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## City Approves New Budget

### Ups Tax Rate by 34 Cents

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
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CLAREMONT, NH—The Municipal budget for Fiscal Year 2019 was approved Wednesday night by the City Council. Coming in at \$17,284,788, that number will increase the City's portion of the tax rate by 34 cents, to \$15.18, reflecting a 2.7 % increase over the current rate, or an increase of \$39.46 on an average home assessed at \$117,000, 11 cents a day, said the Finance Department.

Much of the meeting, which drew virtually no interest from residents—only one or two people attended the meeting—focused on whether to cut \$12,500 from the airport budget and an administrative position for the municipal complex who would be available to help department heads. That funding for the airport, which ended up being cut, was intended to pay someone to come on board to help out with various duties at the facility, now done by the  
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**Zachary Haines of Claremont recently discovered that he has some new tenants on his property. These beautiful robin's eggs are ensconced in a carefully constructed home made of some interesting materials. The eggs will soon be hatching, welcoming new life to the world.**

## SAU #6 Superintendent Officially Resigns from Position During June 14 Meeting

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CLAREMONT, NH—Superintendent Middleton McGoodwin officially resigned from the SAU #6 at Thursday night's SAU #6 board meeting. The resignation was just one piece of business that was addressed that night. McGoodwin's resignation, which will take effect June 30, follows action taken by the board in late May when it informed the superintendent that it had voted to seek new leadership; McGoodwin has served in that capacity for seven years; he had expected to begin a three-year extension to his contract on July 1st; the board has not publicly discussed its reasons for  
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the termination; details of the termination were discussed in a non-public meeting earlier in May. Personnel issues are rarely made public. Another non-public session was held during the meeting Thursday night. 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.”

McGoodwin read a prepared statement to the board, thanking the citizens of Claremont and Unity, parents, students and past and

present school board members for “allowing me to serve as your superintendent.” In the statement, he reflected on past accomplishments “that resulted from seven consecutive years of professional and personal relationships working with SAU 6 residents, staff and students.” The list included but was not limited to energy conservation, saving over \$100,000 annually; school culture protocol based on the mindset that everyone has the right to feel respected and the responsibility to treat others with respect; corrected a history of deferred maintenance with school facilities; school board-city council meetings; renovation of the high school; construction of the Unity Elementary School; establishing full-day Kindergarten and helping to establish a criminal offense background check law.

“In closing,” he said, “It has been my honor to serve as the Superintendent of Schools for SAU 6. I look forward to the Unity and Claremont School Districts’ future progress, as measured by all students’ growth and achievement.”

With McGoodwin’s departure imminent, the board began the process of transitioning to secure a new superintendent. Assistant Superintendent Cory LeClair agreed to serve as acting superintendent until an interim superintendent is hired, and the board took action Thursday night to begin advertising for an interim this week on various sites. LeClair takes on that added role July 1st. She told the board that she would like input to “have a clear set of expectations so we can deliver what you are looking for.” The details of additional duties that she will be taking on as well as pay remain to be worked out. The interim superintendent could be on board for as long as 24 months; the board would like someone in place by mid August. The board will hold another

meeting on June 28 as it considers how to appropriate money from fund balance to cover the additional costs, including \$55,000 that was to be carried over to offset expenses in the next fiscal year, earmarked for next year to offset the tax rate. The board also discussed at length establishing a transition team to determine what the SAU will be looking for in a new superintendent. McGoodwin warned the board against having an interim superintendent on board for too long, saying, “An interim is a placeholder. They are not going to move the district forward.”

Also at Thursday’s meeting, chair Sarah Lowe stepped down from that position, saying she no longer could put the time or energy into it due to family matters; Marjorie Erickson, from the Unity board, was voted in as the new chair. Michael Petrin, from the Claremont board, will continue to serve as the vice chair. Lowe had recommended that the chair and vice chair be from different boards to better balance out the needs of both communities. She serves on the Unity board.

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## Shaheen & Hassan Announce Significant Increase in Opioid Funding for NH

WASHINGTON, DC—Thursday night, Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) announced a significant increase in treatment funding for the state to help combat the opioid epidemic. New Hampshire will receive \$22.9 million for the remainder of fiscal year 2018 through the state-based opioid response grants provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), which is in addition to the \$3.1 million in similar grants that the state was already on track to receive this year.

As members of the Common Sense Caucus, Senators Shaheen and Hassan helped secure an additional \$6 billion to combat the opioid crisis in the budget deal signed into law in February, and helped ensure that a dedicated portion of that funding would be set aside specifically for states hardest hit by the opioid crisis. They've also led efforts to change the SAMHSA funding formula that puts states like New Hampshire with small populations and high mortality rates from opioid overdoses, at a disadvantage. SAMHSA has agreed to change this funding formula and also limit the number of states eligible for the set-aside funds to a targeted list of states, adhering to a request from the New Hampshire congressional delegation. Together, the funding increase in the government funding bill and these subsequent changes to allocate additional resources to states with exceptionally high overdose death rates, have led to the substantial increase in resources for New Hampshire announced last night.

## Kuster Backs Passage of 36 Opioids Bills in the House

WASHINGTON, DC—On Wednesday, Congresswoman Annie Kuster (NH-02), the founder and co-chair of the Bipartisan Heroin and Opioid Task Force, applauded the passage of 36 opioid bills in the House of Representatives. Kuster was a co-sponsor of seven pieces of legislation that passed last week, including the Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Act, the Ensuring Access to Quality Sober Living Act, Jessie's Law, the Empowering Pharmacists in the Fight Against Opioid Abuse Act, and the Special Registration for Telemedicine Clarification Act. Additionally, two pieces of legislation on the Task Force's legislative agenda cosponsored by Kuster were passed, the Synthetic Drug Awareness Act and the Veterans Treatment Court Improvement Act. Earlier this year, the Task Force released its legislative agenda, which includes common-sense, bipartisan legislation to address the opioid epidemic by supporting prevention, treatment, recovery, and law enforcement efforts. Kuster's legislation from the agenda, the VA Prescription Data Accountability Act, has already been signed into law, as well as the INTERDICT Act, which Kuster co-sponsored.

“The opioid epidemic doesn't discriminate and is impacting families and communities across New Hampshire and the entire country,” said Kuster. “I've focused on bringing together Republicans and Democrats to recognize the importance of a comprehensive response to this crisis that expands prevention, treatment, and long-term recovery as well as law enforcement and interdiction. Our Task Force has helped educate Members of Congress about the nuances of the opioid epidemic and the needs of those on the frontlines. I'm encouraged that this week we've advanced numerous proposals that will bolster our response and help to stem the tide of the opioid epidemic.”

Earlier this year, Kuster introduced the Respond NOW Act, which would provide critical resources to those on the frontlines of the opioid epidemic. Last month, Kuster hosted Nashua, New Hampshire's Fire Chief Brian Rhodes in Washington to discuss the Safe Stations program with the Task Force. The Bipartisan Heroin and Opioid Task Force has been a driver of Congressional action to take on the opioid crisis. The Task Force successfully pushed for the inclusion of \$1 billion in funding as part of the 21st Century Cures Act to address the opioid epidemic and helped advance \$6 billion in new opioid funding as part of the FY 2018 government funding bill. Last Congress, 14 Task Force bills were signed into law as part of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA).

# Diversity Council Report Recognizes Work Done in Claremont

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News

CONCORD, NH—The State recently released the Governor Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion, dated June 1st, 2018. The publication is a preliminary report. Governor Chris Sununu established the council on December 14, 2017. The council worked cooperatively with the New Hampshire Commission for Human Rights, the Civil Rights Unit of the New Hampshire Department of Justice and other “relevant state entities”. They were charged with reviewing and analyzing New Hampshire laws, regulations, and agency policies and procedures, and recommending changes or amendments, where necessary, to further combat discrimination and advance the ends of diversity and inclusion; identifying and recommending ways in which the State can support local and community efforts, through educational programs or otherwise; combating discrimination and advancing diversity and inclusion; identifying and recommending ways in which the State can partner with non-governmental organizations to combat discrimination and advance diversity and inclusion, and identifying and recommending revisions to RSA 354-A and the scope of the duties of the Commission for Human Rights to combat discrimination, advancing diversity and inclusion.

The council held its first meeting in February. The council began planning and holding community listening sessions in March. As of this date, according to the report, three listening sessions were conducted in the following locations: Durham, Portsmouth and Claremont. Attendance varied by location, from about 80 people in Durham to 20 in Claremont, not counting council members.

According to the report, a number of participants stated that they do not feel that NH is a “welcoming” environment for all races, ethnicities, religions and identities while others expressed that they have had great personal experiences living in NH and described it as a great place to live, while acknowledging that not everyone in NH shared that experience.

Some participants liked the fact that neighbors trust and support one another, that they have easy access to politicians and that it is small enough that they can make a difference.

A number of participants from each session stated that the education curriculum is anti-

quated and lacks diversity and representation. Some noted that NH still lacks sufficient protection for transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. Others expressed that many residents do not understand the concept of whiteness and the role it plays in systems of oppression. Some individuals with disabilities stated that they are unable to secure gainful employment despite completion of vocational and training programs.

The council reported that it had been encouraged by some participants, especially City officials and community members from Claremont, “who have demonstrated a commendable commitment to self-reflection, self-critique, and self-improvement related to understanding systems of oppression, and how one’s place in dominant societal groups can insulate them from experiencing, understanding and acknowledging these systems.”

Local activists and residents in Claremont began to address the issue of diversity and racism following an incident in August of 2017 in which an 8-year biracial boy, playing with several teens, was reportedly pushed off a picnic table with a rope around his neck, injuring him in an alleged act of racism.

The council said it was encouraged that the listening sessions have provided a forum through which it can identify individuals and initiatives within geographic communities. The council will continue to conduct listening sessions in the summer and fall of this year.

Regarding improvements to methods and processes, the council analyzed its past listening sessions to identify ways to adapt its methods and procedures to maximize output and engagement going forward. Several council members identified a need to engage in more community-based groundwork prior to each sessions, a sentiment echoed by individuals and community organizations. A number of local organizations and initiatives, including the Racial Health Working Group in Claremont, have expressed interest in future collaboration with the council. The council said it would also seek opportunities to learn about ongoing community-based efforts to foster diversity and inclusion. And due to the nature of some topics, the council now recognizes that it needs to be more deliberate about identifying other, more confidential ways to meet and engage with the public and various communities.

This may include developing an online submission process and facilitating more individualized discussions with specific groups.

Over the course of the next year, the council will make recommendations to the Governor’s office as required by Executive Order 2017-09. However, the council identified two areas of concerns that it wishes to raise now, adding gender identity as a prohibited basis of discrimination in employment, housing and places of public accommodation. Secondly, the council said that visibility and acknowledgment are prerequisites for all individuals and communities to feel included and valued in society as a whole. “Our society will be stronger and more cohesive if we work to celebrate and recognize the full history of the identities, cultures, religious holidays and milestone events that affect and define all communities throughout the State,” wrote the members.

## Volunteer Drivers Needed

SCS Transportation provides a vital service throughout Sullivan County for those residents who require transportation for medical, counseling, or physical therapy appointments.

In order to continue to provide this very essential assistance, we are searching for additional volunteer drivers. In addition to the obvious rewards of being a volunteer, drivers can elect the hours and times that they choose and will, of course, receive mileage reimbursement. Drivers must be insured. Those interested are asked to call (603) 542-9609.

## CMS Band Sponsorship Program

CLAREMONT, NH—At the recent School Board 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.

## Fatal Accident Claims Life of Bellows Falls Woman

SPRINGFIELD, VT—A fatal two-car accident in Springfield on June 13 claimed the life of a 78-year-old from Bellows Falls, VT. The accident happened at 12:01 p.m. on Chester Road. Operator # 1, Barbara G. Comtois, was transported to the Springfield Hospital by the Springfield Ambulance and treated, where she succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased at the Springfield Hospital. Operator # 2, Douglas Weber, 60, of Springfield, VT, was transported via DART to the Dartmouth Medical Center where he is currently being treated for his injuries.

According to the Springfield Police Department, the beginning stages of this crash investigation indicated that Comtois was traveling eastbound on Chester Road/RT 11. Weber was traveling westbound on RT11/Chester Road. It appears that the Comtois vehicle crossed the center line and struck Weber's vehicle, said the police. Both vehicles were totaled.

This crash is still under investigation and anyone with information is requested to contact Cpl. Morancy who is in charge of the crash investigation at 802-885-2113.

## Sunapee Police Department Institutes Life Jacket Loaner Program

SUNAPEE, NH—The Sunapee Police Department has instituted a Life Jacket Loaner Program to benefit all boaters planning to spend time on Lake Sunapee. The United States Coast Guard (USCG) requires that a USCG approved personal flotation device (PFD) be worn by all boaters and their passengers. While most boaters are aware of this and make sure they have an adequate number of approved PFDs on board their boat, there may be occasions when an extra PFD or two are needed.

The Sunapee Police Department has placed a plastic container near the boat launch in Sunapee Harbor which contains USCG approved PFDs in various sizes that are on loan to anyone who may need one or more to ensure that each person in their party has their own PFD. As these life jackets are on loan, it is expected that they will be returned to the box after being used.

## Fabric, Fiber, Craft Supply Sale

CORNISH, NH—A Fabric, Fiber and Craft Supply Sale will be held Saturday, June 23rd, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., sponsored by Cornish Quilters, a non-profit organization, at the Cornish Town Hall.

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## No Paper Week of July 4th

Dear Readers:

Just a note to say that I have decided to take a couple of badly-needed breaks during the year, the week of July 4th and Christmas. Working 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year, is quite a challenge, to say the least. I will continue to post any breaking or important news on our website and FB page as needed, but there will be no PDF those 2 weeks. Thank you for your understanding and amazing continued support! So very grateful for all that you do to support the e-Ticker News.

Phyllis "Pam" Muzeroll

### Children's Menu - All New This Year

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Week 3 Week 5 Week 7 Week 9 Week 11	French Toast Sticks, yogurt berries, snap peas 1% milk, granola bar	Turkey and Cheese Sandwich, cucumber with dip, apple, 1% milk, granola bar	Salami and Cheese Sandwich, cherry tomatoes, berries, 1% milk, granola bar	Ham and Cheese Sandwich, cucumber with dip, grapes, 1% milk, granola bar	Build Your Own Pizza, baby carrots with dip, watermelon, chocolate milk, granola bar
Week 2 Week 4 Week 6 Week 8 Week 10	French Toast Sticks, berries, yogurt, snap peas, 1% milk, granola bar	Turkey and Cheese Sandwich, baby carrots with dip, apple, 1% milk, granola bar	Salami and Cheese Sandwich, cherry tomatoes, berries, 1% milk, granola bar	Ham and Cheese Sandwich, cucumber with dip, grapes, 1% milk, granola bar	Chicken Salad Sandwich, baby carrots with dip, watermelon, chocolate milk, granola bar

Activities available at all sites thanks to a partnership with the Fiske Free Library

## Budget, from A1

fire chief. Councilor Nick Koloski favored funding the contracted position, saying he thought it was “ridiculous” that the chief had to take the time to go to the airport to do such tasks as checking fuel levels in the tank and changing the blades on the lawn mower. However, other councilors, including Jeremy Zullo, felt the funding should come from other sources, such as increasing the cost of fuel—the lowest in the area and a drawing card for sales at the Claremont facility—or increasing hangar fees. The additional cost to the budget would have added 2 cents to the tax rate. Koloski said there was an individual, who has been volunteering at the airport, who was interested in the position. Councilor Jonathan Stone said that he had taken a comprehensive tour with Chief Bryan Burr and that the ways things are done are “pretty archaic”, including the lack of a good method to track traffic using the airport. It was agreed that the council would like to see the Airport Advisory Board become more active. Mayor Charle Lovett said that the council and the City Manager have the authority to give the board “direction”, and to empower it. Discussions in the past have included adding a cafe at the airport and advertising on the fencing.

The motion to reduce the airport budget by the \$12,500 to \$122,954 passed, with Koloski being the only “no” vote.

Another matter that was discussed at length was the position of an administrative assistant to help various offices at City Hall as well as department heads. With the retirement of in-house counsel when Jane Taylor left and the use of outside counsel for legal matters, staff are now left to decipher small legal matters that can be time-

consuming and may run up higher legal bills than necessary if outside counsel were to be used for small matters. Bringing on board someone who can help with administrative tasks and who has some background in

legal, such as someone with a paralegal certificate, would help with assessing matters, doing up resolutions, facilitate information requests, which can be very time-consuming for staff, and other matters that now take time away from the primary jobs of department heads and staff. Bringing someone on board, combined with using outside counsel when necessary, would still cost less than bringing back an in-house attorney, said City Manager Ryan McNutt. The council ultimately voted Wednesday night to reduce the proposed \$82,000 by \$20,700 since such a person would likely not come onboard until the fall; reducing the budget amount by that amount reflects three-fourths of the year’s salary and benefit costs. A motion to eliminate all funding for the position earlier failed.

“With assessing, Right to Know, contracts, you need someone with more experience than us,” said Finance Director Mary Walter. And McNutt added, “This is a position for the administration, a request for the people I work with for additional help.”

The position was budgeted in FY18 but never filled.

## Save A Stray 5K

NEWPORT, NH—Please join Sullivan County Humane Society on June 23 in Newport at the Corbin Covered Bridge for its fifth annual Save a Stray 5K! Pre-registration is \$20 or \$25 the day of the event. Children under 12 are free. First 100 paid supporters to sign up will receive a free event t-shirt. There will be prizes for top male and female runners, plus prizes for

age groups. Registration the day of the event starts at 8:30 a.m., and the run/walk starts at 10:00 a.m. Dogs are welcome but must be leashed and will start at the back. This event is for a great cause and, with your support, will allow the SCHS to continue to help the many animals in need. Please join them for this special event.

Visit this link for more information and to register: <http://www.sullivancountyhumanesociety.org/>.

## The Architectural Legacy of Asher Benjamin and Old South Church

Sunday, June 24, 1:00 p.m.

Old South Church, 146 Main Street, Windsor, VT.

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## Twin State Radio Club to Participate in 2018 Amateur Radio “Field Day” June 23 – 24; Demonstrates Science, Skill, Community Service and Emergency Communications

HANOVER, NH—Members of the Twin State Radio Club, Inc. (TSRC) and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) will be participating in the nationwide Amateur Radio Field Day disaster communications exercise, June 23 – 24, at the Frances C. Richmond Middle School playing fields in Hanover, NH. Since 1933, ham radio operators across North America have established temporary communications facilities in public locations during Field Day to demonstrate disaster readiness and showcase the science and skill of Amateur Radio. TSRC has been participating in Field Day since the club’s founding in 1955.

This event is free and open to the public and all are encouraged to visit anytime between 2pm Saturday, June 23, until 2pm, Sunday, June 24. Members of the public will have the opportunity to get hands-on radio experience, see the latest in radio technology, learn about digital and satellite communications as well as

learn about how they can get involved in Amateur Radio.

For over 100 years, Amateur Radio — sometimes called “ham” radio — allows people from all walks of life to experiment with electronics and communications techniques, as well as provide a free public service to their communities during a disaster, all without needing a phone or the Internet. Field Day demonstrates ham radio’s ability to work reliably under any conditions from almost any location and create an independent communications network. Over 35,000 people from thousands of locations participated in Field Day in 2017.

“Amateur Radio provided critical relief services in the wake of last year’s hurricanes Maria, Irma and Harvey when the entire power and communications infrastructure were down for extended periods of time”, said Dan MacMartin, incoming president of TSRC. “In Puerto Rico, with no power, no landline and no cellu-

lar phone service, Amateur Radio was the sole means of communications from the island to the mainland for weeks. Exercises like Field Day help Amateurs around the country develop skills necessary to provide assistance when disaster strikes. It gives us an opportunity to practice deploying portable communications facilities and operating under emergency power in challenging conditions.”

“It’s easy for anyone to pick up a computer or smartphone, connect to the Internet and communicate, with no knowledge of how the devices function or connect to each other,” said Sean Kutzko of the American Radio Relay League, the national association for Amateur Radio. “But if there’s an interruption of service or you’re out of range of a cell tower, you have no way to communicate. Ham radio functions completely independent of any infrastructure, can interface with tablets or smartphones, and

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### FRIDAY NIGHT - JUNE 22 (RAIN DATE JUNE 23)

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June 29	REGULAR CARD - BIKE GIVEAWAY Supers, Street Stocks and Wildcats
July 6	FIREWORKS - MID-SUMMER EXTRA DISTANCE Supers, Street Stocks and Wildcats
July 13	RICHARDSON MEMORIAL SEGMENT RACES - SUPERS Supers, Street Stocks and Wildcats
July 20	SUMMER BREAK - NO RACING
July 27	NORTHEAST CLASSIC LITES CODY LAFONT MEMORIAL TWIN 25'S FOR WILDCATS Supers, Street Stocks and Wildcats
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Aug. 18 Saturday	OPEN MODIFIED EVENT - 100 LAPS ** Supers, Street Stocks and Wildcats
Aug. 24	CHARITY EVENT - BACKPACK GIVEAWAY Supers, Street Stocks and Wildcats
Aug. 31	STREET STOCK TWIN 25'S EVENT Supers, Street Stocks and Wildcats
Sept. 8 Saturday	OPEN MODIFIED EVENT - 100 LAPS ** Supers, Street Stocks and Wildcats
Sept. 14	4-CYLINDER NATIONALS for NEMST Supers and Street Stocks
Sept. 21	REGULAR CARD - SPECTATOR EVENT- BIKE GIVEAWAY Supers, Street Stocks and Wildcats
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## Radio, from A8

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The club provides and maintains communications facilities and equipment designed to facilitate day-to-day communications between licensed Amateurs, and provides communications support for public service events and in times of emergency.

In July, as it has for over 30 years, TSRC will be coordinating the efforts of nearly 50 regional Amateur Radio operators and providing extensive communications support for the 37th annual Prouty Century Ride.

For more information about Field Day, contact Dave Colter wa1zcn@myfairpoint.net; Visit [www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio](http://www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio) and the TSRC at [www.w1fn.org](http://www.w1fn.org) to learn more.

## Lake Sunapee VNA Honors Three Army Veterans

NEW LONDON, NH—Three area Veterans of the United States Army were honored recently by Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA) as part of the national “We Honor Veterans” program. LSRVNA has been a We Honor Veterans Partner since 2011, which involves meeting specific requirements to enhance care for patients who served in the military. For those Veterans who are interested, that includes a special in-home recognition ceremony conducted by LSRVNA staff.

Ralph Rouillard of Claremont was honored posthumously on May 22 for his service as a PFC in the Army, peacetime, from November

1956 – November 1958. Though he passed away shortly before the scheduled ceremony, he was pleased to be acknowledged for his service and had shared the following details about his military experience with LSRVNA. After basic training at Fort Dix in NJ, he was transferred to Fort Monmouth in NJ for three months. He was then sent to a Nike missile base in Shelton, CT, for a month and then to Fort Belvoir in Virginia for two months to be trained to prepare missiles and elevators in missile silos, specializing in hydraulics and electrical. He finished up at the Fairfield, CT, base which was the headquarters for the east coast anti-aircraft missiles.

Harold Whiting Sr., a World War II Veteran and resident of Lempster, was honored on May 24 for his service as a PFC in the 7th U.S. Army, 157th Engineers Combat Battalion, Company B from December 2, 1943 – June 6, 1946. He enlisted at the age of 18 and recounts from his time in the European Theater, “We arrived at the Rhine River at about 5am. Our job was to build a landing for ducks



**Ralph Rouillard**

(water-propelled cargo trucks). There was a tank already burning from the early morning that tried to cross but didn't make it to the water.” After discharge, Whiting returned to Lempster where he lives with his wife of 67 years, Beverly. On Memorial Day this year, a plaque was dedicated in Lempster honoring residents of the town who served in World War II. Whiting’s name has now been added to this military “Honor Roll,” a well-deserved recognition after so many years.

Shirley Dodge of Claremont was honored on May 29 for her service in the Women’s Army Corps from 1962 – 1964. She entered the



**Harold Whiting Sr. of Lempster with (from left) daughter Charlene Truell, wife Beverly Whiting, Hospice RN Diane Leonard, Hospice Medical Director Dr. Kristi Saunders, and Social Worker Barb Woolley.**

Army at the age of 18 and was stationed at Fort Benning, GA, at the airport with majors, captains and colonels, where she was trained to do clerical work. She loved being in the military and says, “The army made me grow up, learn discipline.”

For more information about the program, contact LSRVNA at 603-526-4077.

**Shirley Dodge of Claremont surrounded at her bedside by (from left) Jody Seymour LPN, Janine Boguslawski RN, Hospice Case Manager, and Barb Woolley, Social Worker (Courtesy photos).**



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## Beautification Project...

Eighth grader and homeschool student Jessica Tardiff chose beautification as her Community Service project and decided to clean up and plant flowers and plants in the front gardens of City Hall. She contacted the Claremont Garden Club to assist her with her project. With donations from Log Cabin Nursery, plants donated by Garden Club members and some plants purchased by the Garden Club, Tardiff and members of the Claremont Garden Club showed up on Monday, June 11, to work on the gardens (Bill Binder photo).





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# e-Ticker Business News

## Olmstead Joins The Insurance Center as Senior Vice President

CLAREMONT, NH—Robert Sammon, President of The Insurance Center, Inc., with offices in Claremont and Newport, NH, has announced the hiring of Scott Olmstead, CIC as Senior Vice President.



**Scott Olmstead**

Olmstead will work with Sammon managing the Claremont office and will contribute a key role in the strategic planning, daily operations and growth of the agency.

Olmstead has over 35 years of experience in the property & casualty industry, including a focus on transfer of risk and over-all risk management skills. He also worked as a commercial underwriter for a Florida based wholesaler, specializing in windstorm coverage for high valued coastal properties.

“We are very pleased to welcome Scott to the Insurance Center as Senior Vice President,” said Sammon. “Scott’s many years of experience and knowledge in the industry will bring the agency and our customers the quality and service they’ve come to expect from The Insurance Center.”

## MAHHC marks Doctors’ Day with Donations

WINDSOR, VT – Every year, Doctors’ Day celebrates the impact that physicians have on their patients and communities. For this year’s

occasion, Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center recognized this positive impact by making financial donations on behalf of its medical staff to two community groups: Support and Services at Home (SASH) of Windsor County and the Windsor County Partners Mentoring Program.

SASH of Windsor County, sponsored by Windham and Windsor Housing Trust, supports seniors and those with special needs receiving Medicare who want to live independently. By working to coordinate the resources of social service agencies, SASH provides the necessary support network that permits people

to live at home where they feel safe and most comfortable.

The Windsor County Partners Mentoring Program screens and matches caring adult volunteers with boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 12, to provide intergenerational partnerships. Junior Partners receive positive mentoring from adult role models, while Senior Partners broaden their horizons by forming a friendship with a young person. Many of these mentorships continue right through high school.

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about more than high quality medical care. It also requires positive social interaction and the right support in many aspects of life,” said Dr. Joseph Perras, President, CEO, and Chief Medical Officer of MAHHC. “SASH of Windsor County and the Windsor County Partners Mentoring Program help us to ensure healthier people by working to strengthen our entire community. We’re delighted to contribute to their work on behalf of our medical staff.” “The ability to live at home and remain independent is crucial to so many people, creating a positive attitude that can have a beneficial effect on physical and mental health,” said Denise Dupuis, Windsor SASH Coordinator, who accepted MAHHC’s donation on behalf of SASH of Windsor County. “That’s why we deeply appreciate this gift, which will aid our efforts to keep our neighbors who need extra help right where they want to be.”

Windsor County Partners Mentoring Program Executive Director Jennifer Grant also gave her thanks to MAHHC, saying, “Positive relationships between adult mentors and young people can benefit both people by increasing self-esteem, improving communication skills, and helping participants realize their potential.”

**Windsor County Partners, L to R: Megan Culp, Board President; Peggy Kehew, Board Member; Jennifer Grant, Executive Director; and Dr. Joseph Perras, President and CEO, Chief Medical Officer for MAHHC (Courtesy photo).**



**L to R: Rita Bennett, RN and SASH Wellness Nurse at MAHHC; Denise Dupuis, Windsor SASH Coordinator; Dr. William Palmer, Medical Staff President and Hospitalist Services at MAHHC (Courtesy photo).**

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### The Beauty Of It All

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Either way, you can't help but see beauty all around you. At least, in the summertime. The entrance to Barnes Park off North Street and a drive by on South Street at the Claremont Saving Bank Community Center are both adorned with colorful flowers and/or neatly trimmed shrubbery. It gives one a chance to step back and fully admire how beautiful the city can look with tender loving care.

It certainly doesn't get that way with through osmosis.

It gets that way through the wonderful, sometimes painstaking, labor put forth by Denise Egbert.

Egbert's love of gardening took hold when she purchased a home on Thrasher Road near the Claremont Speedway in 1985.

"That's what got me started," Egbert, who has a background in business management, said while being interviewed sitting atop a white plastic pail in the bright sunshine at the CSBCC last week.

"I could see there were gardens there at one time, so I went out to explore what was left and there were nine gardens."

The rest is history.

Scott Hausler, former Parks and Recreation Director at the Goodwin Community Center, saw Egbert one day, stopped and chatted, and in 1999 offered her an opportunity to fancy up the city's parks. "The federal government had given Claremont a grant to beautify the parks and with that money Hausler put in all new playgrounds and flower gardens," Egbert quipped, "and because I had so many gardens at home I told him I would sell him all the plants for a buck, which was really inexpensive. I have put gardens in every park and have been maintaining them ever since."

Mark Brislin, the current community center director, in a telephone conversation, had nothing but praise for Egbert's work, both at the 152 South Street location and in all of the city's parks.

"We absolutely love what's she's doing," Brislin commented. "She does a beautiful job with beautifying the parks and around the community center. We get a lot of great comments all the time, whether it be community center members or people coming from out of town. They always say how nice the gardens look."

"I really like the parks," Egbert, decked out in a tie-dye shirt and wide-brimmed hat, voiced during the interview. "It brings you back to your childhood when you work in the parks. You hear people having a good time and getting their feet wet in the puddles and all that. I really enjoy it. I like the background noise."

Gardening, for most people, can be quite a chore, but for Egbert it is a labor of love. She has had up to four people working with her but, in recent years, the ability to find someone who can put through the dedication and passion she carries has been difficult. She has one full-time guy in Bob Densmore, who does cleaning and landscaping. In addition, she has been able to bring alongside Leigh Ann LaCasse, who works at Design Standards in Charlestown. LaCasse comes on board after working her full-time job and may work with Egbert until dark, periodically, and on weekends.

"Last year I couldn't find anybody who wanted to get dirty and sweaty all day," Egbert said. "It is very hard to find people who want to do that kind of thing.

The work is tedious and hot and you get dirty. It can be boring. But this year I have found someone who has the same work ethic as I do and that is Leigh Ann. She is just wonderful, a true workaholic."

Egbert arrived in the Claremont area at the age of 12 coming from Worcester, MA, with her mother and six siblings after the passing of her father. "It all worked out for the better," she said, noting all but one remains in the

vicinity. "It got us out of the city. At first it was a culture shock. Nothing was convenient, as it was in the city, but I have always liked Claremont, through the good and the bad."

Egbert's CareTaking, as her business is known, had its origin in 1996. "There was a lot of pooh-poohing back then when I told people I was going to start my own business," Egbert confessed. "People don't believe you can make a living in Claremont, but it's not been difficult. If you do quality work you don't have to worry about the customers all the time. I have have had a lot of my customers for 15 to 20 years."

The Stevens High graduate of 1976 is closing in on retirement, a word she would rather not hear. "I'm never going to retire...never!" she declared. "I'm not planning on retiring. I might have to find different work as I get older. I like working. I always have."

Egbert sees herself gardening for quite some time. It's in her blood.

"I get so many compliments from people," she stated. "They don't hesitate to come up and say how nice things are. It's just very uplifting to hear that positive feedback. One of my goals since I started my business is to beautify Claremont one garden at a time, I have succeeded in doing that. That really has been the highlight of my life. My heart belongs to Claremont. It really does."



Denise Egbert beautifies the City one garden at a time (Les St.Pierre photo).



## Details of Mount Sunapee Resort Lease Transfer Released by AG's Office

CONCORD, NH—Attorney General Gordon J. MacDonald and Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Commissioner Sarah Stewart announced details last week of the proposed transfer of the State's lease of a portion of Sunapee Mountain State Park to VR NE Holdings, LLC, a subsidiary of Vail Resorts, Inc. ("Vail"). As a condition of the Vail transaction, the State lease will need to be assigned. This assignment will require approval by the State.

Attorney General MacDonald and Commissioner Stewart set forth the details of the proposed transaction in a letter sent today to the Governor and Executive Council.


As noted in the letter, the Attorney General and Commissioner have stressed the importance of transparency and public involvement with respect to the transaction. Information concerning the transaction will be made available on the DNCR website page and there will be a public information session:

<https://www.nhstateparks.org/about-us/commissions-and-committees/Mount-Sunapee-Advisory-Committee.aspx>.

A letter from the Governor's Office was also released in relation to the AG's statement regarding the lease. On June 4th, the Vail holding company announced that it had entered into an agreement to purchase Triple Peaks, LLC, from the Mueller family and its affiliated entities. In the letter, the Governor's Office wrote to share its "understanding of the basic structure of the transaction, its implication for the State's right to consent to transfer of the Lease and Operating Agreement, as well as to set forth the outline of a public process going forward."

Triple Peaks, LLC is the parent company for Okemo Mountain in Ludlow, VT, Mount Sunapee in Newbury, NH, and Crested Butte Mountain Resort in Mt. Crested Butte, CO. The sale includes the three ski resort operations, as well as Okemo Valley Golf Club in Ludlow, VT, and Tater Hill Golf Club in Windham, VT. As part of the transaction, Vail Resorts will also own the leasehold assets presently owned by Och-Ziff Real Estate.

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Submitted by **Marta Smith, Fiske Free Library**

CLAREMONT, NH—The Summer Reading Program got off to a great start last week with sign-ups starting on Monday, June 11th. On Thursday, June 14th, the Father’s Day Craft Program was attended by 22 crafters who had a great time! The next program will be local author Maggie Kemp reading from her new picture book on Wednesday, June 20th, at 3:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, June 27th, at 2:00 p.m., Children’s Room assistant Alaina Granter will present a Lego Challenge on Propulsion, and on Thursday, June 28th, at 2:00 p.m., musician Judy Pancoast will present a fun program featuring a “Little Bit of Elvis” as well as a bit of Country Music, Pop music and even a bit of Jazz!

On Friday, June 29th, at 2:00 p.m., join us for Bingo for Books and win some free books. Messy Art Night which was previously listed for June will actually be held in July, on July 26th, at 6:00 p.m.; dress appropriately and plan to have fun! Steve Blunt and Marty Kelley will be at the library on Thursday, July 19th, at 3:00 p.m. to present “Let’s Rock ‘N’ Roll and Read at 3:00 pm.

Once again we will be hosting the CLiF Program with a story by the presenter and free books for any children who attend—ages 0-14. The CLiF Program will be on Monday, August 13, at 2:00 p.m.

As always, the programs are free and open to the public. Most of the programs do not require sign-ups; however, a few require sign-ups so that we will have enough supplies for all attendees: The Harmonica Program with Mike & Beverly Rogers on Tuesday, July 31st, is one, so they will know how many harmonicas to bring; the Yo-yo program on Thursday, August 2nd, is another—so that we will have enough yo-yos—and especially for the CLiF Program on Monday, August 13, so that they will bring enough books to give away.

On Wednesdays throughout the summer, we will be having Wacky Wednesdays where we will have a different activity every week—rock painting, tissue paper craft, sponge craft and Makey, Makey or Lego activity; the Wacky Wednesday programs will be on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. The Wacky Wednesday programs start on June 27th.

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## Don't Let Your Investments Go on "Vacation"

Summer is here – and so is vacation season. Americans spend a lot on their summer getaways – more than \$100 billion in 2017 alone, as reported in Travel and Leisure magazine. When you hit the road, you will enjoy getting away from your regular tasks, but there's one part of your life that should never take a break – your investments.

To keep your investments working consistently and efficiently for you, consider these suggestions:

**Match the right investment with the right "job."** You hire an electrician to install a light fixture, you employ a plumber to clear a clogged drain, and you would not expect either one to work on the other's project. In a way, this view of a division of labor is similar to how you might look at different investments. In general, you purchase stocks with the hope of achieving the growth necessary to help you meet long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement. On the other hand, when you purchase certain fixed-rate investments such as certificates of deposit (CDs) or money market accounts, you know they won't provide as much growth potential, but are available to fund a short-term goal – such as a dream vacation.

**Evaluate investments' performance relative to your goals.** Some people think the only way to evaluate their investments' performance is to track them against a well-known market index, such as the S&P 500. However, using an index as a measuring stick has some drawbacks, one of which is the lack of a personal connection to your situation. Look at it this way:

In many types of organizations, you typically go through performance reviews, where your work is assessed in terms of how well it helped you move toward your goals – and you can follow the same process with your investments. Specifically, you can measure their performance by how effective they are in helping you move toward your financial objectives. For example, if you need your portfolio to provide you with a certain rate of return to meet specific retirement goals at a designated age, but you find that you are not currently on track toward meeting these goals, you may need to adjust your investment mix to potentially provide you with a higher return. Be aware, though, that seeking higher return potential will likely mean taking on more risk. You may want to consult with a financial professional to make sure you find a risk/reward ratio suitable for your goals and risk tolerance.

**Look for hard-working investments.** Some investments work especially hard. Some stocks, or investments containing stocks, pay dividends. Instead of taking the dividends, you can choose to reinvest them, purchasing even more shares – and increased share ownership is one key to helping build financial resources for the long term. Dividend reinvestment is typically automatic, so once you have chosen this option, there's really no extra work on your part. (Keep in mind, though, that companies are not obligated to pay dividends, and they can be reduced or eliminated at any time.)

In the investing arena, as in many endeavors, hard work can be rewarding. So look for opportunities to keep your investments gainfully employed throughout your life.

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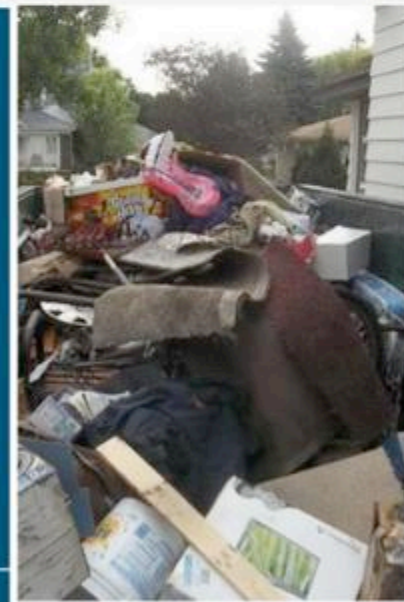
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## Soil Health/Gardening Talk (On-Site)

Saturday, June 23  
9:00 a.m.  
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Join Seth Wilner, of the UNH Ext., at his garden to talk about soil health, organic gardening practices, cover crops, season extension, crop rotation, and establishing a pollinator habitat among other topics.

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.

Questions? Want more information? Email: [conservationcommission@cornishnh.net](mailto:conservationcommission@cornishnh.net).



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## It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



### Pork Fried Rice

This is one of my "go to" dishes that I use when time is short. It uses the microwave and my large cast iron skillet. The rice and veggies are the steam in bag type, and the pork is usually a couple of boneless pork chops that have been fried a day or two before or just for this.

#### Pork Fried Rice (20 minutes)

Two boneless pork chops fried and diced  
1 90 second rice cooked  
1 steamer bag mixed veggies or peas  
1/2 onion chopped  
1 egg beaten Honey  
Soy sauce  
Balsamic glaze  
Salt  
Pepper  
Any other flavorings your heart desires

Stirring almost constantly, heat up the pork. Add the rice; add the soy sauce; add the honey; add the vegetables and onion; add the egg; add the flavorings. Heat through and serve.

Last week I was putting all this together and didn't have peas or mixed veggies. All I had was a bag of Sugar Snap Peas. I really didn't want to use them because of their shape. This is a dish of small shapes and the Sugar Snaps are long and wide. If I skipped the vegetables I would have heard about it. Can't have a meal without veggies (wanna bet?). Poor preparation (You do the shopping then).

So in the interest of keeping the peace, I used the Sugar Snaps. It did look a bit strange, but when I tasted the pea pods I was truly amazed. The pods picked up all the flavors and tasted absolutely amazing. Evidently they have a talent for this. I had always served them separately and never as a component. I'm going to remember this for the future. It really surprised me and the wife.

When I make this I always double the recipe because it tastes so good the next day or two. The flavors all come together over time.

If you want to add a nice touch or if serving to guests, serve plum wine. This is meant to be sipped with food and does so much for the overall experience. I don't know why but it seems to enhance the experience rather quickly so go easy at first.

You've been grilling for a while now so don't get careless. Safety first.

I had the opportunity to grill a couple of steaks that were still frozen. Bobby Flay, I think advocates this. Anyway I had them out for only about an hour and a half before I put them on the grill. They seared up nicely and were easier to get to medium rare. I think I'll do this more often.

Play with your food. You never know what will happen.

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## ***Cleaning Up...***

A Household Hazardous Waste Collection day was held at the City of Claremont Highway garage on Saturday, June 16. Sponsored by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, it was the second of four collection days in the Upper Valley. Oil paints, household cleaners, gas and much more can be dropped off at these collection days.

The next collection day is planned for August 18 and will be held at the Sunapee Highway Garage. The final collection day will be on October 13 at the Lebanon High School. These services are free to residents from Claremont, Cornish, Enfield, Goshen, Hanover, Lebanon, Lempster, Lyme, New London, Newbury, Newport, Orford, Piermont, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee, Unity, Washington, and Wilmot. Others residents welcome for a fee.

For more information about these collection days, please visit:

<http://hhw.uvlsrc.org>



**Fire Chief Bryan Burr collects information and instructs the drivers on the drop-off procedures. Table loaded with household hazardous waste. Workers separating the waste and depositing it in the correct bins and barrels.**

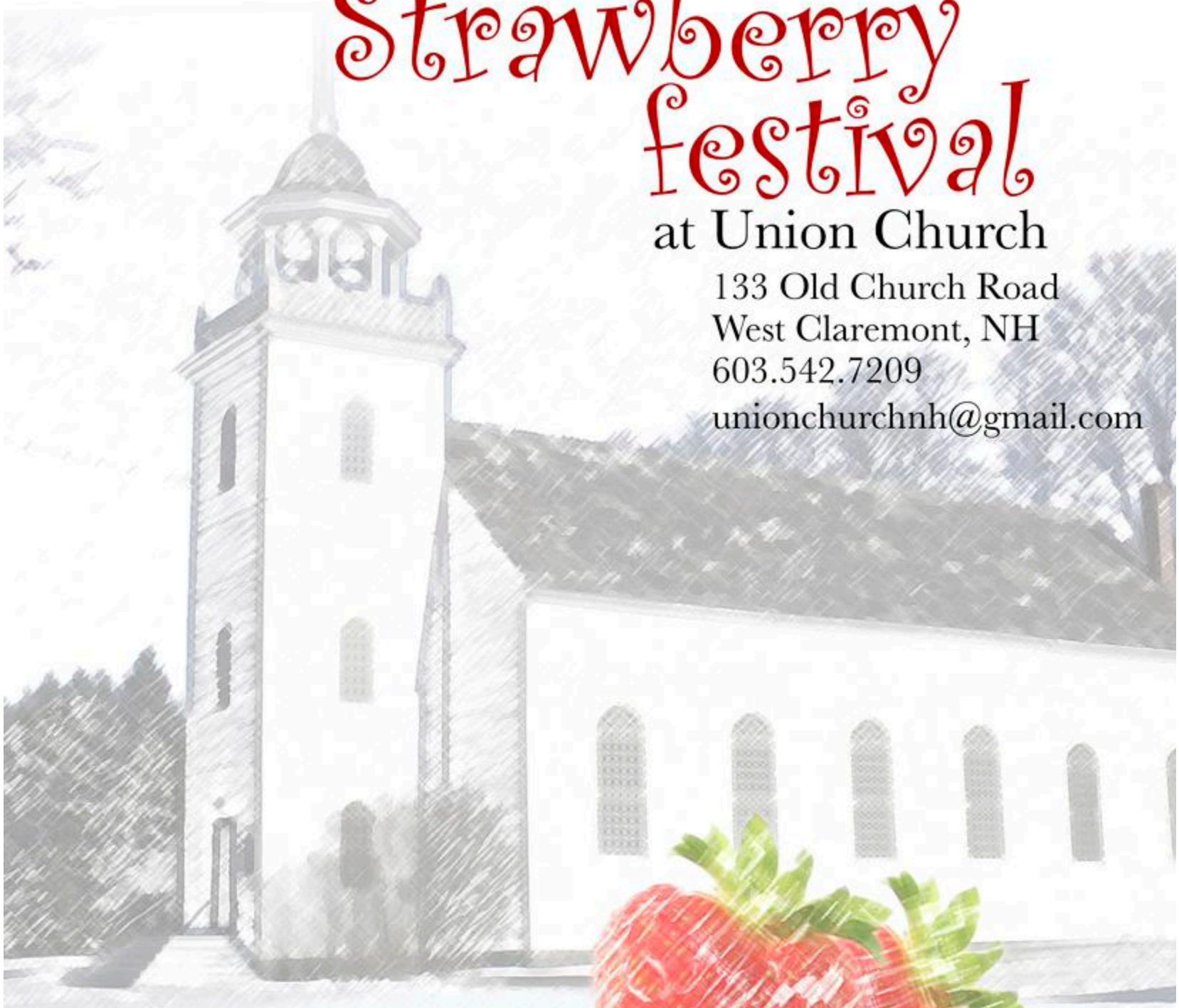
**Photos by Bill Binder**

# Strawberry festival

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## First-Ever Rural PRIDE Event Held in Claremont

Rural Outright and the TLC Family Resource Center joined forces to host the first-ever Rural PRIDE in Claremont on Saturday, at the Visitors Center Green. The four-hour event, dedicated to making the LGBTQIA community feel welcomed, drew more than 200 people, some of whom stayed for the entire four hours, reported Neil Allen, with both Rural Outright and TLC. "It was fantastic," said Allen. "I'm so happy it went so well and that there were no negative instances. There were many local organizations and several from around the state. It was a definite win for diversity and inclusivity and for the student organizers. Many people were already talking about next year's event." Rural Outright is a program of the TLC Family Resource Center, providing support and advocacy for rural LGBTQIA+ Granite Staters and their allies. Photos: President and CEO of Valley Regional Hospital Peter Wright manned the Valley booth; dozens of booths were set up, providing information from various organizations and agencies and offering items for sale; a colorful butterfly visited the Photo Booth; Marisa Imon, one of several performers, entertained the crowd with her music (Bill Binder photos).