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Claremont Confidential

By Les St.Pierre



A Major Calling and Departure

"It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve the people in the Claremont community!"
It is with those words Sister Cecelia Ferland



**Sister Cecelia Ferland
(Les St.Pierre photo)**

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Holding the ribbon as the laser machine cuts the ribbon (using scissors is so 20th century)—L to R—Jeremy Katz, co-founder of CMS; Michelle Goldsmith, co-founder of CMS; Steve Goldsmith, co-founder of CMS; Senator Maggie Hassan; Representative Annie Kuster; Mayor Charlene Lovett; and Josh Bushueff, CMS Director (Bill Binder photo).

Claremont MakerSpace Holds Grand Opening

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Friday, the City of Claremont had a chance to shine again as Congresswoman Annie Kuster joined Senator Maggie Hassan, Claremont city officials, and Claremont MakerSpace leadership for the grand opening of the Claremont MakerSpace in the City, located in the Sawtooth Building. The Space received a \$250,000 grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission in 2015, which Kuster worked to support. The mission of Claremont MakerSpace is to encourage creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship, and to empower users with the resources to learn new crafts, explore new technologies, and put

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Fire Destroys Mobile Home in Charlestown

CHARLESTOWN, NH—The Charlestown Fire Department was called to a structure fire at Twin Valley Estates late Thursday morning involving a mobile home. Mutual Aid was called, including Claremont, Springfield, and Walpole, to assist at the scene.

The fire reportedly “went up quick”, said a witness, and melted the siding on adjacent homes. A nearby shed was also lost to the fire.

Conditions were made extra tough for the crews fighting the fire as the extreme heat and humidity continued for another day, and firefighters



ers tried to keep on top of staying hydrated with water and Gatorade.

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The cause was labeled as “undetermined” at press time. (Courtesy photos).

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll

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07/07/2018

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Calling, from A1

summed up her 14 years working at the main entrance desk at Valley Regional Hospital. She will no longer be there to welcome and assist those who enter the doors at the 243 Elm Street medical facility.

It goes without saying, she will be missed.

When she notified the appropriate officials at VRH of her impending resignation on June 26, it was 14 years to the day when Sister Cece, as many call her, first began her tenure as the hospital's patient ambassador. She officially leaves VRH July 10 and begins her new venture in Nashua the first day of August.

There's no doubt Sister Cece was a welcoming face to those needing aid in their hospital arrival. Answering the phone, obtaining files, assisting the disabled with wheelchair transportation, directing those who were confused as to where to go for their appointments, and, most importantly, exhibiting a calming effect to those in distress, were only a portion of her daily tasks. Whatever she was called upon to do, it was a sure bet she did it with care and she did it well.

"I will miss everyone," Sister Cece admitted in an interview at her home. "I certainly do know a lot of people coming through that door. It has just been a pleasure and a privilege to be able to work in that role of patient ambassador. People are vulnerable when they come to the hospital. I feel I have touched more lives than I could have ever imagined...and they have touched mine. I liked it there because I moved around a lot. I was not tied to the desk. My primary responsibility was to help those people coming through the door, putting people in touch to whom they needed to be in touch with. That is really what an ambassador does. It was my role to keep the person calm and to work efficiently to get them what they needed."

So, why then, would someone leave a job they certainly enjoyed?

Because it was a calling....a calling from God, if you will.

You see, this isn't the first time Cecelia Ferland has responded to the voice from above. Upon her graduation from St. Mary High School here in Claremont in 1966, she followed her Lord's calling and entered the convent life of a nun to become a Sister of Mercy and stayed away until 1992, a period of 26 years, when she returned to tend to her mother and father in need of support.

"That's 26 years when I left Claremont the first time." Sister Cece noted. "I was only 17. It was much easier then than it will be now. It's going to be a big change, but it's not forever and it's not far away. It's not like I am going out of state. I will be coming back often."

And now she has been called again, after another period of 26 years.

"This is major!" Sister Cece related.

The new occupational endeavor facing Sister Cece puts her in the role of Local Coordinator for the New Hampshire area of the Sisters of Mercy of the Northeast. It is a role she will share with another person. In her new role she will relate to individual sisters in matters of spirituality, health and wellness, community life and ministry. The role is both pastoral and administrative.

The Sisters of Mercy is an international community of Roman Catholic women who dedicate their lives to God through vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and service. Through prayer and service, the sisters address the causes and effects of violence, racism, degradation of Earth and injustice to women and immigrants and they sponsor and serve in more than 200 organizations that work with those in need in the United States, Central and South America, Jamaica, Guam, and the Philippines.

The Northeast Community is comprised of over 500 Sisters of Mercy, 400 Mercy Associates and two Companions in Mercy and serves in New England and Albany, NY, in ministries related to education, social services and pastoral care.

"We are an aging community," Sister Cece pointed out, noting there is only one Sister younger than she in the state of New Hampshire. Sister Cece is 69. "There is a lot of loss. We need to keep the vitality of the community alive. We don't have younger people but do have a lot of Associates that are younger. We certainly do welcome folks who have an interest."

Sister Cece readily admitted the most difficult part of the transition into her new role will be relocating. A sibling, her brother, Daniel, and his wife, Brenda, reside in Charlestown.

"The past 26 years at St. Mary's Parish has been the center of my life," Sister Cece said, fighting back tears. "It is where my faith was nurtured. It is where I got all my sacraments. It is where my vocation came from. I have come to the point where I feel I can really embrace this nomination as Local Coordinator. The spirit has worked in these last few months. I know

I will make mistakes, but you move on. I am going to be working with the Sisters of Mercy. It's the love of my life!"

Art Exhibition & Sale in Acworth

ACWORTH, NH--A fine art exhibition and sale in the Acworth Town Hall is the centerpiece of a festive day of fundraising activities for local projects on Saturday, July 14. The show, benefiting the Acworth Community Charitable Trust, will feature 30 artists from around the region and background live music. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and admission is free. Also on site will be the annual Silsby Library book sale. At noon, the Friends of the Acworth Meetinghouse will host a chicken BBQ dinner.

The Charitable Trust was founded in 2007 with a mission of supporting projects benefiting the town of Acworth and its citizens. Since then, it has grown to a membership of over 100 and distributed over \$91,000 in local grants. This year a total of \$14,150 went toward painting of the Valley Church, a fire suppression system in the Village Store, restoration of the Town Hearse, tuition aid for Acworth students attending Nature's Classroom in New York state and summer programs at the Orchard School in Alstead, restoration work of the Chase Mill in Alstead, and tuition to weaving workshops for a local artisan. The grant program is funded by tax-deductible member donations and the proceeds of the annual fundraiser.

For more information, contact Trust secretary Stella Herpel, 603-835-2925, frogwood@my-fairpoint.net, www.acworthtrust.org, and like us on Facebook.

Lempster Historical Society to Present Program by Author, Lecturer

LEMPSTER, NH—Thomas Hubka, author and lecturer, will present "Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn: The Connected Farm Buildings of New England", on July 14, 7:00 p.m., at History Hall, 4 2nd NH TPK, Lempster.

Admission is \$5 and refreshments by donations.

Sponsored by the Lempster Historical Society. Contact: 863-1121.

Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

New County Budget Adopted

Sullivan County's new budget totals \$33,230,127, which is \$1,190,838 more than the previous budget, including a \$216,959 property tax increase that is approximately 1.61 percent more.

On June 26 in Newport by an 8-3 roll call vote, the Sullivan County Delegation to New Hampshire's House of Representatives adopted the new Fiscal Year 2019 Budget which took effect July 1, 2018, and runs thru June 30, 2019. The spending as well as revenue plan was adopted after brief debate, and two floor amendments that would have reduced tax increase as well as total budget were defeated by decisive roll call votes. Representatives voting for the new budget included Claremont's Raymond Gagnon, Sunapee's Suzanne Gottling, Lempster's James Grenier, Newport's Virginia Irwin, Charlestown's Thomas Laware, Plainfield's Lee Oxenham, Sunapee's Linda Tanner, and myself. Voting against were Claremont's Francis Gauthier, Newport's Skip Rollins, and Charlestown's Steven Smith. Absent and not voting were Claremont's John J. O'Connor, and Grantham's Brian Sullivan.

The first floor amendment was proposed by Rep. Smith but was defeated by a 7-4 roll call vote. The amendment would have wiped out the \$219,959 property tax increase in the budget by taking the same amount of money from Sullivan County's "Fund Balance," which is similar to New Hampshire State Government's "Rainy Day Fund." In the case of both our state and county governments, the "Fund Balance" and "Rainy Day Fund" are surplus money. In the case of our state government, the "Rainy Day Fund", which I believe now totals approximately \$100 million, is only supposed to be tapped in case of financial emergencies. In Sullivan County's case, the "Fund Balance" has been used in the past for not only financial emergencies but also to help pay for specific capital expenses as well as to reduce property taxes. Thus, supporters of Rep. Smith's amendment said the Delegation should continue to use the "Fund Balance" to help reduce the county's share of property taxes, even though for most of the county's 15 municipalities, this share is lower than the school and municipal share of such taxes.

However, Rep. Grenier spoke in opposition to the first amendment. He said he understood the desire for no increase in county property taxes. But he added that continually taking money from the "Fund Balance," so as to reduce such taxes as been substantially in the past up until last year, is a risky move over the long-term. Rep. Grenier explained that this surplus money estimated at \$5,857,094 as of last year by independent auditors would likely be wiped out within the next few years if county government used it to dramatically lower taxes as well as spend on capital expenses to repair and improve its facilities. Consequently, in the near future the Commissioners and Delegation could be faced with the stark choice of drastic cuts to county services, huge in-



creases to county property taxes, or a combination of both, according to him. Rep. Grenier is also Vice Chair of the Delegation's EFC (Executive Finance Committee), which recommended approval of the new budget with its approximate 1.61 percent tax increase.

Rep. Gauthier proposed the second floor amendment, which would have slashed by 50 percent from \$1,000,000 to \$500,000 the amount of money recommended by both the County Commissioners and the EFC for architectural design money for proposed renovations at SCHC (Sullivan County Health Care). SCHC is more popularly known as the "county nursing home," a facility for county residents needing long-term care and short-term medical therapy. Proponents of the second amendment, including Rep. Rollins, stated that \$1 million in design fees for the SCHC's estimated \$24 million renovation project is "extremely high," and would encourage interested architects to demand the full \$1 million as their fee. But Rep. Virginia Irwin responded that design work would go through the competitive bidding process, and not necessarily cost the full amount put into the new county budget. If the design work is completed by the end of the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget, then actual construction on SCHC's proposed renovations could start during the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Cycle, if the Commissioners and Delegation vote to approve such renovations, and insert them in the next budget.

After adoption of the Fiscal Year 2019 County Budget, the Delegation quickly approved three other less controversial items on the June 26 Meeting Agenda. The three, all approved by unanimous voice votes, included guidelines on when the three Commissioners may use unspent budget appropriations to augment other appropriations as well as authorization to the same three to apply for, receive, and spend state, federal, and private funds that become available during Fiscal Year 2019. Finally, the Delegation voted to renew the MOU (Memorandum Of Understanding) between Sullivan County and UNH (University of New Hampshire) regarding UNH's Cooperative Extension Service. Previously, the Commissioners had also voted to renew the MOU. The MOU which has to be renewed every six years is an agreement of broad principles on how the Cooperative Extension is supposed to serve our county. Cooperative Extension is funded by a combination of federal, state, and county dollars. From my legislative experience, this agency has proven over the years that it is a valuable resource for all county residents, and I was pleased to vote for its renewal.

As indicated earlier, I voted for the new county budget, and voted against the two-earlier described floor amendments. I voted "Yes," because this spending and revenue plan is a frugal one, but a document that also plans for the county's future, especially in regard to SCHC. More specifically, the proposed architectural design money for SCHC's proposed future renovations is important because I believe the county needs to repair as well as update the nursing home so it can provide better services to county residents and their families now using it, and attract more residents in the coming years. While I would have preferred a zero property tax increase, a 1.61 percent hike is a relatively small one in comparison to recent tax increases in municipal and school budgets.

For my next column, I plan to write in further detail about the new county budget. **Email: joelcloutier@comcast.net**

Guest Commentary

Federal Funds Already Transforming Lives in Sullivan County

A recently created federal program is making a difference in the lives of Sullivan County residents.

The Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program, also known as the “1115 Transformation Waiver program”, was created in 2014 by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to explore new ways of delivering care across disciplines to Medicaid beneficiaries, through what are known as Integrated Delivery Networks (IDNs). In 2016, the State of New Hampshire applied for the waiver and was granted \$150 million to fight mental health and substance abuse. Of those funds, nearly \$20 million will be coming to New Hampshire’s IDN Region 1, which includes Sullivan County, the Upper Valley and Monadnock Region.

By funding delivery system transformation to the NH Medicaid population, the 1115 waiver enables healthcare providers and community partners within a region to form sustainable relationships focused on transforming care through the integration of physical and behavioral health. This program also provides financial resources for combating the opioid crisis and strengthening the state’s mental health delivery system.

Just under two years old, the program is already positively impacting Medicaid members in Sullivan County. Valley Regional Hospital, West Central Behavioral Health, TLC Family Resource Center, and Newport Health Center, as well as a number of community support organizations, are already collaborating to use the designated funds to provide coordinated care, increase capacity and access to care, reduce gaps in care, and expand the behavioral health workforce. This program is improving the lives of patients – specifically those Medicaid members with mental health issues and substance use disorders – and the overall health of the community. The \$20 million received by Region 1 through 2020 will provide whole-person care to Medicaid beneficiaries – about 18% of the Sullivan County population, including about 28% in Claremont and 25% in Newport.

Through a variety of projects across Sullivan County, the region and the state, this program is transforming the way we take care of patients. It also complements and augments other community endeavors such as transitional housing, the System of Care work and the Sullivan County Public Health Network’s strategic initiatives, to name a few. With already almost \$1 million allocated to Sullivan County partner organizations to date, as well as additional resources supporting education and training, and the health information technology infrastructure needed to foster real-time communication among providers, the funding is creating the sustainable network and collaborative of care needed to address the physical, behavioral and social needs of these high-risk, high-need community members. Current in Sullivan County include:

- Supporting a partnership between Valley Regional Hospital and Counseling Associates to integrate behavioral health services into primary care, fostering improved care coordination and person-centered care
- Funding a collaboration between Newport Health Center and the Newport school system to provide integrated care and address the social needs for the pediatric population
- Establishing a Coordinated Referral Partnership in Sullivan County to streamline referrals and access to physical health, behavioral health and community support services including housing, transportation or job training

Additional funding has been allocated to expand the behavioral health workforces serving this population at TLC Family Resources, West Central Behavioral Health and Counseling Associates. Through the IDN funding, these organizations have been able to provide additional licensed drug and alcohol counselors, social workers, interns and peer recovery coaches, as well as develop in-house supervision and training programs. The IDN-funded Perinatal Addiction Treatment Program in Lebanon also serves patients from Sullivan County. All funding allocated in Region 1 IDN is decided upon through a consensus-driven process led by the Executive Committee with equal representation from each of the three sub-regions.

All of that said, we have only just begun, and the steepest part of the climb is ahead. Secured funding will enable the current programs to expand; new programs to come onboard; additional workforce expansion strategies to be funded. We are encouraged with the work that’s already been done, and the prospects for the future under this valuable program.

Peter J Wright, FACHE
President & Chief Executive
Officer Valley Regional Healthcare

Suellen Griffin
President & Chief Executive Officer
West Central Behavioral Health

Maggie Monroe-Cassell
Executive Director
TLC Family Resource Center

The TLC Family Resource Center held a Celebration of Movement event at Moody Park on Saturday, July 7. Participants could walk the many trails in Moody Park in Claremont and then enjoy the activities at the top by the pavilion presented by TLC, VRH, Keady Family Medicine, NIMMA and others (Bill Binder photos).



Cullison named to Mercer Spring 2018 Dean's List

MACON, GA—Mercer University recently announced the President's List and Dean's List for the spring 2018 semester. Inclusion on these lists requires students to meet rigorous grade-point-average standards specific to the college or school within the University.

Among those named to the Dean's List was Cameron Cullison from Lempster, NH, a sophomore attending the Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics.

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Week 2 Week 4 Week 6 Week 8 Week 10	French Toast Sticks, berries, yogurt, snap peas, 1% milk, granola bar	Turkey and Cheese Sandwich, baby carrots with dip, apple, 1% milk, granola bar	Salami and Cheese Sandwich, cherry tomatoes, berries, 1% milk, granola bar	Ham and Cheese Sandwich, cucumber with dip, grapes, 1% milk, granola bar	Chicken Salad Sandwich, baby carrots with dip, watermelon, chocolate milk, granola bar

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

Mayoral Notes

by
Charlene Lovett



Celebrating 50 years

Located on the outskirts of Claremont, River Valley Community College (RVCC) has long played an integral role in the economic landscape of the community. Originally known as the Vo Tech, the college has provided its students with the academic training to secure employment opportunities or advance to a higher degree. This year, RVCC celebrates its 50th anniversary and we hope that you will join in the festivities on September 28th at the Common Man Restaurant.

Described as "a small college with a big vision to provide excellent educational opportunities," the college has impacted the lives of people of all ages. As is often the case for community colleges, RVCC has not enjoyed the level of prestige traditionally associated with universities and private colleges. However, its affordability and accessibility have made it possible for students to achieve their professional and educational goals in over 30 programs of study.

Without knowing the outcomes of some of the RVCC students, such words may seem theoretical in nature. So, I thought I would share a personal experience, as well as that of an individual who graduated years ago.

When my mother was raising the last of her four children, she had already worked as a dental assistant for 14 years and wanted to make a career change. Preferring the field of oral surgery, she decided to go to RVCC

(then known as the Vo Tech) to take several classes that would make her more competitive in that field. When she completed the classes, she applied for an oral surgical position at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and was hired. As a result, she was working in a field that she preferred with higher pay.

Josh Cleland graduated from the Physical Therapy Assistant program many years ago, and has gone on to earn several more degrees to include a Ph.D. He is now a professor at Franklin Pierce College's Doctorate in Physical Therapy program. He recently received the Catherine Worthingham Fellows of the American Physical Therapy Association award, and is a published author.

These are just a few examples of how RVCC has created a pathway for better career and higher learning opportunities. Today, our community college continues to build upon this legacy, creating new opportunities for all ages. In an age where too many students are facing overwhelming college debt, RVCC offers a more affordable option with a proven performance record.

Celebrating its contributions to the history and future of our community will be the focus of this year's 50th anniversary. If you are an alum or supporter of this institution, please consider attending the event on September 28th. If you are unable to attend, please contact us and share your story of how RVCC helped you achieve your goals. For more information about RVCC or the 50th anniversary event, please visit

www.rivervalley.edu or call Catherine Gorman at 603-542-7744.

Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and welcomes your feedback. Please email questions, comments or concerns to her at clovett.ccc@gmail.com.

Volunteer Drivers Needed

SCS Transportation provides a vital service throughout Sullivan County for those residents who require transportation for medical, counseling, or physical therapy appointments. In order to continue to provide this very essential assistance, we are searching for additional volunteer drivers. In addition to the obvious rewards of being a volunteer, drivers can elect the hours and times that they choose and will, of course, receive mileage reimbursement.

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NEWPORT, NH – As The Newport Opera House Association (NOHA) prepares their new season, they are pleased to announce the return of their Summer Theater Camp, culminating with two public performances of “Godspell, Jr.”

Campers will spend two weeks rehearsing, making costumes and props, and playing theater games to hone their skills. Camp will take place at Richards School in Newport, and costs \$100 for the full two weeks, July 23-27 and July 30-August 3. Enrollment is open until July 18. Performances will take place at Richards on August 3 at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Ticket prices for performances are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for kids and teens and are available at the door only.

“We had a great success with our first ever summer camp last year,” said Executive Director Amy Bailey. “We had a great production of “Schoolhouse Rock Live, Jr.” We are so grate-

ful for the space provided by the Newport School District.”

Theater provides many of the same skill-building opportunities as team sports, said Bailey. “Campers work on skills like teamwork, perseverance, empathy, and good sportsmanship. Theater also provides opportunities to work on things like reading comprehension, vocabulary, creativity and memorization – all while having fun and working together to create a great show.”

NOHA is aided at Summer Camp by volunteer teens, who serve as “counselors,” along with volunteers from “Bringing the World to Newport,” a two-week program that brings young adults from around the world to live and work in Newport. “It’s a special opportunity for our campers to meet and get to know people from other countries.”

Camp applications and more information is available at www.newportoperahouse.com, or by calling the NOHA Office at 603-863-2412. The office can also be contacted via email at info@newportoperahouse.com.

FILM SCREENING: Seeing Through the Wall: Meeting Ourselves in Palestine & Israel



Thurs. July 26 | 7:00 p.m., Library Arts Center Gallery, Newport, NH. Free admission.

This film follows a group of Americans who traveled to Israel and Palestine in 2016 seeking to understand what life is like for Palestinians living in the Occupied Territories and in East Jerusalem. The journey became an intense encounter not only with the people they met, but also with their own preconceptions.

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July 27	NORTHEAST CLASSIC LITES CODY LAFONT MEMORIAL TWIN 25'S FOR WILDCATS Supers, Street Stocks and Wildcats
Aug. 3	SUPER HERO COMIC CON NIGHT - SPECTATOR EVENT Supers, Street Stocks and Wildcats
Aug. 10	80'S NIGHT - CELEBRATING 1983/1988 SENIOR TOUR AUTO RACERS Supers, Street Stocks and Wildcats
Aug. 18 Saturday	OPEN MODIFIED EVENT - 100 LAPS ** Supers, Street Stocks and Wildcats
Aug. 24	RACE AGAINST CANCER EVENT - BACKPACK GIVEAWAY Supers, Street Stocks and Wildcats
Aug. 31	STREET STOCK TWIN 25'S EVENT Supers, Street Stocks and Wildcats
Sept. 8 Saturday	OPEN MODIFIED EVENT - 100 LAPS ** Supers, Street Stocks and Wildcats
Sept. 14	4-CYLINDER NATIONALS for NEMST Supers and Street Stocks
Sept. 21	REGULAR CARD - SPECTATOR EVENT- BIKE GIVEAWAY Supers, Street Stocks and Wildcats
Sept. 28	CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHT - TOP 10 RACES Supers, Street Stocks and Wildcats

Claremont Skies Light Up on the 4th of July



A great show again this year! Many thanks to the Claremont Parks and Recreation Dept., all who donated to the fireworks fund and a special thank you to McGee Toyota for their major sponsorship to help the City celebrate Independence Day in style. The fun at Monadnock Park included music by Last Kid Picked, Dylan Tenney magic and vendors selling goods and food (Bill Binder photos).

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The free event will be held at five locations in the Village and Harbor areas and participants can attend any one, some or all of them. Each venue will have a member of the Sestercentennial Committee present to talk with and get a printed schedule of events. Join us for: *Salads & Breads at the The Livery hosted by the Sunapee Heritage Alliance;* *Pasta & Meatballs prepared by police officers and firefighters at the Safety Services Building;* *Root beer Floats on Flanders Stage from the Sunapee Rec Department;* *Woodbine Desserts in the Flanders-Osborne Museum hosted by the Sunapee Historical Society;* *BBQ Chicken Sliders, Fruit Berry Blast Smoothie and energy bars will be provided by Stacey's Smoothies at their shop.*

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Pursuant to recent decisions, the SAU 6 School Board is beginning the process of transitioning district leadership to a new Superintendent. A Succession Plan defining the transition process was presented and approved at a public meeting of the SAU 6 School Board on June 28th, 2018. This plan includes the key transition elements of appointing an Acting Superintendent, hiring an Interim Superintendent to support the SAU 6 district through the transition, and then defining the process to be used to identify and hire a Superintendent who is aligned with the SAU 6 core values. It is expected that the Superintendent search process will involve input from all stakeholders; the SAU 6 district staff, students, parents and the greater Claremont and Unity communities. To ensure a transparent and deliberate process, all aspects of the Succession Plan will be followed in sequence in open meetings where citizen comments and feedback will be welcomed.

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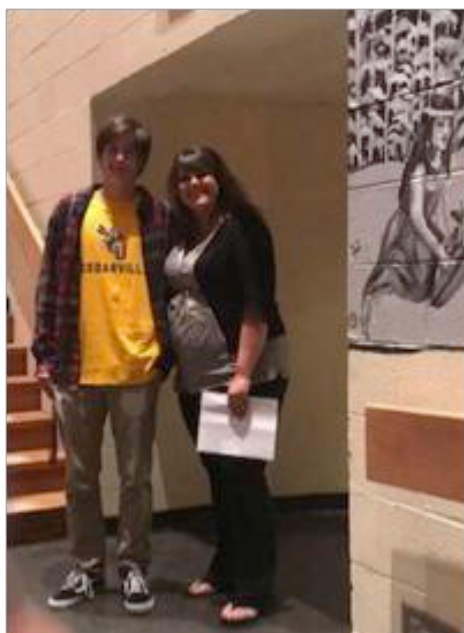
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One Credit Union Awards \$3,000 in Scholarships

SPRINGFIELD, VT—Brett Smith, President and CEO of One Credit Union, announced the winners of the 2018 Scholarship Awards. To qualify, applicants must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better, demonstrate financial need, and be eligible for membership at One Credit Union, as well as submit a 300 word essay explaining their experience with teamwork and community building.

Nicole Ashe is graduating from Williamstown Middle High School with plans to study at the University of Maine Business School. Ashe has maintained more than one job at a time while achieving high honors. Beyond her academic commitments, her community work through the National Honor Society demonstrates an enduring commitment to help others.

Dakota Bushey is heading to Cedarville University in Ohio after Springfield High. Dakota is a student, athlete and leader, volunteering with the local Parks and Rec Department coaching youth programs. Dakota's insights on his leadership experience far surpass his years, stating "Great leaders learn to pull people together to work as a group, treating them in a way that they can't help but want to follow."



Dakota Bushey, with Julie Corliss, Branch Manager – Springfield (Courtesy photo).

Mason Charlebois is leaving Vergennes High School for UVM. Mason is passionate about politics and community service, calling it a "responsibility and a civic virtue of all



Mason Charlebois (center) with Kevin DeRosa, Retail Director and Jen Russell, Branch Manager – Vergennes (Courtesy photo).

citizens." He cares deeply about making a difference and lending a voice to others concerning important matters.

Lexie Grenier is graduating in the top of her class from Stevens High School in Claremont, NH and heading to Castleton University. Beyond her academic accolades, Grenier's

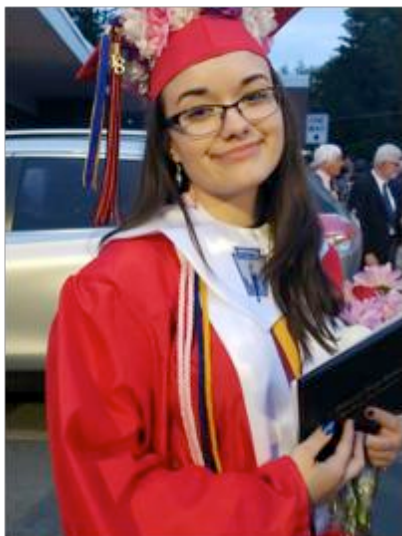
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community contributions through the National Honor Society, Key Club and the National Music Honor Society are also impressive and demonstrate her heart and dedication to her community.



Lexie Grenier, Claremont, NH (Courtesy photo).

Sierra Kehoe of Chester is graduating from Green Mountain Union High School to head for University of New Hampshire. In addition to her academic excellence, Sierra has developed an acute interest in our environment and climate change, leading her to found the Environmental Club at GMUHS, in addition to her roles of Soccer Team Captain and Class Vice President.

Bailey Towle is leaving Colchester High School for the bright lights at Gordon College in Massachusetts. Bailey found that participating in the theatre program really opened his world and created a community for him to lead, and thrive in. Described as dedicated and collaborative, Bailey's talents will take him far.



Rose White, Branch Manager – Essex, with Bailey Towle (Courtesy photo).

"Each of these students has demonstrated their commitment to invest themselves fully in

their collegiate experiences," said Smith. "In turn, our investment in them will pay dividends. In fact, we're banking on it!"

Photos of winners from Barre and Chester were not available.

Springfield Hospital Launches First MMBNE Milk Deposit in VT

SPRINGFIELD, VT – Springfield Hospital announces the grand opening of a human milk depot in partnership with Mothers' Milk Bank Northeast (MMBNE). The opening event will

take place on Tuesday, July 10, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at The Childbirth Center at Springfield Hospital. Families, prospective milk donors, healthcare providers, and community members are invited to attend the family-friendly celebration, which will include a ribbon-cutting, refreshments, and information on how nursing mothers can donate milk.

"When a mother's own milk is not available, pasteurized human donor milk is a wonderful option for new mom's," commented Lyndsy McIntyre, Director of Springfield Hospital's Childbirth Center. She added, "A milk depot makes this option possible and provides families — within our community and beyond — nu-

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tritional options for our youngest citizens. We know that the benefits of breastmilk are numerous and long lasting for both women and children, so we are incredibly proud of our partnership with MMBNE and our opportunity to improve access to breastmilk in our local community.”

A milk depot is a community location where screened milk

donors can drop off milk for shipment to a milk bank. The milk bank collects milk from mothers who have more milk than their babies need, then screens, pasteurizes, and tests the milk, and dispenses it primarily to premature and sick babies whose mothers do not have enough milk for them. Mothers

from the Springfield area will now be able to conveniently drop off their milk at the Springfield Hospital Childbirth Center depot for shipment to Mothers' Milk Bank Northeast.

This is the first depot for MMBNE in the state of Vermont. With the opening of this location, MMBNE will now have 20 depots in eight states throughout the northeast. “The presence of a milk depot signifies a deep commitment to the health and well-being of the most vulnerable members of the community—the fragile babies whose lives depend on safe, pasteurized donor milk,” commented Ann Marie Lindquist, Director of Community Relations for Mothers' Milk Bank Northeast. “We are delighted to partner with Springfield Hospital to serve the community in this way. It is especially exciting to launch our first depot in Vermont.”

Milk donor screening, modeled after blood donor screening, includes health history, physician approval, and a blood test. These

are some of the many measures taken to ensure the safety of milk for the fragile premature and sick babies served by MMBNE and the hospitals that use the milk. Milk from mothers who pass the screening is also pasteurized and tested by an independent lab to ensure safety before being dispensed to hospitals or families.

Human milk can be lifesaving for preterm infants. It is especially protective against a life-

threatening condition called necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC), which affects one in ten of the smallest preterm infants. Human breast milk is estimated to lower the risk of this condition by 79%.

Donor milk is rapidly becoming the standard supplement to mothers' milk. An increasing number of community

hospitals use donor milk when babies need a supplement to their mothers' own milk.

“As a certified lactation counselor who counsels mothers on breastfeeding, providing breast milk for supplementation is a vital option,” said Erin Waysville, RN. She continued, “Mothers who choose to breastfeed their children may face unforeseen circumstances and not be able to breastfeed their newborn as planned. Our goal is to have pasteurized donor milk available on our unit in the near future so physicians can prescribe to newborns in need, and help new mothers fulfill their wish to exclusively breastfeed their child. The Springfield Hospital milk depot, through collaboration with MMBNE, allows approved mothers to contribute donor milk to this initiative.”

Mothers who wish to donate milk can review guidelines on the milk bank website, www.milkbankne.org/donate, then contact a Donor Intake Coordinator for screening at 617-527-6263 x3 or donate@milkbankne.org. Ap-

proved donors can then drop off milk at the new depot located at Springfield Hospital's Childbirth Center, 25 Ridgewood Road, Springfield, VT.

Mothers' Milk Bank Northeast is a nonprofit community milk bank accredited by the Human Milk Banking Association of North America (HMBANA). MMBNE has been screening donors, pasteurizing milk, and dispensing to over 80 hospitals and to families throughout the Northeastern United States since 2011.

State to Fight Supreme Court Sales Tax Case

CONCORD, NH – Governor Chris Sununu recently joined Senate President Chuck Morse, House Speaker Gene Chandler, Attorney General Gordon MacDonald, Commissioners Taylor Caswell and Lindsey Stepp, and business owners from around the state in announcing New Hampshire's plan to respond to the US Supreme Court's decision in the case of *South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc.* *South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc.*, is a United States Supreme Court case in which the court held that states may charge tax on purchases made from out-of-state sellers, even if the seller does not have a physical presence in the taxing state.

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Governor and Council in Part 2, Article 50 of the New Hampshire Constitution, Sununu announced that at the next Governor and Council meeting on July 11th, he will ask the Council to approve a proclamation declaring a special legislative session. The proclamation will authorize the legislature to convene in a special session to consider legislation that will protect Granite State businesses from improper attempts by other states to force them to collect sales and use taxes.

“The Governor's office is working tirelessly with legislative leadership and the Attorney General's office to craft legislation,” said Sununu's office. “While final details are still being worked out, New Hampshire will erect every possible and constitutionally permissible legal and procedural hurdle to prevent other states from forcing our businesses to collect sales and use taxes.”



MakerSpace, from A1

form to their ideas. The facility in Claremont, which is joining a growing number of MakerSpaces across the country, offers conventional and hi-tech tools, communal workspace, rentable studio space, training in equipment use and techniques, and events focused on the arts, manufacturing, technology, and entrepreneurship. Kuster is a co-sponsor of the More MakerSpaces Act, which would put in place guidelines for how a federal agency would lease or sell an unused property to be used as a MakerSpace and communicate the potential for MakerSpaces in federal properties.

“The opening of Claremont MakerSpace is great news for the workforce, economy, and entire Claremont community,” said Kuster. “This important creative hub will foster entrepreneurship and provide resources to members, enabling them to enhance their skills and participate in an independent and creative



community. From artists to architects, potters to photographers, cabinet makers to computer engineers and beyond, everyone who works here will benefit from the communication and collaboration the community offers. It is truly a wonderful facility, and it will benefit the people of our state for years to come.”

“It is great to see so much hard work come to fruition,” said Hassan. “I can’t wait to see what ideas come out of Claremont MakerSpace, unleashing the creative energy and talents inside each one of us is what gives way

to new business ideas and helps our economy thrive.”

Kuster and Hassan were joined by State Senator Martha Hennessey; Charlene Lovett, Claremont City Mayor; Ryan McNutt, Claremont City Manager; Josh Bushueff, Director of Claremont MakerSpace; and Jeremy Katz and Steve and Michelle Goldsmith, co-founders of Claremont MakerSpace.

Over 100 people attended the Opening.

A large crowd attended the Grand Opening of the Claremont MakerSpace on Friday; some of the work areas created in the former Sawtooth Building that houses CMS.

Photos by Bill Binder

“Unity, Then and Now” to be On Display

UNITY, NH—The Unity Historical Society has in its collection many fine pictures of Unity’s past. There are photos of homes, people at work, families, businesses, schools and scenics. The Society would like the people of Unity and others to enjoy seeing these special pictures. A variety will be framed and on display in the Unity Town Hall on Old Home Day, July 21st.

In considering this collection it came to the UHS that it needs similar pictures of today and the past 30-40 years. The Society is inviting people to bring in or drop off at the Town Library pictures of people at work or play, families, vehicles, pets, and scenics. Please label all pictures with the names of any people, location, and a date, if possible. All these prints will become the property of UHS so that UHS can continue to hold Unity’s past so dear to residents.

The Society would also request any photos of homes or buildings that are now gone so that it may keep that record as well. Originals may be scanned and returned to the owners.

Along with this display the UHS will have UHS books and other items for sale. Also, it is planning a baked goods sale (donations are welcome) to raise dollars for the New Veterans Memorial to be placed on the Common.

Please look around, capture those pictures, search the attic for old prints, and come out to see “Unity, Then and Now”. Maybe even consider joining the Society for more fun projects!

Ellery Queen Presentation by Local Author


CLAREMONT, NH—Arthur Vidro, one of the authors behind the anthology, “The Misadventures of Ellery Queen”, will appear live in Violet’s Book Exchange to discuss the book, his story, and Ellery Queen, a huge name in 20th century detective fiction.

Queen has a special connection to Claremont, which Vidro, a freelance writer and editor, will explain in detail.

He also will talk about book editing.

The talk will occur Saturday afternoon, July 28th, at 2:00 p.m., in the lower level of Violet’s Book Exchange, located at 28 Opera House Square in Claremont. Admission is free.

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Summer Programs at the Fiske Free Library Continue

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Submitted by Marta Smith, Fiske Free Library

CLAREMONT, NH— Messy Art Night which was previously listed for June will actually be held in July, on July 26th, at 6:00 p.m.; dress appropriately and plan to have fun! Steve Blunt and Marty Kelley will be at the library on Thursday, July 19th, at 3:00 p.m. to present “Let’s Rock ‘N’ Roll and Read at 3:00 pm.

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

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

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

Please call the library for more information at 542-7017.

Coffee With the Chief on the MV Kearsarge

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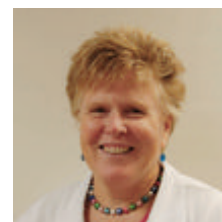
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First of all, try to gain a good sense of their overall financial activity. Look for red flags, such as a reluctance to discuss money matters, consistently unpaid bills, unexplained withdrawals, mysterious wire transfers or a sudden need to purchase large quantities of gift cards. And watch out for new "best friends" or caretakers who show an unusual interest in your loved one's finances.

Whether or not you've observed any of these activities, you can help your elderly family members by making these moves:

Have checks (such as Social Security payments) directly deposited. You can help your family members avoid a lot of potential trouble by having their checks deposited directly into their bank accounts.

Seek permission to become a joint account owner. By becoming a joint account owner on your elderly family members' checking and savings accounts, you can review statements for suspicious activity. Of course, your loved ones may be initially reluctant to add your name, but if you have a good relationship with them, you should be able to explain the benefits.

Shred bank statements, credit card offers and notices of lottery or sweepstakes winnings. One of the most useful gifts you can give to your elderly family members may be a shredder. Encourage them to use it to shred old bank statements, credit card offers and other financial documents.

Get on a "do not call" list. Telephone scammers are persistent and devious. By registering your family members' house and cell phones at www.donotcall.gov, you may be able to reduce their exposure to unwanted calls.

Obtain power of attorney. By creating a power of attorney, your loved ones can designate you or another trusted relative or friend to assist with their finances now – for day-to-day assistance and protection from scammers – and later, should they become incapacitated. Again, you will need to employ some sensitivity when discussing this issue.

Check references of caretakers. As mentioned above, some caretakers are, unfortunately, dishonest. Before you hire one, check out this person's references. And even when you do, be careful – scam artists have been known to use accomplices as references, so you will need to be thorough in your research and questions.

Get to know your family members' financial advisors. If possible, become acquainted with your older family members' financial advisors. Any reputable advisor will welcome a connection with their clients' loved ones. And if you are involved in any estate plans, this multi-generational relationship will prove beneficial for everyone.

Ask to meet any new "friends" they have met online. When someone is lonely, they become vulnerable to online friendships. Sometimes, these new friends make promises of meeting, but never show – and then they suddenly need money for one reason or another.

It can be challenging to guard against all threats posed by the scammers of the world. But by staying alert and taking the appropriate preventive actions, you may be able to help safeguard your loved ones' financial security.

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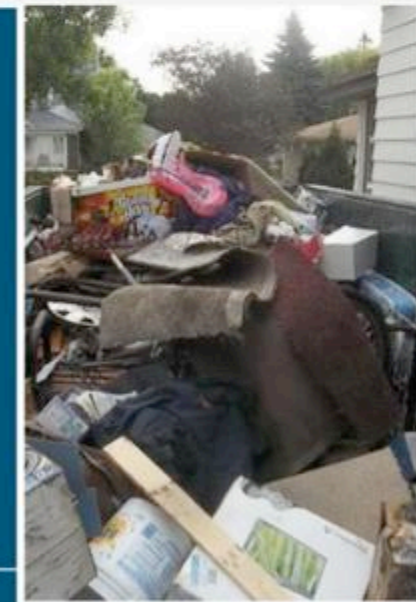
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It's About Food By Johnny Navillus



Steaks

When I was growing up back in the Dark Ages, my mother served us flank steak quite often. We loved it. Sliced thin it was tender, juicy and full of flavor. It even pleased my carnivorous father. Years later I found out that we had it so often because it was a “cheap steak”. Mom was a smart shopper. She had to be. She was feeding nine.

Time goes by. Remembering the flank steaks of my youth, I started shopping for myself. Not cheap any more! Yuppies had “discovered” flank steak. The same thing happened to lobster when they became popular.

There are alternatives. Skirt steak and flatiron steak come from roughly the same area. Slice them thin, against the grain with a slight slant to the knife and they are all delicious. I am submitting for your approval this really great recipe for flank steak on the grill. Any flat steak will do. Just watch your cooking time and throw out the marinade when done. NEVER re-use a marinade.

Grilled Flank Steak

1 cup soy sauce
¼ cup lemon juice
¼ cup honey
6 garlic cloves minced
1 flank steak 1 ½ to 2 lbs.

Combine all the ingredients in a resealable plastic bag.
Turn several time to coat the steak.
Refrigerate 6 to 8 hrs.
Grill over medium heat 8 to 10 minutes per side.
135° internal temperature is medium rare.

Be careful that you don't sear the meat too much. The outside will become hard and tough.

This time of year, having just celebrated the 4th of July, I think about all those who fought in the Revolution. This year, for some reason, I started thinking about the women. These women watched their husbands, fathers, sons and brothers go off to fight for their rights. These ladies had to know that these men were poorly trained and equipped. Sure, they could bring home meat for the table, but deer don't shoot back. They were taking on the best army in the world after part time drilling and “playing soldier”. Succeeding generations of their sisters also saw their men go to war, but they were highly trained and better equipped. The odds of them coming home were a heck of a lot better. The colonial ladies must have really been scared. Any man captured faced the gallows for treason.

Let's not forget those incredibly courageous ladies and the sacrifices and suffering they suffered.

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Cupcake War!

Local Girl Scout Troop 30261 held a Cupcake Baking Competition on Saturday, July 7. Hosted by the United Methodist Church in Claremont, the troop split into five teams for the bake-off. The teams, D-licious, Sweet Smiles, Cupcake Queens, Mystic and D-Vac, took turns mixing and baking their original cupcake delights. Team D-licious took home the #1 award with their Thin Mint entry. All the girls had a great time learning how to make the cupcakes and enjoyed tasting them, too!

Photos by Bill Binder

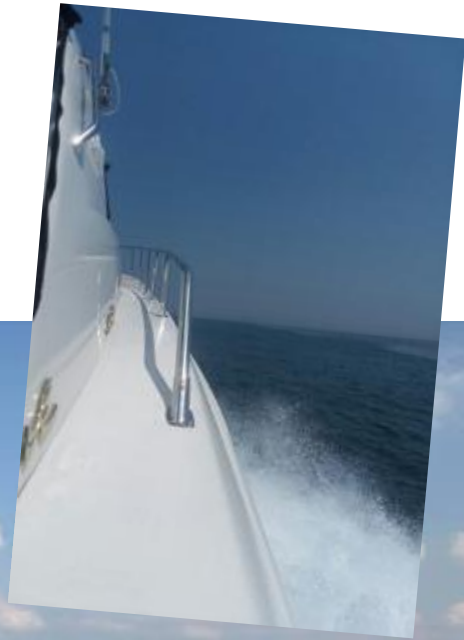
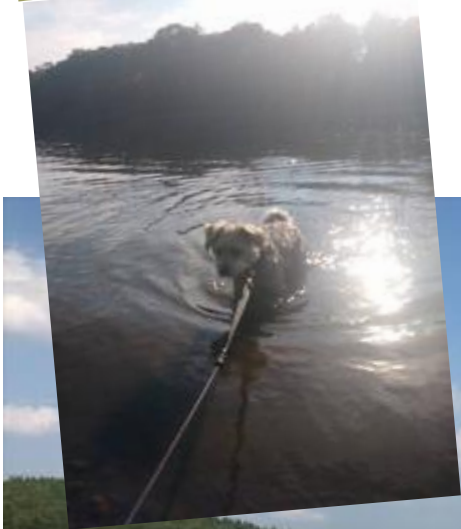


Team “Sweet Smiles” (L-R), Lily Edy, Bryanna Geer, Tammy Geer, Kaylee Barbour mixing up their cupcake batter; 1st place winners—Team D-licious, L-R—Tara Tilton, Hailey Aldridge, Elliana Girard, Kaylie Tilton; Girl Scout Troop 30261. Judges were Tami Joslin, owner and baker Uptown Bakery; Deb Snelling church administrator and from the Herb Patch; and Girl Scout Troop 22368, led by Melissa Britton.

The Troop is open to accepting more girls this fall, particularly K-3rd graders. They meet every other Wednesday, 4:00-6:00 p.m.; those interested may find more info or sign up through www-girlscoutsgwm.org.

Beatin' the Heat!

People did whatever they could to cope with the extreme heat wave that lasted seven days last week and sent the heat index past 100. Especially tough on those who work outside, area residents hit the beaches and lakes, sipped cold drinks, rigged up sprinklers, turned a truck bed into a pool and sat by the AC and fans to find relief (Courtesy photos).



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