideas on how the alumni association could help in the promotion of bringing in new businesses. Targeting the age group of 25 to 40, Williams talked about how businesses are having difficulty getting qualified help. The association told Williams he was more than welcomed to write articles on their website and to possibly setting up a booth in Broad Street Park the day of the parade.

Thus, all in all, the Stevens High School Alumni Association has not been sleeping while you have been going on with your daily routines. Add in the fact, this year's annual banquet will have a sit-down plated meal of sliced roast beef, baked potato, carrots, salad, and cheesecake catered by Country Kitchen and a re-retirement of the number 22 worn by Stevens outstanding athlete Scott Fitz, a 1961 graduate, and you have the makings of another fun-filled alumni celebration coming up in another couple of weeks.

This is one fever I don't mind having!

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