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Left: The Claremont Middle School held its 8th grade Recognition Night at CMS on Tuesday, June 7. After being welcomed by CMS Principal Fitzgerald, family and friends watched as students received achievement awards and their Certificates of Completion. Right: Wonderful surprise! Graduating Stevens High School senior Danielle Lundy's sister, Ashley Godin, U.S. Army, got to fly home from Germany in time to be at Lundy's graduation Thursday evening. More photos, story, pages A27-A29 (Bill Binder photos).

A Week Of Celebration In Claremont...

The Class of 2016 joined the Alumni Day parade on Saturday in its own float as the new graduates rounded out a week of celebration and special events. More parade coverage on pages A30 and A31 (Bill Binder photo).



Sullivan County Investigates Death Of Protective Custody Inmate

UNITY, NH—The Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office and the NH State Police are investigating the manner and cause of the death of a protective custody inmate at the Sullivan County Department of Corrections, said David Berry, Superintendent of the Sullivan County Department of Corrections, and Marc Hathaway, Sullivan County Attorney. Edward Hawkins, 50, of Claremont, NH, was taken into protective custody by the Claremont Police Department and taken to the Department of Corrections at approximately 3:00 a.m. on Friday, June 10. Following DOC policy, Hawkins was placed into a single observation cell where he was subject to regular observation by corrections staff over the next hour.

During observation, a DOC supervisor found Hawkins to be unconscious and unresponsive. DOC staff initiated CPR and called for an ambulance. Correctional officers continued CPR until EMS from Golden Cross Ambulance and the Unity Fire Department arrived. Efforts by DOC staff and emergency responders failed to revive Hawkins, and he was pronounced dead by the medical examiner approximately one hour later. Hawkins was reportedly intoxicated at the time he was taken into custody by the police.

Agencies that responded to the Department of Corrections include the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office, NH State Police and the Sullivan County Attorney. The NH Attorney General’s Office has also been notified. No further information will be available until the results of the autopsy and toxicology testing are known.

Accident In Springfield, VT, Leaves One Dead, One Injured

SPRINGFIELD, VT—On June 9, at 9:55 p.m., the Springfield Police Department responded to a report of a female down on River Road in Springfield. Police say the investigation revealed that a motor vehicle had struck two pedestrians. The female pedestrian sustained serious injuries and was transported to Springfield Hospital and then airlifted to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. The male pedestrian was pronounced deceased on the scene. Police say that James Ribeiro, 21, of Springfield, was the operator of the motor vehicle that allegedly struck the two pedestrians. Anyone who witnessed or has information pertaining to this

incident is asked to contact the Springfield Police Department at 802-885-2113.

After Hours Marketing, Sidewalk Sales Friday

CLAREMONT, NH--City Center merchants will be participating in a day of sidewalk sales and an After Hours Market on Friday, June 17th. Participating businesses will be opening at their regularly scheduled times but will be staying open until 8:00 p.m. Enjoy the evening hours for shopping as well as dining!

“A reminder that tables or chairs are out on the 17th in front of your business must allow for ADA access on the sidewalk,” said Planning and Development Director Nancy Merrill who has been working with merchants to help market City Center businesses. “Sidewalk sales and specials throughout the day. A great opportunity for people to come out and enjoy the evening,” Merrill added.

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

Committee Of Conference Agreements



In last week's column, I wrote about two bills which were finally rejected by New Hampshire's House of Representatives as recommended by their committee of conference compromise agreements. This week I will write about a detailed committee of conference agreement approved by the House on June 1 that might be of interest to some readers.

This committee of conference agreement was the one concerning House Bill 1428. This bill was originally introduced in Jan. 2016 by two Democratic legislators, Conway Rep. Tom Buco and Portsmouth Sen. Martha Fuller-Clark, and was just written to allow New Hampshire's DES (Department of Environmental Services) to help fund a specific list of municipal water and wastewater projects, none of which was in Sullivan County. But the bill was amended several times by both the House and New Hampshire Senate after being introduced so as to add various other provisions, some of which were not related to municipal water and wastewater projects. While the House amendments were more germane to the bill's original intent, most of the Senate's amendments were on subjects that had nothing to do its original intent.

All seven of the House Bill 1428's Committee of Conference finally agreed to a compromise version of the bill with several non-germane provisions. A version which was approved by a voice vote of both House and Senate with little debate, and is now on its way to Gov. Maggie Hassan for her consideration. Among the germane provisions is one establishing a special non-lapsing account within DES known as the Clean Water State Revolving Non-Program Fund, which would pay for the first two years of the municipal water and wastewater projects originally listed in the bill.

However, House Bill 1428's compromise version also retained several non-germane provisions as added by the Senate. They included appropriating money from New Hampshire's General Fund, which contains taxpayer-generated revenue, to pay for future operations of the State Police Standards & Training Council, a state agency that trains all local and state law enforcement officers. In the past the council's operations have been paid through fines and other penalties levied on convicted criminal offenders in New Hampshire. But this revenue has been diverted to pay for other state programs in recent years, forcing legislators and Gov. Hassan to examine other methods of funding this vital state agency. A related provision also abolishes the council's special fund which accepted the fine and other penalty money in order to pay for its operations. Instead, all operations would be paid thru the General Fund. Yet another related provision appropriates \$400,000 to replace the roof of the council's Tactical Center in Concord.

Frankly, two of the non-germane provisions in the House Bill 1428 compromise gave pause before I reluctantly voted for it. Such provisions included the one appropriating money from the state's highway and turnpike funds in the total amount of \$700,000 for the purchase of several new state police cruisers to replace those damaged in vehicular collisions with which they have been involved over the past year. As a member of the House Public Works & Highways Committee, I am concerned whenever money is taken out of both the highway and turnpike funds for state police operations, especially since both funds don't have enough money now for the upkeep of roads and bridges. But I was reminded that the New Hampshire Constitution's Article 6a does permit such funds to be used for the purchase of police cruisers because they are for the "maintenance" of our highways.

The second House Bill 1428 compromise provision that gave me pause was the one regarding changes to the 2008 ban in burning C&D (Construction & Demolition) Waste, especially the wood portion of such waste. Under this compromise provision, the burning of wood waste would continue to be banned in general, though up to 10,000 tons of the waste could be burned per year from Nov. 15 through April 15 by municipal waste incinerators under certain conditions. More specifically, these conditions would be that DES first adopts rules regarding fuel quality standards and test methods under current state law, and then issues the required permits. I was concerned that the provision was too similar to Senate Bill 381, which would have outright partially lifted the ban on the burning of C&D wood waste. A bill that I had earlier voted against, and had written about in my May 16 column. A bill which Gov. Hassan had vetoed on June 6. But I was reassured by the Democratic members of the House Science, Technology, & Energy Committee that the just-described provision was better for the environment than the recently-vetoed Senate Bill 381 because DES will have to issue regulations before any wood waste can be burned. With that reassurance, I voted for House Bill 1428 as recommended by its committee of conference.

Some readers may ask why both the House and Senate voted for, let alone even considered a compromise version of legislation like House Bill 1428 that had several non-germane provisions. Normally, the House because of its rules, does not approve any type of legislation with non-germane provisions during the first half of any legislative session from my experience. But the Senate does not follow the same rules in regard to legislation throughout the entire session. In fact, the Senate has not hesitated to attach totally unrelated amendments to legislation it passes and sends to the House. Especially legislation for which the House is strongly in favor. Furthermore, this situation is even more likely to occur if legislation that is sent over to the House from the Senate is later rejected, tabled, or held over for further study by my fellow representatives. This game of "legislative chicken" in my opinion sometimes results in good legislation sometimes being defeated because of disagreements between the two bodies. But sometimes it results in long and contentious committees of conference-committees of conference that finally agree to compromises on legislation with non-germane provisions like those of House Bill 1428.

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Letters To The Editor

Rep. Steve Smith Files For Re-Election

To the Editor:

Last week, I filed for re-election for New Hampshire State Representative from Sullivan County District 11. This district is comprised of Acworth, Charlestown, Goshen, Langdon, Lempster, and Washington.

I have tried very hard to serve the public well, answer questions, and solve problems. Most of all, I have tried to be straight with you when there isn't anything that I can do. You always deserve the truth, even when it isn't politically expedient, or the answer you are looking for. Being a "Representative" is just that. I represent your interests in Concord, regardless of party, honorably, and without embarrassing you. Over the last six years, I've built relationships with Representatives and Senators in both parties, and staff at state agencies that help me to serve you better.

As Chairman of the House Transportation Committee, I had a large role in moving three significant bills forward. HB1616 finally puts to rest the problem of NH IDs no longer be accepted at federal facilities. We worked out a compromise with Homeland Security that does not require anyone to comply with RealID, but allows you too if you so choose. This will save a lot of money for people who want to drive to Canada without having the expense of a passport. We also timed it so that it coincides with a need to purchase new ID stock anyway, so that there is no unnecessary cost to you. HB280 solves the problem of continuously rejecting requests to honor veterans who have been awarded service medals because of cost. The very first bill that I ever co-sponsored was one of these in 2011. It was defeated. HB280 was a creative bi-partisan effort of my entire committee and creates a new program finally allowing this to move forward without undue cost. HB1697 creates a rules package to allow rideshare services to operate in NH. Our part of the state rarely has cab service available due to low volume. We are hopeful that the part-time model used by Uber and Lyft may finally make rides available here in Sullivan County.

In the last election, many of you crossed party lines to vote for me, and I am humbled and grateful. I hope that I have lived up to the trust that you placed in me, and respectfully ask for your votes again. I look forward to a summer of being a tourist in District 11 as I go out to the fairs, festivals, Old Home Days, see old acquaintances, and meet new ones.

Representative Steven Smith

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Questions Gasification Process Proposed For Wheelabrator Plant

To The Editor:

The Claremont City Council had an interesting proposal from a Kentucky company to consider at its June 8th meeting. D.B. Kazee, an investor and attorney for Recycling Technologies Solutions, was there to pitch for a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) deal to reopen the shuttered and mothballed Wheelabrator trash burner on Grissom Lane. Kazee and his investors need taxpayers' money to move in new equipment and set up shop. It was revealed that Manager Santagate has met with Kazee several times. He is looking for the Council's compliance to move forward.

As many will recall, operations at the burner have long been the center of citizen concern and controversy with decision makers and regulators. Mr. Kazee is shopping a "multifaceted" business that will process trash, biomass, and "other" materials with a method for which he could provide neither details nor examples of current successful US operations. The term gasification was being bandied about, but again without much specificity. Kazee says they will be refurbishing rusty machinery for the overseas market as well. A background in the mining industry was offered as the bona fides for that piece.

Aiming at some clarification for what was presented the other night, gasification is another name for incineration – lipstick on a pig if you will. When queried about tests results, some councilors were looking for a track record, others wanted actual test results. Kazee would not supply either. Kazee alluded to "results from our technology". Not quite the same thing as operations results. Outcomes in December 2001 from their trash gasification facility in Inez, KY, failed test runs over three days with higher-than allowed discharges of furans (dioxins) and cadmium. Both are carcinogens.

Kazee's assurances that NHDES would watch out for the health and welfare of Claremont citizens and environment was a little misplaced. There are no regulations specific to gasification. That in part, might be due to the fact there are no such operations currently in the US. About a dozen of these proposals made their way around New England about a decade ago, but every community turned them down for technical, economic and environmental reasons. The European and Asian operations of these facilities have pretty much ceased or are being phased out for the same reasons. Added to those concerns are NHDES' documented failures for adequately monitoring Wheelabrator operations over the years.

This is perhaps the opportune time for city officials to take a serious look at the work Claremont and other Sullivan Country citizens have done to provide a plan for solutions to waste management that don't destroy valuable resources and the public health and environment. Would this be the time to transition the defunct Wheelabrator property to provide the infrastructure to move in that direction? That would be economic development and tax income of which citizens and decision makers could be proud.

Jacquelyn Elliott

Former long-time resident of Claremont

Waterboro, ME

Guest Commentary

My Plan To Foster Innovation, Support Job-Creating Businesses And Expand Middle Class Opportunity

By Governor Maggie Hassan

All across New Hampshire, we continue to see signs of a strengthening economy driven by innovation.

Our unemployment rate is now 2.6 percent, among the lowest in the country and our lowest in over 15 years. And for the third year in a row, we were ranked the strongest state in the nation based on more than a dozen measures of quality of life.

Yet while New Hampshire's economy is in many respects ahead of the curve, too many families are being left out or left behind. We need to take action to ensure that all Granite Staters who work hard have the opportunity to succeed.

That's why I announced my Innovate NH 2.0 plan – outlining the policies I will focus on as a United States Senator to foster innovation, support job-creating businesses and expand opportunity for hard-working families.

Innovate NH 2.0 builds on the innovation plan I laid out during my 2012 gubernatorial campaign, which I have worked with members of both parties to achieve during my time in office. Together, we froze tuition at state universities and lowered it at community colleges, increased and made permanent the R&D tax credit to help innovative businesses succeed and provided technical assistance to support growing companies. I have focused on these priorities while responsibly balancing the budget – without a sales or income tax – managing the budget to a surplus and significantly increasing our rainy day fund.

Innovate NH 2.0 outlines five key priorities that I will take to the United States Senate: (1) encouraging business innovation and growth, (2) developing a 21st century workforce, (3) helping middle class families make ends meet, (4) building a cleaner, more affordable energy future and (5) fixing our roads, bridges and other infrastructure systems.

The plan ensures fiscal responsibility by eliminating special tax breaks for Wall Street and Big Oil, ending tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas and asking millionaires and billionaires to pay their fair share.

This vision stands in stark contrast to the dysfunction we've seen from a Senate majority in Washington that is run by special interests. As Senator, I will fight to change that and get results for New Hampshire's families and small businesses.

We know that innovative businesses and entrepreneurs are the engines of economic growth in the 21st century economy. The first step of this plan builds on what we have accomplished in New Hampshire to encourage business innovation and help new companies start up and



grow. In the Senate, I will work to reduce the regulatory burden on new companies, expand the federal R&D tax credit and build on successful bipartisan ideas like the State Small Business Credit Initiative to help small businesses thrive.

But businesses can't succeed without a strong, 21st century workforce – and Innovate NH 2.0 builds on our efforts to make higher education more affordable and support job training efforts to strengthen the workforce development pipeline. In the Senate, I will fight to allow students to refinance their loans, achieve debt-free public college and expand technical training and apprenticeships.

As we work to support our businesses and our workforce, it is also critical to break down the barriers that are holding middle class families back. In the Senate, I will work to enact a \$1,000 tax cut for middle class families, raise the federal minimum wage to \$12 an hour and pass the federal Paycheck Fairness Act to help ensure everyone earns equal pay for equal work.

In order to support innovative solutions, we must build a cleaner, more affordable energy future. As Senator, I will fight to set strong national goals for clean energy, expand RGGI and develop a national net metering model rule.

And we must also work to meet the infrastructure needs of a 21st century economy. That's why Innovate NH 2.0 calls for encouraging more public-private partnerships, establishing a national Infrastructure Bank, supporting commuter rail from Boston to Nashua and Manchester and strengthening our water infrastructure.

Many of the ideas in this plan already have bipartisan support, and I look forward to working with members of both parties to make progress on critical issues for Granite State families and small businesses.

Through Innovate NH 2.0, we can stand up to corporate special interests and make real progress to foster innovation, support job-creating businesses and expand opportunity for hard-working families. We know it is possible to work across party lines to move forward on these critical priorities - because that is exactly what we have done in New Hampshire.

As a United States Senator, I will roll up my sleeves and work to build a future where all hard-working Granite Staters are included in our economic success.

Statement On Shooting in Orlando

CONCORD, NH – Governor Maggie Hassan issued the following statement on the mass shooting in Orlando on Sunday:

"I join all Granite Staters and all Americans in mourning the victims of the horrific shooting in Orlando and expressing our profound gratitude to the brave first responders who helped prevent further loss of life. Though we cannot ease the pain of their loss, we stand with the families and loved ones of those who were taken from this earth far too soon by this heinous and cowardly attack."

Pilot Plan Proposed To Use Wheelabrator Plant For Recycling Operation

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--The City Council and the public were presented with a proposal Wednesday night that would reopen the Wheelabrator plant as an industrial recycling facility. The proposal was presented by D.B. Kazez, an attorney from Kentucky who is also an investor with a group that has a variety of businesses registered with the state of Kentucky; they have an option to buy the former incinerator plant. Kazez said the plan would call for a five-year pilot project in which the facility would be used to recycle and refurbish old industrial equipment that would then be re-sold. The plant would also use a process called "gasification", burning solid waste materials as well as yard waste and biomass material to generate either steam or electricity to run the plant; Kazez said electricity would be the choice in this case, and excess power generated would then be sold to the grid. He said no medical or toxic waste would be burned, nor would construction and demolition material be accepted. "As we look at this property, we think that is the best use for that property." Kazez said they had been following the Wheelabrator story for over a year and had done "quite a bit of investigation on it." He said they have conducted business in Alabama and Tennessee as well as Kentucky. "We feel we can be a success here if given the chance," he said. He added that without this kind of operation, the property could be reopened as an incinerator, or the building and equipment could be dismantled and all that would be left would be the property, which in his opinion, "would have very little value."

Some councilors and members of the public expressed skepticism about the gasification process, expressing concerns about emissions and the effect on public health. Gasification is described on various sites as a process that converts organic or fossil fuel based carbonaceous materials into carbon monoxide, hydrogen and carbon dioxide. This is achieved by reacting the material at high temperatures (>700 °C), without combustion, with a controlled amount of oxygen and/or steam. According to Kazez, waste is burned at a lower temperature than incinerating it, allowing for materials to be salvaged from the process to

then be sold, materials such as glass and metals. He said that emissions would be much lower than what Wheelabrator produced and that they would be well below what DES regulations call for. "We will not incinerate," he said. When asked by resident Donna Montenegro to name any facilities that use gasification that he has been a part of, Kazez only said that there were "hundreds" of plants in the country that use the process.

According to an article in the *State Journal*, located in Frankfort, KY, published in 2004, Kazez and other investors proposed waste gasification plants for Franklin and Martin Counties through their company, Recycling Solutions Technology LLC. It was not clear whether those operations ever came to fruition.

Kazez did not present a business plan or start-up costs for the proposal Wednesday night, saying they would have to get financing for new equipment for a start-up, but said that the pilot project would be the best use of the property. He described it as a "hybrid" and the first time that he and the other investors would be overseeing this specific kind of operation in which several operations are consolidated into one. "We think it is the only viable use you are going to find for the Wheelabrator property," Kazez said. "We think it would benefit the city and provide new employment." He said they would expect to hire about 25 people for jobs that would pay \$14 to \$15 an hour, with some jobs paying more.

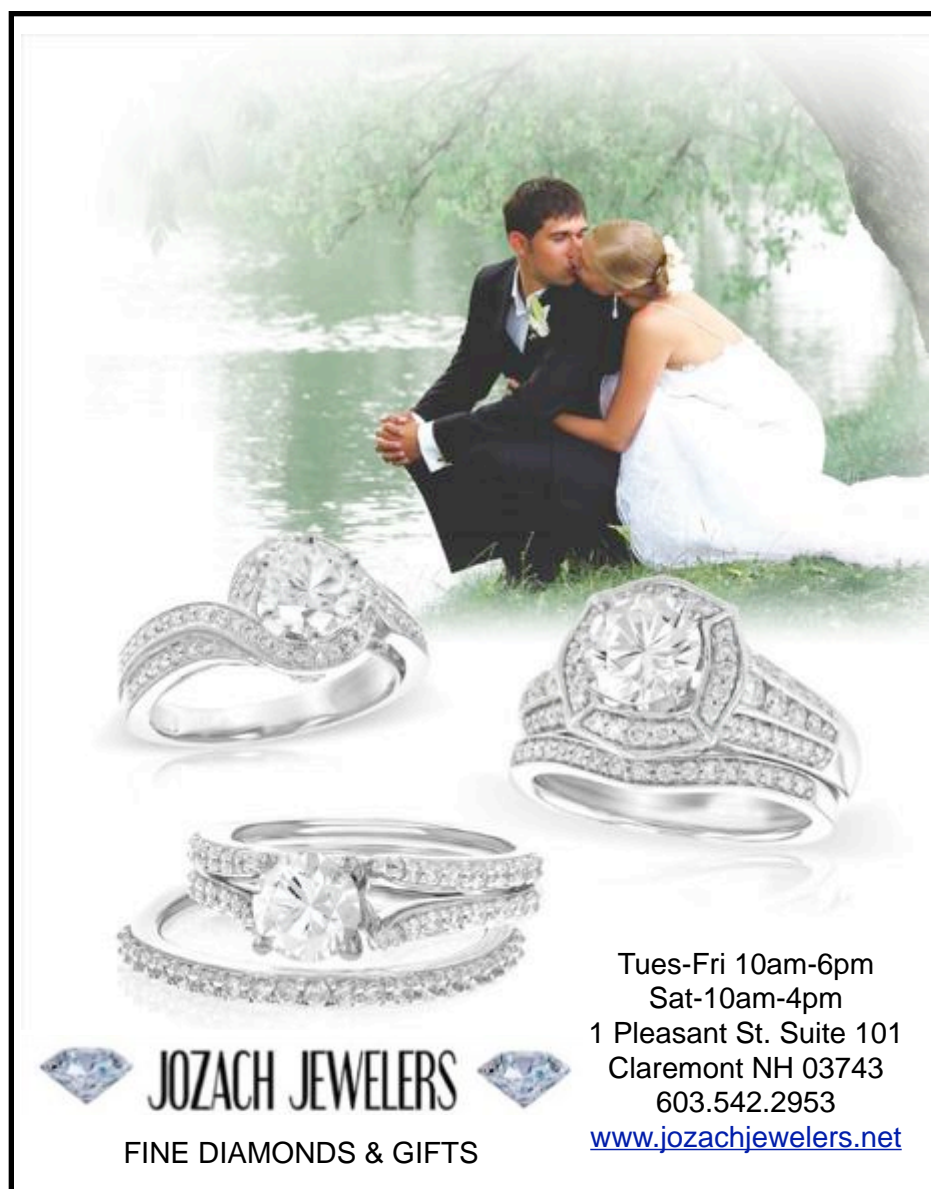
Councilor Allen Damren asked if he were to do research on the internet to learn about his track record, would he be able to find information? Kazez said that they do not have a website but that he is registered as an agent or director for many companies listed with the State of Kentucky. According

to the Kentucky Secretary of State's website, DB Kazez is listed with 51 organizations, 17 of which are active, in good standing. The remaining were listed as inactive. Many are associated with the mining industry.

The Wheelabrator property is now assessed at just \$2 million and that would translate into an annual tax bill of about \$83,000. Councilor Nick Koloski said that if that the taxes charged were around \$60,000 a year--or a fixed rate of income was set, as Kazez is seeking--the proposal would not be worth it, in his opinion, citing health concerns for the community.

Several councilors and residents called for a public forum on the issue so that those with questions would have an opportunity to speak and express their concerns. The forum was tentatively set for August.

Wheelabrator closed its facility in September of 2013 after operating for 26 years.



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RFP for Assessing Cyclical Data Collection

City of Claremont is putting out an RFP for Assessing Cyclical Data Collection. Proposals are due by June 17, 2016, at 3:00 p.m.

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Charlene Lovett, Mayor

City of Claremont New Hampshire

10 AM Monday Morning Musicals for Children

CLAREMONT, NH--Jean's Playhouse IMPACT productions from Lincoln, NH, returns to the air conditioned Claremont Opera House this summer, 10:00 a.m. Monday mornings, with musicals for children. General admission is \$6 at the door. Groups are advised to call ahead to reserve sections.

Shows are: The Ugly Duckling: June 20, A homely young bird, teased by others in the barnyard, grows up to become the most beautiful swan, showing that being different can be a blessing. Hansel and Gretel: June 27, when desperate parents and a mean old witch dangerously threaten this brother and sister team, they must use their brains to save each other. Rapunzel: July 11, can true love conquer all when Rapunzel's beautiful long hair is cut short, her dashing prince goes blind, and both are cast out into the deep, dark wilderness? The Velveteen Rabbit: July 18, A little boy and his favorite toy, a stuffed rabbit sewn from velveteen, are best friends through good times and bad, but the rabbit never gives up on his dream of becoming real. The Snow Queen: July 25, When the Snow Queen's evil forces take control of Kai, his best friend Gerda must use love to break the spell and bring him back to his normal happy self. Aladdin: August 1, With the help of a magic genie trapped inside an ancient lamp, a ne'er-do-well named Aladdin tries to rid his city of evil and become Sultan.

There will be no show on July 4. For more information call the business office at 603-542-0064. You may also visit www.claremontoperahouse.org.

City Acreage Formally Added To Moody Park By Council

CLAREMONT, NH--The City Council formally added 134 acres of City-owned land that abuts Moody Park to the Maple Ave. park at its Wednesday night's meeting. The land, known as the old Putnam lot, abuts Moody Park to the west but does not include road frontage. Zoned rural residential 2, the park trail network there has been developed and maintained since the 1995 purchase by the City. The question for the council was whether it wanted a more formal recognition and dedication of this City park land, merging it with Moody

Park. The council decided that it did.

The parcel has been an integral part of the park on that side of the City. Mark Brislin, director of the Claremont Parks and Recreation Department, said that "Many of the trails being used are in the 'Putnam' lot and my feeling is that it is already a part of Moody Park." He added, "It would be a great addition to add more park land to Claremont."

In March of 1916, retired Claremont businessman William H.H. Moody announced a plan to donate a sizable portion of his 600-acre estate to the community. Moody's gift to the City was described at the time as "a donation, for use as a public park and recreation ground to be [enjoyed] for free by the people of Claremont."

Nancy Merrill, director of Claremont Planning and Development, told the council that merging the lots prevents the additional acreage from being commercially developed in the future.

Councilors enthusiastically passed a motion to formally enlarge Moody Park by merging the additional 134 acres of vacant land. Special events are taking place this month to mark Moody Park's 100th anniversary. Contact the Park and Rec Department for more information.



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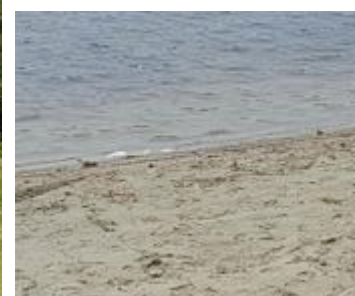
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WATERBURY CENTER, Vt: The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) announced five New Hampshire and five Vermont organizations are winners of its At-Risk Children program grants. The grants, to be distributed in the fall of 2016, provide a new library of books for each organization, books to keep for the children they serve, storytelling presentations, and parent seminars.

In New Hampshire, the grants support:
Boys & Girls Club of Suncook (Allentown)
Goodwin Community Health Center WIC program (Somersworth)
Granite YMCA (Manchester)
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In Vermont, the grants support:
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Hassan Signs Bill Strengthening Protections for Missing Citizens

CONCORD, NH-- – Continuing efforts to support New Hampshire's most vulnerable citizens, Governor Maggie Hassan Friday signed Senate Bill 487, bipartisan legislation that eases the process of filing a missing person report when an individual who experiences Alzheimer's or dementia wanders and goes missing.

"Alzheimer's and dementia affect countless families and communities across the state, and we must do everything that we can to support those affected by these devastating diseases," Governor Hassan said. "It is estimated that six out of ten individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's will wander, which means we must have a strong process in place for caregivers to file a missing persons report when someone they love goes missing. By allowing an alert to be made at the request of an individual's caregiver, shortening the requirement to update the federal database and changing an individual's location to their last known whereabouts to account for travel, Senate Bill 487 eases the process to locate missing, vulnerable Granite Staters."

"Senate Bill 487 will help us protect some of our state's most vulnerable citizens, and I am glad to sign this bipartisan bill into law to support those who experience Alzheimer's and dementia and their loved ones," Hassan said.

Hassan joined representatives from the Alzheimer's Association, advocates and legislators from both parties to sign Senate Bill 487, which builds on the bipartisan bill that the Governor signed in 2014 to establish a permanent subcommittee of Health and Human Services Oversight Committee for Alzheimer's and other related dementia, to develop an education program around Alzheimer's and to provide additional training for the law enforcement community on the disease.

Lebanon Police Offer Training Course To Business Owners

LEBANON, NH--The Lebanon Police Department would like to invite Lebanon business owners to consider providing their employees with free training in dealing with a response to an active shooter event. The Lebanon Police Department is offering a free four-hour training course titled, "Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events", otherwise known as CRASE.

The CRASE concept is based upon the principles of "Avoid, Deny, Defend". Developed in part from the "Active Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT)", CRASE provides strategies, guidance and a proven effective plan for surviving an active shooter event. Lebanon Police Officers received instructor training in CRASE as a result of a Federal Grant Funded initiative.

Dates: 6/24/16 and 7/7/16

Time: 12:00pm

Location: Kilton Library

If your employees would like to attend one of these free trainings, please RSVP to Beth Beraldi at (603) 448-8800 or Elizabeth.Beraldi@lebcity.com.

For more information on CRASE, please contact Lieutenant Richard Smolenski at (603) 448-1212 or Richard.Smolenski@lebcity.com

Springfield, VT, Police Log

The following subjects were taken into custody on Monday and Tuesday of last week by Officers Defelice and Prince on outstanding warrants:

Jessie Marro, 35, Springfield VT, for failure to appear on charge of Driving While License Suspended.

Scott Sargent, 31, Windsor VT, for failure to appear on charge of Driving While License Suspended.

Zachary Farrar, 20, Bellows Falls VT, to answer to charges of Simple Assault x2 stemming from a Windsor PD case.

Travis Farrar, 43, Springfield VT, to answer to charges of Simple Assault x2 stemming from a Windsor PD case.

All subjects were lodged at SSCF without incident.

Banking Department Welcomes Commissioner Gerald Little

CONCORD, NH--Former Senator Gerald "Jerry" Little of Weare was officially sworn in as Commissioner of the New Hampshire Banking Department on Friday, June 3, and began his role at the Department the same day. Little comes to the Department with an in-depth knowledge of the New Hampshire banking industry, having served as President of the New Hampshire Bankers' Association for 20 years. Governor Margaret Hassan noted, "The Commissioner of the New Hampshire Banking Department plays a critical role in ensuring strong protections for New Hampshire's citizens and maintaining a strong financial sector..."

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Red River Charitable Foundation Plays Major Role With Program

Service Dog Presentation For A New Hampshire Iraqi War Vet

At the Friends of Veterans of New Hampshire and Vermont (FOV) Charity Golf Tournament, recently held at Baker Hill Country Club in Newbury, NH, Sergeant Mark Lawton, was the recipient of a "Service Dog" from the FOV and the Red River Charitable Foundation (RRCF). Lawton is a former Army sergeant who was severely injured by an IED explosion while serving in Iraq in July 2002. As a result of this explosion, Lawton suffered from PTSD; however, due to continued severe headaches, he was later diagnosed as having a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). As a result of his injuries, he was medically discharged from the Army in 2007.

Lawton, along with his wife Mary and son Solomon, attended the presentation with Mark's "Helper Dog" Luna. Mark explained the difference between a Helper Dog and a Service Dog. He described that the roll of the Service Dog as being more extensive than a Helper Dog. The main role is to help the owner during stressful public situations where the owner is uncomfortable; the dog is trained to sense the stress and guide the owner out of the it.

Lawton's dog was obtained by and will be trained by the Assistance Canine Training Service (ACTS) in Conway, NH. They will be training the dog over the next several months. They will eventually work with Mark and the dog till their partnership is formed. At that time Luna will be retired. This fits with in the norm of eight years' service for these dogs, but he will remain as a member of the Lawton family.

Larry Daigle, President of FOV, told the golfers and the press that, "They are extremely pleased with their partnership with RRCF to offer financial assistance to combat veterans with PTSD who need a service dog. This is a major step forward for our volunteer organization, and we feel fortunate to have our first offering go to Sergeant Lawton of Tamworth, NH."

"This offering would not have been possible without our special relationship with RRCF," said Patt Taylor, FOV secretary. "This is just one of the many ways that Red River has been an important supporter of many of our veterans assistance programs."

In response, Kim Vacca, RRCF Director, responded, "The Red River Charitable Foundation is honored to be the major sponsor of the

Friends of Veterans Golf Tournament. FOV is a wonderful organization and the help they provide to area veterans is critical. Our partnership with them has grown and evolved over the years and we expect to assist in Sergeant Lawton's Service Dog. The Service Dog initiative is a great program and we are anxious to increase it in coming years to assist other veterans."

Lawton closed by expanding on Vacca's remarks by saying that it is hoped that more vets become aware of the Friends of Veterans and all that they do to support those with needs, especially those that also suffer with PTSD and TBI.

Red River Charitable Foundation (RRCF) is a 501(c)(3), charitable organization with a dual mandate and mission. RRCF promotes and encourages students to continue their studies in the fields of science and technology as well as supporting US military veterans transitioning to civilian life. RRCF provides opportunities for students in middle school through college interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math with scholarships, internships, mentoring, and donations of IT equipment. RRCF supports veterans and their families by providing technology career counseling and mentorships as well as emergency monetary assistance as they integrate back into our community. Like them on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/RedRiverCharitableFoundation> Follow them on Twitter at www.twitter.com/RRCFRocks. For more information on RRCF, contact them at

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Friends of Veterans of New Hampshire & Vermont (FOV), a 501(c)(3) organization, was created by veterans dedicated to helping fellow veterans and their families avoid homelessness. Its compassionate efforts fill a void in



Sergeant Mark Lawton, was the recipient of a "Service Dog" from the FOV and the Red River Charitable Foundation (RRCF). (Courtesy photo).

current services by providing confidential, rapid response to veteran's needs. FOV has been in existence for over 30 years. Over the last five years, it has financially assisted 371 veterans and their families with \$223,469 in help. In 2015 FOV increased financial assistance by over 20% compared to any other year in its 30 year existence. Due to increased grant support and fundraising, it expects to significantly increase assistance to both New Hampshire and Vermont families.

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e-Ticker Business News

Jewel Transportation Holds Grand Opening For New Facility On River Road

By Bill Binder
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--The Jewell family held a grand opening and ribbon cutting at the new Jewell Transportation facility on the River Road on Friday, June 10. City officials, representatives from The Claremont Savings Bank and visitors met with three generations of the Jewell family and members of the Osgood Construction Co., who built the facility, and



Assistant DPW Director Vic St. Pierre welcomes the crowd and gives a history of Jewell Transportation (Bill Binder photos).

toured the building and grounds.

Jewell Transportation was started by Milt Jewell and his wife Josephine in the 1950s. Working out of their house, the "office" was the kitchen table, and repair work was done out in the yard. It has grown to a fleet of 30 trucks and employs about 50 people. The company hauls wood, wood chips, steel, large equipment and trash, both locally and nationally. The company is now run by co-owners Max Jewell and his son, Chris, and Chris's wife Amanda.

Osgood Construction Co. owners, Todd and

Angie Osgood, presented the family with a wooden logging truck, handmade by Claremont resident Don Simoneau. Vic St. Pierre also told the crowd that he will be presenting the family with a bronze plaque dedicating the facility to founder Milt Jewell. Six-year-old Ryan Jewell, Chris and Amanda's son, had the honor of cutting the ribbon, and afterwards all were treated to a barbecue.

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e-Ticker Business News

Upper Valley Habitat For Humanity Awarded NH Housing Funding For Claremont Neighborhood Project

WRJ, VT--Upper Valley Habitat for Humanity has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority through their Emerging Opportunities Program. An additional \$75,000 was awarded in deferred loans to families Habitat is helping through its Upper Valley Habitat for Humanity Neighborhood Revitalization Program in Claremont.

The Upper Valley Habitat for Humanity Neighborhood Revitalization Program in Claremont, NH, is a long-term commitment on the part of Habitat to improve the quality of life for residents in a defined neighborhood just west of Opera House Square.

Habitat became involved in Claremont's future in answer to a planning department request to expand upon the success of the city's revitalization of the business areas and to address the city's declining neighborhoods.

Heather Steliga, Executive Director of Upper Valley Habitat for Humanity, said, "We are taking an asset-based approach to our project in Claremont, looking at what's great about living here, and there are many, many fabulous things. We are aware of a sometimes negative public image of the city and we aim to help change that conversation... look at what's so great here! There are so many assets... the architecture, the access to social services and nonprofits offering all kinds of help, a fine hospital, schools, shopping, gardens, churches, active socially-conscious policymakers, concerned citizens, so many things... Claremont has been, is, and will be a great place to live."

The focus of the revitalization is defined as an area covering about a half mile, bordered by Pleasant, Prospect, Mulberry and Central Streets. This census tract has the highest percentage of low-income residents in Claremont. There are approximately 400 dwellings within this perimeter.

After initial planning stages, Habitat has been on the ground getting to know the neighborhood and its residents, providing requested garden beds, taking block by block conditions surveys, social surveys to determine the residents' hopes for their own neighborhood and hosting block parties to bring neighborhood residents together.

This summer, Upper Valley Habitat is accelerating its home repair and community building activities. The ultimate goals of the project are:

- To make home repairs and beautifications that homeowners would not otherwise be able to afford, thereby helping families stay in their safer homes, save money with energy efficiencies, increase their equity, and effectively enhancing the quality of life for all neighbors.
- To actively engage residents' participation and sense of "ownership" in the project, thereby building a supportive community structure and fostering a community spirit among neighbors. Habitat's working philosophy is to use volunteerism, self-help, and community philanthropy to achieve results.
- To help form a neighborhood association of responsible residents to ensure the sustainability and perpetual effectiveness of our project on their own, caring for and adding to a safer, healthier, more attractive place they can proudly call home.

At this time, Upper Valley Habitat for Humanity (UVHFH) is actively striving to identify leaders who will form a core group working together to build an ongoing neighborhood association. This is a chance to make a sustainable impact on Claremont's future. Claremont residents who are interested in finding out more about becoming a leader are invited to call Alexis Foote, UVHFH Claremont program coordinator, at 603.543.3556, or alexis.foote@upervalleyhabitat.org

In addition to these significant awards from New Hampshire Housing, funding for this project has been generously provided by the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation and Hypertherm's HOPE Foundation.

For more information, please contact Alexis Foote at the UVHFH Claremont Project Office in the Moody Building, 603.543.3556, or alexis.foote@upervalleyhabitat.org. Visit www.upervalleyhabitat.org, and Like Us on Facebook: Upper Valley Habitat Neighborhood Revitalization, Claremont.

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It's almost Father's Day. If you're a dad with young children, you can expect some nice homemade cards and maybe even a baseball cap. But, of course, your greatest reward is spending time with your kids and watching them grow. In return, you can give them a gift – the gift of knowledge. Specifically, in the months and years ahead, teach them the financial skills that can help make their lives easier and more rewarding.

For starters, encourage your children to become savers. You can do this in a couple of different ways. First, set a good example. You might explain to your kids that you want to buy a certain item, but you are waiting for it to go on sale. Or, if it's a particularly big-ticket item, like an ultra high-definition television, tell your children that you simply can't afford it now, but that you are putting away some money each week until you can. You might even make a chart showing your progress.

Another way to help your children become better savers is to provide them with a monetary incentive. To illustrate: For every dollar they put into a "piggy bank" or an actual savings account, tell them you'll put in, say, 50 cents. They are likely to be pleased and excited by how much faster their money grows with your contribution, and they may well become more motivated to save. Furthermore, you'll be giving them a valuable lesson for later on in life, when they work for a business that offers to match their contributions to a 401(k) or other retirement plan. Unfortunately, many young people, upon taking on their first "career" jobs, either under-contribute to their retirement plans or ignore them completely – thereby making it more likely that, later on in their working lives, they will have to come up with much bigger sums each year to accumulate enough resources for a comfortable retirement.

Learning to save is certainly important – but children should also learn about investing. To help get your children interested in becoming investors, point out that they can actually own shares of companies with which they are already familiar – the companies that make the games they play, the movies they watch and the food they eat. In fact, you could even simulate the investment process by letting them choose a stock and then follow it. To make the results more tangible, use "play" money to represent an initial investment, and add or subtract to the pile to track the ups and downs of the real stock. You might even explain some of the reasons for the stock's movements; for example, if you and your child are following the stock of an entertainment company, and that company produces a blockbuster movie that leads to sequels, spinoffs and merchandise tie-ins, you can point out how these developments have pushed up the company's stock price.

You might also explain that while these short-term price movements are interesting – and maybe even fun – to follow, investing is actually a long-term endeavor, and the best investors often hold stocks for many years before selling them.

By following these suggestions, you can help your children acquire good financial habits – and seeing them put these skills to good use can provide you with many happy Father's Days in the future.

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Mayoral Notes

By
Charlene Lovett



June – A Busy Month

June is proving to be a very busy month both for the Council and for Claremont. As we head into the second half of the month, the City Council will be finishing its work on the budget for fiscal year (FY) 2017 and preparing for the city manager search. Having just celebrated Alumni Day, the City will soon be welcoming Amtrak's Exhibit Train, hosting activities in honor of Moody Park's 100th anniversary and holding the second in a series of outdoor concerts. It is just the beginning of what promises to be a very busy summer.

The budget season for the Council began when the city manager presented his proposed FY2017 budget in May. Since then, the Council has heard from each department director in order to better understand the department's budgetary needs and requests. Since the city manager approves those requests, his proposed budget may or may not contain them. It is the Council's responsibility to determine if the proposed budget should be modified.

On Thursday (June 16th), the Council will consider changes to the city manager's proposed budget. Though it lowers the city's tax rate slightly, the Council will have to decide if the proposed budget reflects the goals and objectives it adopted earlier in the year. If not, the Council will have to determine how to best

allocate funds in order to achieve them. All changes to the proposed budget will be presented at the public hearing on June 22nd. Once the public hearing is over, the Council will then vote on the FY2017 budget which begins on July 1st.

Last week, the Council approved the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for companies that conduct executive searches. I wrote the document based on a template previously approved by the Council, and asked that the city solicitor review it for legal compliance. She did and the RFQ was released on June 10th. This begins the process for hiring a qualified company that will conduct the city manager search.

The RFQ provides a deadline of July 15th for respondents to submit their qualifications and proposals for a city manager search. A selection committee, comprised of council members and resident(s), will then review the responses and make a recommendation to the Council. Once the Council hires a company to conduct the search, the company begins working with all stakeholders to find the next city manager. Since executive searches usually take 90-120 days, things are moving along nicely.

This Saturday (June 18th) Claremont will be hosting the Amtrak Exhibit Train event from 10am to 4pm at the Claremont Junction. This is the first time that the Exhibit Train, which travels across the nation, will be in NH. In addition to the free, self-guided tour of the Exhibit Train, there will be food, entertainment, a free raffle for train tickets, historical displays and model trains, and children's activities.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to learn more about train travel and the Amtrak services provided in Claremont.

In addition to the Exhibit Train event on Saturday, Claremont will also be offering a guided bird watching tour in Moody Park at 8am. In the evening, the City will also be hosting an outdoor concert featuring the Doug Wahlberg band. The concert will be at Arrowhead and will begin at 5pm, doors opening at 3pm. So, if you are looking for something to do, Claremont has plenty to offer.

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

Father's Day Carriage Ride Special

Fitch Family Farm on Father's Day weekend is offering a special where fathers ride free. Its team of Belgian work horses will take you on the carriage through scenic back roads of Cornish to a sweeping view over the valley. Stories and a history of the land will be told along the way. Additional tickets are \$20 per person; children under five years old are free. Call (603) 667-5079 for more information.

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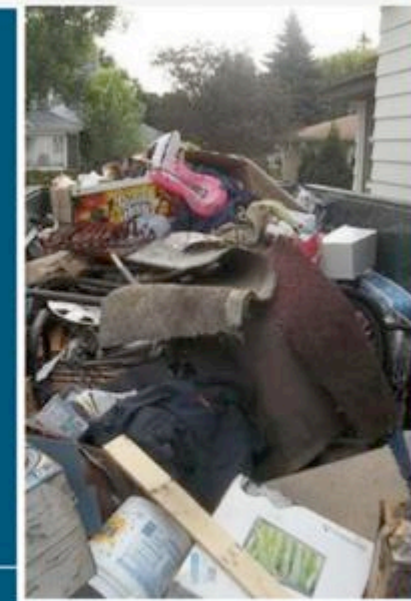
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Drug Take-Back Day In Plainfield

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day in Plainfield, Thursday, June 23, Plainfield Town Hall, Rte 12A, noon-2:00 p.m. Please bring all unused prescription medications and all out-dated over the counter medications to this event. This event is open to anyone.



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It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



Things In General

Out of the lonely plains of the Midwest comes the plaintive cry of a New Englander-in-exile: "I WANNA LOBSTA ROLL!"

Well, he really didn't quite say that, but it seemed to make a good opening paragraph. What Omaha Mitch did say was:

"Last week I bought some bacon on sale. It was sliced so thin it only had one side." For some reason I found this hilarious. Probably because it has been pounded into me to season both sides of food. Emeril says he hates one side tasting food.

Hint for Father's Day. No more ties. And all the siblings in the family should discuss Dad's gifts. No one needs eight blue polo shirts. Not all at once anyway.

Here's something that only takes four hours in the slow cooker. Put it on at 2:00 and by 6:00 you are ready to serve.

Ham 'n' Swiss Chicken

2 eggs

2 cups milk divided

½ cup butter melted

½ cup chopped celery

1 teaspoon finely chopped onion

8 slices bread cubed

12 thin slices deli ham rolled up

2 cups shredded Swiss cheese

2 ½ cups cubed cooked chicken

1 can (10 ¾ ounces) condensed cream of chicken soup undiluted

In a large bowl whisk eggs and 1/12 cups of the milk. Stir in the butter, celery and onion. Stir in the bread crumbs. Place half of the mixture in a greased 3 qt. slow cooker; top with half of the rolled up ham, cheese and chicken. Combine soup and remaining milk; pour half over the chicken. Repeat layers once. Cover and cook on low for 4 to 5 hours.

When a recipe calls for a smaller slow cooker, I borrow one. I really don't think this will work in a 6 qt. It pays to keep track of what your friends and neighbors have. Or you could splurge and buy a smaller one. They are not that expensive. I could easily see doubling this recipe and using the large cooker.

While we are still on the subject---I find meatloaf in the slow cooker gets soggy. Moist is OK, but soupy isn't fun. Especially if cold meatloaf sandwiches are high on your list of favorite lunches. The second time I tried cutting back on the moisture content, but letting it soak all day in it's juices just doesn't cut it. There will not be a third time.

One more time. Copy and paste this if you have to.

Baked beans

Canned beans

Chopped onion

Chopped pepper if desired

Molasses

Maple syrup

Worcestershire sauce

Dark corn syrup

Yellow mustard

Ketchup

Cover with bacon slices, cook low and slow. 250° until the bacon is done.

If you want some heat, use Sriracha sauce but sparingly. Taste as you go.

Play with your food. But not on Father's Day.

Write to Johnny at etickernews@gmail.com

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Claremont Confidential

By Les St. Pierre



Alumni Afterthoughts

Another school year has gone by and the throng of out-of-towners has left, leaving the Stevens High School Alumni Association once again to pick up the pieces, to analyze what has gone before them, and to get ready for yet another year of preparation for the next round of activities centered around graduation of the 2017 seniors.

But let us not forget what has just happened, what took place in 2016.

Again, you just knew it was going to rain. It usually does on Alumni Day here in Claremont. While we did escape the scorching sun, Mother Nature, as she is destined to do, played yet another trick on us leaving us rain-free until twenty minutes into the parade. The 50-degree temperature, coupled with the light raindrops, left those wearing shorts mumbling "curses, foiled again!"

Still, a dampening spirit was not to be had as alumni from several classes came out to greet reveling parade goers. Those in the parade could not escape the magic that always appears as the procession turns the corner at South and Pleasant Street, journeys towards town another three football fields, and then says hello to a plethora of hollering kids and their parents the remaining mile through town. The middle of town seems to be the place where the most gather, blocking full view the vacant storefronts.

Perhaps the most warm and fuzzy time is that time prior to the parade when Dick Girard and Bob Stringer expertly line up the bands and the float entrees on Broad Street. I know, for the 50-year class of 1966, it was a moment to filter in amongst other classes, including those from St. Mary's, and offer a friendly greeting to those once-known many moons ago, but now forgotten. The newly-formed recognition brainwaves kick in and hugs and smiles make their inevitable appearance. The friendly gesture of St. Mary's graduates from the 50-year class inviting those from Stevens to attend their get-together following time

spent at the banquet was most welcoming, a classy act from a classy group.

It was a time when graduates from non-five year classes rambled along the sidewalks and the edge of the road to offer their hellos and ask the oft-questioned, "Now, who is that?" when seeing someone they recognized but couldn't quite place the face or name. It was a time when cliques no longer maintained their separating and dividing boundaries. Everyone was there to have a good time and to help out whenever the call was needed. It was so heart-warming to see classmates help out one of their own lifting a wheelchair onto a float so that person, suffering from the effects of multiple sclerosis, could partake in her class's ride through town.

Also quite recognizable was the courteous and polite aura emanating from the graduating class of seniors. Two years in a row that pleasantries have been exhibited by the graduating class. I must say that shows a lot of the



character and stamina and dedication and gallantry put forth by two-year principal Dr. Patricia Barry and her staff. I congratulate those seniors for showing the townspeople what a fine group of scholars they really are.

Almost on cue, the rain curtailed at parade's end and those curious enough were able to ramble through the school halls to take a quick peek at new renovation improvements. Those who took advantage of the opportunity oohed and ahed at the new seats in the refurbished auditorium, the acoustic quietness of the hallways, the newly-painted interior walls, and the well-lighted

Fredrick W. Carr Gymnasium. Those unable to tag along on guided tours, going here and going there on their own, at times, could not solve the maze of newly-constructed walking areas, sometimes being confused with once was an easy access to egress. Change is good, but 50 or more years of remembrance of

what once was, can leave one in a land of disbelief and awe. But, in the end, all went well and it was time to move on to other alumni events, such as the evening banquet.

The 50-year class was singled out, with each member in attendance standing when his or her name was called. All told, the 1966 class filled nearly three tables. Not one class officer was in attendance. The class, graduating when the average purchase of a home was \$14,200, gas was 32 cents per gallon, Lyndon Baines Johnson was President of the United States, top movies were *Thunderball*, *Dr. Zhivago*, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*, and *A Man For All Seasons* and teenagers grooved to the tunes from The Beatles, The Rolling Stones and The Beach Boys, applauded upon the ability to present SHSAA President Doug LeBlanc a check for \$15,000 to be used as a Class of 1966 scholarship for the ensuing years and for any other wishes the organization deemed vital in its attempt to stay active and efficient.

At 102, Helen Livingston Lovell, was the oldest Stevens grad in attendance.

Arthur Palmer, in his 90's, stated, "You know, as I looked around at all the tables tonight, I felt there wasn't many people out there I didn't affect in some way." Palmer has been well-known throughout the years for his involvement in umpiring baseball games from Little League status, high school and college games, and with adult contests.

Highlighting the evening was the re-retirement of the number 22, worn by W. Scott Fitz III from 1957-1961 and initially, officially retired in June of 1961 by then head football coach and Athletic Director Don Campbell. First-year AD Doug Beaupre introduced Fitz to the unveiling of a bright red 22 jersey to be exhibited permanently under glass at the entrance to the FWC Gymnasium for all to see. An e-mail sent to me last September by Fitz's oldest son, Andy, and read at the presentation advocating how much the family would appreciate the re-retirement, completely caught Fitz by surprise. "It touched my heart," the former outstanding SHS athlete later conveyed. Dick Girard, SHSAA First Vice-President, saddled all morning with the unenviable task of getting parade participants and vehicles in line and on-time, in addition to appearing at the banquet, summed up everything with, "Now I can go home and get some sleep!"

Sleep well, Mr. Girard, for tomorrow begins another day of work towards yet another alumni presentation in 2017.

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SHS Bids Farewell To Class Of 2016 At Graduation Ceremony

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--It was a night of tears and jubilation as members of the Stevens High School Class of 2016 said farewell to one life and looked forward to the pages of a new one. Some 118 students graduated this year, a sea of red and black filling the gym at the high school Thursday evening.

SHS Principal Pat Barry guided the events of the evening and later addressed the audience, sharing how much the class had meant to her as she battled cancer during the school year and how the love of the students gave her strength when she needed it most. "Class of 2016," she said, "you saved me...you made all the bad stuff go away."

SAU 6 Superintendent Middleton McGoodwin told the graduates, "...You are in charge of your future. You are a graduate of Stevens High School. Be proud....If the ship you have been waiting for does not come in, swim out to it."

Claremont School Board Chair Brain Rapp told the Seniors, "This is likely the most exciting time in your life, so enjoy it. The world is yours, try new things and feel the excitement of taking risks."

Zachary O'Brien, Junior Class president, thanked the graduating class for teaching the younger students life lessons and "for being friends in and out of class."

English teacher Karen Cullison introduced the Salutatorian, Rachel Dansereau, who said, "Just over 24 hours ago, I was running through the halls, shoeless, wondering what I was going to write for this speech." She spoke of the value of friendship and learning how to forgive and taking oneself "out of negative situations."

Bruce MacCrellish, also an English teacher, introduced the Valedictorian, Hannah Scott, who thanked everyone who helped the members of the class "get where they are today" and said that the teachers "have prepared us well for academics and life."

Faculty Representative Jill Chastenay presented the Edgar L. Lord Faculty Award to Rebecca Menard. The award is given to the student, who in the opinion of the faculty, best represents SHS principles.

This year's Keynote Speaker was Les St.Pierre, Claremont resident, graduate of SHS and a columnist and reporter for the e-

Ticker News. A Vietnam War veteran, St.Pierre spoke about his life and having graduated 50 years ago, reflecting on the jobs he had held and the unknown challenges that awaited him. "Whatever you do, you are out there to make a difference," he told the graduates. "You had no say in when and where you were born or named, but you have a choice in what else you do...Please wind up with what makes you happy...I want the best for you...Don't forget where you came from..."

St.Pierre's son, Matthew, was the Lord Faculty Award recipient in 1994. St.Pierre's speech drew a standing ovation at the end.

Class Marshals were Alexis Parliman and Nathaniel Treadway.

Following the speakers, the diplomas were handed out. This year's graduates and future plans are as follows:

Krystin Aiken
Work
Brianna Aldrich
Keene Beauty Academy
Alec Amsden-Pedrotty
New Hampshire Jag Program
Bridget Baker
University Of New Hampshire
Alaina Bandanza
Agnes Scott College
Breven Barton
Work
Adalina Bell
River Valley Community College
Sydney Bellimer
Plymouth State University
Collin Belt
University Of New Hampshire
Nicole Benware
Keene Beauty Academy
Patrick Boggess
New Hampshire Technical Institute
Amia Bolton
River Valley Community College
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Work
Darrian Burgess
River Valley Community College
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Kaytelynn Carnevale
New Hampshire Technical Institute
Emily Carrier
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Layne Clancy

Work
Topanga Clough
Keene State College
Jade Cook
Work
Kristina Corkins
Work
Diego Cubillo
Returning To
Rachel Dansereau
Colgate College
Curtis Deline
Work
Marshall Denis
River Valley Community College
Brendan Desilets
Work
Cody DeWitt
Work
Jonah Dickerson
Work
Kataya Dicus
Work
Abigail Dole
Temple University
Kyle Dorr
Job Corps
Nicholas Dunham
North West Mississippi Community College
Bret Ellis
Work
Kenneth Ellison
New Hampshire Technical Institute
Tiffany Erskine
Plymouth State College
Scott Foisy
Plymouth State College
Kaleb Ford
Work
Scott Garrison
Saint Lawrence University
Tyler Garvin
Work
Matthew Gobin
Keene State College
Stefan Grallert
University Of New Hampshire
Caitlyn Gregory
River Valley Community College
Alyxsandrhea Hammond
Coastal Carolina University
Michael Hickey
River Valley Community College
Dustin Howe

Work
 Whitney Jacques
 Work
 Madison Jarvis
 Plymouth State University
 Jordan Kennett
 New Hampshire Technical Institute
 Amber Kennett
 Plymouth State College
 Mia Kirsch
 Northern Essex Community College
 Allen LaClair
 Work
 Madison LaFont
 Keene Beauty Academy
 Josienne Lafreniere
 Plymouth State University
 Alyssa LaMott
 River Valley Community College
 Joshua Lapierre
 River Valley Community College
 Jacob LaPointe
 Manchester Community College
 Brianna Lawrence
 Community College Of Vermont
 Tyler Leahy
 Lakes Region Community College
 Adrianna Lee
 Work
 Leah Lemieux
 River Valley Community College
 Nicholas Lentz
 Work
 Spencer Lewko
 River Valley Community College
 Alyson Lizotte
 College of Saint Rose
 Rae-Lyn Lunderville
 Work
 Danielle Lundy
 New England College
 Cameron Maccioli
 River Valley Community College
 Brooke Madeja
 Colby-Sawyer College
 Ryan March
 Daniel Webster College
 Clyde Mason
 Work
 Tyler Matheson
 Work
 Aidan Mattice
 University Of Vermont
 Ryan McElreavy
 Work
 Rebecca Menard
 University Of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Matthew Mock
 Work
 Jessica Morin
 Work
 Brandon Moskalenko
 Work
 Sarah Mullen
 Husson University
 Ryan Napsey
 Franklin Pierce
 Gabriel Oxtan
 Work
 John Page
 River Valley Community College
 Justin Park
 Keene State College
 Haydan Parker
 Plymouth State University
 Mackenzie Parrish
 New Hampshire Technical Institute
 Shawn Phaneuf
 River Valley Community College
 Caila Pierce
 Returning For Post Grad Studies
 Austin Putnam
 Work
 Troy Putnam
 Plymouth State University
 Meghan Raftery
 Work
 Matthew Reed
 Southern New Hampshire University
 Kizmec Robbins
 Work
 Jayme Roberts
 Work
 Kayla Robie
 Unity College Of Maine
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 Work
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 Work
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 Returning To Brazil
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 Midlands Technical College
 Mirah Watson
 Work
 Ashley Williams
 Work
 James Wimberg
 Plymouth State University
 Sean Wyman
 Work



SHS Principal Pat Barry and the Class Marshals lead the 2016 graduates to their graduation ceremonies Thursday evening. More photos, page A29 (Bill Binder photos).



Clockwise: Marshals Alexis Parliman and Nathaniel Treadway lead the graduating class into the gym; Rachel Dansereau, Salutatorian; mortarboards with makeovers; caps in the air; Keynote Speaker Les St.Pierre; and Hannah Scott, Valedictorian. Congratulations to the Class of 2016!

Photos By Bill Binder



Parade Fun!

While the weather didn't cooperate on Saturday, bringing rain about halfway through the SHS Alumni Day parade, the annual event still thrilled spectators with floats, bands, clowns, antique cars and a good-time feeling for all ages.

145th SHS Alumni Parade Float Winners:
Alumni Memorial Trophy, Class of 2001, Alice In Wonderland (\$200 cash prize, sponsored by LaValley's Building Supply);
Clara Hornick Trophy, Class of 1986, Charlie & The Chocolate Factory (\$200 cash prize, sponsored by Golden Cross Ambulance);
Wayne S. Gray Trophy, Class of 1981, 3 Little Pigs (\$200 cash prize, sponsored by Stringer Funeral Home);
Fred Carr School Spirit Trophy, Class of 1991, Back in Black, The Red and Black Yearbook (\$200 cash prize, sponsored by National Field Representatives);
George F. Disnard Trophy, Class of 1971, Winnie the Pooh (\$200 cash prize, sponsored by The Insurance Center);
St. Mary Trophy 1st, Class of 1966, Charlotte's Web;
Chamber of Commerce Award, River Vally CC, Jungle Book.

Parade Marshal was Charlie Gessner.



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