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Crews Save Main Structure From Garage Fire

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CLAREMONT, NH--Heavy fire conditions combined with a structure outside the hydrant system resulted in calling in mutual aid from several fire companies to provide tanker assistance for a house fire on Saturday.

At about 2:00 p.m. Saturday, the Claremont Fire Department was dispatched to 52 Cat Hole Road for a report of an ATV on fire, inside an attached garage. The duty crew responded with an engine and a ladder. While en route, the duty officer also requested a Box 50 which staffs an additional rescue company to the scene. Once on scene, the first arriving officer advised that he had heavy fire conditions in the attached garage and it was spreading to the home. The response was upgraded to a full first alarm assignment, said Chief Rick Bergeron.



The Claremont Fire Department responded to a call to 52 Cat Hole Road Saturday for a fire that started with an ATV in the garage (Photo, Lt. Corey Conroy, Newport Fire-EMS).

The initial line was placed into operation on the garage fire itself, in hopes of slowing the fire's progress into the main structure. Once additional crews arrived, a second line was placed into action and the first line was sent to the second floor of the main house to halt the advancing fire.

A vent hole was cut in the roof of the garage addition above a couple of second floor rooms, and

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Recycling Proposal For Wheelabrator Facility Dropped

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CLAREMONT, NH--A proposal by an investor and attorney from Kentucky to convert the Wheelabrator incinerator into what he called a "hybrid" operation has been dropped. City officials received an email on Thursday of last week from D.B. Kazee stating that he no

longer intended to move ahead with plans to buy the property and convert it into an industrial recycling site.

At a City Council meeting in early June, Kazee said the plan would call for a five-year PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) in which the facility would be used to recycle and refurbish old industrial equipment that would then be resold. The plant would also use a process

called "gasification", burning solid waste materials as well as yard waste and biomass material to generate either steam or electricity to run the plant; Kazee said electricity would be the choice in this case, and excess power generated would then be sold to the grid. He said no medical or toxic waste would be burned, nor would construction and demolition

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Sullivan County Grand Jury Indictments Released

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NEWPORT, NH--The Sullivan County Grand Jury released the following indictments last week:

Brian Sears, 47, White River Junction, VT, indicted for Sale of Controlled Drug (oxycodone), March 3, 2016; Sale of Controlled Drug (oxycodone), March 10, 2016; Sale of Controlled Drug (oxycodone), May 5, 2016; Sale of Controlled Drug (oxycodone), April 7, 2016.

Arthur Colby, Jr., 57, Marlborough, NH, indicted for Operating After Being Declared an Habitual Offender, June 16, 2016; Driving or Operating Under Influence of Drugs or Liquor (2nd Offense), June 16, 2016; Driving or Operating Under Influence of Drugs or Liquor (2nd Offense), June 16, 2016.

Justin Cooper, 37, Goshen, NH, indicted for Criminal Threatening Deadly Weapon-Firearm, April 7, 2016.

Barbara McGivern, 44, Bellows Falls, VT, indicted for Operating After Being Declared a

Habitual Offender, February 27, 2016.

Bryon Vaughn, 18, Charlestown, NH, indicted for Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, May 18, 2016; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, May 18, 2016; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, May 18, 2016; Sexual Assault, May 19, 2016.

Shawn Bartley, 32, Claremont, NH, indicted for Felonious Sexual Assault, between June 1, 2015, and August 31, 2015.

Springfield, VT, Man Arrested In Massachusetts For Heroin Trafficking

NORTHHAMPTON, MA--MassLive.com reported on Thursday that "Massachusetts State Police found 2,000 baggies filled with about 62 grams of heroin in a vehicle traveling north through Northampton on Interstate 91 Wednesday night, according to court documents."

According to MassLive, "Troopers stopped 50-year-old Stuart Sweetser of Springfield, Vt. near mile marker 26 and found between \$10,000 and \$30,000 worth of narcotics, police said.

"State Police pulled Sweetser over after receiving reports of a Chevy Trailblazer driving erratically from exit 17 in Holyoke onward, court reports said. Sweetser allegedly crossed the fog line in the breakdown lane more than a dozen times. According to MassLive, "Sweetser pleaded guilty in Northampton District Court Thursday to charges of operating a vehicle under

the influence of drugs, trafficking more than 36 gram of heroin, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and a marked lanes violation..."

Sweetser is currently being held on \$20,000 cash bail or \$200,000 surety and will make another court appearance on July 22.

Body Found In Bellows Falls Identified

BELLOWS FALLS, VT--On Tuesday, June 28, Vermont State Police assisted Bellows Falls Police Department after a body was discovered adjacent to the train tracks under the Arch Bridge in Bellows Falls, VT.

On June 30, the deceased was identified as 41-year-old Eric Jon Bassett. Through investigation it was determined that Bassett was homeless and living adjacent to the train tracks under the Arch Bridge prior to his death. Foul play is not suspected; however, the cause and manner of death are pending toxicology results from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

If you have information pertaining to this incident, please contact Detective Trooper Matthew Sweitzer at 802-234-9933.

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By State Rep. John Cloutier

More Funding Passed For Drug Crisis



More funds to help state and local enforcement agencies deal with our state's continuing opioid addiction crisis have been recently approved by New Hampshire's House of Representatives and Senate.

On June 16 the House by an overwhelming 235-74 roll call vote, and the Senate by a unanimous 23-0 vote, adopted House Bill 1000 which was quickly signed into law by Gov. Maggie Hassan on the same date. This bill would provide up to \$1.5 million in state grants for the New Hampshire State Police, county sheriffs' departments, and municipal police departments to deal with various problems caused by heroin, fentanyl, and other addictive drugs known as opioids. This program of state grants is known as "Granite Hammer" and is modeled on a similar program previously used to combat the problem of illegal drugs in the Claremont area, according to my understanding.

Adoption of House Bill 1000 followed several hours of debate by the House, not just on the bill itself, but also on whether to suspend legislative rules in order to allow introduction of and a vote on this hastily-filed measure filed less than a week after what was supposed to be the end of the House and Senate's Regular 2016 Sessions on June 1 and then was scheduled to be voted on by both bodies in quickly-scheduled meetings by House Speaker Shawn Jasper and Senate President Chuck Morse. Frankly, House Bill 1000 was filed and the June 16 meetings were scheduled by legislative leadership because of the narrow defeat of Senate Bill 485 by the House on June 1. More specifically, the original version of Senate Bill 485 contained funding for the "Granite Hammer Program." But the bill was later amended by both bodies and in a committee of conference to include some non-germane sections that would have increased premiums for the health insurance of retired public employees and permitted future premium increases to be set by the Joint House-Senate Fiscal Committee, which only has a total of 10 legislators as members, rather than the entire 424-member New Hampshire Legislature, non-germane sections, which many of my fellow representatives, including myself, opposed.

According to my informed sources, the narrow one-vote defeat of the "Granite Hammer Program" in Senate Bill 485 did not please Gov. Maggie Hassan. The Governor reportedly threatened to call a special session of the New Hampshire Legislature as early as this month in order to solely consider a bill creating Granite Hammer, if alternative actions were not taken. This was because of her concern about our state's continuing problems with opioids, including deaths from overdoses of these addictive drugs, deaths that do not seem to be stopping. Consequently, the Governor's displeasure supposedly spurred the House Speaker and Senate President to call their respective bodies back for one last meet

ing of the 2016 Session and agree to House Bill 1000's late introduction, actions which were supported in a bipartisan effort by both House Democratic Leader Stephen Shurtleff of Concord and Senate Democratic Leader Jeffrey Woodburn of Dalton.

In fact, the fiercest opposition to even suspending House rules in order to take up House Bill 1000 came from Speaker Jasper's fellow House Republicans still upset about the Speaker's surprise election as Speaker in December 2014 and loyal to Mont Vernon Rep. and Former House Speaker William O'Brien. These dissident Republicans were led by Windham Rep. David Bates, who argued that suspending the rules at this late date would set a bad precedent for future legislatures. Rep. Bates also stated that the bill's additional \$1.5 million in state grants was not needed because enough funds could be found in the current state operating to pay for the grants. But Speaker Jasper, who temporarily stepped down as the House's presiding officer to participate in the debate, refuted Rep. Bates' argument against the rules suspension setting a bad precedent. The Speaker declared that there was ample past precedent for rules suspensions when bills were needed to be quickly considered and approved. He said that according to his research during the 2010-2012 term, Rep. Bates, who was then a member of House Republican Leadership, voted for several motions proposed by then Speaker O'Brien to suspend rules in order to allow the late introduction of bills. Additionally, House Bill 1000's prime sponsor, Merrimack Rep. Richard Hinch, who is also House Republican Leader stated that the \$1.5 million was badly-needed by New Hampshire law enforcement to help it combat opioid addiction. He explained that several bills had already passed in 2016 to help provide more education about and treatment of such addiction, but that it was now law enforcement's turn.

Ultimately, the House by a comfortable 241-97 roll call vote, approved the rules suspension, which had required a necessary two-thirds majority to pass. Furthermore, it then rejected by overwhelming roll call margins several "poison pill" amendments offered by the same dissident Republicans. Poison pill amendments containing non-germane sections pertaining to legislation previously vetoed by the Governor Hassan, or legislation to which she had previously expressed opposition.

Speaking of vetoes, the House later on the same day took up the six House bills vetoed by the Governor as of June 16. After brief debates on each of the six vetoes, the House voted to sustain all six. While all six override attempts by representatives garnered simple majorities, none of the attempts garnered the needed two-thirds majority as required by the New Hampshire Constitution to override the vetoes.

For readers' information, I voted for House Bill 1000, including the rules suspension which allowed it to be introduced after the 2016 Session was supposed to have ended. I voted "Yes," because I was persuaded more has to be done to help law enforcement combat the continuing problem of opioid addiction, a problem that tragically is still causing too many overdose deaths. But I also believe more has to be done regarding education about and treatment of such addiction, though we in the House and Senate have taken some steps forward by passing several bills in both the just-described solutions. In summary, there are no easy solutions to this problem.

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Shaheen Amendment Repealing Global Gag Rule & Restoring International Family Planning Funds Passes Appropriations Committee

WASHINGTON, DC-- A key amendment to restore funding for international family planning and reproductive health offered by U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) was approved by 17-13 in a full committee markup of the Senate Committee on Appropriations Wednesday. The amendment was added to the FY2017 State and Foreign Operations Appropriations bill.

“Expanding access to family planning and reproductive health services around the globe empowers women,” said Shaheen. “Family planning gives women control to plan if, and when, to grow their families, improves long-term health of mothers and children, and creates a lasting economic benefit. An estimated 225 million women in developing countries around the world want to avoid pregnancy, but they lack access to or information on family planning. When we increase access to these services, we are empowering women to make important decisions about their futures and, in turn, they are more likely to achieve gender equity, engage politically and contribute to the economic growth in their community. It’s a smart investment that helps reduce the cycle of poverty globally.”

Shaheen’s amendment restores funding for international family planning and reproductive health through USAID Family Planning programs, which was drastically cut in the underlying bill, and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), which was prohibited from receiving funding in the underlying bill. The Shaheen amendment allocates \$37.5 million for UNFPA, which works to ensure all people are able to access high quality reproductive health services and operates in over 150 countries around the world, including those in which USAID does not have family planning programs. In addition, the amendment includes a provision to ensure USAID’s family planning and reproductive health programs can continue in a country if foreign assistance is withheld for other reasons.

Shaheen’s amendment also permanently repeals the Global Gag Rule, which had been included in the underlying bill. The Global Gag Rule prohibits U.S. financial aid for contraception and family planning services to any organization that uses its own funding to perform or advise women about legal abortion.

Ayotte Calls For Attorney General Lynch To Recuse Herself From Clinton Investigation

MANCHESTER, NH--Senator Kelly Ayotte called last week for Attorney General Loretta Lynch to formally recuse herself from the Department of Justice's ongoing investigation into Hillary Clinton, in light of concerns about the potential of a conflict of interest following a meeting between Lynch and former president Bill Clinton. Ayotte released the following statement:

"As a former Attorney General, I believe Attorney General Lynch should recuse herself from this case given the importance of the investigation and the need to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest to ensure that all Americans have confidence in the outcome. I am disappointed that she declined to do so."

Hassan Signs Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan For 2017-2026

CONCORD, NH--On Friday, Governor Maggie Hassan ceremonially signed the Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for 2017-2026 at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS).

“Continuing to strengthen our transportation infrastructure is critical to the success of our people and businesses, helping to spur economic development and boost our economy,” Hassan said. “The Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan builds on our work together over the last few years to strengthen our transportation infrastructure, and I am proud to have signed this bipartisan bill into law so that we can advance critical transportation projects. In addition to beginning the first phase of widening the portion of Route 106, which is critical for access here at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, this plan also ensures that we maintain and preserve existing roads and bridges, complete the widening of Interstate 93 and accelerate construction of Exit 4A in Londonderry and Derry, among other important goals.”



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Ashley's Landing Boat Ramp In Claremont Closed Temporarily For Silt Removal

CLAREMONT, NH--The public boat access facility along the Connecticut River known as Ashley's Landing in Claremont will be closed to accommodate dredging to remove accumulated river silt on the ramp. The closure will begin late on Tuesday, July 5. The ramp is expected to reopen late on Friday, July 8.

During the three days, a turbidity curtain (a plastic shield placed into the water) will be installed and remain in place, completely blocking the end of the ramp. This equipment traps silt and clay floating in the water as a result of the dredging, preventing it from entering the main course of the river. There will be



Mud and silt is built up and making it difficult to launch and load boats at Ashley's Landing; boaters are happy that the silt will be removed soon (Bill Binder photo).

no opportunity to launch or retrieve boats during this time period.

Also, the public boat ramp facility known as Downing's Landing in **Alton, NH**, which provides access to Alton Bay and Lake Winnepesaukee, will be closed for repairs beginning late Sunday, July 17. The ramp is expected to be closed for two weeks and will reopen late on Friday, July 29.

In the days just prior to the full closure in Alton, a limited portion of the parking area may be used to stock pile materials and equipment in preparation to making the repairs.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department will extend the existing concrete and asphalt ramp slab and repair the uneven and deep drop-off that was created by destructive and unnecessary "power-loading" of boats onto trailers. The extension will use the Department's small concrete plank design until a full-upgrade of the property can be completed in the future.

New Hampshire's Public Boat Access Program is funded through boat registration fees and federal Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration funds. Fish and Game's Facilities Construction and Lands Division acquires land for public water access sites, refurbishes existing sites and builds new public boat access areas. For more information on boating access locations in New Hampshire visit www.fishnh.com/access/access-sites.html.



Peter Brigham, Sunapee's newest police officer, was sworn in on June 29th as a part-time police officer. He will attend the Part-Time Police Academy in August, 2016. Brigham had served as a police officer for 10 years in the 1990s. He is currently the Youth Services Director for the Town of Hillsborough, NH. Here, he is being sworn in by Sunapee Town Clerk, Betty Ramspott (Courtesy photo).

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material be accepted. "As we look at this property, we think that is the best use for that property," he told the council at the time.

In the days following the meeting as well as at the meeting, some councilors and members of the public expressed skepticism about the gasification process, articulating concerns about emissions and the effect on public health. Gasification is described on various sites as a process that converts organic or fossil fuel based carbonaceous materials into carbon monoxide, hydrogen and carbon dioxide. Kazee's proposal lacked many details, and he did not present a business plan or initial costs for the proposal at the meeting, saying they would have to get financing for new equipment for a start-up. He stated at the time that the PILOT would be the best use of the property. He described the idea as a "hybrid" and the first time that he and the other investors would be overseeing this specific kind of operation in which several operations were to be consolidated into one. "We think it is the only viable use you are going to find for the Wheelabrator property," Kazee said. "We think it would benefit the city and provide new employment." He said they would expect to hire about 25 people for jobs that would pay \$14 to \$15 an hour, with some jobs paying more.

The process of gasification was a top concern to many who attended the council meeting that night, and when asked by a resident to name any facilities that use gasification that he has been a part of, Kazee only said that there were "hundreds" of plants in the country that use the process.

City Manager Guy Santagate told the *e-Ticker News* that he and Mayor Charlene Lovett received word from Kazee in an email about his change of plans. "No specific reasons were given," he said. "It doesn't help the tax rate," he added.

According to an article in the *State Journal*, located in Frankfort, KY, published in 2004, Kazee and other investors proposed waste



The future of the defunct Wheelabrator incinerator remains unknown (Bill Binder photo).

gasification plants for Franklin and Martin Counties through their company, Recycling Solutions Technology LLC. It was not clear whether those operations ever came to fruition. It was through that company that Kazee had placed the winning bid of somewhere near \$600,000 on the Wheelabrator property that was up for auction, giving him the option to buy.

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

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

This is not the first time that a proposal for the site has been made in recent history and ended up dying on the vine. In April of 2015, Ed Deely, Jr. submitted the top bid on the property at a figure of over \$1.6 million; the auction took place at the Grissom Lane site as well as online with an unknown number of parties calling in their bids. At the time, Deely said he planned to re-open the facility as an incinerator but said he would cap the smokestack to capture the emissions, recycling them. Stuart B. Millner & Associates handled the auction then as well.

Deely presented himself as the owner of Hybrid Tech Farms at the auction. At the time, his website contained only vague information, and business cards he handed out at the auction included a website address that did not work. An internet search found his name associated with a number of nonoperating business web-

sites and a business in Massachusetts called Volt USA. No current website could be found related to Hybrid Tech Farms, although a link to the site is provided on another site called rehousing.org, promoting "Transitional Housing Solutions", proposing small, vertical, single-dwelling housing units for the homeless. That link, however, goes to a non-existent page. According to the Mission Statement on rehousing.org, each site would contain a cluster of six units and an aquaponics plant located adjacent to the housing complex. THS "clients" would be able to purchase low-cost organic food processed and packaged at the plant, said the site. Aquaponics was the subject of the now apparently non-existent Hybrid Tech Farms website. Deely is listed as the Director of Construction of the proposed housing plan, which would be run as a non-profit and receive revenue from government-sponsored housing programs and privately-negotiated sales. He lists Nashua, NH, as his address for his registered domain names. After what was described by the auction house as "complications" with Deely, his purchase of the Wheelabrator plant fell through as well.

Fire, From page A1

crews were able to stop the fire's progress just short of the main house. The fire was called under control at around 3:15 p.m. with overhaul and final extinguishment taking another hour.

Although firefighters were able to prevent the fire from directly impacting with the main house, that part of the building did incur varying degrees of heat, smoke and water damage. The garage addition, including a family room and a couple of small second floor rooms above the family room, were heavily damaged by the fire. The cause of the fire has been tentatively placed on a battery charger that was connected to the ATV that was parked in the garage. The listed building owner is Antoinette Sicard, and the owners stated that the property was covered by insurance. There were no civilian injuries at this fire, but two firefighters did sustain minor burns that did not require transfer for treatment.

The fire was just outside the hydrant system, requiring mutual aid tankers from Charlestown, Cornish, Newport, Plainfield and Meridan. Additional units from Newport and Ascutney, VT, also provided coverage to the Claremont station.

Lozito, Hennessey Announce Runs For District 5 Senate Seat

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--Claremont resident and Republican Marie Lozito has announced that she is running for the 5th Senate District seat being vacated by current Democratic NH Senator David Pierce of Hanover.



Marie Lozito

“Even as a youngster I realized that my parents were very wise people,” Lozito told the *e-Ticker News*. “One of the many things they taught me is that ‘There are no free lunches.’ I am a fiscally responsible person and believe that the

government needs to function within its financial resources. Taxes and fees cannot be continuously raised to pay for an ever expanding government. The New Hampshire advantage of no sales tax and no general income tax needs to be maintained. The money taken from the people to run the government needs to be used wisely and carefully.”

Lozito, who works in healthcare, added, “Two of the primary functions of government are the protection of the people and the protection of the people’s rights. Individuals should be free to pursue their dreams and ambitions without government interference as long as they do not infringe upon another person’s rights.

“If elected, I intend to bring these values to Concord as I represent the people of the 5th Senate District.”

Lozito will be facing Democratic Representative Martha Hennessey of Hanover in the General Election who has also announced her candidacy for the District 5 seat in the New Hampshire Senate.

“I look forward to speaking with constituents all over the district in the months to come and listening to their concerns,” said Hennessey. “As a longtime resident of the Upper Valley, I

want to be sure that David is replaced by someone who is like-minded. My voting record is very similar to Senator Pierce’s, and I believe that I can represent the entire district.”

Hennessey grew up in Hanover before joining the first fully coeducational class at Dartmouth College, where she majored in psychology and education. Following that, she taught in elementary school and later earned a Ph.D in Human Learning and Development. She now operates her own private practice in psychology, primarily focusing on learning issues. She also serves as an adjunct professor of psychiatry at Dartmouth College’s Geisel School of Medicine.

“I’m excited to work with people all over District 5 and the Valley to build a successful campaign and help bring back common sense and a Democratic majority to the State Senate,” said Hennessey.



Rep. Martha Hennessey

Senate District 5 is located in the Upper Valley and includes the towns of Canaan, Charlestown, Claremont, Cornish, Enfield, Hanover, Lebanon, Lyme, and Plainfield.

Cornish Historical Society Preserving VHS Tapes Featuring Local History

CORNISH, NH--The Cornish Historical Society has announced the beginning of a program whereby old VHS tapes are being preserved in digital format and made available for the public to see. These uploads will provide valuable insights into the history of Cornish.

For its first upload, the society has selected a 1998 interview of Mike Yatsevitch conducted by Bernice Johnson and produced by Mattha Zoerheide. To view the interview, use either You-Tube or Google and search under Cornish Historical Society.

The society has six more tapes to upload and welcomes more from the community of anything relating to the history of Cornish. Please contact either Laird Klingler at laird.klingler@myfairpoint.net or 675-6448 or Steve Bobin at sbobin@plymouth.edu or 675-5513.

CITY OF CLAREMONT CITY MANAGER EXECUTIVE SEARCH FIRM SERVICES

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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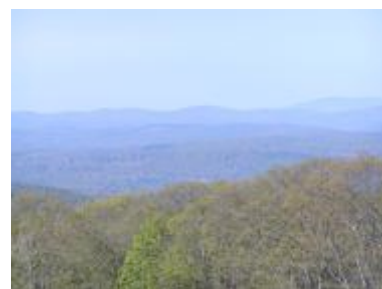


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CONCORD, N.H. -- With the busy Fourth of July holiday weekend kicking summer fun into high gear, the NH Bureau of Trails and the NH Fish and Game Department are issuing safety reminders to the many outdoor enthusiasts who will be enjoying the great outdoors on the state's trail systems.



Whether hiking, biking, walking or riding Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles (OHRVs), the key is to be prepared and plan for changing weather and trail conditions. Warm weather in recent weeks has led to an increased number of people using trails throughout the state. NH Fish and Game has already experienced an increase in calls for rescues, and trail-head parking areas have been busy.

Hikers can find tips on safe hiking, including the ten essentials to have in your pack, at www.hikesafe.com. And it is always a good idea to purchase an annual Hike-Safe Card to help support search and rescue efforts and to help exempt the holder from certain liability for repaying search



and rescue costs.

The OHRV-riding season in New Hampshire is off to a strong start, and an increase in riders in the North Country has been good for local businesses. OHRV riders are reminded that the maximum speed limit on trails in New Hampshire is 35 mph (or lower, depending upon conditions and posted signs), and all users need to be mindful of sharing the trail with others.

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Claremont American Band Concerts

CLAREMONT, NH--Claremont American Band concerts are being presented weekly at Broad St. Park (weather permitting). Music includes Sousa and R.B. Hall Marches, Military Marches, and favorite classic tunes. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy this free family friendly concert Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. through Aug. 18.

The Claremont American Band is a community band with a long history of 129 years. It is led by Director Ed Evensen and is a Claremont Parks and Recreation's program. The group is made up of students, amateurs and professional musicians. New members are welcome, for info contact Ed Evensen, eevensen@sau60.org, 603-543-0312.

Volkswagen Must Pay NH Up to \$35 Million for Illegally Tampering with Emissions Controls

CONCORD, NH—Attorney General Joseph A. Foster has announced that the State, as part of a multi-state effort, has reached agreement with Volkswagen and its related companies for consumer claims related to tampering with emissions controls. This settlement is related to a broader settlement with EPA, the California Air Resources Board (“CARB”), and class action plaintiffs that requires Volkswagen to fix impacted vehicles and provide funds for environmental mitigation. In total, Volkswagen will pay New Hampshire approximately \$6.1 million to settle Consumer Protection Act violations, up to \$29 million in environmental mitigation, and many millions to fix or buy back impacted vehicles. Volkswagen will also pay an amount to consumers for restitution.

The \$6.1 million settlement for consumer claims is the result of a large multi-state effort of approximately 43 jurisdictions. In most cases, states will receive approximately \$1,000 for every vehicle sold or leased in the state. New Hampshire will also receive an additional \$340,000 because it actively participated in the group’s multi-state executive committee.

In addition, CARB, the U.S. EPA, and the class action plaintiffs reached settlements with Volkswagen which, subject to the State’s agreement, would direct up to \$29 million to New Hampshire for environmental mitigation. Those settlements restrict the types of projects that can receive funding to those related to reducing emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx). They also require Volkswagen to fix or buyback impacted vehicles and pay a premium of several thousand dollars to each vehicle owner or lessee.

These settlements are the result of Volkswagen’s efforts to cheat on its emissions testing by tampering with the emissions control devices on approximately 575,000 vehicles nationwide – over 5,000 of which were sold or leased in New Hampshire. Volkswagen included software in its vehicles that could sense when the vehicle was experiencing normal, on-road conditions rather than a government emissions test. When on the road, the software turned off the normal emissions controls resulting in better performance but up to 35 times more emissions of substances like NOx. The cheating occurred across multiple vehicle models since

1996, including models from Volkswagen, Audi, and Porsche.

Nationwide, it is estimated that Volkswagen will have to pay approximately \$10 billion for repairs and buybacks, \$2.7 billion for environmental mitigation, and \$575 million for violating

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Commendation Received...

Sunapee's Police Chief, David P. Cahill, recently received a Commendation from Director Donald L. Vittum of the NH Police Standards and Training Council in recognition of his service as an active Council Member, past President of the NH Association of Chiefs of Police and as an adjunct Police Standards and Training Council instructor, all of which have assisted the Council in securing necessary equipment, funding and program support needed for the Council to continue to provide the best possible training for New Hampshire's law enforcement community (Courtesy photo).



Amtrak Arrival...

The Amtrak station in Claremont was a busy place Thursday evening as a group of 4-Hers from Montana disembarked. They are visiting the state for a week, hosted by the Sullivan County 4-H teen club and getting reacquainted with youth they hosted in Great Falls, MT. (Photo courtesy of John Lambert).



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e-Ticker Business News

Pleasant Street Store Aims To Provide Gifts With Local, Country Charm

By Kelly Burch
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--A recently opened store on Pleasant Street is spearheaded by the same mother-daughter duo who have made Simply Sweet Creations a favorite spot to get a treat in Claremont.

Country Pleasantries, which opened in March at 36 Pleasant Street, carries homemade gifts, crafts, soaps, ice cream and more. Heidi Leslie, 53 and her daughter Kate Spear, 28, hope that the store will become a go-to spot for Claremont residents needing gifts.

"It means more to buy a personalized gift instead of grabbing something off the shelf at Walmart," Leslie said. "They're getting more of a unique gift."

The store works with local artisans, who can sell their goods at Country Pleasantries. "We try to get them involved, to keep it more of a community feel," Spear said.

It also features items that are handmade by Leslie and Spear, including gorgeous 3-D cards.

Of course, another huge draw to the store is ice cream. An old wooden bar that runs the

length of the story is perfect for enjoying a cone, but patrons can also sit in the store's outdoor seating if they prefer.

Eventually, Leslie and Spear would like to carry crafting supplies, and offer DIY (Do It Yourself) classes for aspiring crafters.

As the store gets established, the owners are focusing on community feedback and providing what their customers are looking for.

"If people have idea of what they want to see, we're open to any suggestions in terms of what we could be selling," Leslie said. "We want to cater to the area. We want to know what people are actually looking for."

Leslie and Spear have had their eye on 36 Pleasant Street since their bakery moved to 32 Pleasant Street two years ago. Since they moved downtown, their cupcake business has doubled, and they wanted to reinvest in Claremont's downtown.

"We got sick of seeing empty storefront windows," Leslie said.

This year, opportunity struck when the lease opened up

and the landlord and a subletter were both cooperative.

"It was now or never," Leslie said. "We've really wanted the bar area, and it happened to work out. It was fate."

Although Country Pleasantries has been open for a few months, many people don't realize the store is there, Spear said. However, as the weather turns the duo hope that foot traffic will increase customers.

"We try to get the door open and get the smells of our candles and everything out there," Leslie said.

Country Pleasantries is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Shoppers will find homemade gifts, crafts, soaps, ice cream and more at Country Pleasantries (Bill Binder photo).





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Mt. Sunapee Resort Welcomes New Director Of Sales, Marketing

NEWBURY, NH--Mount Sunapee Resort has welcomed Megan Burch as the new Director of Sales and Marketing. Mount Sunapee, a four-season resort offering family adventure and fun all year round, is owned and operated by the Mueller family.

The addition of Burch to the Mount Sunapee team comes at an exciting time, said the resort; the approved expansion of the West Bowl, the introduction of the Evolution Bike Park and the focus on continuing to develop Mount Sunapee as a four-season resort. Burch has extensive background serving as the Marketing Manager at the Tecnica Group, a leading ski and boot company. Also versed in summer sports, Burch was Marketing Manager for HEAD Penn Racquet Sports and Völkl Tennis. She follows Bruce McCloy, who helped brand Mount Sunapee over the past decade.

A ski racer at heart, Burch attended Burke Mountain Academy and then went on to ski race collegiately at Colby-Sawyer College. She grew up in North Conway, NH, and spent many summers in the Lake Sunapee region where she now lives with her family. "Megan's energy for marketing and skiing is contagious. She has expertise in multiple sales and marketing platforms and she brings a fresh approach, which makes her the perfect fit for this role following the retirement of industry veteran Bruce McCloy," said Jay Gamble, vice president and general manager of Mount Sunapee Resort.

Burch's vision for the brand is clear, "As a resident of the Sunapee region, residing in Elkins, NH, I have gained a unique perspective into the extraordinary potential of Mount Sunapee as a family resort. I believe in giving guests the ability and resources to create true memories and I am excited to do this with the team at Mount Sunapee."

For more information about Mount Sunapee Resort visit www.mountsunapee.com.

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UVLSRPC Awarded Two Significant Grants

LEBANON, NH--Over the past few weeks, the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) has been awarded two very significant federal grants that will improve the services that the Commission provides to the region's communities, announced Executive Director Nathan Miller. First, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded the UVLSRPC \$400,000 to develop and implement a regional brownfields assessment program to address sites contaminated with hazardous materials and petroleum. For the first time, communities in our region will have access to the resources needed to assess contaminated sites and prepare for cleanup, said Miller.

EPA Brownfields funding is very competitive, with only a fraction of applications across the country getting funded each year. In fact, the UVLSRPC is one of only two awardees in the State of New Hampshire this year. "This is very

exciting news, and a big win for our region," said Miller.

Second, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has awarded the UVLSRPC \$180,000 to continue its solid waste technical assistance program. There are seven tasks in this program, including developing a food scraps composting training workshop and implementing a composting pilot project; developing municipal waste management trainings, assisting in the expansion of universal waste collection programs, assisting with waste management public outreach, and assisting towns with writing/updating transfer station operating and closure plans; developing a green cleaning conference for school janitorial staff; developing a chemical safety workshop for school personnel; developing a nontoxic cleaning and safe personal care program to reduce the generation of household hazardous waste; providing professional development opportunities for New Hampshire's household hazardous waste coordinators; and expanding the region's household hazardous waste collections.

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Saturday, July 23, from 11:00-12 at the Fiske Free Library.

Participants must be at least 18 years of age and have lived in Claremont for at least one year.

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However, you can take steps now to help ensure you can enjoy a comfortable retirement. You have access to a variety of retirement plans appropriate for small-business owners, including these:

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- **Defined benefit plan** – Pension plans, also known as defined benefit plans, have become less prevalent in recent years – but you can still set one up for yourself if you are self-employed or own your own business. This plan has high contribution limits, which are determined by an actuarial calculation, and as is the case with other retirement plans, your contributions are typically tax-deductible.
- **SIMPLE IRA** – As its name suggests, a SIMPLE IRA is easy to set up and maintain, and can be a good plan if your business has fewer than 10 employees. Still, while a SIMPLE IRA may be advantageous for your employees, it's less generous to you, as far as allowable contributions, than an owner-only 401(k), a SEP IRA or a defined benefit plan. For 2016, your annual contributions are generally limited to \$12,500, or \$15,500 if you're 50 or older by the end of the year. You can also make a matching contribution of up to 3% of your compensation.

You need to establish a SIMPLE IRA between Jan. 1 and Oct. 1 of any year. In fact, if you'd like to set up any of the retirement plans we've looked at, don't delay. The sooner you open your plan, the more years you will have to contribute – and, as you know, time is often an investor's best friend.

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Creative Kids Summer Camp Offered

CLAREMONT, NH--Creative Kids Summer Camp will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., July 12 - 28th, at Trinity Episcopal Church, Broad St, Claremont; \$30/day, \$55/week, \$150 for all six sessions

Join them during the month of July for the Creative Kids Summer Camp. With art projects at its core, kids will also explore science, music, and culinary arts, and enjoy different topics and activities every day. Snacks will be provided and created by the kids, and all supplies are included. Bring a bag lunch or enjoy free lunch as provided for ages 18 and under through SAU 6 at the Claremont Middle School.

For ages 10 and up, free or reduced tuition scholarships are available. Space is limited, registration is necessary to guarantee a space. Visit www.wcc-ma.org for the registration link or melissa@wcc-ma.org. Please contact us to arrange cash or check payment, or to request tuition aid.

Season 9 of the Summer Concert Series At Union Church Begins This Week

CLAREMONT, NH--Join the West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts this summer for a fantastic program of music traditions from around the world. All concerts are by donation, and held at the historical Union Church at 133 Old Church Rd, Claremont, NH. For more information, visit wcc-ma.org.

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Painting Outside the Line with Joseph Saginor

LEBANON, NH--A class entitled Painting Outside the Line with Joseph Saginor, at the AVA Gallery, will emphasize curiosity and bold experimentation as an approach to painting. Participants will be encouraged to use the workshop as a painting laboratory where free expression of hunches and impulses are encouraged. Each painter will complete a self-portrait and a second painting of their choosing. All painters are welcome.

The class will be held on Saturday, July 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You may register by phone at (603) 448-3117, online at www.avagallery.org, by email at info@avagallery.org or stop by AVA at 11 Bank Street in Lebanon.

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Cornish Firewood Project

CORNISH, NH--The Cornish Neighbor-to-Neighbor group is sponsoring a firewood project on Saturday, July 9th, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Recycling Center. This is a very important project as it is the way firewood is provided for people in need as designated by Pam Annis and the General Assistance Committee.

Steve Bobin and George Edson have volunteered to be there with their splitters. The group has done best with three splitters, and so workers hope to add a third. If you have a splitter and can volunteer, please contact Laird Klingler at laird.klingler@myfairpoint.net or 675-6448 so they can coordinate their efforts.

In addition to the splitter, people are needed to carry the wood, some people with chain-saws, and in the past people have brought refreshments for breaks. If you can bring refreshments, please let Klingler know.

It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



Playin'

This past week my wife invited one of her friends to have dinner with us. No problem. Except this lady's husband is a chef. This is tantamount to making Sauerbraten for a visitor from Germany. Not the time to experiment with something different. I know better.

I can't remember the entree, but I was making zucchini as one of the sides. No brainer. My usual, which is widely accepted, is to slice the zucchini into rounds and saute in a skillet with salt, pepper, onion powder and garlic powder or minced garlic cloves. Proceed as usual.

The slices were just starting to cook and as I was flipping them around, I thought that I would like to try something different. Bacon came to mind. So I grabbed a slice and threw it into the skillet. Sanity broke through. What was I thinking? Wasn't thinking at all. Just playin'.

So here I am cooking for a chef's wife and having no idea if this is going to work. Thought thought that since I was cooking three zucchinis maybe I should toss in a second slice. Sanity returned again and I splashed cold water on my face. One was bad enough. Restraint.

Served it up and the wife and her guest both remarked on how good the zucchini tasted. They liked the "secret ingredient". The chef's wife said she detected a hint of "something with bacon". Wow, I got away with it.

I do not recommend experimenting on guests, especially if their spouse is a chef. I further don't recommend trying Jambalaya for the first time on someone who grew up in New Orleans. I got away with it this time.

I admit that I have basically ignored this "Dump" craze that seems to be taking hold lately. It seems to be a lazy way to throw something together quickly. I've seen it as a craze like the fondue days or the Sangria fad.

I recently had a Blueberry Dump Cake. All the berries were on the bottom, the cake, unfrosted, was on the top and came with a scoop of vanilla ice cream. The whole thing disappeared quickly but I was left with the impression it was thrown together quickly, shoved in an oven and cooked in the bowl it was served in. The cake without frosting tended to be dry, but the berries and ice cream were very good. But then berries and ice cream can never be bad. Ever.

Suddenly, without any previous discussion, what should appear but a cookbook devoted to dump cakes "and more". This little sample of 21st Century American Literature comes with recipes already flagged. How wonderful. Instant denial from the only other occupant of this household. Amazing. Must be elves or trolls.

Glancing through this it is a bunch of dessert recipes that basically come in single serving sizes. This is obviously an attempt to get me involved in baking. I don't bake. Too restrictive. No room for last minute playing. Will more than likely break down and do it to keep the peace. The UN has nothing on a married man for peacekeeping.

I'll give these a shot and let you know. The fad may have run its course by the time the mood hits me. Since no one admits to buying it, I can't hurt anyone's feelings. Right? Wrong!

I'll let you know.

Play with your food. You might impress someone.

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Over 150 people gathered at Arrowhead on Sunday, July 3, to enjoy a great day of sunshine and music at Arrowhead's Summerfest Concert Series. The band, Borderstone, started off the concert and soon had the crowd tapping their feet and enjoying the music. After Borderstone, Conrad Farnham and his Copperhead Line Dancing group had some of the crowd dancing up a storm and learning some line dancing steps. The award winning Shana Stark Band, winner of the Band of the Year by the New England Music Awards and Country Artist of the Year by *Limelight Magazine*, rocked the house with their country and classic rock music as well as some original songs. Right: Cole Austin, 15 months, was enjoying the music and his first ice cream cone with his Dad, Allen Austin. On the 4th, Claremont celebrated the holiday with its annual summer celebration at Monadnock Park, drawing a big crowd with music by a rockin' Smoke & Mirrors, vendors and a spectacular fireworks show to cap off the night. Perfect weather all weekend made for a glorious time to celebrate Independence Day with cookouts, family gatherings and special events.



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