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All Aboard The Amtrak Exhibit Train!

The Amtrak Exhibit Train rolled into Claremont late Friday afternoon. Free tours of the five exhibit cars were held at the Claremont Junction Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is the first time that the exhibit train has come to New Hampshire. The exhibit includes the history of Amtrak, video screens imparting information and a wide selection of displays related to how the train service operates, artifacts and its future. Some 1,215 people went through the train on Saturday. More photos on page A30 (Photos by Bill Binder and Phyllis A. Muzeroll).

Decision To Close Claremont DMV Office Blindsides Local And State Officials, Legislative Delegation

**By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News**

CLAREMONT, NH--Apparently area residents weren't the only ones surprised by the news that the NH Department of Motor Vehicles has decided to close the Claremont office while opening one in Newport.

"Guy Santagate said the City was never notified by Executive Councilor Joe Kenney or the Governor's office of this planned move, which is likely a done deal now," Rep. John Cloutier told the *e-Ticker News*. "But to add insult to injury, I and none of other Claremont Reps were ever notified of this proposed move or the June 1 agenda items which approved it.

Also, I assume Claremont's senator, David Pierce, was not notified. Finally, as a member of the Legislature's Long Range Capital Planning & Utilization Committee, I would have been able to vote on the proposed move, if the lease with the landlord had been more than five years under current state law. But the
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DMV, from A1

lease was for exactly five years, so the Long Range legally had no say in the matter. Frankly, I'm very upset about the lack of notification to the City and its legislators."

Reportedly, DMV officials said that complaints about a parking shortage at the current DMV office in Claremont on Water Street are behind the decision to move the office. Officials told media that they were unable to find another location in Claremont to relocate to, despite the number of empty buildings and spaces. Planning and Development Director Nancy Merrill told the *Valley News* that "the city unsuccessfully tried to persuade the state to move the DMV office to the former North Street School or the Topstone building on Mulberry Street."

District One Executive Councilor Kenney told the *e-Ticker News* that he was blindsided by the news that the Claremont location would be closed. He said the contract includes leasing space in Newport but made no mention of closing the Claremont office. He said he was

happy that another location was opening in his district but did not anticipate it meant the loss of the another. In a phone call Wednesday night, Kenney said he would like to pull together some kind of public hearing on the issue if possible. He also said he would speak with the director of the DMV to see "where we stand with the Claremont site."

Cloutier later said that he had reached NH DMV Director Elizabeth Bielecki "who apologized for not notifying Claremont's legislative delegation about the planned move to Newport. But she defended the move because of the lack of parking at the current office on Water St." Cloutier said that Bielecki "claimed that many Claremonters complained to the DMV about the parking, and said that DMV examined four possible sites in Claremont to relocate before deciding on the new Newport site."

On Wednesday, the *e-Ticker News* contacted Bielecki's office, asking her to comment on the reason for the move and why another location in Claremont wasn't chosen with the many empty buildings in the community, and when this was first discussed with the Executive Council. She was also asked why Claremont's legislative delegation wasn't notified about the planned move and the impact this would have on Upper Valley area residents who now have to travel to Claremont for DMV services. Larry Crowe, Public Information Officer for the New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles, said in an email that "I will be speaking with the Director as soon as possible and will contact you with the information you have asked for." We did not hear back by press time.

According to the official Governor and Executive Council Agenda dated June 1, item #91 reads,

"Authorized the Division of Motor Vehicles to enter into a new lease agreement with Sugar River Bank, Newport, NH, for 3,000 square feet of space, in an amount not to exceed \$344,425, which includes two one-time payments of \$50,000 each for necessary interior fit up. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2021. 100% Agency Income (Cost of Collections). Unanimous Vote." There is no mention of the Claremont office being closed as a result of the vote.

**Cornish Historical Society/
Cornish Garden Club Meeting**

CORNISH, NH--On June 21st, Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m., at the Cornish Elementary School, the Cornish Historical Society and Cornish Garden Club will have a joint meeting featuring speaker, Happy Griffiths, of Shaker Herb Gardens in Enfield, NH. Griffiths is a herbalist and will speak about the Shakers and their use of herbs for culinary and medicinal uses, dyes, and other purposes. She will have helpful hints for the home gardener.

All are welcome to this program.

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Children's Community Lunch Program Starts In Claremont

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The Children's Community Lunch Coalition, consisting of the NH Food Bank, Claremont Soup Kitchen, SAU#6, ReThinkHealth:UCRV and Claremont community leaders, has come together to ensure that



Maple Ave. School is one of four locations providing free lunch this summer to Claremont children (Courtesy photo).

all children in Claremont have access to free and healthy lunches during the summer when school is out. This year is a pilot year culminating in months of planning and implementing the program which organizers hope serves children in Claremont for years to come. Anyone 18 and younger is welcome to join friends at one of four locations, Monday through Friday, starting on June 20, and running through September 2 (Closed on July 4th). Claremont Middle School (107 South Street), Maple Avenue School (210 Maple Ave.), and One-4-All Family Space (corner of Main and Elm Streets)

will be serving from noon to 1:00 p.m. The Claremont Soup Kitchen (53 Central Street) will be serving from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Maple Avenue School Principal Dan Cherry said that with school getting out early this year and not starting again until after Labor Day, "There will be 12 weeks before kids go back to school. Some children have two meals a day at school. We know there are a lot of children in need."

While the goal of the program is to help ensure that children with limited access to good food have the chance to eat healthy meals during the school vacation period, Assistant Superintendent Cory LeClair said that the program is open to any child in Claremont under the age of 18; they do not have to attend a Claremont School District school. Those who attend private schools, are home schooled or younger than school age are welcomed. They also do not have to meet any federal or poverty guidelines. In short, the lunch program is open to any child in Claremont.

"The idea was brought to me," said LeClair, "and I thought it was a great way to build collaboration in the community and an opportunity to bring awareness to the issue of children who face a lack of food stability in their homes."

Tanner Announces Run For District 9 Seat

SUNAPEE, NH--Linda Tanner has registered to run for State Representative in Sullivan County District 9 at the Sunapee Town Offices. Tanner retired from teaching and coaching at Kearsarge Regional High School after 35 years. Recently she received the Walter A. Smith Award and was inducted into the Manchester Union Leader's Coaches' Hall of Fame.

During the 2012-2014 legislative session, Tanner served as the State Representative for District 9 which includes the towns of Plainfield, Cornish, Croydon, Grantham, Springfield, Sunapee, Newport, and Unity. She served on the House Labor and Rehabilitative Services Committee and co-sponsored bills that included pets in protective orders for domestic



Linda Tanner

violence cases, recognizing the cadet nurses of WWII, and protecting loons from lead poisoning. Currently, she serves as a Commissioner for the Connecticut River Valley Flood Control Commission overseeing flood control issues in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

"I feel privileged to run for the New Hampshire House and to serve the people of District 9," said Tanner. "I will work to bring practical and effective solutions to the issues facing Sullivan County and the State; create fair paying jobs for New Hampshire's hard working people, advocate for our public schools, Universities, and early childhood education, improve our infrastructure-roads, bridges, broadband service, and protect our natural resources and environment."

Upcoming Film Screenings

The film "Genius" based on the biography of noted Scribner's Editor - Max Perkins - by author Scott Berg will be screened at the Pentangle Woodstock Theatre -Town Hall during the weekend of July 8-11.

"Coming Through the Rye", a film by director Jim Sadwith of Woodstock, VT, and based on the author J. D. Salinger will be screened at the same location on July 30, at 7:30 pm - with remarks by the director and by the lead actor.

Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

Executive Branch Lets City Down

New Hampshire's House of Representatives held a hastily-scheduled meeting last week to deal with some leftover business from the 2016 Session, a meeting I will write about in my next column. But most of my work last week was focused on a recent decision by the executive branch of state government which will affect Claremont.

This work began on Sat., June 11, as I was reading that day's edition of the *Eagle-Times*. I suddenly noticed an article with the headline, "DMV Office Leaving Claremont for Newport," on Page A3. The article stated that Gov. Maggie Hassan and the five-member Executive Council had met on June 2 (Actually I later discovered that the meeting was June 1), and approved a five-year lease on a new New Hampshire DMV (Division of Motor Vehicles) Office at Newport's 20 North Main Street in a building now owned by the Sugar River Bank. Approval of the lease, which the article indicated would begin on Sept. 1, 2016, would result in closure of Claremont's DMV Office located on Water Street in the Monadnock State Office Building at approximately the same date. The article also indicated the DMV was being relocated from Claremont to Newport because the present office "does not have sufficient parking for employees and customers, and the office is not conducive to excellent customer service."

Frankly, I was surprised and upset after reading this article. I had known for some time that the DMV and the New Hampshire Department of Safety, of which the DMV is a part, were not happy with the Water Street location. I had understood that the DMV was tentatively looking at alternative sites to relocate. But I had assumed that this vital state agency, which has always had an office in Claremont since I can remember, would simply relocate to another site within the city, not relocate to another community. Within the next few days, I talked with Claremont's other state representatives-Larry Converse, Raymond Gagnon, and Andrew O'Hearne-as well as Lebanon Sen. David Pierce, who is Claremont's state senator. They all told me that none of them was aware that the DMV was proposing to relocate out of Claremont or of the June 1 Executive Council meeting at which the relocation was approved until they had read about it. Next, I talked with Claremont City Manager Guy Santagate on June 13, and he told me that he wasn't aware of the DMV's relocation until he had read about it in the same article.

After talking with Mr. Santagate, I then phoned Michael Kane of the Legislative Budget Assistance Office, a state agency that helps the legislature with budget issues. I asked Mr. Kane why the DMV's lease with Newport's Sugar River Bank only needed approval of the Governor and Executive Council. More specifically, why didn't the lease also require approval of the LRCPUC (Long Range Capital Planning & Utilization



Committee), a joint legislative and executive branch committee which reviews and approves many state government leases of public and private property for the use of specified state agencies, a committee of which I am presently a member. He reminded me under current state law that the LRCPUC may only review and approve state leases, if the leases are for more than five years. Since this lease was for exactly five years, it only required the approval of the Governor and Council. I then continued my investigation of this unfortunate situation for Claremont by talking with DMV Director Elizabeth Bielecki over the phone on June 14. First, Ms. Bielecki apologized for not notifying the City of Claremont, nor Claremont's legislative delegation in advance of her agency's proposal to relocate to Claremont or the June 1 meeting. But she defended the actual relocation because of the lack of adequate parking at the current Water Street location, a situation about which she claimed many Claremonters have complained to her and her agency over the last few years. She added the DMV had examined four different Claremont sites within the last few years to relocate but that none of the owners of the examined sites had followed through with worthwhile proposed leases. Recently, the Sugar River Bank had proposed a worthwhile lease, which her agency and the Safety Department found acceptable to the DMV's needs. Finally, Ms. Bielecki said that the new Newport office should open around October 1, 2016, but that the Claremont Office might remain open for at least a few weeks longer in order to provide a smoother transition for its current users.

Then I again talked over the phone on June 15 with Claremont's Executive Councilor, Joseph Kenney, who lives in Union, and was one of the five councilors, who unanimously approved the DMV's relocation on June 1. I expressed my concerns to him that neither the city government, nor the city's legislative delegation was notified in advance of DMV's proposed relocation or the June 1 meeting by him. Councilor Kenney said while he did vote for the proposal to relocate DMV from Claremont to Newport that he did not fully understand what he was voting for on June 1 until I had made him aware of the June 11 article. He indicated to me that he had believed he was just voting for an additional DMV Office in Newport, not an office relocation that would mean the closure of Claremont's office. He added that he was also dismayed that the DMV did not notify the city, nor the city's delegation in advance of the June 1 meeting.

For readers' information, I did review the draft minutes of the June 1 meeting, which Councilor Kenney regularly emails me and other public officials in his district after every Executive Council meeting. The minutes concerning the Council's approval of the lease read, "Authorized the Division of Motor Vehicles to enter into a new lease agreement with Sugar River Bank, Newport for 3,000 square feet of space in an amount not to exceed \$344,425, which includes two one-time payments of \$50,000 each for necessary interior fit-up. Effective on Governor and Council approval through Aug. 31, 2021." I believe the minutes as written indicate that the proposed lease could have been just for an additional DMV Office in Newport. But I also believe if I had been Councilor Kenney, I would have asked a few questions of the DMV about the proposal before I would have voted for it.

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Letters To The Editor

Alumni Weekend Observations From The Outside

To The Editor:

Looking back on my years in Claremont and Stevens H.S., the annual Alumni Parade has always been a June highlight; that is, until recent years. The Stevens marching band had the reputation of being top-notch both musically and in appearance. For whatever reason, the present shabbily attired ensemble is hardly befitting of a marching band, and no fault of the members. Short pants would be more appropriate for a British musical detachment assigned to a parade in North Africa. Is funding the problem for the Stevens band, or is it lack of interest? Proper leadership at various levels can usually address and solve those problems.

At the luncheon in the school following the parade, attended mostly by an elderly alumni, the annual alumni association business meeting was held and the issues of raising funds for next year's parade and alumni participation were the key subjects. Lack of interest by more recent SHS graduates was of great concern. The SHS Alumni Association could very well disappear should this trend continue. The \$15,000 to fund the parade for 2017 seems like a pittance in today's world. With thousands of SHS alumni and alumnae scattered throughout, it would seem a somewhat easy task to raise that amount through donations. One wealthy alumnus or alumna could fund the parade through a single donation. It's time for the SHS Alumni Board of Directors to shame the graduates for neglecting their responsibility to maintain the oldest active alumni organization in the U.S.

Henry Perras
Amherst, NH

Supports Full Time Maintenance Person For Parks Department

To The Editor:

I am writing to urge the city council to approve an additional full time maintenance person for the Claremont parks department. Contrary to the consistently stated priorities of the community, the Parks and CSBCC budgets are woefully underfunded year after year. These departments have absorbed more than their share of budgetary pain over the years while other departments have not. City leadership regularly praises the quality of our parks and the community center. It's time to back up the talk with adequate funding.

With regard to staffing, we have 1 ½ workers to do the hands-on maintenance of the community center and over 600 acres of parks and outdoor facilities. They do tremendous work but barely keep up with the basics. Because we cannot get budget support, there is no proper maintenance program for the center or the parks. Maintenance is continually deferred. We are headed down the same path with the new center as we did with the old center. Proper maintenance and repair was never funded and the old center deteriorated until it had to be shut down.

Twenty years ago, the council continually deferred maintenance on streets and roads. They kicked the can down the road, (literally). The current council was forced to finally pick up the can and had to bond for road maintenance. The current council is now at the front end of that process with our recreational assets. The can is being kicked down the road on parks and CSBCC maintenance. Twenty years from now that council will have to deal with the issues.

We have outstanding recreational assets in Claremont, but we have to take care of them. We need to do better. A properly funded maintenance program is a necessity, not a luxury. Lets begin by approving the full time maintenance position.

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Twin State Radio Club To Participate In 2016 Amateur Radio “Field Day”

HANOVER, NH--Members of the Twin State Radio Club, Inc. (TSRC) and the Amateur Ra-



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 the Internet or cell phone infrastructure, can interface with tablets or smartphones, and can be set up almost anywhere in



tate day-to-day communications between licensed Amateurs, and provides communications support for public service events and in times of emergency. In July, TSRC will be providing extensive communications support for the 35th annual Prouty Century Ride as it has for many years.

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

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Radio Emergency Service (ARES) will once again be participating in the nationwide Amateur Radio Field Day disaster communications exercise, June 25 – 26, at The Richmond Middle School playing fields in Hanover, NH. Since 1933, ham radio operators across North America have established temporary ham radio stations in public locations during Field Day to demonstrate disaster readiness and showcase the science and skill of Amateur Radio. TSRC has been participating since the club’s founding in 1955. This event is open to the public and all are encouraged to visit anytime between 2pm Saturday June 25 until 2pm Sunday June 26.

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 2015.

“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 during a communications outage. Hams can literally throw a wire in a tree for an antenna, connect it to a battery-powered transmitter and communicate halfway around the world. In today’s electronic do-it-yourself (DIY) environment, ham radio remains one of the best ways for people to learn about electronics, physics, meteorology, and numerous other scientific disciplines, and is a huge asset to any community during disasters if the standard communication infrastructure goes down.”

TSRC provides an educational resource to members and the public for Amateur Radio, electronic communications and related technology and helps make it easy for anybody in the Upper Valley to get involved in ham radio and join the over 725,000 licensed hams in the US. The club provides and maintains communications facilities and equipment designed to facili-

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Hope For NH Recovery Center To Open In City

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH--Hope For New Hampshire has announced plans to lease space in the former Diana Love building on the corner of Elm and Main Streets to open its 4th recovery community center in New Hampshire. A recovery community center is a safe place for people to be after they have initiated their recovery from alcohol and other drugs. It also offers the recovery community a place to organize substance-free social activities, advocacy and outreach efforts, said Melissa Crews of Hope for New Hampshire. "There will be some minor interior redecorating, and Hope for NH Recovery hopes to be up and running by July 1st," she said. "Some of the partners already renting space in the building will be the perfect partners for us. We are very excited to come to Claremont. They already have a large and growing recovery community and adding this to the county's already successful TRAILS program will make all the difference for those suffering from substance use disorder."

According to the organization's website, Hope for NH Recovery believes that all individuals suffering from addiction have the ability to recover. With this affirmation in mind, they:

- Provide recovery support services, including telephone support, recovery coaching and community recovery center support.
- Empower our members by providing resources, training and skill development.
- Offer peer recovery support services and community social events.
- Celebrate recovery and provide support for continued success.

The site also states that "We believe in peer-based recovery support services. We promote the recovery center concept that mobilizes individuals and resources – both within and outside of the recovery community. The objective is to increase the prevalence and quality of long-term recovery from alcohol and drug abuse."

The organization also operates Amber's Place in Manchester, a site in Newport at 65 Park Street, Unit 2, and one in Concord. Future plans include centers in Derry and Berlin. Funding for the nonprofit comes from dona-

tions, grants and private foundations and fundraisers.

Crews said that she and her husband have purchased the Claremont building; Andy Crews is the president and CEO of Autofair.

"My husband owns Autofair, but we personally bought the building so it really doesn't have anything to do with Autofair.

"We bought it so that we could have a building for Hope and other like-minded non-

profits to rent space at a de-

cent rate. We have been working with David Berry and the Sullivan County Department of Corrections on a plan to bring recovery support services to compliment their very successful TRAILS program. We should be working in there very soon."

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The City of Claremont, New Hampshire is seeking proposals from qualified firms/providers to perform executive search services for the position of City Manager. The City of Claremont will accept statements of qualifications from firms/providers interested in providing the requested services.

Statements of qualifications must be received no later than 2:00 P.M., local time, on July 15, 2016, by the Clerk to the City Council, City Hall, 58 Opera House Square, Claremont, NH 03743.

Proposal documents are available by accessing the City's web site at <http://www.claremontnh.com/government/bids-and-public-requests.aspx> or by contacting the Office of the Clerk to the City Council at 603-542-7002.

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Council Work On FY17 Budget Continues

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH--The City Council continued its laborious process of trying to craft a budget for FY 17 Thursday night, tentatively adding several new items to the budget proposed by the city manager. Councilors are caught between trying to not increase taxes for property owners while trying to address a long line of needs and required spending for the immediate future and down the road.

Fire chief Rick Bergeron went before the council seeking funding for new protective gear for his fire fighters. Bergeron said that currently 19 sets are out of compliance. He said that doing five sets per year is a common practice amongst departments but that the CFD needed 19 sets in compliance as soon as possible. Total cost was placed at \$49,400 to buy them outright; another option was to lease them over a period of five years at 4% interest. "As far as I'm concerned, this is a fire fighter's first line of defense," said Mayor Charlene Lovett. "This need to be addressed." The Claremont Fire Department has 34 fire fighters, 22 career and 12 paid on call. The council tentatively approved to add the \$49,400 to the proposed budget to cover the cost of the protective gear which has a life expectancy of 10 years.

The council also tentatively approved restoring \$13,000 to the Parks budget for the annual Summer Celebration/fireworks event. City Manager Guy Santagate said he thought that was a mistake, saying merchants had told him they were interested in contributing monies towards the cost. He said that if he and each member of the council contributed \$100, they would have a start towards raising funds. Councilors felt that the event is a large draw for the community each year, bringing visitors and dollars to the community.

The council struggled over the issue of adding a full-time person to the parks and recreation department, someone who could handle the maintenance needs of the CSB Community Center and help with the needs of the park system as well. The cost of adding a new person was placed at \$62,000. Councilors and others have expressed concerns that without the new help, the center will not be maintained and the building will become another GCC, falling into disrepair. "I don't ever want us to go down the road of the GCC again," said Councilor Carolyn Towle. Lovett asked the council to consider allocating half the amount to see what that would cover next year, but the motion was voted down, 4-4. Councilor Vic Bergeron was not in attendance.

During the course of the meeting, Councilor Bruce Temple reminded the others several times of his concerns over expenses coming down the pike that will have to be addressed and funded, including higher water and sewer rates, SAFER and a COPS grant coming to an end, money for Washington Street and other paving work and union negotiations.

The council instructed Santagate to provide more information about the position at this week's council meeting, on June 22.

At one point during the meeting, Lovett said, "We have a lot on our plate to consider." Other councilors agreed, saying the budget was already bare bones yet acknowledging there is much work in the community to be funded. "The purse strings are pretty tight for folks," said Councilor John Simonds. No one disagreed with that assessment.

Councilors also tentatively approved \$40,000 for marketing for the Planning and Development Office, saying marketing is crucial for economic development. They also added money for the replacement of technology at the library and for the preservation of cemetery records that are deteriorating.

The former Gary's Tire and Auto on Maple Avenue in Claremont was demolished Tuesday. The property has been purchased by National Field Representatives which will be using the space for additional parking. NFR is one of the fastest growing companies in Claremont (Photo courtesy of Kipp Ryan).



Planning Board Approves Site Plan For Moose Building

CLAREMONT, NH--The Planning Board approved a site plan Monday night to convert the former Moose Lodge on Broad St. into space for a bakery/restaurant and offices. The building is owned by Chris Thompson and Catherine Andrews; Thompson is a contractor and owns the property next door. Stone Arch Bakery will be located in the renovated space, and Thompson said he plans to restore the building to as much of its old look and beauty as possible. There was one sticking point for board member Mayor Charlene Lovett who balked at the plan to add parking to the front of the building, saying it did not fit in with the rest of the look of Broad St. However, the remaining board members said they felt that the pluses outweighed that drawback, and the vote to approve the plan was 7-1, with Lovett reluctantly casting the only no vote. She said she expected she would be one of the bakery's customers at its new location and were it not for the parking issue, would have voted yes. The parking in the front was cited as needed for "grab and go" repeat customers; handicapped access will be located at the back. The bakery is expected to double its seating capacity in its new location.

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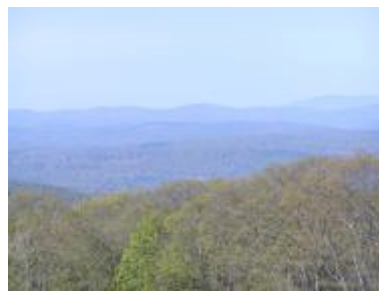


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Claremont Fire Fighters Offer Water Safety Tips for Children

CLAREMONT, NH – According to the CDC, drowning is the number one cause of accidental death in children under the age of four.

“Whether it’s in a tub or a pool, water of any depth can be dangerous for kids,” said James Chamberlain, a lieutenant with the Claremont Fire Department and President of Local 1571.

Professional fire fighters of Claremont advise that by taking proper precautions, accidental drowning can be prevented.

Your professional fire fighters of Claremont have joined Nationwide’s “Make Safe Happen” campaign to create greater awareness of water safety and protect children from accidental drowning. This Water Safety campaign offers safety tips and other resources, including bathtub safety, how to identify “dry drowning” and how to keep your swim area safe.

“It’s also important to know how these water deaths in children are happening. This is critical information that all caretakers of young children should know,” said Michael Snide, professional firefighter for the CFD. Important safety tips include:

- Always be in arm’s distance from your child
- Choose life jackets over water wings
- Stay clear of drains
- Install a fence around your home pool
- Learn CPR and first aid
- Always have a phone with you to call for help

“Kids love to make a splash, but they often don’t know their limits. That’s why we need to actively watch them when they’re in and around water,” said Scott Kenniston, professional fighter with the CFD.

For more information about water safety, visit <http://makesafehappen.com>.

For potentially life-threatening situations, call 9-1-1 so fire fighters and paramedics can respond quickly when lives are in danger.

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Sullivan County Sportsmen Monthly Meeting

UNITY, NH--The Sullivan County Sportsmen will hold its June meeting on Thursday, June 30th, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss its upcoming youth shooting day scheduled for August 6th. All interested parties are welcome to attend. The meeting will be held at the Ahern Building in the Sullivan County Complex (county home).

For more information, please contact Steve at sclasko@yahoo.com. New members are encouraged to attend.

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Leave Fawns And Other Young Wildlife Alone

CONCORD, N.H. -- In the coming weeks, deer will begin giving birth around the state. The majority of deer fawns are born in New Hampshire in May and June. Each spring, many New Hampshire residents see young fawns by themselves and fear the worst. Has the mother died? Has she abandoned her fawn? The answer in most cases is NO. The doe is likely not far off, waiting to return to feed her newborn fawn.

Adult deer can be easily detected by predators due to their scent and large size. Because of this, does will spend long periods of time away from their fawns to disassociate their scent from the fawn and keep them safe from predators. For the first month of life, the doe will only visit the fawn a few times a day to nurse quickly before leaving again, although usually not going too far.

Unfortunately, well-intentioned, but misguided, individuals see fawns alone, assume they are abandoned, and take them in to "help" them. Most of the time they are removing the fawn from the care of its mother, who was waiting to return. The best chance a young wild animal has to survive is in its natural environment under the care of its mother. If you see a fawn (or any other young wildlife) and suspect it has been abandoned or orphaned do not move the animal. Contact N.H. Fish and Game by emailing wildlife@wildlife.nh.gov or calling (603) 271-2461 and make a report. Fish and Game staff can assess the situation and help determine the best course of action. In most cases it is best to leave the fawn alone and allow time for the mother to return to move it to a different location.

Never take in wildlife. Only qualified people with special rehabilitator permits, issued through N.H. Fish and Game, may take in and care for injured or orphaned wildlife. Improper care of injured or orphaned wildlife often leads to their sickness or death. For example, deer fawns that have been fed cow's milk will develop severe diarrhea (scours). Every year, the state's only licensed fawn rehabilitator has several fawns die from scours because they have been improperly fed or cared for by the public. Unless you have rehabilitator credentials, it is ILLEGAL to have in your possession



Whitetail Deer Fawn © Patrick Lamont

or to take New Hampshire wildlife from the wild and keep it in captivity. For a full list of licensed wildlife rehabilitators, go to

www.wildnh.com/wildlife/rehabilitators.html.

Please remember that the best way to help young wildlife is by keeping them WILD. For more information, see

www.wildnh.com/wildlife/fawns.html.

**Check our Calendar Listings
In Section B**

SULLIVAN COUNTY NH DELEGATION

PUBLIC NOTICE ANNUAL COUNTY CONVENTION

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

6:00 p.m.

**NH State 5th Circuit Court
Probate Court Room
14 Main Street, 3rd Floor
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The Annual Meeting of the Sullivan County Convention will be held as noticed above to consider the Fiscal Year 2017 Proposed County Budget.

A full agenda will be posted on the County's website, www.sullivancountynh.gov, by the end of business day on Tuesday, June 21, or you may contact the County Commissioners' Office at (603)863-2560

during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**John Cloutier, Chair
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e-Ticker Business News

Claremont Savings Bank Announces New President & CEO



Outgoing president and CEO Sherwood Moody, left, welcomes Reginald Greene as the bank's new leader (Courtesy photo).

CLAREMONT, NH--Claremont Savings Bank, a mutual savings bank headquartered in Claremont and serving personal and business banking customers throughout the region, announced Thursday the hiring of Reginald E. Greene, Jr. as President and Chief Executive Officer.

"The Board of Trustees are extremely pleased to have Reggie join Claremont Savings Bank," said Sherwood Moody, Past President and CEO. "Reggie's broad banking background, expertise in commercial lending, and familiarity with the communities that the bank serves makes this a great fit for the bank and its customers," Moody added.

Greene comes to Claremont Savings Bank with a wealth of executive management experience. He was previously Executive Vice President, Director of Lending and Credit for Ledyard National Bank, in Hanover, NH. Prior to that, Greene was Senior Vice President, Regional Manger of Merchants Bank and Chittenden Bank, respectfully.

"I am honored to be selected as the new President and CEO of Claremont Savings

Bank," said Greene. "The Bank is in an excellent position with strong capital, a great staff and offices in vibrant communities of New Hampshire and Vermont. I look forward to building on the continued success of the employees, management and the board," adding Greene.

Greene currently resides in Hanover, NH, with his wife, Susan, and has four grown children. Both are looking forward to joining the Claremont Savings Bank community and enjoying all the wonderful opportunities it has to offer, said the bank. Greene is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and earned his MBA from Rice University in Houston, TX.

In its extensive search for a new CEO to succeed Moody, the Claremont Savings Bank Board of Trustees emphasized that a sincere appreciation of the Bank's communities was as important a qualification as possessing a deep understanding and experience in community banking. Moody will continue to serve as a Trustee and Corporator of the Bank upon his retirement.

As of May 31, 2016, Claremont Savings Bank had \$53 million in capital with a very strong 13.66 percent capital to asset ratio. Claremont Savings Bank had \$390 million in assets, \$285 million in loans outstanding and \$302 million in deposits. Claremont Financial Services currently has \$68 million in assets under management.

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American College Of Healthcare Executives Awards Top Credential To Paul Calandrella Of Mt. Ascutney Hospital

WINDSOR, VT – Paul V. Calandrella, Chief Operating Officer of Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center, recently became a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, the nation's leading professional society for healthcare leaders.

"An effective Chief Operating Officer and a remarkable person, Paul helps to keep our Hospital running and our patients served with intelligence, creativity, and an ability to lead," said Kevin Donovan, CEO and President of Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (and the recently elected president of the regional arm of ACHE.) Donovan said that strong healthcare management plays a vital role in providing high-quality care to communities, which makes having a standard of excellence from a professional organization critically important. "By becoming an ACHE Fellow and earning the distinction of board certification from ACHE," said Donovan, "Paul demonstrates a commitment to excellence in serving our patients and the community. It's a commitment he demonstrates to us every day."

Fellow status represents achievement of the highest standard of professional development, and only 9,100 healthcare executives hold this distinction today. To obtain Fellow status, candidates must fulfill multiple requirements, including passing a comprehensive examination, meeting academic and experiential criteria, earning continuing education credits and demonstrating professional/community involvement. Fellows are also committed to ongoing



Paul V. Calandrella

professional development and undergo recertification every three years.

Calandrella has held the position of COO at Mt. Ascutney Hospital since 2012. Prior to joining Mt. Ascutney, he served as Senior Practice Manager and Project Director at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH; Finance Director and Department Administrator at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, and a number of other finance and administrative roles in non-profit and for profit sectors.

Calandrella holds a Juris Doctor degree from Suffolk University Law School as well as a Master of Science in Computer Information Systems and Bachelor of Science in Accountancy, both from Bentley College.

Claremont Soup Kitchen Merges With Open Hands Mission

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Soup Kitchen, Inc., has announced its non-profit organization's merger with Open Hands Mission. In late March, representatives from Open Hands Mission of Claremont were invited and attended a board meeting of the Claremont Soup Kitchen. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the feasibility of the two kitchens becoming one. "Happily, the meeting was a success and after a few more discussions it was decided that OHMC will



merge with CSK," said Cindy Stevens, financial director for the Claremont Soup Kitchen. "This much anticipated merger will officially commence on Saturday, July 2, 2016. On this exciting day, Claremont Soup Kitchen will serve its very first, of many, weekend dinners."

Stevens continued, "The Claremont Soup Kitchen and Open Hands Mission maintain the same core values and unrelenting compassion for the people in our beloved community. This merger signifies a celebration and combining of two like-minded organizations under one roof. One place for those in need to call home."

The Claremont Soup Kitchen opened its doors in 1983 and since that time has gone from serving evening meals four days per week to five days per week. With this merger, the Claremont Soup Kitchen will serve evening meals seven days per week. "This merger furthers both organization's undying and continued mission of serving individuals and families in need out of one primary, dedicated location," said Stevens. "Open Hands Mission brings with them many exceptional, experienced volunteers that will continue their dedicated service at the Claremont Soup Kitchen. However, we still need the public's help. We would like to take this time to extend an invitation to any new volunteers or groups of volunteers as part of their company to contact the Claremont Soup Kitchen as soon as possible. You can be a vital part of the change coming to our community."

"It has been a pleasure to serve meals on weekends," said Priscilla Hull of Open Hands Mission. "The volunteers who work at making OHMC a successful operation have been greatly appreciated by the people of Claremont and they will continue to be appreciated as they continue their work at the Soup Kitchen."

e-Ticker Business News

Groundbreaking June 22 For Construction Of The Jack Byrne Center For Palliative And Hospice Care

LEBANON, NH – Formal groundbreaking will take place Wednesday, June 22, starting construction of the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative and Hospice Care, an advanced clinical facility to provide integrated, patient- and family-centered care for patients with life-limiting illness and complex medical needs and to strengthen palliative and hospice care region-wide.

In March, Dartmouth-Hitchcock (D-H) Trustees approved construction of the Jack Byrne Center, pending successful fundraising efforts to cover much of the construction costs. Site preparation has been underway since May, and fundraising for both construction of the Center and accompanying programming has gained strong momentum and continues. Plans call for the Center to open in late 2017.

The 12-bed Jack Byrne Center, to be built on the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center campus in Lebanon, will combine interdisciplinary patient-and family-centered care with unprecedented opportunities for teaching, training, and research for health care providers. A \$10 million gift from the Jack & Dorothy Byrne Foundation in 2014 covers almost half of the \$22 million cost of construction of the Center, intended to fill a growing need for specialized care for seriously ill people who are enrolled in hospice but whose pain or other medical needs are difficult to manage elsewhere.

“Too many people are still dying in ways they would not want, often in intensive care units, connected to machines,” said D-H CEO and President Dr. James N. Weinstein. “Through the efforts of our dedicated team, we have built an internationally respected palliative care program at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, and thanks to the enduring commitment of the Byrne Foundation and our other supporters, the Jack Byrne Center will enable us to better address the physical comfort, emotional and spiritual well-being, and inherent dignity of each patient and his or her family.”

Designed to be a community resource, the program within the Jack Byrne Center will be developed and administered by Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH), working in collaboration with providers

from Dartmouth-Hitchcock’s Section of Palliative Medicine. The Center staff will work with



An artist's illustration of the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative and Hospice Care. (Illustration by MorrisSwitzer-Environments for Health Architecture)

hospice providers from across northern New England to smooth transitions of care for patients and families.

“As the leading licensed hospice provider with the skills, reputation and regional focus, this partnership allows us to continue to provide ongoing excellent care for our communi-

ties,” noted Jeanne McLaughlin, VNH President and Chief Executive Officer.

Regional providers and family caregivers will also be encouraged to draw on the Jack Byrne Center for education and training in palliative and hospice care, with a goal of increasing their capacity to care for the majority of hospice patients who wish to spend the end of their lives in their own homes.

“The Jack Byrne Center is a flagship project for Dartmouth-Hitchcock’s Palliative Medicine program,” noted Dr. Kathryn B. Kirkland, Interim Chief of D-H’s Section of Palliative Medicine. “It will bring immediate benefits by providing a specific kind of care currently unavailable in the Upper Valley to hospice patients with high-acuity symptoms that cannot be managed at home. Providing sophisticated care in a homelike setting improves the hospice patient’s experience, and optimizes utilization of the region’s acute and tertiary care beds.”

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If you're an older member of Generation X – that is, if you were born in the early- to-mid-1960s – you may have a lot of “balls in the air.” You are saving for your own retirement – which might not be that far away – while at the same time possibly wanting to help pay for your children's college education. And you may also be assisting your aging parents in some ways. How can you manage this juggling act?

To begin with, you need to emphasize your retirement. Now that you are likely in, or near, your peak earning years, you should contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Your plan likely offers you a range of investment options, so you can create a portfolio that's appropriate for your needs. The money in your 401(k) or similar plan can grow on a tax-deferred basis, and your contributions are typically made with pretax dollars. So, the more you put in, the lower your annual taxable income. You won't have to pay taxes until you take withdrawals, but if you do withdraw money before you reach 59½, the withdrawals may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.

Even if you're contributing to a 401(k) or similar plan, you're probably still eligible to contribute to an IRA. Like a 401(k), a traditional IRA offers tax-deferred growth potential, while a Roth IRA can provide tax-free earnings distributions if you've had your account at least five years and don't take withdrawals until you're at least 59½.

If you devote most of your investable income to your retirement plans, you may not have much left to help pay for your children's college education. But that may not be a disaster – after all, they could get scholarships and financial aid. And even if they need to take out student loans, they have a lot more years to pay them back than you have until your retirement. If

you can afford to help your children, choose a smart college-savings vehicle, such as a 529 plan, which offers tax-free earnings distributions as long as the money is used exclusively for qualified higher education expenses. (If it's used for other purposes, you'll be taxed on it and also could face a penalty.)

How about your elderly parents? How can you best help them? Hopefully, they will not require any outright financial assistance from you – but that doesn't mean you can't assist them in other ways. If you haven't already done so, try to find out as much as you can about their estate plans and any arrangements they've made should they become incapacitated. Ideally, you'll want to get answers to questions such as these:

- Have they named a durable power of attorney?
- Have they chosen an executor for their estate?
- Have they thought about how they would pay for any long-term care services they might need, such as a nursing home stay?

It may not be that easy to have these conversations, but they are important – especially if you are going to play an active role in your parents' plans.

Clearly, as a Gen Xer concerned about retirement, college-age children and aging parents, you'll have a balancing act involving both money and time. But with planning, patience and realistic expectations, you can help yourself and the ones you love.

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Mayoral Notes

By
Charlene Lovett



Preparing for the Future

Last week the Council discussed changes to the city manager's proposed budget, and preparations for meeting new financial needs that could develop in fiscal year (FY) 2017. Saturday Claremont welcomed Amtrak's Exhibit Train, and over 1200 people from the area visited the Claremont Junction. Both provided opportunities to examine where we are today, and where we would like to go.

In a city with a relatively small population base of approximately 13,500 and a fairly large infrastructure, developing a budget that will move the city forward is a challenge. This year the city manager proposed a budget that decreased the tax rate by 16 cents, but did not provide funding for a number of things that Council members thought should be included. The Council voted to tentatively restore some of these items and add others, reducing the overall tax rate reduction to 6 cents.

During the discussion on changes to the proposed budget, several councilors raised the point that we also need to consider financial needs that may develop in the next year and are not part of the proposed budget. Since the City is currently in negotiations with the fire department union and will be entering negotiations with other unions in FY17, costs associated with negotiated contracts are certainly

possible. How to best address the aging water and sewer infrastructure will lead to a discussion about water and sewer rates. Making adjustments to tax credits and/or exemptions will affect other taxpayers.

Balancing the current and future needs of the city with the ability of property owners to absorb these costs is the challenge. Adopting a budget that will improve operating efficiencies, stimulate economic growth and increase the tax base is critical if we are to move forward. On June 22nd, the Council will hold its final discussion on changes to the city manager's proposed budget. A public hearing will be held and the Council will then vote on the budget for FY17. Please attend the public hearing.

The arrival of the Amtrak Exhibit Train gave area residents an opportunity to learn about train travel and what is currently available at the Claremont Junction. As is evident by the success of the event and the increase in ridership over the past fiscal year, Amtrak passenger service is important to the community. Building upon this will continue to foster economic growth.

Much has been done since 2015 to improve the Claremont Amtrak Stop and promote train travel, and more will be done. The goal is to increase ridership from approximately 2100 riders a year to 4000 in order to become a medium size station on the Vermonter Line. Achieving that goal will necessitate the need to create additional parking and introduce other amenities at the Claremont Junction.

On May 1, 2016, the Vermonter Line launched a pilot program to transport bicycles. This new capa-

bility is already becoming quite popular and will positively impact Claremont Cycle Depot which is adjacent to the train stop. Within the next two or three years, the Vermonter Line is expected to extend from St. Albans to Montreal, Canada. Creating a direct transportation line to Canada will bring new travel opportunities to local residents, increase tourism and promote business with our largest trade partner.

Today, we may not be where we want to be in terms of finances or ridership. However, progress is being made. As long as we establish clear goals and allocate the resources to achieve them, we will be successful.

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

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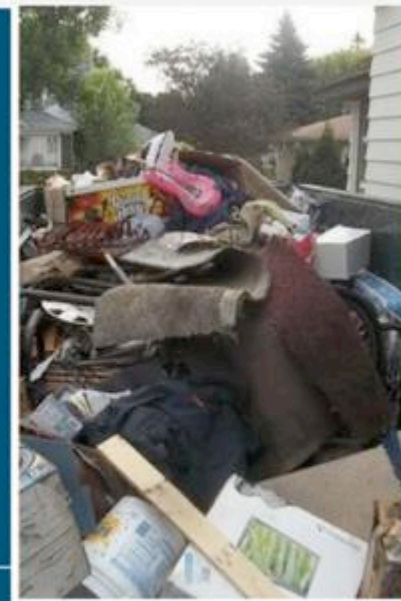
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Master Plan Steering Committee
 Tuesday, June 21, 2016 5:15 PM
 Visitor Center, 14 North Street

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Minutes
 - a. May 17, 2016
- IV. Business
 - a. Draft Vision Statement
 - b. Subcommittee dates and members
- V. Correspondence
- VI. Other
- VII. Adjournment

It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



Summer

It was a long time coming, but it's here now. The Fourth of July is right around the corner. Why not celebrate with a Colonial Era breakfast? A slice of fruit pie and tea. Apple pie for breakfast has a certain appeal. Tea was the beverage of choice until the Tea Party in Boston Harbor. After that New Englanders switched to coffee to avoid the tax.

The grills will be going full blast that whole weekend because the Fourth falls on a Monday this year. Perfect. No matter how skilled you are at the grill, it just seems right to go traditional with burgers and dogs.

One of my favorite recipes has nothing to do with the Fourth or Summer, but is a one-skillet dish that keeps the kitchen from getting overly hot. I came across this in my youth when eating at a friend's house. His mother said it was traditional German. This is definitely worth trying. Easy prep and not a long cook time.

Beef Rouladen

1 pound thin cut beef round steak cut into 4 pieces
 Coarse-ground prepared mustard
 ¼ teaspoon dried thyme
 salt and pepper to taste
 1 medium dill pickle quartered lengthwise
 3 carrots cut into sticks, divided
 1 small onion cut into wedges
 2 tablespoons all purpose flour
 1 tablespoon cooking oil
 2 cups water
 2 teaspoons beef bouillon granules
 3 tablespoons ketchup
 Cooked noodles

Spread steak pieces with mustard. Sprinkle with thyme, salt and pepper. Layer the steak pieces with a quarter each of pickle slices, carrot sticks and a wedge of onion.

Roll up and secure with a toothpick.

Coat each roll with flour.

In a large skillet heat oil over medium-high heat. Add the water, bouillon, ketchup and remaining carrots.

Cover and simmer 1 hour or until the meat is tender.

Thicken gravy with flour if desired.

Serve with noodles.

I'm not a fan of pickles. They have to be just right and I have to be in the mood. This dish, however, just does not work without the pickle. It is one of my favorites in spite of the pickle. Also, traditionally, the rolls of steak are tied up with thread. I prefer the thread. It brings back great memories.

Note: serve with beer to be really authentic.

Play with your food.....carefully.

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Or to Kyle at 543-5601 or email kyle.ranney@vrh.org



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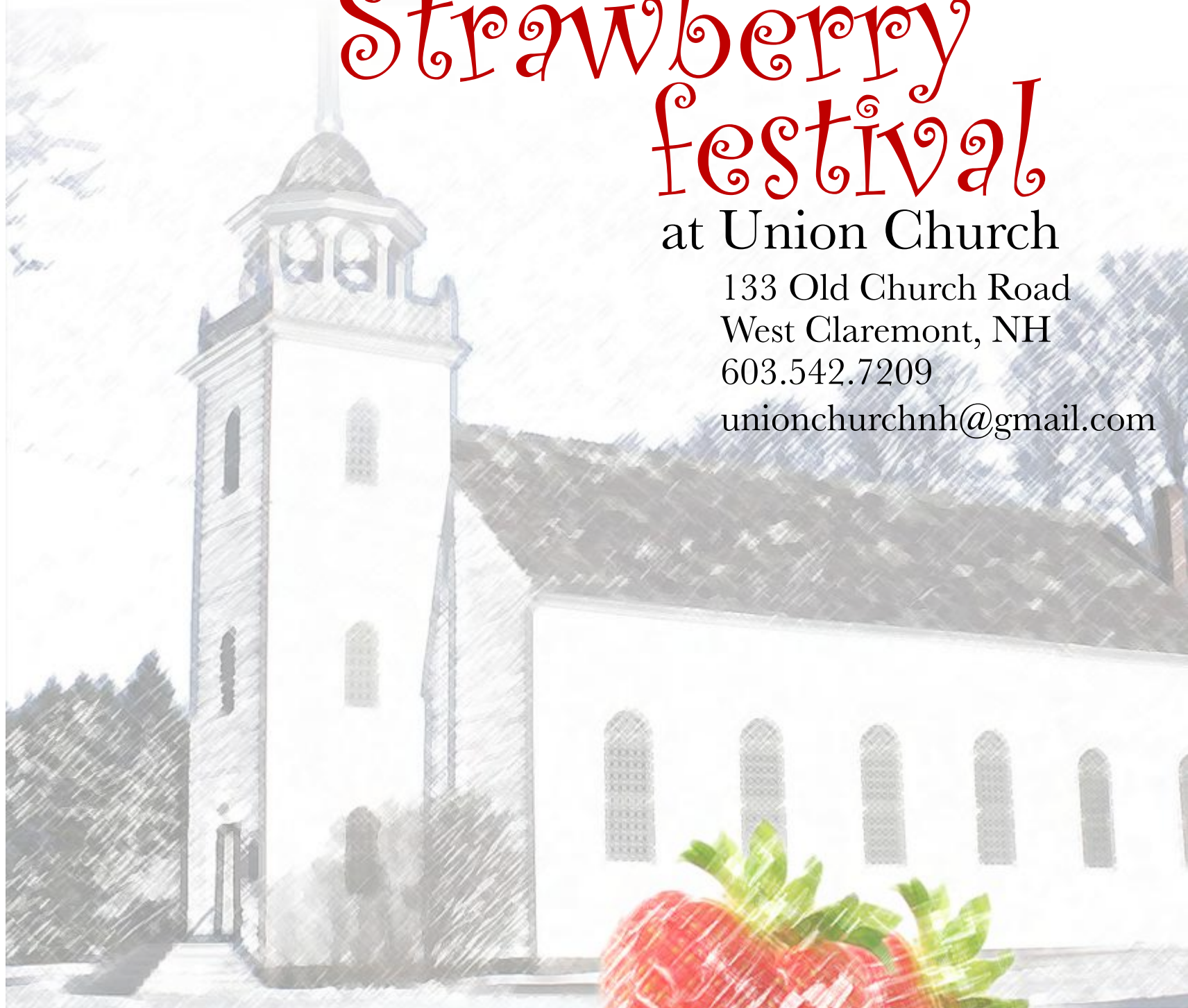
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Claremont Confidential

By Les St.Pierre



Flea Market Fanatic

You never know when or where your next story may come from.

A trip to Wade's Ice Cream provided me with an off chance for my latest tale...and what a tale it is.

You think you have troubles? Listen to what Keith Routhier has, and is, going through.

Routhier, owner of R&K Collectables, situated right next to Wade's Ice Cream in West Claremont at the former D'Amante's, has a Closing Store sign posted on his windows and doors now. Not that he wants to, but, more or less, Routhier is forced to go out of business.

Routhier's father died a couple of years ago. Routhier's wife's father suffered a massive heart attack a year and half ago. Routhier's mother passed away two weeks ago. Routhier only recently found out his brother, Kevin, died in 2007 and only found out about it some nine years after the fact, and, to make matters even worse, Routhier's wife, Mary, is presently going through the effects of breast cancer.

"I'm getting out," Routhier, born in Claremont in 1964, told me as I inquired about his story after finishing up a black cherry ice cream cone from Wade's. "It's time to spend time with my family."

Routhier has a sister, Kim, living in Virginia and a daughter, Stephanie. Both his wife, the former Mary Bonneville, and daughter work at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon.

"Right now my wife is doing fine," Routhier related, saying cancer runs rampant in his wife's family. Surgery has already taken place and it won't be until August, when they go for a scheduled appointment, they will both know the results of testing taking place.

Although admitting there is family history on his wife's side with cancer, Routhier stated this latest setback in his life "came out of the blue" and was unexpected. "The thing of it is, it came just as she (Mary) was beginning to help me here at the store," Routhier said, holding back tears.

Routhier has been at R&K since 2011 when he and his partner, Randy Russell, went through the "Why don't we try opening up a store?" phase of their lives. "We were flea market fanatics, and still are, and just one day decided to do it," Routhier confessed. "I have been here ever since, through the ups and downs of the market." Routhier eventually bought out Russell because Russell, who lost his wife almost four years ago, just "didn't want to deal with it anymore. But he has come back after settling down to help me, more or less for moral support, because I was getting fried."

Russell is now living in Georgia, having been transferred there from American Brush. Routhier is head of maintenance at the Claremont branch of American Brush and, when he gets



Keith Routhier, at his store in West Claremont (Bill Binder photo).

out of work, heads right down to R&K Collectables for a 2-5 p.m. appearance, Monday through Friday. He previously worked at Newmont Vending, on the road, for 25 years.

"I wish someone would just come in and buy me out," Routhier sarcastically mentioned. "I know that won't happen, but it would be nice. I wouldn't have to pack up all this." The store is filled with what some people would call junk, others would marvel at the antiquity. It truly is a store full of collectables. He currently rents the space from Wendy Caruso.

"I love doing this," Routhier said. "Will I ever get back into it? Storewise...No! Flea markets...Yes! But you never know. If I get an opportunity, I would if the pay was there. Every day..No, I want my weekends to myself and

my wife."

Routhier has had hobbies in the past which he has had to give up. He loves fishing, hunting, camping, and sports. In addition, he has had an affinity to racing and has sponsored a couple of autos at the Claremont Speedway. He sponsored Dylan Boudreau and his number 45 Super Street Model and Jeff Murray and his number 3 Modified Model.

He lists Charlestown's John Bentley, the former St. Mary High basketball coach, as a very close person to the family, even calling him "Uncle John Bentley", and stated Rudy Fortin, the former Stevens High great pitcher, as his favorite uncle. A true uncle, his mother's brother, Fortin and Routhier played many a horseshoe game growing up.

"We were just into sports together," Routhier said of his favorite relative. "We loved baseball. We loved every sport that was ever played. We always played horseshoes together. It was hard to see him move to Jericho, Vermont, so far from here." Fortin has since passed.

Routhier, who graduated from Stevens in 1982, played just one year of baseball and had to give up athletics due to blowing out his knee. However, he did coach basketball at St. Mary's for three years mentoring fifth and sixth

graders. His father, Earl, coached the varsity Comets for a brief spell.

"I am an honest person," Routhier related. "I don't try to screw people. I try to treat people with respect, like I was raised to do. I thank my parents for that. I would like to thank my steady customers that were happy with me and happy with the store. I will miss them. I will keep in contact with them. I love doing this and someday, who knows, I will get back into it."

Still, in the back of his head, Routhier could not get out of his head what his father once told him. "He said, 'Just remember, son, you don't own the store, the store owns you.' Boy, was he ever right!"

SHS Alumni Scholarships Awarded

CLAREMONT, NH--Stevens High School Class of 2016 seniors awarded Stevens Alumni Scholarships at SHS Alumni 145th banquet reunion Saturday, June 11th. Total given this year to class of 2016 and post-secondary students \$65,150.00.

Stevens High School Alumni Memorial Scholarships from the original 1964 start-funds go to Sarah Mullen, Justin Park, Lindsay Rzczycki, and Emily Varnkham

The following scholarships are titled for a particular person or family and are supplemented by the original memorial scholarship fund.

Austin Roy: Guy K.C. Wilson Scholarship and Milford Osgood Memorial Scholarship

Hayley Valdivia: Frederick W. Carr Scholarship and SHS Alumni Memorial Scholarship

Ryan Shattuck: Wayne Carter Photography Award and SHS Alumni Memorial Scholarship

Adalina Bell: Class of 1935 Scholarship and SHS Alumni Memorial Scholarship

Josienne Lafreniere: Class of 1964 Scholarship

Hayden Parker: Albert D. & Helen Farrington Leahy SHS Alumni Memorial Scholarship

Scott Garrison: Dorothy Judd Goodhue Memorial Scholarship

Colin Belt: Marie McCarthy Grenier Memorial Scholarship and Class of 1944 Scholarship

James Wimberg: Walter S. Paskevich Music Scholarship and Dennis Prudhomme Scholarship

Ryan Napsey: Class of 1958 Memorial Scholarship and SHS Alumni Memorial Scholarship

Kenneth Ellison: Mike Brousseau Scholarship Fund and Donald J Rollins Class of 1972 Award

Alaina Bandanza: Bud and Bucky Tucker Memorial Scholarship

Stefan Grallert: Samuel E. Heller Memorial Scholarship

Brooke Madeja: Samuel E. Heller Memorial Scholarship

Jacob LaPointe: Class of 1945 Memorial Scholarship

Hans Schneider: The Robert Hughes Memorial Scholarship

Anthony Stithen: Class of 1937 Memorial Scholarship. Anthony also received the Bar-

bara G Richards Scholarship for Business Excellence, presented by Jessica Powers Class of 2009

Amber Kennett: Robert B. Averill Memorial Scholarship

Rebecca Menard: Magoon-Paquette Scholarship Fund

Hannah Scott: "Queeney" Quimby Scholarship Fund

Aidan Mattice: Steve Doody Memorial Fund

The following students are Receiving Rosinski Family Memorial Scholarships: Caitlyn Gregory, Nicole Simoneau Sydney St.Pierre

Students receiving the Currier Perpetual Memorial Scholarship include:

Sydney Bellimer

Abigail Dole

Nicholas Dunham

Matthew Gobin

Alyxsandrhea Hammond

Ryan March

Scott Garrison: The Paran Stevens Music Award

Ryan March: The Class of 1965 Anonymous Cash Award

The next awards are specifically designated to Second, Third and Fourth Year College Students:

Class of 2012:

Zachary Napsey: Currier Perpetual Memorial Scholarship

Class of 2013:

Catherine Gessner, Kyndal Kennett, and Victoria Webster all received SHS Alumni Association Memorial Scholarships

Christopher Shattuck: Class of 1950 Memorial Scholarship

Danielle Tenney: Class of 1961 Memorial Scholarship

Class of 2014:

Madison Boardman: Currier Perpetual Memorial Scholarship

Jenna Deschaine: Class of 1954 Memorial Scholarship

Abbey Duford: SHS Alumni Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Holt: Joseph Rosinski Memorial Scholarship and SHS Alumni Memorial Scholarship

Kathleen Pettinato: Currier Perpetual Memorial Scholarship

Ryan Tanquay: Class of 1981 Scholarship

Class of 2015:

Carmela Clave: Rotary Club of Claremont/Jeff Patten Memorial Scholarship

Katelyn Belaïre: Class of 1951 Memorial Scholarship

Daniel Croteau: Piwowar-Blichaz Family Scholarship and SHS Alumni Memorial Scholarship

Sydney Boardman, Mariah Davis, Brittany Fitzpatrick, Anissa Girard, Christine McElreavy and Natalie Wilson all received Currier Perpetual Memorial Scholarships

Mia Charlebois, Shelby Lynhall, Cheyenne Moody and Ruth Ramjit all received SHS Alumni Memorial Scholarships

Summer Reading Program At The Fiske

CLAREMONT, NH--Summer Reading Program registrations

begin Wednesday, June 22, at

Fiske Free Library. They will

last through Friday July 15. Get

ready to get On Your Mark, Get

Set ... READ!!

The fun continues on Thursday, June 23, with a program from the Children's Museum of New Hampshire called Amazing Inventions:

"Healthy Minds Spark Makers." The program begins at 2:00 p.m and is appropriate for children ages 5 – 11. Limited space makes it necessary to ask for registrations for it.

On Friday, June 24, at 2:00 p.m. Steve Blunt will join us here at Fiske Free library for a Children's Music Program. This is a fun, up-beat

sing-along show that is guaranteed to burn calories and fuel the imagination. Lots of fun

and audience audience participation! All ages are eligible for this program; there is no registration. On Tuesdays beginning June 28th and

finishing up on July 26th, Toddler Time will return. It is at 10.30 a.m. and is open to children

birth – 36 months old. Children are invited to learn finger plays, short songs, nursery rhymes

and hear a story or two. There will be a Drop-in Coloring Craft on Thursday, June 30, 11

a.m. - 3p.m. for ages 3 – 12. You will be able to color your own Sports Visor. Use your

imagination and have fun.

Happy July 4th to everyone!! Fiske Free Library will be closed on Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

All programs are free and open to the public.



SHS 2016 Scholarship Awards

Scholarship Name
Alden Literary Prizes- Alaina Bandanza
Alden Literary Prizes- Rebecca Menard
Armand Lavertue II Scholarship- Bradley Springer
Augustus Saint-Gaudens Memorial Scholarship- Amber Kennett
Barrett Mathematics Award- Alaina Bandanza
Borofsky Scholarship- Brianna Aldrich
Brandon Rock Memorial Award- Amber Kennett
Caplan Family Scholarship- Stefan Grallert
Bryant Chucking Grinder Company Regular Foundation Academic Achievement Award- Ryan Shattuck
Charleen Merrill True Memorial Scholarship- Nicole Benware
Charleen Merrill True Memorial Scholarship- Josienne Lafreniere
Claremont Elks Eugene Hunter Trust Scholarship- Aidan Mattice
Claremont Elks Eugene Hunter Trust Scholarship- Austin Roy
Claremont Elks Eugene Hunter Trust Scholarship- Bradley Springer
Claremont Firefighter's Association Scholarship- Spencer Lewko
Claremont Junior Sports League Award- Anthony Stithen
Claremont Kiwanis Club Scholarship- Rachel Dansereau
Claremont Kiwanis Club Scholarship- Kenneth Ellison
Claremont Kiwanis Club Scholarship- Josienne Lafreniere
Claremont Kiwanis Club Scholarship- Aidan Mattice
Claremont Kiwanis Club Scholarship- Rebecca Menard
Claremont Kiwanis Club Scholarship- Hannah Scott
Claremont Kiwanis Club Scholarship- Ryan Shattuck
Claremont Police Association Scholarship- Haydan Parker
Claremont Savings Bank Trustee Memorial Scholarship- Madison Jarvis
Claremont Savings Bank Trustee Memorial Scholarship- Anthony Stithen
Educational Talent Search Scholarship- Hayley Valdivia
Eleanor Colby Choral Accompanist Award- Troy Putnam
Gary Caplan Memorial Scholarship- Angelika Seaman
George Anthony Billesimo Physics & Science Award- Matthew Gobin
Guidance Scholarship- Emily Carrier
J. Duncan Upham Student Aid Fund Gift- Jacob LaPointe
J. Duncan Upham Student Aid Fund Gift- Justin Park
J. Duncan Upham Student Aid Fund Gift- Bradley Springer

James & Roger Napsey Memorial Scholarship- Alaina Bandanza
James & Roger Napsey Memorial Scholarship- Brooke Madeja
James McGuire Memorial Scholarship- Anthony Stithen
John Lancaster Memorial Scholarship- Abigail Dole
Justin L. Aiken Memorial Scholarship- Spencer Lewko
Justin L. Aiken Memorial Scholarship- Ryan March
Lake Sunapee Bank Citizenship Scholarship Award- Emily Vamkham
Linda Lamarre Beaulieu Memorial Scholarship- James Wimberg
Linda Mae Buckley Memorial Scholarship- Hayley Valdivia
Margaret Lawlor McKee Scholarship- Adalina Bell
Margaret Lawlor McKee Scholarship- Sydney Bellimer
Margaret Lawlor McKee Scholarship- Caitlyn Gregory
Margaret Lawlor McKee Scholarship- Sarah Mullen
Margaret Lawlor McKee Scholarship- Lindsay Rzeczycki
Mascoma Bank Student of the Month- (May 2016) Alyssa LaMott (June 2016) Jacob LaPointe
New Hampshire Red Sox Scholarship- Aidan Mattice
Nicholas A. Leyds Memorial Academic Achievement Award Of The Charitable Foundation Of The Bryant Chucking Grinder Company- Ryan March
Nicholas C. Marro Scholarship- Jacob LaPointe
Nicholas C. Marro Scholarship- Spencer Lewko
Nicholas C. Marro Scholarship- Sidney St. Pierre
One Credit Union Scholarship- Haydan Parker
Ora D. Blanchard Scholarship- Alaina Bandanza
Ora D. Blanchard Scholarship- Rachel Dansereau
Ora D. Blanchard Scholarship- Scott Garrison
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Ora D. Blanchard Scholarship- Ryan Shattuck
Ora D. Blanchard Scholarship- Nicole Simoneau
Ora D. Blanchard Scholarship- Anthony Stithen
Ramunto's Scholarship- Sydney Bellimer
Red River Technology Scholarship- Ryan Shattuck
River Valley Community College State Scholars Scholarship- Alyssa LaMott

Robert & Joyce Oberkotter Family Foundation Scholarship- Alyson Lizotte
Robert & Joyce Oberkotter Family Foundation Scholarship- Aidan Mattice
Robert & Joyce Oberkotter Family Foundation Scholarship- Rebecca Menard
Robert & Joyce Oberkotter Family Foundation Scholarship- Hannah Scott
Robert & Joyce Oberkotter Family Foundation Scholarship- Ryan Shattuck
Robin Flaig Memorial Scholarship- Madison Jarvis
Robin Flaig Memorial Scholarship- Alyson Lizotte
Ruth A. Skogen Memorial Scholarship- Abigail Dole
Ruth A. Skogen Memorial Scholarship- Aidan Mattice
Stevens High School Class Of 1943 Scholarship- Alyssa LaMott
Sugar River Education Association Scholarship- Troy Putnam
Sugar River Education Association Scholarship- Hayley Valdivia
Tappan Awards- Nicole Benware
Tappan Awards- Collin Belt
Tappan Awards- Abigail Dole
Tappan Awards- Scott Garrison
Tappan Awards- Ryan Napsey
Tappan Awards- Emily Vamkham
The Angelo & Margaret Righi Scholarship- Nicholas Dunham
The Claremont Performing Arts Council Theater Scholarship- Scott Foisy
Visual Arts Scholarship- Amber Kennett
Weston O. Page Scholarship- Hayley Valdivia
Willard D. Rollins Math Award- Hannah Scott
Matthew Stevens Memorial Scholarship- Brandon Moskalenko
Matthew Stevens Memorial Scholarship- Shawn Phaneuf
Matthew Stevens Memorial Scholarship- Kaleb Ford
Matthew Stevens Memorial Scholarship- Kyle Dorr
Matthew Stevens Memorial Scholarship- Spencer Lewko
Society of Women Engineers (Honor)- Alyson Lizotte
Society of Women Engineers (High Honor)- Bridget Baker
Society of Women Engineers (Highest Honor)- Rebecca Menard
Family, Health & Fitness Award- Justin Park
Health, Science & Technology Education- Joshua Lapierre
Mathematics Department Award- Kayle Robie
Mathematics Department Award- Spencer Lewko
Machine Tool Technologies Department Award- Kaleb Ford
Building Department Award- Jacob LaPointe
English Department Award- Hannah Scott
Business Department Award- Adrianna Lee
Science Department Award- Rebecca Menard
Art Department-Music Department Award- Scott Garrison
Art Department-Technical Theater Award- Stefan Grallert
Art Department- Performing Arts Theater Award- Justin Park
Plumbing/HVAC Award- Jacob LaPointe

Claremont to Host July 4th Celebration

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Parks and Recreation Department has announced that the Annual July 4th Celebration at Monadnock Park will take place on Monday, July, 4th. The excitement will begin at 6:00 p.m. with many local vendors on hand selling food, drinks, and novelty items. "We are excited to have Smoke & Mirrors, a local six-piece band, playing a variety of music including classic rock, country, swing and pop. The band is great for dancing or listening to and provides an enjoyable experience for all audiences," said Mark Brislin, Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Claremont. "July 4th is a great time to bring the community together and celebrate. All of these fun events will lead up to the spectacular firework show at 9:30 p.m. to conclude the evening.

Parking will be available along Broad Street and Pleasant Street. Only handicapped and authorized vendor parking will be allowed at Monadnock Park. In the event of inclement weather, the rain date for this event will be on July 5th. Please be sure to visit www.claremontparks.com for up-to-date schedules and announcements for the July 4th celebration.

Schedule of Events

6:00 p.m.	Food Vendors Open
6:30-9:30 p.m.	Smoke and Mirrors Performance
9:30 p.m.	Fireworks

Independence Day Parade In Sunapee

SUNAPEE NH--The time for the Independence Day parade has been changed to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 3, with line up at noon. This year's parade theme is Sunapee strong, "A community striving to improve on the lives of all its citizens".

Town fireworks will be held on Sunday, July 3. If you and your family would like to light fireworks at your property, you will need a fireworks permit. According to the town ordinance, Monday, July 4, is the only day that does not need a permit over the July 4th weekend.

Pancake Breakfast In Brownsville July 4th

BROWNSVILLE, VT--On Monday, July 4th, Brownsville Community Church and the Newhall family will sponsor the annual Pancake Breakfast open to the public. The doors open at 7:00 a.m. and breakfast will be served until 10:00 a.m. The cost for an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6 – 12 and free for preschoolers.

The Brownsville Community Church puts proceeds from the breakfast back into the community through its outreach programs.

The Brownsville Community Church is located on the Brownsville-Hartland Road, between Albert Bridge School and the Brownsville Town Hall. The Church phone number is 802-484-5944, the email address is bcchurch@myfairpoint.net and you can visit the Brownsville Community Church at www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org.

Please come and enjoy this annual tradition and the festivities that follow including children's activities, vendors and a gala parade. Bring your friends and family!

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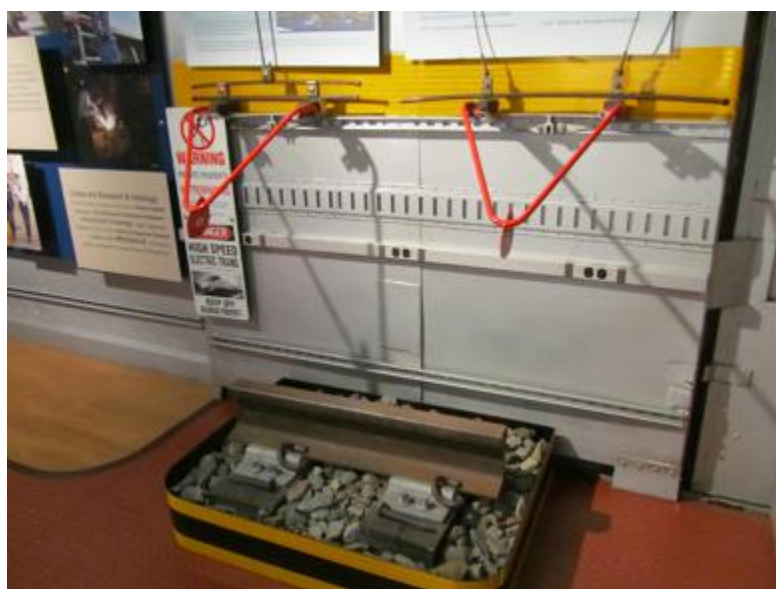
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Train Day In Claremont...

The Amtrak Exhibit Train visit was a big success in Claremont on Saturday. Included was the one-person railroad unit called a velocipede (top right) on display at Lambert Auto Sales. You pulled on the upright handle and pushed pedals with your feet to make it go (Talk about a workout!). The Off Broad St. Players did some period skits during the exhibit. Displays inside the exhibit cars included horns, uniforms for personnel, a properly set table for dinner and a section of rail. A view out a window of the Claremont stop.



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