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## President Appointed for River Valley Community College

CLAREMONT, NH—The Board of Trustees of the Community College System for New Hampshire (CCSNH) has appointed Alfred Williams, IV as the President of River Valley Community College.



**Alfred Williams, IV**

The unanimous appointment was made by the CCSNH Board of Trustees upon recommendation of CCSNH Chancellor Ross Gittel.

Williams most recently served as Dean of Academic Affairs and Student Services at Quinebaug Valley Community College in Danielson, CT, where he also held positions as Interim Dean of Student Services, Director of Enrollment Management, and Director of Financial Aid and Veterans Services. Before joining Quinebaug, over the course of a 20-year career in higher education he held positions at MassBay Community College in Wellesley, MA and Northeastern University in Boston, MA.

“We are very pleased to appoint Alfred Williams to the presidency of River Valley Community College,” said Jeremy Hitchcock, Chairman of the CCSNH Board of Trustees. “We were particularly impressed with the

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Co-Salutatorian Elyse Scott with Principal Pat Barry during graduation; below, the Class of '83 rocked the Alumni parade with its tribute to “Grease”. Stories, more photos inside (Bill Binder photos).



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breadth of Alfred’s expertise in all facets of college operations, his commitment to student success, and his affinity for rural institutions that serve a diverse student population and a base of small and medium-sized employers that operate in an economy that is highly local in workforce development needs, while increasingly global in skills attainment,” said Hitchcock.

Williams, who holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Illinois College of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government from Cornell University, spent his early career in the legal profession but found his “calling” working at community colleges. “When I started working at a community college, I found my true professional calling,” Williams said. “Community colleges change lives. When students receive that degree or certificate and graduate prepared for a fulfilling career or to take the next step on their educational pathway, we see the transformative effect of a stu-

dent-centered college education. Being part of those successes inspires me every day to advocate for students and ensure we provide the best experience possible for them. And we do this in a cost-effective way for the students and taxpayers.”

Gittell recommended Williams after a search process that included stakeholders from the college and community. “Alfred Williams showed a deep understanding and appreciation for the role River Valley Community College plays for the communities it serves and strong commitment to student success, and he has a strong track record on both leading and collaborating to achieve institutional goals,” said Gittell. “He has delivered innovative strategies and strong results on student financial aid, enrollment and retention, program development, and building partnerships with area employers.” Gittell said that Williams also stood out because of his specific interest in rural-serving institutions, which face unique circumstances involved in meeting the needs of a geographically dispersed population in a financially sustainable way. Gittell noted that Williams has been engaged in addressing emerging trends on college campuses, including efforts to help students graduate debt free through innovative approaches to financial aid and fundraising, and addressing issues of food insecurity faced by students across all educational sectors, including community colleges.

Williams has taught courses in Business Law, American Government and Comparative Politics while at Quinebaug Community College, and has led in bringing Open Educational Resources to students to reduce the costs for textbooks and course materials. He has also been part of accreditation teams through the New England Association of Schools and Col-

leges (NEASC). As president of River Valley Community College, Williams will lead the institution through its upcoming NEASC re-accreditation process.

CCSNH Trustee Allen Damren, who chaired the search committee, said, “Alfred emerged from a pool of strong candidates as a very good fit for River Valley. We were impressed by his energy and commitment, as well as by his appreciation for the challenges within higher education at this time. I think he will be a very strong contributor to the college, the system and the state.”

Williams will start July 1, 2018.

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

River Valley Community College is one of seven colleges in the Community College System of New Hampshire, offering 39 associate degree and certificate programs in Claremont, Keene, Lebanon, and online.

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# Commentary

## NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

### Ability to Postpone Elections Due to Weather Issues Will Not Happen This Year



The ability to postpone local elections in the Granite State due to such factors as hazardous weather will not happen at least this year because of disagreement between New Hampshire's House of Representatives and Senate.

On May 23, by a 225-118 roll call vote, the House defeated a committee of conference agreement on Senate Bill 438 after fierce debate on the House floor. An agreement reached between the House and Senate members on the seven-member committee of conference that would have allowed town elections to be postponed to a later date with the approval of the New Hampshire Secretary of State. Like the agreement reached by the committee, the version of the bill as approved by the Senate on March 8 by voice vote would have only authorized postponement of such elections with the Secretary of State's permission. But the House on May 2 passed its own version of the same bill also by voice vote, which would have allowed town officials by themselves to postpone the elections without the Secretary of State's permission.

For readers' information, Senate Bill 438 was filed earlier this year by a bipartisan group of four legislators led by Hampstead Sen. Regina Birdsell, a Republican, in response to a major snowstorm on Town Meeting Day in March 2017 that prompted town officials in nearly 80 New Hampshire municipalities to reschedule their elections, despite warnings from New Hampshire Secretary of State William Gardner, among other state officials, that they had no authority under current state law to reschedule such elections, even if because of hazardous weather conditions. Later, both the House and Senate adopted ad hoc emergency legislation at the end of the 2017 Session granting such towns which had rescheduled their elections a process ensuring that such elections were legally authorized. But the legislation still did not resolve the problem of who could postpone town elections in the event of major snowstorms, a problem which occurred again this year on March's Town Meeting Day when another major snowstorm hit our state.

Opponents of Senate Bill 438 as agreed to by its committee of conference, included both Democratic and Republican representatives, who spoke on the floor. Among them was Hollis Rep. James Belanger, a Republican, who is also Chair of the House Municipal & County Government Committee, and thus a part of House Republican Leadership. Rep. Belanger stated that the bill as agreed to was a "knee-jerk reaction" to the weather problems of the past two town meeting days. Among other points, he declared that the Secretary of State has never

in the past had major responsibility for regulating municipal elections, including the printing of election ballots. He added that the version of the bill as agreed to by its committee of conference could interfere with not only municipal elections, but also municipal issues such as town budgets. In conclusion, he said he had ordered good weather for the next two town meetings in 2019 and 2020 in order to give the Legislature enough time to craft a measure that was better than Senate Bill 438.

Democratic representatives who spoke against the committee of conference's version of Senate Bill 438 included Dummer's Wayne Moynihan, who declared that he believes existing New Hampshire law "empowers" town and school moderators to postpone town and school meetings as well as elections, if an emergency like severe weather justifies it. Rep. Moynihan is a retired attorney, by the way. Also, he as well as Hillsboro Rep. Marjorie Porter, another Democrat, spoke in opposition to the bill because they were both replaced by another Democratic representative, Manchester's Daniel Sullivan, who signed off on the committee of conference report. These replacements were ordered by House Speaker Gene Chandler in order to produce the unanimous approval of the report necessary so as to permit it to proceed to a floor vote.

For the record, I voted against Senate Bill 438 as agreed to by its committee of conference. Frankly, I believe the version of the bill that had been approved on May 2 by the House, a version for which I voted, was the better one. Also, I felt that Reps. Belanger and Moynihan made very persuasive points in saying that the Secretary of State under current law does not have as much responsibility in regulating local elections, as he/she does state elections. An arrangement which has worked fairly well until the back-to-back snowstorms on Town Meeting Day this year and last. Town moderators and school moderators in cities like Claremont, which vote on their school budgets and officials on Town Meeting Day, should have the clear legal authority to postpone and reschedule elections due to major snowstorms, in my opinion. The fact that only about 14 percent of Claremont's registered voters participated in the 2018 School Elections because of a snowstorm proves my point. Additionally, the willingness of House Republican Leadership to so easily cave in to the Senate's position on this measure without getting anything in return was disturbing.

Finally, I was pleasantly surprised to learn last week that Lancaster Rep. Herbert Richardson, first elected in 2004 as a Republican, has decided to switch parties, and run for re-election as Democrat in 2018. Rep. Richardson, who presently serves on the House Science, Technology & Energy Committee is a friendly and humorous individual. He has also been a valuable ally to me in working together on certain pieces of legislation, not only before the Science Committee, but also before the full House. This has included legislation expanding access to affordable health care in small and rural areas like Sullivan County. Sometimes we have won, and sometimes lost. But I have gained a lot of respect for him over the past few years because he comes from Coos County, an economically-challenged county like Sullivan that we both believe are sometimes forgotten by our state government.

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## **Shaheen Sponsors Bipartisan Legislation to Require Congressional Oversight of Tariffs Imposed on Key Allies by the Trump Administration**

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) has sponsored bipartisan legislation introduced by Senator Bob Corker (R-TN) to require congressional approval of tariffs proposed by the Trump administration that are supposedly justified on national security grounds. This legislation responds to tariffs imposed by the Trump administration on key allies and trading partners including Canada and the European Union.

“The Trump administration’s tariffs pose a direct threat to businesses in New Hampshire and our state’s economy,” said Shaheen. “Businesses across New Hampshire are already starting to see costs increase and are bracing for the full impact of retaliatory measures from key nations including Canada, which is New Hampshire’s largest trading partner. A full blown trade war would be nothing short of a disaster for New Hampshire. Now is the time for Congress to send a clear message to this administration that we will not stand by while it undermines mutually beneficial relationships with our allies that bolster our national security and economy.”

The bill requires the president to submit to Congress any proposal to adjust imports in the interest of national security under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962. For a 60-day period following submission, legislation to approve the proposal will qualify for expedited consideration, guaranteeing the opportunity for debate and a vote. The requirement would apply to all Section 232 actions moving forward, as well as those taken within the past two years. According to news reports, the White House recently conducted an economic analysis that concludes the tariff policy will impede economic growth in the United States. Senator Shaheen has called on the White House to immediately release the findings of this report to the American people.

The legislation is also supported by Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND), Pat Toomey (R-PA), Mark Warner (D-VA), Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Brian Schatz (D-HI), Ron Johnson (R-WI), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Mike Lee (R-UT), and Jeff Flake (R-AZ).

## **Hassan Applauds Signing of Bipartisan VA Mission Act**

### **Senator Also Raises Concerns About White House Attempts to Kill Bipartisan Plan to Fund the New Law**

WASHINGTON, DC – On Wednesday, Senator Maggie Hassan applauded President Trump’s signing of the bipartisan VA MISSION (Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks) Act into law but raised concerns about the reports from the *Washington Post* that the Trump Administration is working to kill a bipartisan plan to actually fund the legislation.

“The bipartisan VA MISSION Act is important legislation that strengthens the VA system, while also recognizing the importance of community-based care for veterans in places like New Hampshire that do not have a full-service VA hospital, and I am pleased that President Trump has signed this bill into law,” Hassan said. “I was proud to support this bipartisan bill that provides expanded community-care options for New Hampshire veterans and aims to address issues with the VA Choice Program that I’ve heard about from veterans and providers in the Granite State. This bipartisan bill also includes key provisions that I’ve long-supported, including working to prevent substance misuse among veterans; making it easier for veterans to access telehealth care; expanding the VA caregiver programs to all veterans – regardless of when they served; and addressing workforce challenges at the VA.

“I am disappointed and concerned about reports that the White House is working behind closed doors to sink a bipartisan plan to fund this critical legislation,” added Hassan. “There is bipartisan consensus that we must support our veterans, and I urge the President to join us as we continue working to build an even stronger United States of America that is ever worthy of the sacrifice of our brave veterans, service members, and their families. This bill is a positive step forward in those efforts, but we know that there is much more work to do to make progress for our veterans and to ensure that they receive the care that they need and have earned.”

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## Next SAU#6 Meeting to Focus on Transitioning to New Superintendent Search

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
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CLAREMONT, NH—The next SAU#6 board meeting is slated for Thursday, June 14. Following a scheduled non-public portion, the agenda calls for a variety of actions to be taken as the SAU, consisting of Claremont and Unity, transitions to finding a new superintendent. Current Superintendent Middleton McGoodwin learned in late May that his contract was being terminated after seven years, an action that surprised many, including the superintendent.

The agenda for the June 14 meeting calls for establishing a transition team and a communication plan and setting a point of contact or designated spokesperson, for the SAU#6 board. Other points include: Identify organization to complete interim superintendent of schools search, timeline to secure an interim superintendent of schools, timeline to conduct a full search for the new superintendent of schools and coming up with a strategy to find the transitional planning.

In a letter dated May 22, the SAU #6 School Board informed McGoodwin that it had “recently met regarding your employment as Superintendent of the Claremont and Unity School districts. After a lengthy discussion, the Board voted to pursue other leadership of SAU 6 effective at the end of this current school year. As you are aware, Paragraph 8 of your employment contract provides for termination of your contract with six months of severance pay and one year of health insurance coverage. In lieu of using this provision, the Board will give you an opportunity to voluntarily resign prior to June 30, 2018.

“The Board appreciates that this is an important decision for you and would like to give you an opportunity to consider this news and to meet with personal legal counsel if you elect to do so. The Board meets again on June 14th and would like notification of your decision prior to that meeting. If you elect not to resign, the Board will plan to take action in accordance with Paragraph 8 to terminate your contract with pay that evening. If you

elect to resign, the Board will honor the severance provisions in Paragraph 8 and would like to execute a settlement and release agreement with you....” The board added that it “plans to review and vote to approve any such agreement at its meeting on June 14th.”

The board went on to thank McGoodwin for “your years of services...”. It was signed by Sara Lowe, Chair of the SAU #6 Board, and Michael Petrin, Vice-Chair of the board.

## New Principal For CMS Selected

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
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CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont School Board approved the nomination of Frank Romeo as the new principal of Claremont Middle School. He replaces Paulette Fitzgerald who has accepted a position in Concord. Romeo comes to Claremont from South Royalton where he has served for five years. He has been working as vice principal and the

athletic director. The VP position is being eliminated through a reduction in force (RIF), he told the board at Wednesday night’s meeting. He said that he is not coming to Claremont for a job, but rather a “career” and that he had spent time here getting to know the community, especially the CMS community.

When asked by board vice chair Rebecca Zullo on how he can help address bullying, Romeo said that “It’s about educating, education of everybody. Nothing is too small to report....We need to be proactive, not reactive.”

### CMS Band Sponsorship Program

Also at Wednesday night’s meeting, CMS band/music teacher Tom Smith shared the creation of a sponsorship program at the school to help students with music expenses. A donation of \$35 will supply a student with a method book, supplies (box of reeds, valve oil, cork grease, mallets/sticks, etc.) and a band t-shirt. This amount will cover all supplies for one student for one school year. Donations can be either cash or by check written out to CMS Band and sent to Tom Smith, Claremont Middle School, 107 South Street Claremont, NH 03743.

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## Fiske Library Announces Summer Reading Program

CLAREMONT, NH—The warm weather is finally here and we are gearing up for our yearly Summer Reading Program. We are already hearing about the dreaded summer slump—the slide, not into home base, although there are plenty of chances for that! No, the slide in this case is the back sliding of reading skills which educators warn of every summer. Two months is a long time to go without practicing reading and math skills.

One way to avoid losing ground over the summer is to take advantage of the programs offered at your local library. The Fiske Free Library has many great, free programs to offer this summer. On Monday, June 11th, Summer Reading Program sign-ups begin. Drop into the library anytime from the 11th on to pick up a calendar of summer programs and sign up. On Thursday, June 14th, there will be a Father's Day craft program. Local author Maggie Kemp will be at the library on June 20th at 3:00 pm to read from her new book "SAM, Fisherwoman: The Reel Story"; she will have copies of the book for sale as well. New Hampshire Grammy nominee, Judy Pancoast, will invite children into "Judy's Tune Room" to enjoy a concert of everything from pop and rock (A Little Bit of Elvis) to country (The Only Bug at the Rodeo) and jazz (The Dog Did It). She will also share her songwriting secrets and she will even help the children turn one of their own ideas into a song.

On Monday, July 9th "The Magic of Jason Purdy" will kick off at 3:00 pm and on Monday, June 16th at 6:00 pm join us for "Messy Art Night" all supplies will be provided. Once again the library will host perennial favorites Steve Blunt and Marty Kelley who will feature their show "Let's Rock 'N' Roll & Read."

Performer Aaron Jones will present a program and workshop featuring "Recycled Rock"—make instruments using recycled materials on Monday, July 23rd. On Wednesday July 25 Alaina Granter Children's Room assistant will present a program of Makey Makey music—create and play piano and guitar with Makey Makey technology. Closing out the month of July join us for a program with Mike and Beverly Rogers who will give instruction on the harmonica, and take a free harmonica home with you.

Christine Porter from Windsor will be at the library on August 2nd to offer tips and tricks

with the yo-yo, come to the program and learn how to work a yo-yo and take one home with you!

Again, this year the library was lucky enough to receive the CLiF Grant which means free books! Come to the program and hear a story from the presenter and then every child in attendance will get to pick out two free books! Finally, to close out August there will be an end of Summer Reading Program party, Join us for snacks, karaoke, prize drawings and Bingo for Books!

Throughout the summer story time will continue at 11:00 a.m. on Mondays which will change to 11:15 a.m. for the months of July and August because of the Opera House children's programs. Also, ongoing throughout the summer will be Wacky Wednesdays which will consist of craft programs presented by the library staff. The programs will consist of rock painting, Lego challenges, sponge crafts and more.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection

CLAREMONT, NH—A Household Hazardous Waste Collection event will be held at the Claremont Highway Garage on Grandview St. (off North St.) on June 16, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

## The Acworth Village Store, Acworth Community Project MusicFest

ACWORTH, NH—Our annual MusicFest is on the way! This year it is scheduled rain or shine for Saturday, June 30, from 11:00 a.m. until dusk. Talented local musicians will be featured on two stages this year. This year, the musical line-up includes Dan and Faith, Decatur Creek, Gene Albert, Picket Hill, Kim Snyder, Moxley Union, Tom Pirrazoli, Bill Symons, Carolyn Waters, Lonn Livengood - Best Revenge.

This year the grill will be cooking hot dogs, hamburgers, and sausage with sides, and later in the

day they'll be cooking up BBQ chicken, and from their outdoor hearth, freshly made pizza. they'll also have a vegetarian food truck. Along with great music and food there will be craft vendors. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Linda Lacasse at Linda@Lacasseenterprise.com or call 603-835-6547.

Entrance is free for this event.

Saturday Pizza Night continues through mid October from 5:30-7:30 PM. Come on over for some good food and great music.

The Acworth Village Store is run by The Acworth Community Project which is a NH non-profit organization. They hold one board meeting a month and have some interesting and fun plans for the upcoming year which include historical and educational events and fundraising activities. If you'd like more information about this community run Village Store, please contact Jim Neidert at 835-2453.

The Acworth Village Store is located at 1068 Rt. 123A, South Acworth, NH 03607. The phone number there is 603-835-6547. The website is [www.acworthvillagestore.com](http://www.acworthvillagestore.com) and you can also visit them on FaceBook.



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## Graduates Say Goodbye to Stevens As They Embark on the Next Chapter of Lives

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
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CLAREMONT, NH—On a pleasant June evening, 98 of 102 Stevens High School graduates took that step that transformed them from students to adults ready to embark on that next big step in life, that next chapter, that next adventure, be it college, work or travel. The Fred Carr Gymnasium was a sea of red and black Thursday as family members and friends, students and faculty gathered for what is always a special night.

SHS Principal Pat Barry served as Master of Ceremonies for the night, and an Honor Guard escorted the Class of 2018 military recruits, Dakota Aldrich, Marines; Brandon Remick, Army; Connor Whipple, Army. Class Marshals were Leeann McCarthy and Audrey Puksta.

Outgoing Superintendent Middleton McGoodwin greeted the students through his Welcome Address, acknowledging that they had “something in common, you are about to leave, I am about to leave the Claremont School District.” He reminded the students that there were not going “nowhere”, but rather said that he chose to split the word in two, “now” and “here” and that “really there is no such thing as failure.” He reminded students to be respectful and kind and said that he was “so proud to have been with you these last seven years...”

School Board vice chair Rebecca Zullo told the graduates to “always make goals for yourself and self-evaluate...everyone defines greatness differently...”

Athletic Coach Paul Silva introduced co-Salutatorian, Aidan Cahill, who told his classmates, “Seniors, be proud of who you are tonight, working towards a goal we don’t even understand.”

English teacher Karen Cullison introduced the other co-Salutatorian, Elyse Scott, who said, “If anyone can accomplish anything, it is our class. We will all make our way in the world.”

Business teacher Charles Gessner introduced the Valedictorian, Drew Grenier, who remarked that his class had had to endure more “change than any other class,” adding, “Change is what pushes people out of their comfort zone.”

Faculty Representative Larissa Cahill pre-



**An Honor Guard escorted several students going into the Armed Forces (Bill Binder photo).**

sented the Lord Award, the only faculty award; this year’s winner was Aidan Cahill.

Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase was the Keynote Speaker; he told the graduates that “This is your day and I’m honored to be here. I’m proud of Claremont, and Stevens High School and you should be, too. Today you turn the page and start the next chapter. The book is really good. Along the way, there will be tough pages, there will be good ones.”

Although there was much humor throughout the evening, there was also a somber tone as two members of the class were remembered, two who did not live to graduate with their classmates: Andrew Wheeler, who lost his life at a young age, said Barry, and Zachary Richards, who died in a vehicular accident just a few weeks ago. A moment of silence was held in their memory, a display in the gym in their honor.

During her Closing, Barry told graduates, “... Do not stay silent, in all the noise and chaos of that time (WW2), there was an awful lot of silence.” Using her family’s past of a grandfather who was a Nazi, she urged today’s youth to be wary of silence and the harm that can come from not speaking up. “Your generation,” she said, “has enormous power.”

List of SHS Graduates:

Jordan Adams, Employment; James Aiken, Jr., University of New Hampshire; Dakota Aldrich, US Marine Corp.; Mercedes Allain, Husson University; Arianna Ambrose, Employment; Alexander Baker, NHTI; Morgan Barton-Stone, Employment; Angela Bator, Mount Wachusett Community College; Brendan Bean, Southern Maine Community Col-

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lege; Aarron Beane, Employment; Kelsey Belisle, Emmanuel College; Brendon Benoit, River Valley Community College; Desiree Boisvert, New Hampshire Institute of Art; Rylie Brown, River Valley Community College; Aidan Cahill, Clarkson University; Kimberly Carley, Employment; Spencer Chase, River Valley Community College; Colby Clough, New England College; Frederick Clough III, Employment; Luke Come, Employment; Michael Coombs, Employment; Christian Cotham, University of Central Florida; Zoe Curtis, Employment; Megan Cutler, Employment; Teagan Daignault, Franklin Pierce University; Rose Dansereau, Employment; Noah Davis, Employment; Natalie Deline, Employment; Joseph Desilets, Employment; Alexander DeVre, Nichols College.

Also, Ambrose Donth, Employment; Nicholas Dubreuil, Employment; Hunter Durkee, Employment; Tanner Durkee, Employment; Alyssa Ellison, Norwich University; Alexis Ford, Dean College; Jacob Ford, Keene State College; Andrew Friend, NHTI; Courtney Gallow, Gordon College; Abigail Goyette, River Valley Community College; Mariah Gregory, River Valley Community College; Drew Grenier, Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Lexie Grenier, Castleton University; Brett Hagerman, Employment; Adrian Harlow, Employment; Loren Howard, Keene State College; Bradon Jarvis, New England College; Alyssa Jones, New England College-Deferred 1 year; Grace Kennett, Keene State College; Griffin LaBrie, Employment; Hunter LaClair, Employment;

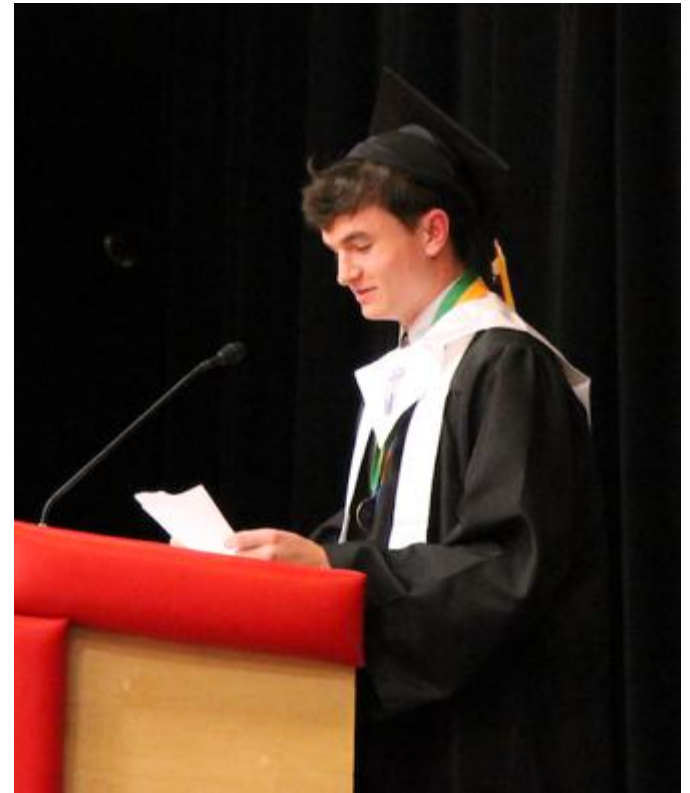
Rachel Lafoe, Employment; Mariah Lawrence, Employment.

Also, Lacey Lawson, Employment; Kayleigh Lee, Dean College; Dylan Lumbra, Employment; Raquel Madeja, Lyndon State College; Julia Maki, Employment; Darwin Marsh, Keene State College; Cameron Marshall, Employment; James Mason, Employment; Chelsea Melna, Rivier University; Emily Menard, Employment; Parker Moote, Employment; Emily Mudge, University of Tampa; Rebecca Neil, Returning to SHS for Post Grad Studies; Adelyn Nelson, University of New Hampshire; Chloe Neuser, Keene State College; Charles Outten, Employment; Mitchell Paquette, Colby Sawyer College; Alexandria Paris, Colby Sawyer College; Hillary Pellerin, Keene State College; Mia Piccione, University of New Hampshire; Kelsie Pomatto, Keene State College.

Also, Cade Porter, Employment; Ericka Prasavath, Employment; Travis Pritchett, Self-Employment; Sara Provencher, Employment; Donovan Putnam, Employment; Majestic Raymond, Employment; Brandon Remick, US Army; Zachary Richards (passed away due to a car accident where he was a passenger on May 3rd); Jacob Rider, University of New Hampshire; Tre Robidoux, University of New Hampshire; Tanira Roman, Employment; Kelsey Rzeczycki, Employment; Tyler Sawyer, Castleton University; Elyse Scott, Clarkson University.

Also, Elijah Severance, River Valley Community College; Donna Sheppard, Employment; Taya Simmons, Colby Sawyer College; Brittany Stacy, Employment; Nicholas Stone,

Castleton University; Chassidy Tejada, River Valley Community College; Austin Temple, Returning to SHS for Post Grad Studies; Makayla Tucker, Returning to SHS for Post Grad Studies; Ariel Vincent, Employment; Emilee Vivian, University of Rochester; Fatima Wain, Employment; Connor Whipple, US Army; Tess Whitney, Keene State College;



Meghan Wilson, Keene State College; Chandler Zullo, Employment.

**Top: Co-Salutarian Aidan Cahill gives his remarks; below: Valedictorian Drew Grenier speaks to the crowd. Left: Mortarboards were dressed up for the night.**

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Friday, August 10 - 6:30pm — The Art of the Duo. Kinan Azmeh, clarinet and Dinuk Wijeratne, piano celebrate 10 years at WCCMA, with new works by the acclaimed duo.

# e-Ticker Business News

## Five Nurses Honored at Mt. Ascutney Hospital's First Annual Nurses Week Awards

WINDSOR, VT –Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) recently hosted a gathering of employees and friends at the first annual Nurses Week Awards, which was inaugurated to recognize nursing professionals who go above and beyond for their patients and colleagues. The event was held as part of National Nurses Week, which was celebrated from May 6 to May 12. Light refreshments were served.

The ceremony included opening remarks by Susan Reeves, Chief Nursing Executive of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health, along with Deanna Orfanidis, MS, RN, and Chief Nursing Officer at MAHHC, who also delivered closing remarks. The awards were presented by Felicia Murray, RN, President of Interdisciplinary Clinical Practice Governance (ICPG) at MAHHC. Guided by the Professional Practice Model, the ICPG is the structure that unites all nurses and disciplines at the Hospital. The ICPG promotes excellence in practice, enriches professional life, and engages all interdisciplinary teams in leadership and decision-making, in order to ensure the delivery of high-quality care and improve patient outcomes.

Five awards were presented, including: Licensed Nursing Assistant of the Year, to Richard Warner, LNA; Licensed Practical Nurse of the Year, to Melissa Hall, LPN; Certified Medical Assistant of the Year, to Anel Sirois, CMA; the Exemplary Professional Practice Award, to Edita Hartig, RN; and the MAHHC Nursing Excellence Award, to Margaret Worth, RN.

The recipients of the awards were selected by the Interdisciplinary Clinical Practice Governance Coordinating Council from a pool of nominees submitted by their peers. Nominees must have recorded achievements in one or more of the nursing profession's major domains: practice, education, and research. They must demonstrate leadership in at least two areas: advancing the practice of nursing; im-



**Left to right: Melissa Hall, LPN; Anel Sirois, CMA; Margaret Worth, RN; Deanna Orfanidis, MS, RN and Chief Nursing Officer; Edita Hartig, RN; and Richard Warner, LNA (Courtesy photo).**

proving the quality of care; promoting and maintaining professional nursing standards; contributing to the enhancement of professional nursing; and demonstrating excellence in teaching and role development.

"The theme of this year's National Nurses Week is 'Nurses Inspire, Innovate, Influence,'

and that's certainly true of all of our honorees," said Orfanidis. "Each of the nurses recognized today serves their patients with grace, ingenuity, and incredible skill. They're role models to their colleagues and we couldn't have asked for a better group of compassionate professionals to inaugurate this new tradition."

## VRH Names New Primary Care Practices Director

CLAREMONT, NH—Valley Regional Healthcare has announced Dr. Juliann Barrett, DO, as the new Medical Director of the Primary Care Practices. In 2017, Barrett came to Valley after serving 12 years in the US Army, where she was Assistant Medical Director at the Grafenwoehr Health Clinic in Germany, and Sexual Assault Medical Director at Fort Drum in Watertown, NY. Barrett has eight years of post-graduate experience with emphasis on both inpatient and outpatient practice. She has a high degree of experience with outpatient procedures, women's health, pediatrics and medical acupuncture. In addition, Barrett has advanced training and acute trauma management, teaching, leadership, and health care administration, and is consistently a leader

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## Barrett, from A12

in patient satisfaction and productivity.

“Since joining Valley, she has proven to be an extraordinary provider at Valley Primary Care. Her experience, leadership, and outstanding patient care are exemplary, and the hospital is honored to have her serve as their new Medical Director,” said VRH.

## Celebrating Nearly Five Decades with VNH

WHITE RIVER JCT., VT – VNH is pleased to honor Carole Lechthaler’s almost 50 years of dedication to nursing excellence in home care and hospice. Since 1969, its local communities

have been extremely fortunate to have Lechthaler, RN, Facilities Liaison, hold important nursing and leadership positions within VNH. It takes a special person to work in this field, and an extraordinary person to devote five decades to it.



**Carole Lechthaler**

“My favorite thing about the job is working and caring for a patient on their own turf. You learn so much about them, and can really see a positive difference in their lives and that of their family. Home care helps patients focus on getting the most out of living,” said Lechthaler.

Lechthaler began as a staff nurse in 1969, in the career she had always dreamed of. She soon became a Clinical Team Leader, and continued to pursue education and advancement in excellent healthcare. In 1992, she earned her Master’s Degree in Community Health Nursing with a Minor in Education at the University of Vermont. Shortly after, she became the State of Vermont’s first Community Health Clinical Specialist.

“I think I have wanted to be a nurse since I was about 8 years old. It never occurred to me

to do anything else. In my mind there is nothing better than being a nurse unless it is being a better nurse,” said Lechthaler.

Lechthaler has dedicated countless hours to serving as a visiting nurse and teaching others much-needed skills to thrive in the unique environment of home healthcare. “I have made sure to always be in a position to make home visits, as I feel it keeps you current and ensures you know what you’re talking about. It is not enough to talk the talk; I believe in this business you need to walk the walk so you know what the stressors are for the staff and patients,” said Lechthaler. As Facilities Liaison,

she works hard to connect patients with their unique care team to make their transition back to home as smooth and comfortable as possible, providing reassurance and a sympathetic ear to everyone in her care.

“Much can be said about her professionalism, her reputation for outstanding and caring services, and her mentoring of clinical and managerial staff,” said Jeanne McLaughlin, VNH President and CEO. “Her contributions are so significant to the development of our agency that ‘thank you’ does not seem to suffice.”

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## Mt. Ascutney Hospital Announces New Online Auction for 2018 Golf Classic

WINDSOR, VT – With the MAH Classic now less than two weeks away, Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) in Windsor, Vermont and Ottauquechee Health Center (OHC) in Woodstock, Vermont are pleased to announce a new feature of their 2018 MAH Classic Auction. With a terrific lineup of items available, the auction this year is online and now open for bidding.

There are still a few openings for players for the tournament, which is scheduled for June 18 at the Woodstock Country Club, one of the world's top 100 golf resorts as cited by Golf Magazine. Proceeds from the event will benefit clinical programs for patients in the Windsor/Woodstock region. Visit [VTGOLF.ORG](http://VTGOLF.ORG) to register to play, sponsor the event or view and bid on auction items.

Thirty-five years after the first "Chick Miller Memorial Tournament" in 1983, the MAH Classic is the largest fundraising event on behalf of MAHHC and OHC patients. The event will begin with registration and a barbeque lunch from 11 AM until 12:15 PM, followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 PM. In addition to a day of golf with prizes for team and individual low score, closest to the pin, longest drive, and more, the MAH Classic will once again feature a silent auction with items and services donated by businesses and individuals. A cocktail reception and awards ceremony will follow tournament play.

Players may register in advance online at [VTgolf.org](http://VTgolf.org), for an entry fee of \$195 per person. Players may request an invoice or pay by credit card by calling (802) 674-7088 or via email at [mahclassic@mahhc.org](mailto:mahclassic@mahhc.org). The deadline for entry is June 12.

The MAH Classic offers numerous sponsorship opportunities with tier-based promotional benefits. Sponsors will receive recognition in the event program and in pre-tournament publicity, including mention on the radio stations of Media Sponsor Great Eastern Radio. Those interested in sponsorship opportunities or in donating a prize to the MAH Classic Auction



are asked to call (802) 674-7088 or to email the Tournament Coordinator at [mahclassic@mahhc.org](mailto:mahclassic@mahhc.org).

"Getting out on the course is a highlight of the year for Mt. Ascutney Hospital, Ottauquechee Health Center, and those who participate," said MAHHC Tournament Coordinator, Stephanie Soles, "because it's always enormous fun." Director of Development Charles Clement adds, "It's gratifying to see how many people stand up in support of high-quality health care right here in our communities. The MAH Classic is our great annual fundraiser, a fantastic way to celebrate what we do, and helps us realize our mission for years to come."

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# Alumni Parade Fun Highlights Broadway's Best



Beautiful weather greeted the SHS Alumni Day parade and related festivities on Saturday as participants and viewers gathered for the association's 147th annual reunion, keeping alive the country's oldest active high school alumni association. Clockwise: The Class of 1963, Grand Marshals Jimmie and Brenda Baker, Alumni officers ride in style, St. Mary's Class of 1968, SHS Class of 1953.



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## Parade Winners Announced

CLAREMONT, NH—Saturday June 9th, was not just another day, it was the kick-off to Stevens Alumni Weekend festivities.

Mother Nature sent us one of her gorgeous forecasts for the “70th” annual parade. Dick Girard and his crew were out early marking off spaces for floats, band, fire and drum, horses, bektash and cars, each with a number of where there spot was in the parade. Needless to say this takes time, patience and volunteers to make it work with little confusion. The parade kicked off on time with units falling into place as it moved down Broad St. with spectators lining the streets on both sides of the parade route.

Five-year floats from 1953 through the graduating class 2018 participated in this much anticipated event.

With so many amazing floats to choose from, it was very difficult to choose the five winners to receive a trophy when they all were really winners. To all the five-year classes, thank you for helping to make parade day 2018 another “Stevens Alumni Day a Day to Remember”.

The following parade trophy winners were chosen:

The Alumni Memorial Trophy Class of 1993 “Rock of Ages”, sponsored by LaValley’s Building Supply with a \$200 cash prize.

Klara Hornick Trophy Class of 1978 “Beatlemania” sponsored by

Golden Cross Ambulance with a \$200 cash prize.

The Wayne S. Gray Trophy Class of 1998 “Peter Pan Never Grew Up” sponsored by Stringer Funeral Home with a \$200 cash prize.

Frederick Carr School Spirit Trophy Class of 1968 “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown” sponsored by Gateway Motors (White River Jct) with a \$200 cash prize.

George F. Disnard Trophy Class of 1983 “Grease” sponsored by The Insurance Center with a \$200 cash prize.

The Chamber of Commerce Award went to Valley Regional Hospital celebrating its 125th anniversary.

“The St. Mary’s Class of 1968 should be mentioned for their float ‘Lights On Broadway’.

They would have received the St. Mary’s trophy but we can’t seem to find it, so if anyone can help us, give Dick Girard or myself a call,” said Carolyn LeBlanc.





## Newport Historical Society to Host “The Latchis Legacy” June 12

NEWPORT, NH—On Tuesday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m, the Newport Historical Society will host a special one of a kind ‘live-documentary’ by Film and Theater historian Jonathan A. Boschen.

This presentation will visually look at the Latchis family, their theatre chain, and how Claremont’s and Newport’s Litchis Theaters fit into the towns' rich legacy.

Boschen, who assisted with the book “Greek Epic,” that chronicles the history of the Latchis family, makes use of a large number of archival photos of the various theaters and reconstructed architectural sketches to visualize what these buildings looked like. In addition, relevant history pertaining to the Latchis family, American film history and theatre history will be included to help put the history of the Latchis Theater chain into perspective. Exhibition of the program will be in the Ballroom of the Richard’s Free Library (58 North Main Street) in Newport NH. Admission is free with complimentary popcorn and refreshments. This show, which was first performed at the Latchis Theatre in Brattleboro VT, was performed for the Claremont NH Historical Society in October of 2017, where it received a rave reception.


Boschen is a professional videographer and video editor who is also a Film and Theater Historian. His work, pertaining to film and theater history, ranges from articles, slide show presentations, to history videos.

Boschen’s slide shows are designed to play out as ‘live-documentaries,’ meaning they are not traditional Power-Point presentations, but instead a motion picture experience created to entertain and educate the viewer.

Boschen’s presentation style is heavily influenced by many old documentaries, industrial films, animated cartoons and filmstrips of the 1930s through the 1950s; mainly by the works of Walt Disney, Jamison Handy, Jerry Fairbanks, Frank L. Goldman, and Pete Smith.

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## Claremont Soup Kitchen Recognizes Volunteers

CLAREMONT, NH—On Wednesday evening, May 23, the Claremont Soup Kitchen and Pantry recognized volunteers who have joined together in the past year to serve meals and provide food boxes for hungry families and individuals in the City of Claremont. More than 50 volunteers attended. The volunteers perform a variety of jobs for the kitchen from filling boxes with FDA recommended items for healthy meals, to serving meals seven days a week for those in need of a meal. On the weekends volunteers also prepare the meals. Volunteers also clean the building from washing floors each morning to wiping down tables. They sort food that is donated and arrange it attractively so that people can find what they need.

During the dinner, Cindy Stevens, Director of CSK and Priscilla Hull, Board Member thanked the volunteers for their work during the year. Stevens mentioned the valuable work that is done by the volunteers and stated that they are what make CSK the success that it is. Hull mentioned that the volunteers' work is invaluable to the total operation. They also thanked the Board for their service. Several board members also volunteer

in the work of serving meals. Volunteers are the backbone of the operation. Any volunteer who did not receive an invitation is invited to register with the office so that they will be included next year.

Thanks also were extended to the people of the community and beyond who donated financially and with food through the Post Office Drive, Boy Scouts, NH Young Professionals, United Way and Sullivan County Sheriff's Department, 95.3 & 107.1 The Wolf, Churches, merchants and others. CSK is a community project and all donations and time are appreciated.

## Precision Museum Event


WINDSOR, VT—On Sunday, June, 17, the Precision Museum in Windsor, VT, Dr. Marie Duggan, Professor of Economics at Keene State College presents "Precision Independents: Growth in the Challenging 21st Century" with a discussion of Keene's successful precision manufacturing cluster, consisting of small firms that have seen growth since 2000.

This series is free with Admission to the museum. Enjoy the presentation and then go through the museum's main exhibit hall featuring "Shaping America" that traces manufacturing from the mid-19th century through the 50's.

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## Father's Day - Lessons About Money Can Be Priceless Gifts to Children

Father's Day is almost upon us. If you're a dad, you certainly may enjoy getting cards and gifts, of course. But, over time, you will gain even greater satisfaction by what you can give your children – such as some valuable financial lessons.

These lessons can include the following:

**Setting goals** – If you are contributing to an IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, explain how you build these accounts now, while you are working, so you'll have enough money to enjoy a comfortable retirement someday. And you can bring your children into the picture, too, by telling them that another financial goal is saving enough to help send them to college or to further their education in other ways.

**Value of understanding the financial markets** – You may actually be quite surprised at how interested your kids are in investing, especially the concept of "owning" companies through stocks and stock-based vehicles. Depending on their ages, you might even want to show them the progress of your own investments and describe, in general terms, how different events can cause the markets to rise and fall, especially in the short term. You could even discuss the difference between the basic types of investments, such as stocks and bonds.

**Putting time on your side** – You might want to emphasize the importance of patience, and how investing is not a "get-rich-quick" scheme, but a process that requires decades of diligence and persistence. Let your children know that it's of great value to start investing as early as possible, so you can put time on your side, giving investments a chance to grow.

**Living within your means** – We all know that you can't always get what you want. Stress to your children that you can't just splurge on big purchases whenever you feel like it, because such behavior can lead to bad outcomes. Use concrete examples: If you have a car that's several years old, tell your children that it would be nice to have a new one, but you simply must wait until you can afford it.

**Paying debts on time** – Tell your children that, no matter how good a saver you are, or how thrifty you try to be, you still have debts, such as your mortgage payment, and it's important to pay these debts on time. You may not want to get too detailed about the consequences of missing debt payments – bad credit scores may not be that easy for children to understand – but you can certainly mention that if you're always late on payments, you might find it harder to borrow money when you really need it.

By sharing these principles with your children, you will, at the least, give them something to think about, and you may well find that you've helped start them on the path to a lifetime of making solid financial moves. And who knows? If they truly master the ideas you've taught them, one day they might give you some really nice Father's Day gifts.

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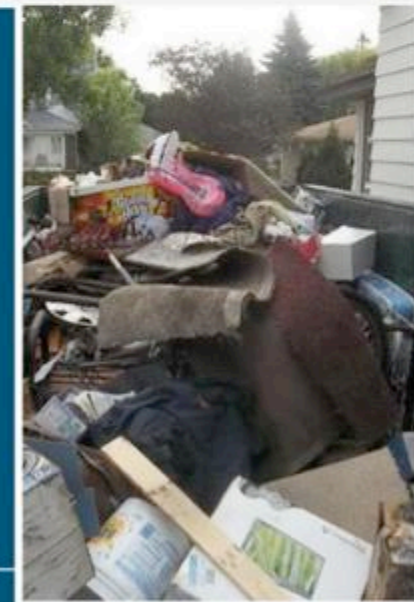
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The farm is located at 104 Cornish Turnpike, Newport, NH. If you would like to carpool and live in Cornish, attendees are planning on meeting at the Cornish Town Hall and leaving there by 8:20 am. Feel free to meet them right at the farm as well.

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## It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



### Baked Beans

Some people accuse me of cheating when I make my beans. Just because I don't buy dry beans and wash and soak them overnight. Get real! Anyone with that much dedication for authenticity has a lot of time on their hands.

I start with generic baked beans with no frills. Then I start loading them up with all kinds of flavors to make them my own. I always get great comments and am asked to bring them when going to cookouts.

This is a great opportunity to play because these beans are a "clean slate" and you can do whatever you want with them. Some of the things I put in my beans are minced onion, minced green pepper, molasses, maple syrup, yellow mustard, ketchup, Worcestershire sauce and sometimes a splash of hot sauce if it's too sweet. You can do whatever you want but keep tasting as you go. Place them in a baking dish and cover with bacon. Cook at 275° for a couple of hours until the bacon is done. Don't expect crispy bacon because of the sauce.

Now that that is taken care of, I have a really great chicken recipe that will work with pork chops as well. You can use boneless chops or with the bone in. This is a great one skillet dish that looks like a lot more work than it is. The long grain and wild rice really tops off the presentation. Try this soon.

### Chicken with Caramelized Pears

4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves  
½ tsp salt  
½ tsp pepper  
3 tbsp butter  
1 medium red onion halved and thinly sliced  
2 medium pears thinly sliced  
2 tsp brown sugar  
¼ cup balsamic vinaigrette  
½ tsp dried thyme  
2 pkg (8.8 oz each) ready to serve long grain and wild rice

Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper.  
Brown chicken in butter in a large skillet.  
Remove and keep warm.  
Saute onion in same skillet until tender.  
Add pears and brown sugar, cook 3 minutes longer.  
Stir in vinaigrette and thyme.  
Return chicken to skillet.  
Reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 4 to 6 minutes or until chicken juices run clear.  
Meanwhile, cook rice according to package directions.  
Serve with chicken covered with pears and sauce.

Be careful when cooking the pears. Don't let them get too soft.

Play with your food. 'Tis the season.

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## Finalizing the Budget

On May 2nd, City Manager McNutt delivered his proposed budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 to the City Council. This marked the beginning of budget discussions between the City Council and Administration. Because the Council will vote on the budget after holding a public hearing on June 13th, I thought an overview of the proposed budget and the changes that the Council has made to date would be helpful.

The City Manager's proposed budget included the use of \$1,064,500 from fund balance primarily for Capital Improvement Projects, \$500,000 from fund balance to reduce the increase on the tax rate, and changes to the operating budget. While fund balance usage does not increase the tax rate, and in this case, is partially used to decrease it, the proposed changes to the operating budget reflect an 82 cent increase on the tax rate.

While many elements of the City Manager's proposed budget are strategic to achieving the Councils' goals of broadening the tax base, increasing the City's overall valuation and revitalizing the downtown district, the Council agreed that the proposed tax rate increase was too high. Consequently, the Council has made changes to the revenue and expense projections of the operating budget for FY19 based on an analysis of actual expenditures and income over the last three years. This has resulted in reducing the projected tax rate to approximately 37 cents, equating to a budget increase of almost 2.5%.

Below is a synopsis of the operating budget highlights for FY19:

Full-time Administrative/Legal Assistance Position (approximately \$82,000, salary and benefits) – While this position was budgeted in FY18, it was never filled. The City Manager is hoping to fill this position in FY19 in order to gain efficiencies in various administrative functions and reduce backlogs. Because the position is vacant and time is needed to find the right person for the position, the Council has reduced the budget amount by \$20,700 to re-

flect  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the year's salary and benefit costs. However, the Council has tabled further discussion of the necessity of this position until June 13th after reviewing the job description.

Elimination of one position in the Fire Department – Because grant funds are no longer available to retain this position, the City Manager has proposed to eliminate it from the budget. Fire Chief Burr was opposed to this as it reduces the number of firefighters on staff to 4 per shift, potentially impacting overtime costs. To date, the Council has not opted to reinstate this position.

Addition of \$225,000 for Roads – In FY18, the Council approved a budget without any money set aside for roads. In this budget, the City Manager has added this amount. Because \$50,000 still remains from the \$1.5M bond taken in 2015 and \$25,000 is left from the funds received from the State last year, a total of \$300,000 is allocated for roads in the proposed budget. While this is not nearly enough to address all of the roadwork that needs to be done, it is a marked improvement over the FY18 budget.

Contracted Position at Municipal Airport (\$12,500) – The City Manager is proposing a contracted position to cover the duties historically accomplished by the Chief of the Fire Department. This will allow the Fire Department Chief to focus on his responsibilities at the Fire Department, and enable the person contracted to focus on municipal airport functions. The Council continues to deliberate on the pros and cons of this position.

Addition of \$290,000 in Revenues – After reviewing the last three years of actual income, especially in areas such as motor vehicle registrations and interest on taxes, the Council decided to increase projected revenues proposed by the City Manager.

While the above is only the highlights of the proposed operating budget for FY19, it doesn't include every change. To date, the Council has decreased the expenditure side by \$32,700 and increased the income side by \$290,000. As a result, the City Manager's proposed budget increase of 82 cents on the tax rate has been reduced by 46 cents. More discussion will take place on June 13th at the Council's next meeting. Please consider attending the public hearing as we want to hear from you before adopting the FY19 budget.

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

## Southeastern VT Lakes, Ponds, Rivers Need Your Help – Become a Vermont Invasive Patroller (VIP)

Saturday, June 23, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Vermont Invasive Patroller Workshop – Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main St., Ludlow, VT  
(Park in back; library opens at 10 AM)  
Afternoon VIP Paddle – Echo Lake, Camp Plymouth State Park

Join VT DEC Lakes & Ponds staff at a Vermont Invasive Patrollers (VIP) workshop to learn how to monitor lakes, ponds and rivers for aquatic invasive species, survey healthy native plant populations, and reduce the threat of aquatic invasive species introductions. Learn the differences between native, exotic, nuisance and invasive species; how invasive species are introduced and established; how to differentiate invasive aquatic plants and animals from native lookalikes (plants will be emphasized); and how to conduct surveys for aquatic invasive plants in water bodies.

Interested participants are encouraged to join the statewide network of volunteers who survey for aquatic invasive species in their favorite lake, pond or river.

This four-hour VIP workshop will include classroom time with an introductory overview, including hands-on aquatic species identification training. There will be a break for lunch, and then an on-the-water aquatic plant survey session at Camp Plymouth State Park at Echo Lake. Echo Lake is on the Black River, which meets the CT River in Springfield. The on-the-water visit will be weather permitting.

You will need to provide your own lunch and, for the on-the-water portion of the workshop, you will need a non-motorized vessel (typically canoe or kayak), life preserver/pfd, and paddle.

Pre-registration for this workshop is required: Contact Kim Jensen at [kimberly.jensen@vermont.gov](mailto:kimberly.jensen@vermont.gov) or (802) 490-6120.

Workshop and materials are offered at no cost. Space is limited.

Bring your lunch and canoe or kayak.

Workshop presented by VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation - Lakes & Ponds Program staff, and co-hosted by VT Forests, Parks & Recreation, Ottauquechee Nat. Res. Cons. District, Black River Action Team and Windham County Nat. Res. Cons. District.

## Chamber Announces Scholarship Recipient

CLAREMONT, NH—The Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce has announced this year's Scholarship Fund recipient, Gisele Dierks. She is a senior at Fall Mountain Regional High School and a resident of Charlestown, NH.



**Gisele Dierks**

The Scholarship award was formally presented at Fall Mountain Regional High School's Awards night on May 31. Dierks also joined the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce at its Annual Meeting on June 6,, for an additional presentation of the award.

The selection process was not an easy one as the Scholarship Committee received many qualified applications. Dierks' application stood out to this year's committee. She has volunteered more than 50 hours of her time with Interact, the Hospitality Club, the National Honor Society, and the Charlestown Historical Society. She also participated in many athletic and music programs during her high school career with a 4.05-grade point average.

One of her letters of recommendation reads, "She has already demonstrated many of the characteristics necessary for success in col-

lege. She drinks in knowledge, participates in academic discussions and can speak up for herself." It has also been said that she has a beautiful ability to look at the glass as half full versus half empty and has a genuine appreciation for learning.

Annually the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund accepts applications from graduating seniors residing in Claremont, Charlestown, Cornish, Lempster, Plainfield, and Unity. Since 1996, the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce has given a scholarship to a graduating senior in the Greater Claremont area. The recipient, parent, or a legal guardian must be employed by or volunteer with a current member of the Chamber. The recipient must also show evidence of community service hours above and beyond those required for graduation and hold at least a 2.5-grade point average. The Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund is a 501(c)3 organization managed by the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce.

Since 1917 the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce has been playing a significant leadership role in shaping the economic and social growth of the city by encouraging residents and visitors to do business locally. Over the years the Chamber has developed unique and innovative partnerships with the city's business, civic and nonprofit communities to maintain a strong, safe, and viable Region. The Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit 501(c)(6) organization formed to represent business interests within the communities we serve. To learn more, please visit online at [www.greaterclaremontnh.org](http://www.greaterclaremontnh.org) or call us at (603) 543-1296.

## Two Charlestown Women Charged with Possession

### 143 Bags of Heroin Allegedly Found During Vehicle Search

On June 6, at approximately 3:00 p.m., Vermont State Police Troopers conducted a motor vehicle stop for speed, on Interstate 91 northbound, near mile marker 36, in the town of Rockingham. According to the VTSP in a statement, during the course of the traffic stop, probable cause was developed to believe criminal activity was allegedly occurring. Troopers conducted a consensual search



**Kerri Yaqoob**



**Miranda Goodell**

of the vehicle and allegedly located one bag of heroin on Miranda Goodell's person (age 31, Charlestown, NH); 142 bags of heroin were allegedly secured in a tissue box that belonged to Kerri Yaqoob, 28, Charlestown, NH, said VTSP.

Both women were arrested and transported to the Westminster Barracks for processing. Yaqoob was also found to be in violation of conditions of release, stemming from a prior heroin possession arrest, said law enforcement. Both females were issued citations to appear in court at a later date.

## 5th Graders Graduate from DARE Program

SUNAPEE, NH—The Sunapee Central Elementary School 5th graders graduated from the 2018 DARE Program June 7. Sgt. Timothy Puchtler of the Sunapee Police Department presided over the graduation ceremony, presenting each student with a DARE Certificate. Sunapee Middle High School senior, Uzma Malik, was the guest speaker at this year's graduation, chosen for her academic accomplishments and contributions to our community.

The Sunapee Police Department remains committed to the DARE Program for Sunapee Central Elementary School's 5th grade class and is pleased to partner with the Sunapee School District, as well as with the parents and families of the students. Puchtler, the program instructor, also serves on the Executive Board for DARE New Hampshire. This is the 27th year that the DARE Program has been taught in Sunapee Central Elementary School.

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# \$108,900 Given Out in Scholarships at Alumni Banquet

## Submitted by Carolyn LeBlanc

CLAREMONT, NH—Following the parade, the annual meeting and luncheon was well attended with a wonderful buffet catered by the Women of the Moose. Plenty of delicious finger rolls, potato salad, macaroni salad, fruit and all the fixings to choose from.

At the annual meeting the following slate of officers were voted in for 2018-19

### Officers:

President – Douglas LeBlanc '63

1st V President – Richard Girard '61

2nd V President – Mary Bicknell Woodman '61

Secretary – Sonya LeBlanc Lawson '89

Asst. Secretary – Janet Mower Eon '62

Treasurer – Carolyn Bowles LeBlanc '62

### Executive Board:

Barbara Young Fenland '57

David Zebra '63

Beverly Hanks Janelle '53

Denise Modem Lives ton '70

Cameron Williams '10

### In Memoriam:

Janet Mower Eon '62

The date for next year Stevens Alumni Weekend is set for June 8th, 2019 and the theme will be "Vintage Advertising Slogans".

The banquet was also well attended with close to 300 alumni members from 1946 to 2018. Dinner was catered by Riverside Country Kitchen with Baked Stuffed Chicken. We had many positive compliments about the caterer, so you can bet we will have them back again.

Barbara Hoopis Decook '46 received the gift for the oldest attending alumni member and also holds the distinct honor of having attended 72 consecutive reunion banquets. She is quite a lady.

Arthur Fontaine '53 from Riverside, CA, received the gift for the furthest away.

Charles Connors of 1968 introduced the 50 year class.

Paige Jarvis '93 gave the welcome to the newest members of the Alumni Association and senior class president, Aidan Cahill gave the response.

The class of 1993, the 25 year class, also presented a monetary gift to Stevens Alumni at the banquet.

The Rector Priscilla Hill accepted our invitation to attend and give the Invocation and

Benediction.

Of course, the highlight of the evening was the presentation of the scholarship awards to 69 post grad students and the class of 2018 graduates for a total amount of \$108,900.

The following post grad students received awards:

The Currier Perpetual Scholarships go to

Mariah Davis 2015

Britany Fitzpatrick 2015

Carmella Clave 2015

Anissa Girard 2015

Collin Belt 2016

Hayden Parker 2016

Hans Schneider 2016

Ryan Shattuck 2016

Timothy Berry 2017

Robert (Alex) Carpia 2017

Cody Schoolcraft 2017

Class of 1950 Scholarship

Daniel Croteau 2015

Class of 1951 In Memory of Beryl McLin Garneau

Katelyn Belaire 2015

Class of 1954 In Memory of Beverly Bonneville Michaud

Natalie Wilson 2015

Class of 1961 Scholarships

Bethany Klebes 2011

L. Amber Duford 2017

Jazmyn Griffin 2017

Class of 1962 Anonymous Donor Scholarships New

Ruth Ramjit 2015

Christine McElreavy 2015

Class of 1981 Scholarship

Coby Hussey 2017

Rotary Club/Jeff Patten Memorial Scholarship

This Year the Claremont Sugar River Rotary has contributed \$500 to this scholarship

Alaina Bandanza 2016

The Piwowar Blicharz Scholarship and The

Joseph Rosinski Memorial Scholarship

Michael Miller 2017

Stevens High School Alumni Memorial

Sarah Mullen 2016

Ethan Sweet 2017

Nathaniel Treadway 2017

Logan Bonneau 2017

Sierra Meunier 2017

Rebecca Moody 2017

Jennie Morey 2017

Class of 1945 Memorial Scholarship

Braydon Burt 2017

Rosinski Family Scholarship

Sydney Bellimer 2016

Alyson Lizotte 2016

Michael Callum 2017

Jack Fitzpatrick 2017

Marion Lovett 2017

Thirty-five 2018 Seniors received awards.

The first three were special presentations Jessica Powers presented the Barbara G Richards Business Scholarship Award to Teagan Daignault.

Claire Esmond presented for the first time a scholarship in the name of Raymond Wing who passed away this past April. He did not graduate from Stevens but had a passion for education and his family and friends wanted to present a scholarship in his memory to a graduating senior of 2018. The award went to Brendan Bean.

Connie Kincaid-Brown, presented the The Duncan Littlefield Music Scholarship. Duncan graduated from Stevens High School in 2010 and passed away in 2016. His family and friends have established this perpetual fund in his name based on his love of music. The first recipient was Tyler Sawyer.

This year only in honor of a dear friend, teacher and honorary member of Stevens High School Alumni, the association presented The Paul H. Magoon H.M. Memorial Scholarship to Kelsey Belisle.

Stevens High School Alumni Memorial Scholarships went to the following:

Colby Clough

Bradon Jarvis

Raquel Madeja

Hillary Pellerin

Tre' Robidoux

Emily Vivian

The following scholarships are in memory of the named scholarship and are supplemented

**(Continued on page A26)**

**Scholarships, from A25**

by the original memorial fund.  
Alyssa Ellison  
Guy K.C. Wilson Scholarship

Meghan Wilson  
Frederick W. Carr Scholarship

Alexander Baker  
Class of 1935 Scholarship

Teagan Daignault  
SHS Class of 1937 Scholarship

Desiree Boisvert  
Class of 1945 Memorial Scholarship

Nicholaus Stone  
Albert D. & Helen Farrington Leahy Scholarship  
SHS Alumni Memorial Scholarship

Tyler Sawyer  
Dennis Prudhomme Scholarship and  
and the Class of 1965 Anonymous Cash  
award

Adelyn Nelson  
Dorothy Judd Goodhue Memorial  
Scholarship and the Paran  
Stevens Cash Award

Drew Grenier  
Marie McCarthy Grenier Scholarship

Grace Kennett  
Walter S. Paskevich Music Scholarship

Jacob Rider  
Milford Osgood Memorial Scholarship

Mercedes Allain  
Class of 1958 Memorial Scholarship  
SHS Alumni Memorial Scholarship

Alyssa Jones  
Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship

James Aiken  
Donald James Rollins Class of  
1972 Award and The Mike

Brousseau Scholarship

Chelsea Melna  
Bud and Bucky Tucker Memorial

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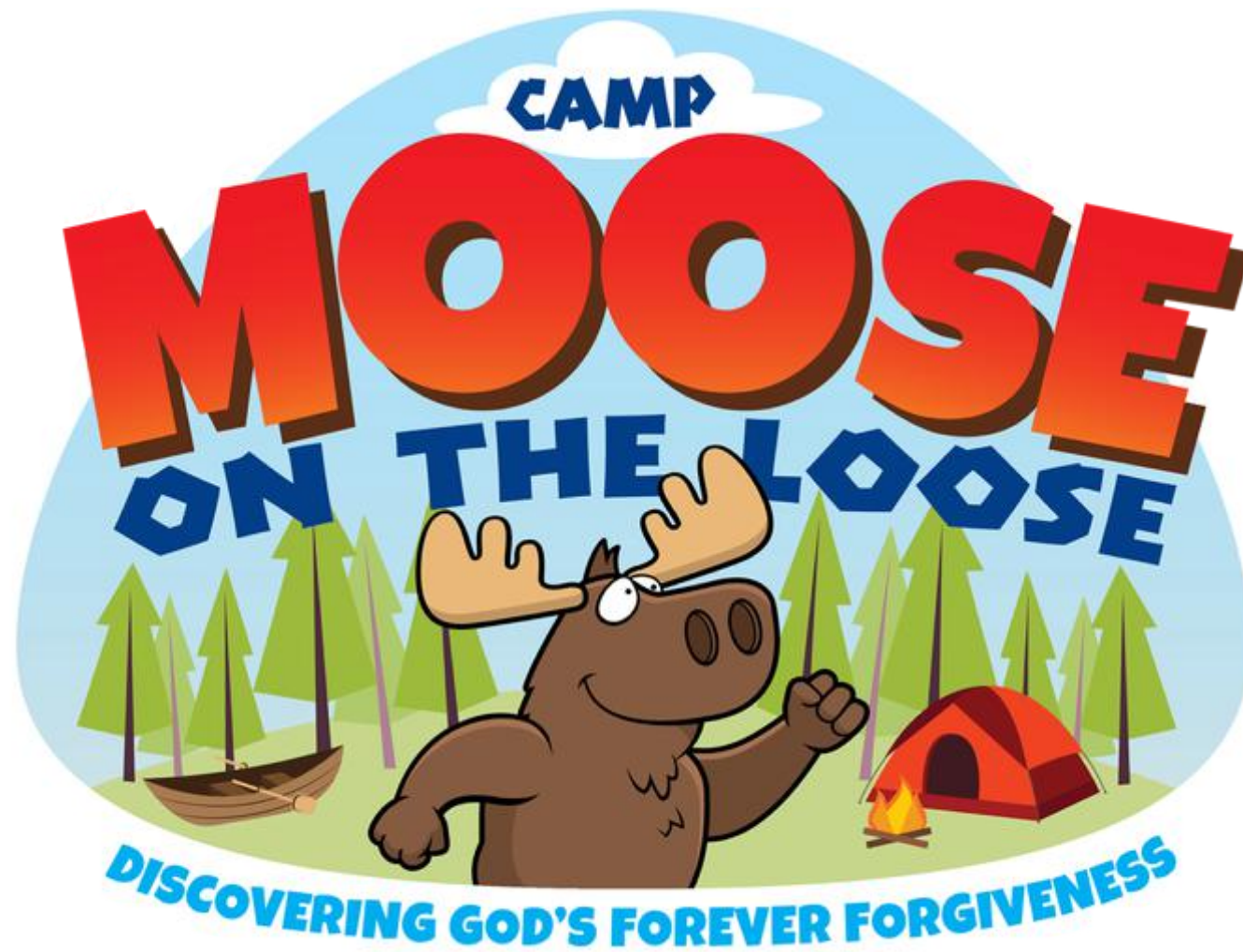
Alexandra Parizo and Taya Simmons both received the Class of 1962 Anonymous donor awards.



**Class Marshals Leeann McCarthy and Audrey Puksta lead the Class of 2018 into the gymnasium at the beginning of graduation exercises Thursday evening (Bill Binder photo).**



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