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It was a blast of fun and color at Saturday's Annual Go For Food Color Walk/Run 5K benefit in Claremont. More photos, Section B (Bill Binder photo).

## Sullivan County Sheriff Chosen For "No Issue Too Hot To Handle" Award

NEWPORT, NH--Sullivan County High Sheriff John Simonds was deeply touched when he heard that he had been picked to receive the second annual "No Issue Too Hot to Handle" award from the Raymond S. Burton Legacy Fund during its annual picnic on July 16. The award, given in memory of the well-respected Executive Councilor and County Commissioner, honors a public servant in District One who exemplifies Burton's commitment to public service.

"In May, I was notified that I was being nominated for the award from a long-time friend

and supporter of Councilor Burton. I knew Ray Burton for almost 20 years and I always had the utmost respect for him," said Simonds. "Whenever I had a question about anything in state or local government, Ray was always there to assist. He carried index cards in his shirt pocket and would write down the names of people who asked for his help. He told me that it was important to always follow up with people when they ask for help, and he always kept that information close at hand. He was the greatest example of what public service was all about."

In his letter to Simonds, Legacy Fund Chairman Duane Baxter wrote, "Your many years of service to the citizens of New Hampshire, especially to District One, has been outstanding in every measurable way. You have never shied away from challenges, no matter how large or small."

Simonds has been in law enforcement for over 26 years, having served as a police officer in the towns of Sutton, Newbury, and Newport, as well as in the City of Claremont, where he is now in his second term as a City Councilor.

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# Hope For NH Recovery Center Opens In Claremont

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
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CLAREMONT, NH--US Senator Kelly Ayotte helped to officially open the new Hope for New Hampshire Recovery Center in Claremont a week ago Monday. Public officials from varying levels as well as law enforcement personnel, City officials and others attended the ribbon cutting, including Claremont Mayor Charlene Lovett and Hope for New Hampshire Recovery's Holly Cekala and Melissa Crews. The new center is located in the former Diana Love building at the corner of Elm and Main Streets and is one of several such addiction recovering centers run by Hope For New Hampshire, including one in Newport. Following the official opening, Ayotte led a roundtable discussion on the continuing drug crisis.

The opening of the new center in the City comes at the same time as the passing of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA); Ayotte was one of its co-sponsors. "After nearly three years of work with stake-

holders in New Hampshire, I am so thankful that the Senate overwhelmingly passed the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act, or CARA," said Ayotte. "In the fight against the heroin and prescription opioid abuse epidemic, CARA will make a huge difference, especially when it comes to helping individuals struggling with a substance use disorder get treatment, stakeholders in New Hampshire, and groups on the front lines across the country."

Following the roundtable, Ayotte told the e-Ticker News that she was pleased that "We have places like Hope for New Hampshire that are safe" and that more programs are falling into place to allow for "best practices on how to treat this public health crisis." She added that she thought "Sullivan County is doing a great job of collaborating efforts" on the issue. "I'm really impressed with the collaboration," she said. She added that comprehensive substance abuse bill received strong backing, including that of some "240 stakeholder groups", which also included Hope for New Hampshire Recovery.



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# Commentary

## NH House Happenings

By State Rep. John Cloutier



### A Look At Vetoed Bills

One important lesson I have learned from my experience as a state representative is that a governor's vetoes are hard for both the New Hampshire House of Representatives and Senate to override, a lesson which was reinforced last month.

On June 16 the House failed to override the vetoes of six House bills to which Gov. Maggie Hassan had given a thumbs down. While all six override attempts actually garnered simple majority of at least 50 percent plus, they failed to achieve the two-thirds majority vote required under the New Hampshire Constitution to override a gubernatorial veto. According to my rough count, Gov. Hassan has vetoed a total of 15 House bills during her 2015-16 term and has had all but three of them sustained because of the constitution's high bar to overriding vetoes. Please remember that the Governor has also vetoed at least four Senate bills, though the Senate has not yet attempted to override any of these vetoes as of today. If the Senate does manage to override any of the four vetoes at a meeting likely to occur in the fall by the required two-thirds majority, then the House will have to return before the end of the 2016 Regular Session to also consider overriding them. But I don't believe the Senate will likely have the required two-thirds to override any of the four vetoes either.

As for the six vetoed bills taken up on June 16, I voted to sustain Gov. Hassan's veto on all six. The vetoed bills included House Bill 512, which would have prohibited the confiscation of firearms, ammunition, or firearms accessories during a state of emergency. The bill was sponsored by a group of eight Republican legislators led by Belmont Rep. Shari LeBreche. I did vote for this bill when it was first passed by the House earlier in the 2016 Session. But I later learned from the Governor's veto message that current state law, RSA (Revised Statutes Annotated) 4:46 already declares that state government cannot confiscate firearms and ammunition in a state of emergency. Furthermore, I also learned from her message that the bill as written would not allow for the seizure of firearms or ammunition, if they were used in the commission of a crime, or were banned as part of a protective order. Finally, the bill as written could have subjected law enforcement officers, private security officers, and National Guard soldiers to lawsuits if they tried to seize the firearms and ammunition in the previously-described situations. So I changed my mind, and voted to sustain the veto.

Yet another vetoed bill related to firearms was that of House Bill 582. This bill would have repealed the 1923 law which requires all New Hampshire citizens to obtain a permit from their local law enforcement agency to carry a pistol or revolver. It was sponsored by a group of 10

Republican legislators led by Center Barnstead Rep. Guy Comtois. The Governor vetoed House Bill 582 because she believes the present law continues to work well, and that repealing this responsible and common sense law could compromise our state's public safety. I had voted against this unwise measure earlier in 2016 for the reasons just mentioned and obviously supported the veto.

Next, two of the other vetoed measures—House Bills 533 and 1266 were related to fire safety. The first bill would have exempted the use of arc-fault current interrupters. This bill was sponsored by a pair of Republican representatives, Rochester Rep. Warren Groen and East Kingston Rep. Richard Gordon. Gov. Hassan stated that she had vetoed it because of concerns that it could reduce the level of fire protection in homes. I initially voted for House Bill 533 earlier in 2016, but was persuaded by Claremont Fire Chief Rick Bergeron, among others, to sustain the veto because I now believe it could have led to more fires in homes. Chief Bergeron was also helpful in persuading me to sustain the veto of House Bill 1266, which would have legalized the sale of firecrackers. The bill was sponsored by four Republican representatives led by Kingston Rep. Kenneth Weyler, a bill which could have led to more fires, fireworks-related injuries, and the use of firecrackers to create panic within crowds, in my opinion.

The fifth veto to be sustained was one regarding House Bill 1208, which as originally introduced only made some technical changes to the state's tobacco laws. The bill was sponsored by a bipartisan group of legislators led by Hudson Rep. Russell Ober. I supported this bill when it was first adopted by the House earlier this year. But the Senate later added an amendment to this measure that would have exempted low-priced "premium cigars" from New Hampshire's Tobacco Tax. Gov. Hassan objected to this amendment, which would have reversed a new law just passed last year by the legislature that requires such cigars to be taxed at the same rate as cigarettes. For this just-described reason, I supported her veto.

Finally, the sixth veto to be sustained was that regarding House Bill 1637, which would have allowed school districts to send their children to other public schools in other districts or to approved private schools, if there were no public schools for the children's grade in their resident school districts. The bill was sponsored by a bipartisan group of representatives led by Litchfield Rep. Ralph Boehm, and including Sunapee Rep. Suzanne Gottling, Newport Rep. Virginia Irwin, and Lempster Rep. James Grenier. I had voted against this bipartisan legislation earlier in 2016-legislation which was filed in response to the Croydon School District attempting to send some of its students to a private Newport school, a decision that prompted the New Hampshire Dept. of Education to sue Croydon because the department claims sending the students to a private school at taxpayer expense violates the State Constitution. This lawsuit is now in litigation. The Governor vetoed this bill because it deals with an issue now before the courts, and that is why I voted to sustain the veto, and had originally voted against it.

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## **Governor Hassan’s Statement On June Unemployment Rate**

CONCORD, NH--Governor Maggie Hassan Tuesday issued the following statement on the announcement of the June unemployment data, which showed that the number of employed Granite Staters and the labor force continued to grow in June:

“As the number of employed residents and the labor force continued to grow in June, our unemployment rate still remains among the lowest in the nation. Despite these encouraging signs that indicate that our economy is moving in the right direction, we know that we still have more work to do to help all of our citizens access high-quality jobs and to support our innovative businesses who are looking for more skilled workers now.

“We must continue working together to build a stronger workforce with the skills and innovative thinking needed for success in the 21st century economy. This is why it’s more important now than ever to get Gateway to Work up and running as soon as possible. Gateway to Work will help us to develop and expand our workforce as our economy continues to strengthen, while at the same time closing the opportunity gap for our families. By strengthening job training, creating new partnerships between community colleges and businesses for apprenticeships and helping to remove the barriers that cause too many citizens to fail in the workplace, Gateway to Work will help us provide more of the workers our businesses need to thrive while helping our young people in the Granite State get a leg up on their futures.

“I remain committed to working with members from both parties to continue working together to support job-creating businesses, expand middle class opportunity and build a stronger, more innovative New Hampshire where all of our people who work hard have the opportunity to get ahead and stay ahead.”

## **Congresswoman Annie Kuster Statement On Signing Of Comprehensive Addiction And Recovery Act (CARA)**

WASHINGTON, DC – Friday afternoon, Congresswoman Annie Kuster (NH-02) released the following statement applauding President Obama for signing into law the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA). The co-chair and co-founder of the Bipartisan Task Force to Combat the Heroin Epidemic, Kuster was a major force behind the passage of 18 House measures addressing the opioid crisis, and she served on the Conference Committee that worked to combine the House and Senate versions of the bill to produce the final version that has now become law.

“Today, following months of hard work by me and my colleagues in Congress, President Obama signed into law an important piece of bipartisan legislation that will go far to address the opioid epidemic that is killing our loved ones and tearing apart our communities,” Kuster said. “This law represents a significant step forward in the battle against the opioid epidemic. It provides critical support for law enforcement, treatment providers and others on the front lines of this battle here in New Hampshire and all across the country.”

“I remain disappointed and concerned that this law does not include additional emergency funding to address the epidemic. But, the partial funding and programs it does include will help give communities the crucial tools they need to save lives. Now that it has become law, CARA will help increase access to life-saving medication like buprenorphine by allowing nurse practitioners to administer the drug. It will create new grant programs for treatment facilities that are in desperate need of funds; and it authorizes \$180 million for community members tackling the epidemic on the ground.

“Through the appropriations process, I will continue to advocate for the additional funds and resources our communities need. But, today, I commend the President and my colleagues in Congress for coming together to pass this historic legislation and take this important step toward bringing an end to the heroin epidemic.”

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**Simonds, from A1**

cilor. He was the Chief Deputy Sheriff of Sullivan County from 2012 until his election as sheriff in November 2014. In 2015, Simonds was chosen as one of 28 Sheriffs in the country to attend the National Sheriff’s Institute in Colorado. He is a member of the Executive Board of the Attorney General’s Drug Task Force and Chair of the Sullivan County Chiefs of Police Organization.

“It was such an honor to receive this award, especially in Ray Burton’s name,” said Simonds. “Over the years, I was so blessed to call Ray a friend and mentor. In 2014 when I ran for Sheriff, I used a quote Ray had told me when describing how he did his job: ‘It’s all about public service.’ That phrase struck home to me. This quote is on all of my campaign signs and I never take credit for it. I always tell people that I learned how to be a public servant from Ray Burton.”

**Counties Prescription Drug Discount Card Program Still Available To Residents**

NEWPORT, NH--Do you know someone who may not have prescription coverage?

Sullivan County continues to participate in the National Association of Counties Prescription Drug Discount Card Program—a program the County joined in 2006. Any county resident may use the program. There are no claim forms to fill out, no membership fees, and the card may be used for the entire family – even pets being prescribed a medication that is also used by humans.

Cards may be printed from the website or picked up at the following locations:

- County offices in Newport or Unity, NH
- Town Clerk offices throughout the county or
- Claremont City Hall
- Various senior centers
- Valley Regional Hospital Emergency Room

A program summary can be viewed at the county’s website’s Programs page at the following link:

• <http://www.sullivancountynh.gov/index.php...>

To print a card or check if a pharmacy in your area participates, click on the following link:

• <http://www.nacorx.org/>.

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**Sullivan County High Sheriff John Simonds, left, with District One Executive Councilor Joe Kenney, who presented the “No Issue Too Hot to Handle” Award from the Raymond S. Burton Legacy Fund award to Simonds (Courtesy photo).**



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## NH, 11 Other States File Suit To Block Anthem Acquisition Of Cigna

CONCORD, NH—The New Hampshire Attorney General, together with the U.S. Department of Justice and attorneys general from 11 other states filed suit Thursday to block Anthem's proposed acquisition of Cigna. The plaintiffs allege that the transactions would increase concentration and harm competition not only in New Hampshire, but across the country, by reducing the number of actively competing providers of health insurance.

The Department and state attorneys general filed the merger challenge in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The complaint alleges that the mergers—valued at \$54 billion—would harm seniors, working families and individuals, employers, and doctors and other healthcare providers by limiting price competition, reducing benefits, decreasing incentives to provide innovative wellness programs, and lowering the quality of care.

“With all the changes taking place in the delivery of healthcare services, New Hampshire healthcare consumers and providers have benefited from the robust competition between Anthem and Cigna,” said New Hampshire Attorney General Joseph Foster. “In New Hampshire, competition has inspired health insurers to explore new and innovative methods of providing and paying for health care while working to keep prices under control. In the absence of this competitive environment, healthcare in New Hampshire is likely to suffer. New competitors have found New Hampshire to be a difficult market to enter, and if the merger were to take place, it may take years for competition to return to its current level. In the meantime, to the detriment of New Hampshire consumers, innovation in cost control and delivery of services is likely to suffer. New Hampshire will continue to work with our state and federal colleagues to protect competition and innovation in this vitally important industry,” Foster stated.

## City Man Sought In Newport Purse Snatching Case

NEWPORT, NH—On July 22, at 6:55 a.m., the Newport Police Department responded to the parking lot of Shaw's Supermarket for a



Walter Bowman

report made by a female that a male subject had stolen her purse. During the investigation it was found that the male subject had aggressively assaulted the female while attempting to gain possession of her purse. Due to quick thinking of a co-worker, they were able to obtain a license plate on the vehicle that the male was operating. During a subsequent investigation the male subject was identified as Walter Bowman, 29, Claremont.

Bowman was operating a black 2001 Honda CR-V with NH registration 365 6925.

The Newport Police Department is looking to locate Bowman and any assistance is appreciated. Please call the Newport Police Department at 603-863-3240 if you have information regarding the location of Bowman.

## Fugitive Of The Week: Bryan Richardson

Bryan Richardson, 35, last known address, 220 Broad St., Apt. #5, Claremont, NH

On April, 22, 2015, the Sullivan County Grand Jury indicted Richardson on a Class B Felony of Theft by Deception. On November 18, 2015, he was sentenced. As part of his sentence, he was placed on probation.

On July 5, 2016, the NH Probation Office filed a Violation of Probation against Richardson for



Bryan Richardson

allegedly violating specific rules of probation. On July 20, 2016, the Sullivan County Superior Court issued a warrant for Richardson's arrest for Violation of Probation.

Description: White male, HGT 5'09", WGT 130, Hazel Eyes, Brown Hair.

This information is provided by Sheriff John Simonds of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department.

## Sobriety Checkpoints Announced For Sunapee, Newport

NEWPORT, SUNAPEE, NH--As a result of the increasing incidents of drinking and driving, the New Hampshire State Police petitioned for, and was granted, Superior Court authorization to conduct a Sobriety Checkpoint, the NHSP announced this morning. The “Sobriety Checkpoint” is an effective method of deterring, detecting and apprehending the impaired operator.

The program, approved by the NH Highway Safety Agency and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, provides federal highway safety funds to support these checkpoints, which will be conducted in Newport and Sunapee.

A review of records has shown that the use of alcohol by individuals who operate motor vehicles has resulted in an alarming number of deaths and personal injury accidents. Therefore, in an effort to maintain safe roads in Sullivan County, the New Hampshire State Police, in conjunction with the Newport and Sunapee Police Departments, will be conducting Sobriety Checkpoints in the Newport and Sunapee areas around the end of July and/or in early September.

The purpose of the Sobriety Checkpoint is to deter, detect and apprehend the impaired driver. New Hampshire State Police Troop C Commander, Lieutenant Joseph DiRusso, Sullivan County Attorney Marc Hathaway, Newport Police Chief James Burroughs, and Sunapee Police Chief David Cahill have taken an aggressive stance to prevent persons from driving while intoxicated, said the NHSP. New Hampshire has some of the most aggressive laws in the country to fight the intoxicated driver and the law enforcement community will use those tools to their full extent.

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**HILLSBOROUGH**— One of the original Crockett Model Log Homes. Nice and spacious 3 bedroom 2 bath with cathedral ceilings with large windows, gorgeous living room stone fireplace, wrap around deck, and currently housing a home business with 3 rooms off to the side as well as a large room on the upper level. **\$285,000 (MLS#4501850)**



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**CLAREMONT**— On a lovely corner lot is this 2 bedroom property offering one-level living, metal roof, aluminum siding, updated windows, walk-up attic, and a spacious 2-car garage. Front screen porch and rear porch both offer seasonal relaxation. **\$99,900 (MLS#4502465)**



**CHARLESTOWN**— Private 12.5 acre lot with potential views of Okemo Mountain. Gambrel type home with 4 bedrooms and some upgrades completed. Enjoy the beauty of the four seasons to their fullest. Land is in current use. Real Estate Agent owned. **\$247,500 (MLS#4503572)**



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**ACWORTH**—This Camp/Cabin sleeps 4+ and is located at the end of a class 6 road. There is not electricity, but it does have gas powered lamps and stove and refrigerator, water heater, wood stove, solar panel, some insulated windows, and most furniture will stay. **\$80,000 (MLS#4504768)**



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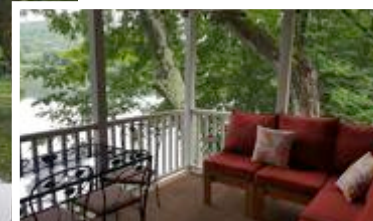


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## Claremont American Band Concerts

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](mailto:eevensen@sau60.org), 603-543-0312.



Dianne Harlow of the Sullivan County ATV Club led a meeting Monday night to discuss the Feds' recent denial of a waiver request (Bill Binder photo).

## ATV Club Ponders Next Steps In Rail Trail Issue

By Bill Binder  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--The Sullivan County ATV Club held an informational meeting at the CSBCC on July 18 to review and discuss the denial of the City's waiver application to allow ATVs back on a section of City-owned rail trail. The waiver denial letter from Patrick A. Bauer, Division Administrator for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and sent to Victoria F. Sheehan, the Commissioner of the NHDOT, was read and discussed by the group. After much discussion, it was decided to meet with Sheehan to explore their options. While no city officials attended the meeting, State Representatives Ray Gagnon and John Cloutier told the group that they would talk with Sheehan and help set up a meeting with her.

"Sullivan County ATV Club Board members were very happy with the comments and ideas that came forth at Monday's meeting," Dianne Harlow told the *e-Ticker News*, "and for the support from those that attended. Our State Representatives that attended were more than happy to do their part in assisting the Sullivan County ATV Club with this issue. The Club will continue to work with our contacts in Concord and beyond for assistance. We want to express our deep appreciation for all the work that the City staff has done to get us this far and look forward to their continued support," Harlow added.

The Claremont City Council is expected to take up the topic at Wednesday night's meeting.

Motorized vehicles were banned from the trail a couple of years ago; the FHWA has said that trails acquired with federal Transportation Enhancement funds do not allow OHV use and that their use in the original request was not included.

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## Forensic Science Camp...

Dr. Bonnie Akerman ran a free forensic science camp for high school juniors and seniors at the River Valley Community College Claremont campus last week. Participants got the chance to learn hands-on techniques and applications of science, mathematics and engineering with a theme on forensic science, learning about the fields of biology, microbiology, anatomy and physiology, chemistry, toxicology, mathematics, and engineering. Activities included latent fingerprinting, DNA fingerprinting, soil chemistry, hair and fiber analysis, stomach content analysis, toxicology assays, time of death determinations, bite mark analysis and blood splatter analysis. Akerman said the camp "was a success" (Courtesy photos).



## Red River Internship...

This year marks Red River's third year of running an IT-based internship for SHS students. "We have a mix of freshmen to seniors," Gina Burke, Marketing/Projects Manager, told the *e-Ticker News*. "To begin, the team builds a presentation on what they would like to learn as a group and as individuals. They meet once a week for two hours and are led by Red River IT team members. They learn to disassemble and build computers, install operating systems and applications and build cables and network the devices. Many of the PCs they build are donated to local community-based programs. When the program ends, the students update the presentations with what they learned and are asked to help recruit the next group of interns." (Courtesy photo).



Sullivan County Democrats gathered at the Fire Station in Unity on Saturday during Old Home Day festivities (Photo courtesy of Ron Cote).

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# e-Ticker Business News

## Herzog Appointed Vice President Of Student And Community Affairs At RVCC

CLAREMONT, NH--River Valley Community College (RVCC) has announced the appointment of Dr. Alex Herzog as Vice President of Student and Community Affairs. Herzog will be responsible for student support and success, enrollment management strategies and community relations.

"It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome Dr. Herzog to the River Valley Family," said RVCC President Alicia Harvey-Smith, "He brings a number of valuable experiences to this role that will serve our students and our community well."

Herzog most recently served as Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment at Rochester Community and Technical College in Rochester, MN, where he was responsible for the administration, organization, operation and supervision of all student affairs and enrollment management services.

In addition, he has served as Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment, Associate Vice Chancellor for Price Campus Operations, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Services and Dean of Students at Utah State University Eastern, Director of One-Card Operations at University of Nevada Las Vegas, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations at University of Nevada Las Vegas, Director of Student Activities at Southern Utah University, Hall Director/Activity Specialist at Yavapai College, and former Officer and Drill Sergeant for the Army Reserves 98th Training Division. He has served as an adjunct instructor on a number of campuses, teaching in the areas of leadership and academic and life skills.

Herzog received an A.A. from Adirondack Community College, a B.A. in Labor Relations



**Dr. Alex Herzog**

from SUNY College at Potsdam (1991), and an M.S. in Student Affairs in Higher Education from Indiana State University (1995). He completed a Doctorate of Education at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (2010) in Educational Leadership.

Herzog brings valuable experience in executive leadership, the administration of a comprehensive range of student affairs programs and enrollment management efforts to the College, as well as fostering the importance of commu-

nity involvement from his work with service organizations such as the Kiwanis, American Legion and local Chamber of Commerce events.

River Valley Community College is one of seven colleges in the Community College System of New Hampshire, offering thirty-nine associate degree and certificate programs in Claremont, Keene, Lebanon, and Online. Financial Aid and Scholarships are available. Visit [www.rivervalley.edu](http://www.rivervalley.edu) to learn more.

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## Mt. Ascutney Hospital Receives Grant From Granite United Way

WINDSOR, VT--Granite United Way (GUW) recently awarded a grant of \$15,000 to Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) in support of the Windsor Connection Resource Center (WCRC), a Hospital-sponsored community program that connects local residents with health and human services resources.

"This award is wonderful news for the WCRC and for our entire community," said Jill Lord, RN, MS, and Director of Community Health at  
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## Grant, from A15

Mt. Ascutney Hospital. "It will allow us to continue to serve individuals and families in the Windsor region, and to expand our services and outreach."

Founded in 2002, the WCRC works to promote a healthier community by ensuring that everyone in the region has the information and tools necessary to access vital health and social services programs.

"The WCRC meets a critical need in our region," explained Lord. "Because of the rural nature of our communities, we have many residents who lack adequate transportation or understanding of how to access the services they need. For many, it is a continuing struggle to find the resources they need to stay healthy and keep their family members healthy. At the WCRC we guide people to the programs and providers that meet their unique needs – which might even include the need for transportation to appointments, or other support services."

In 2015, a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) conducted by Mt. Ascutney Hospital, in collaboration with Valley Regional Hospital, New London Hospital, Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital, and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, identified 12 major areas of concern that the WCRC is striving to address. In the order in which they were ranked on the CHNA, they are: alcohol and drug misuse (including heroin and pain medication abuse); the cost of prescription drugs; access to mental health care; access to adequate affordable health insurance; access to dental health care; lack of physical activity; poor nutrition; mental illness; access to primary health care; health care for seniors; and tobacco use.

Lord noted that many problems on the list have an economic, educational, or mental health component. "Federal, state and local budget cuts, fragmented health and social service programs, lack of jobs and low educational attainment – these also play a role, not just in individual health, but in the overall well-being of a community. And health care is just one component of that. We also need to address other issues which impact community well-being, such as affordable housing, child

care, drug and alcohol treatment programs, job training and mental health services."

"Everything is connected," says Lord. "And through the WCRC's interagency case management approach, struggling individuals or families are assisted holistically by many collaborating partners."

"Our name really says it all," Jill Lord notes. "We connect people to resources, and then, hopefully, they can connect with a better life." In awarding the Granite United Way grant, Patrick Tufts, President, and CEO of the agency expressed his enthusiastic support of the WCRC, saying, "Granite United Way is proud to partner with agencies like Mt. Ascutney Hospital because their work aligns with our community's most pressing needs."

## Valley Regional Honors Long-time Staff

CLAREMONT, NH--Valley Regional Healthcare recently celebrated 38 dedicated employ-

ees who had more than five years of service at the hospital, practices or Connecticut Valley Home Care. During the staff barbecue, President and CEO Peter Wright spoke of the hundreds of combined years of dedicated service represented by those celebrating anniversaries, and the expertise, compassion and professionalism those employees embody. Plaques, flowers and pins were awarded by employees' managers.

Those honored included: 40 Years: Mary Brown - Laboratory; 35 Years: Barbara Depoyster - CVHC, Gary Lambert – Medical Records, Marie Mailloux – Surgical Services, Kay Sanborn – Nursing Administration, Laraine Strobel - CVHC; 30 Years: Cathy Shidlovsky – Rehabilitation, Donna Westcott – Medical Staff; 25 Years: Michael Bundy Sr. - House-keeping, Deborah Burns - Oncology, Karen Gessner – Medical/Surgical, Christine Hunter – Emergency Department, Geraldine Johnson - CVHC, Susan Scalera - Orthopaedics; 20 Years: Terry Callum – MIS, Sharon George – CVHC; 15 Years: Nancy Archibald - Associates  
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## Red River Hosts 10th Annual Charity Golf Classic

### Awards Local Scholarship Recipients and Supports STEM Education in NH

CLAREMONT, NH and RESTON, VA--Red River, a leading technology integrator, hosted its 10th Annual Charity Golf Classic at the Quechee Club's 2 championship golf courses in Vermont on July 14th. The yearly tournament is the primary fundraiser for the Red River Charitable Foundation (RRCF), Red River's non-profit 501 (c)(3) charitable organization.

"We've seen our Annual Golf Classic grow each year in both size and sponsor generosity, and our 10th anniversary topped all expectations," said Kim Vacca, Director of the Red River Charitable Foundation. "Everyone is excited to spend the day out on the golf course, but positively impacting the lives of our scholarship recipients is what the RRCF is all about."

In addition to supporting US military veterans transitioning to civilian life, RRCF provides op-

portunities for students in middle school through college interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields with scholarships, internships, mentoring and donations of IT equipment.

Red River's scholarship recipients and their families were the guests of honor at the 10th Annual Golf Classic. The students underwent a lengthy application process and received monetary awards from RRCF for college tuition and books. The RRCF team also surprised the students with new Dell laptops and printers.

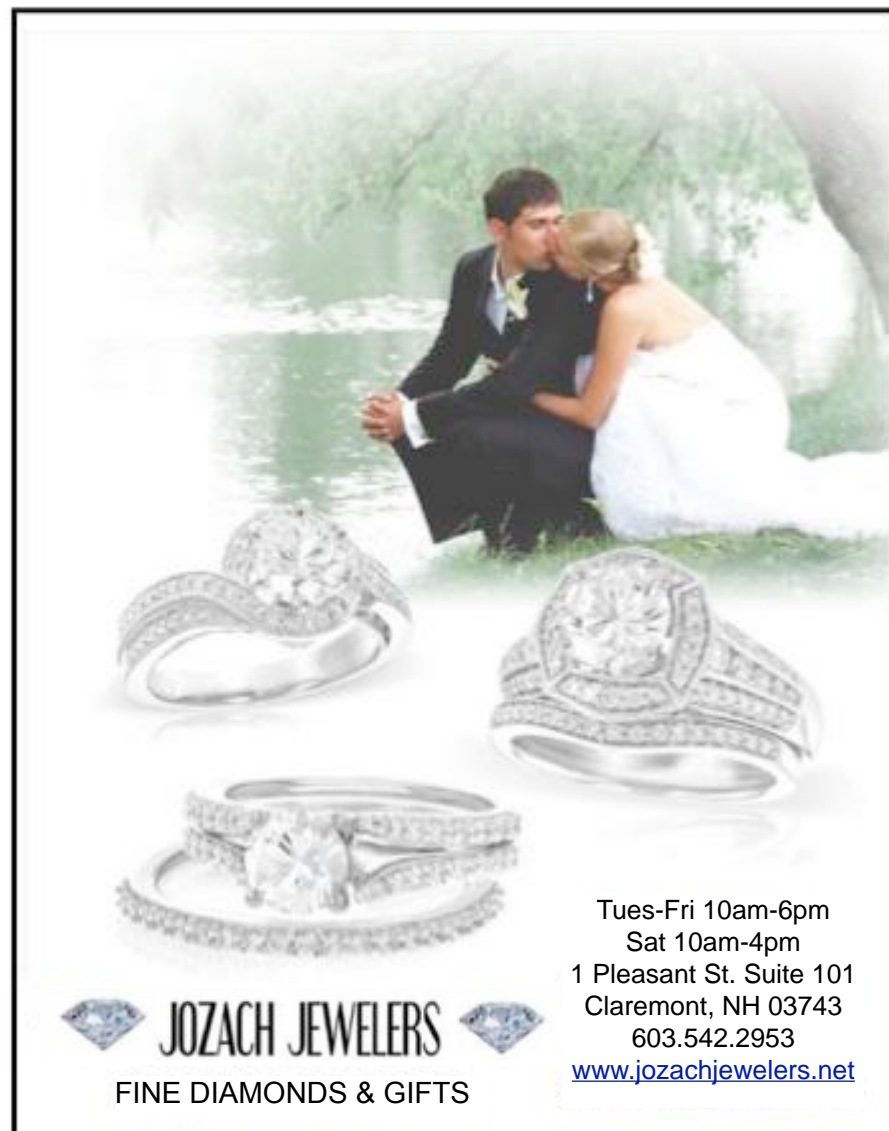
This year's scholarship recipients included 6 students from area high schools. From Fall Mountain Regional High School two students were recognized. Paul Beliveau, is headed to the University of Massachusetts Lowell to major in Mechanical Engineering and Robotics, and Macane Dunbar will be attending the Rochester Institute of Technology to study Computer Science. Ryan Shattuck of Stevens High School is headed to Plymouth State University to study Computer Science. Recipients from Hartford High School are Hunter Brooks, who will study Computer Security and Information Assurance at Norwich University, and Paige Kehoe, who is off to Wheaton College to study Neuroscience. From Windsor High School, Nicholas Kapuscinski will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute to major in Mechanical Engineering. Rick Bolduc, Red River CEO said, "I was thrilled to be able to celebrate our 10th Annual RRCF Charity Golf Classic with this year's students and sponsors. I applaud the Foundation for finding such outstanding students from all across New Hampshire. We couldn't be more pleased by the continued generosity of our partners and local business owners for their ongoing support of our tournament."

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part in the tournament and generously donated items for the raffle and auction included Bluecoat and Splunk, and the Student Awardee Sponsor was Dell. Other event sponsors included Landmark Benefits, Cisco, Comstor, Mascoma Bank, Ingram Micro, Edgewater, Simplivity, Level3, Winthrop, Elite Technical Service, Key Government Finance, Immix-Group, Avnet, Fujitsu, Aprtris, Lehigh Technical Service, Cushmand & Wakefield, First Light Fiber, Motorola, PropelMG, FSPR, Cyrus One, Wolf & Co., RMS, HPE, HPI, Cleveland, Waters & Bass, Crown Point Cabinetry, Landmark Benefits, Hersey Insurance, Wells Fargo, Fusion Storm, Service Now, Emerald Green Cleaning, Tyler, Simms & St. Sauveur, CPAs.

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## Several Injured In Newport Accident

NEWPORT, NH--An accident on the John Stark Highway in Newport sent several people to the hospital Sunday afternoon.

According to Newport Fire Chief Wayne Conroy, his department was called to the scene of an accident that involved two motorcycles and a car. "We had a report of an accident on John Stark Highway just beyond the shopping plaza with motorcycles and a vehicle involved," he said. Conroy said that there were two passengers on each of two motorcycles, with one person in the car. He said that upon arrival, Rescue 1 "had patients down in the road with severe injuries; a vehicle was up the road a little ways; it had drifted across the yellow line and struck a motorcycle head-on." The second motorcycle then struck the first one. Conroy said that "One patient was "DHARTed out." He said the injuries did not appear to be life-threatening at that time. Golden Cross, New London Ambulance and the Newport ambulances responded to the scene, as well as DHART.

According to the Newport Police Department, those on the motorcycles were from Pembroke, Manchester and Bow. The driver of the car, Brittany Tubman, 26, is from Allenstown, NH. The collision remains under investigation by the Newport Police Department Accident Reconstruction Team. The New Hampshire State Police and the NH Fire Marshal's Office also assisted on scene.

---Phyllis A. Muzeroll

## Lebanon Police Officer Honored

LEBANON, NH--At the Lebanon City Council meeting Wednesday night, Officer Peter Begin received a Meritorious Police Service Bar for Lifesaving. These bars are awarded to any member of the department who is distinguished by performing physical act(s) to save another person.

During the weekend of May 25th, Begin was off-duty and attending his son's basketball game in Hampton, NH. During the game, one of the opposing players collapsed on the court and was in obvious distress. Begin, and another gentleman in attendance, immediately ran to the boy's aid and determined the boy was in cardiac arrest. Begin and the other good Samaritan began to administer CPR to the boy while an external defibrillator was retrieved within the building. Begin assisted in administering the AED, which subsequently shocked the boy's heart. Within a matter of seconds, the boy's pulse had returned and he regained consciousness.

## Sunapee 250th Celebration Looking For Volunteers

SUNAPEE, NH--The Sunapee Selectmen will be creating and appointing committees to plan, prepare and deliver a celebration in commemoration of the town's 250th year. The celebration is to take place in 2018. If interested in being on the planning committee or if you have a special interest and would like to be on a sub-committee, please fill out a volunteer form and submit to the Selectmen's Office. Call 763-2212 for more info. The volunteer form can be found at:

[http://www.town.sunapee.nh.us/Pages/SunapeeNH\\_Selectmen/Volunteer%20Form](http://www.town.sunapee.nh.us/Pages/SunapeeNH_Selectmen/Volunteer%20Form).



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**Preschool is due to begin on September 13, 2016, and will follow the Claremont School District calendar for attendance throughout the school year unless otherwise noted. If you are interested or know someone that is interested in participating in this exciting new opportunity, please contact Genine Mattice, Preschool Coordinator at 543-4294 x254 or [gmattice@sau6.org](mailto:gmattice@sau6.org).**

## Investing: A Marathon, Not A Sprint

Next week, the 2016 Summer Olympics begin in Rio de Janeiro. One of the most compelling events is the marathon, a 26.2-mile endurance contest with roots dating back to ancient Greece. It may be that we've kept our interest in the marathon because it can teach us much about life – and it certainly has lessons for investors.

In fact, if you were to compare investing to an Olympic sport, it would be much closer to a marathon than a sprint. Here's why:

- Long-term perspective – Sprinters are unquestionably great athletes, and they work hard to get better. Yet their events are over with quickly. But marathoners know they have a long way to go before their race is done, so they have to visualize the end point. And successful investors, too, know that investing is a long-term endeavor, and that they must picture their end results – such as a comfortable retirement – to keep themselves motivated.
- Steady pacing – Sprinters go all out, every second and every stride. But marathoners have to pace themselves – too many spurts of speed could tire them out and doom their performance. As an investor, you, too, should strive for steady, consistent progress. Rather than attempting to rush success and achieve big gains by chasing after supposedly “hot” stocks – which may already have cooled off by the time you hear about them – try to follow a long-term strategy that emphasizes diversification among many different investments. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can reduce the impact of market downturns that primarily affect one type of asset, it can't guarantee success or prevent all losses.)
- Ability to overcome obstacles – When sprinters stumble or fall, they are finished for the race; there's simply not enough time to recover, so they typically just stop. But over 26 miles, a marathoner can fall and – providing he or she is not injured – get up again, compete and possibly even win. When you're investing for the long term, you have time to overcome “mishaps” in the form of market volatility. So instead of dropping out of the “race” and heading to the investment sidelines, stay invested in all types of markets. As you near retirement, and you have less time to recover from market downturns, you may need to adjust your portfolio to lower your risk level – but even then, you don't need to call it quits as an investor.
- Proper fueling – Sprinters have to watch what they eat. But world-class marathoners have to be ultra-diligent about their diets, especially in the period immediately preceding a race. Because they must maximize the oxygen their bodies can use while running, they need a high percentage of their calories to come from carbohydrates, so they “carbo-load” when needed. When you invest, you also need to periodically “refuel” your portfolio so it has the energy and stamina needed to keep you moving forward toward your goals. And that means you must add dollars to those areas of your portfolio that need beefing up. Regular reviews with a financial professional can reveal where these gaps exist.

As an investor, you can learn a lot from Olympic marathoners – so put this knowledge to good use.

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NEWPORT, NH--U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen's staff will hold office hours in Newport in the coming weeks to help residents seeking assistance with federal agencies on issues such as veterans' benefits, federal taxes, housing, immigration, and Social Security in one-on-one meetings.

The Newport office hours will be held on Wednesday, July 27, from 11:00--11:45 a.m. at the Newport Senior Center, 76 S Main Street, Newport.

All area residents are welcome to attend. For more information on the services available, or if you have any questions, please call (603) 647-7500. Please note: These events will be attended by staff only. Senator Shaheen will not be present.

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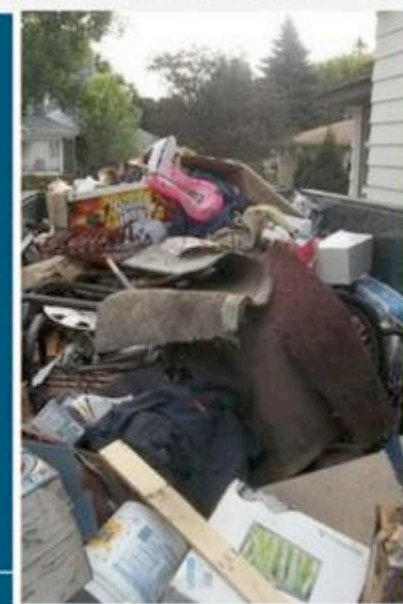
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## It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



### Summer

We have been very fortunate this summer. While the rest of the country has been suffering under triple digit temperatures in many areas, we have seen the lower 90s and high 80s. Our evenings and nights have dipped into the 50s and been pleasant for sleeping.

Personal to Omaha Mitch: How are you holding up, Buddy?

Our hot days have been hot enough to be uncomfortable, especially when it comes to cooking. After all, how many salads can you eat in a week?

I have a few thoughts. Cook your entrees in the morning before you leave for the day. Cold chicken or shrimp on a salad is a good source of protein. Use your slow cooker more. Start it in the morning and dinner is ready when you get home and the kitchen doesn't feel like a sauna.

Grill anything you can. There is a wealth of suggestions on the internet for grilling.

Heat your dishes up with hot sauce or chili sauce like Sriracha. Look at the cuisines of countries that have hot climates. These dishes have evolved to help handle the weather. The Inuit people of the far north don't do peppers of any kind. The people of Central and South America know how to cook for the climate.

Having company but don't want to do the traditional burgers and dogs? Want to impress the crowd? Don't want to cook while company is around? Then try this little beauty:

#### Easy and Elegant Ham

2 cans (20 ounces each) sliced pineapple  
1 Fully cooked boneless ham, halved  
1 jar (6 ounces) maraschino cherries  
1 jar (12 ounces) orange marmalade

Drain pineapple but save the juice. Set the juice aside. Place half of the pineapple in the bottom of the slow cooker. Top with the ham. Add the cherries, (yes, the whole bottle less one or two for chef's personal use in adult beverages) the remaining pineapple and the reserved juice. Spoon the marmalade over the ham.

Cover and cook on low for 6 or 7 hours. Remove to a warm serving platter. Let stand for 10 to 15 minutes before slicing.

Serve the pineapple and cherries (less a couple of cherries for chef's adult beverage) with sliced ham. On second thought, buy a second bottle of cherries so everyone can have them in their beverages. Even the minors.

Microwave a bag or two of rice and some steam-in-bag peas and there, you have a dinner that looks like you spent all day in a hot kitchen.

Play with your food. Your guests deserve it.

Write to Johnny at [etickernews@gmail.com](mailto:etickernews@gmail.com).

**Mayoral  
Notes**

By  
**Charlene Lovett**



**Returns On Investment**

Determining how to best invest in a municipality is one of the top priorities of any community. Given the aging infrastructure, costs to upgrade and limited resources that face most communities, the answers are often complex and expensive. Yet, a municipality's ability to invest in its community can not be determined solely by its financial resources. Collaboration and partnerships often provide the venue to make needed investments, resulting in significant returns for a relatively low cost.

Since its creation two years ago, the Ad Hoc Committee for the Claremont Amtrak Stop has worked with citizens and organizations to enhance the train stop and promote passenger rail. The committee has coordinated events to promote the service, helped organize fundraising events, and spent many hours with others to enhance the site. It has been a collaborative effort that has resulted in improved lighting and security, additional amenities such as the waiting pavilion, and landscaping. To date, the financial cost to the city is \$1360. The majority of \$1300 was for a pilot program to bring bus transportation to the stop in 2015, and \$60 for hosting the Exhibit Train event in June of this year.

As a result of these efforts, the ridership numbers at the Claremont Train Stop have in-

creased significantly. In comparing March, April and May of last year to the same months this year, ridership has increased 35%, 42% and 60% respectively. The Exhibit Train Event attracted over 1200 people, heightening people's awareness of passenger rail options and further promoting the service that is available here in Claremont.

Relaying this growth and the importance of passenger rail service to the region has been the topic of discussions with Senators Shaheen and Ayotte, and Representative Kuster. After I briefed Senator Ayotte on this last week, she agreed to join Senator Shaheen in co-sponsoring Senator Leahy's bill to establish a pre-clearance facility in Montreal. Representative Kuster also introduced a similar bill in the House earlier this year, and both pieces of legislation are working their way through Congress. The passage of this legislation is necessary in order to extend the Vermonter Line directly to Montreal, giving this region direct rail access to our largest trade partner – Canada.

Last Thursday, City Manager Santagate and I attended the celebration dinner given by the 58 individuals from United Methodist – Action Reach out by Youth (U.M. – ARMY) who spent the week working on projects for homeowners in Claremont who were physically or financially unable to do them. This effort was the result of several local churches that collaborated to bring U.M. – ARMY back to Claremont for a second year. Teenagers and adults from U.M. – ARMY each raised \$300 to come to Claremont for a week to help homeowners.

Local businesses, churches and school district provided logistical support.

As a result of this collaborative effort, homeowners were helped and properties were improved. U.M. ARMY, supported by local organizations, provided the means to overcome financial or physical barriers that the homeowners faced. It was an excellent example of people investing in people to make significant improvements in lives and properties. As we heard from homeowners during the dinner celebration, the impact that U.M. – ARMY made to them was as important as the work that they did.

Our ability to invest in this community is significant, and is not limited by financial resources. Granted, some investments will require large sums of money; however, there is so much that can be done at a relatively low cost with great results. The examples above demonstrate that, and I look forward to working with you to create future investments with similar returns.

*Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and welcomes your feedback. Please email questions, comments or concerns to her at [char\\_lovett@hotmail.com](mailto:char_lovett@hotmail.com).*

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## Claremont Confidential

By Les St.Pierre



### On The Move Again

Driving past the Moody Building in Opera House Square one no longer is able to see the words Claremont Chamber of Commerce etched onto the right front window. Instead, the words Crescent St. Antiques adorn the pane of glass.

Where, then, has the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce decided to lay down its roots and continue to strive to enhance, promote, and support the economic stability and growth in the communities it serves, as cited in its mission statement?

Look no further than a few flights upward. At the beginning of this month, Executive Director Elyse Crossman began the move and is just now starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel in regards to where all her paraphernalia will find a permanent resting place. The GCCC is now located on the fourth floor of the historic Moody Building, in Suite 407, with an adjoining room easily accepting storage and/or an influx of visiting dignitaries.

Crossman couldn't be more delighted in the switch of operating space. "I love the view up here," Crossman stated prior to an interview over the weekend as she excitedly pointed out the outline of Arrowhead Skiway overlooking the beauty of Broad Street Park and the remaining vista of downtown Claremont.

But it wasn't the view that caused Crossman to make the move. It was space, or rather the lack of it.

"Oddly enough," Crossman reported, "one day we were holding interviews for new board members and I asked Donna if there was more space available and she brought me up here to use it for the day and I thought it was a beautiful space and all the board members felt the same way." So, the decision was made to move from the ground floor of the building to the fourth floor, a fourth move in the last 12 years in the same building.

Donna (Michaud) Lee, the building manager, reported via a telephone conversation it is a win-win situation for both entities as the

Chamber needed more space and Crescent St. antiques is using the space downstairs to showcase a few of the many, many items it has stored in its main habitat downstairs, out the door, and around the corner. In addition, Lee reported the smoke shop, across the aisle from where the Chamber office was, is not going anywhere soon, as persistent rumors to the contrary continue to be heard.

"I looked at both Hanover and Springfield," Crossman added in explaining the reasoning behind this latest move, "and the Chamber of Commerce in both those places are not on the ground floor. With this move we have been able to eliminate an off-site storage unit and, by not being that first point of contact for anyone coming into the building, much more productivity is the result. After weighing all the pros and cons as to why we should move up here, it is much more relaxing not being interrupted by people looking for legal aid or by telling people where to go elsewhere in the building. I can get so much more done."

The Moody Building is home to many other offices and small businesses. New Hampshire Legal Aid is just one of a minimum of a dozen factions setting up shop within the building's confines. Others, on various floors, include massage therapy, a pregnancy center, Timberframes, Great Eastern Radio, counseling, and the Stevens High School Alumni Office, situated in the basement.

Crossman, nee Gagnon, graduated from Stevens High School in 2006 and went on to get a degree in human relations from High Point University in North Carolina. She celebrated her one-year anniversary as Executive Director of the Chamber on June 15. "I really like my job!" Crossman shouted during the interview. "I love it here! I had the opportunity when I graduated from college to go into my field in North Carolina and I chose to come back here. I feel there are so many plusses here. I think this is a fantastic community. I try very hard to not just talk about supporting Claremont businesses, but also to physically do it. Friday evenings in downtown Claremont are my favorite. I just love the hustle and bustle of

people coming to our restaurants and shopping, too. I know its not anything like prior generations, but for me to leave this building and go outside and see the streets full of people and cars is kind of invigorating. It's really nice to see people frequenting our downtown and community."

Continuing her spiel on returning to her hometown, Crossman stated, "I left the world of retail to come to this position and it was easily one of the best decisions I ever made. No two days are the same, and I feel the things I do have an impact on the community I have chosen to come back to." Crossman, married

to Stephen Crossman, acquired her full-time Executive Director position from interim director Kelly Murphy after having managed her mother's store on Washington Street and having worked as store manager at the Paper Store in the Upper Valley.

"I think the Chamber is continuing to grow," Crossman emphasized. "It certainly has grown over the last year of me being here, not only in the simple number of memberships, but also in the events we have

and in how we are able to interact with and support the community. A lot of people think my position is a city position. They don't know the Chamber is a non-profit and a separate entity. I work with the city but I am not a city employee. There is a big misconception."

Total membership in the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce, which also includes the towns of Plainfield, Unity, Charlestown, Lempster, and Cornish, in addition to Claremont, currently stands at 146. Membership dues range from individual at \$75 annually to \$7,500 for a Platinum status.

The Chamber office is open 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, but Crossman pointed out she most probably can be found anytime from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and, yes, there is an elevator in the building if one does not want to, or cannot, climb the stairs.

"I vividly remember when I was 18 years old," Crossman recalled, "and I couldn't wait to get out of this town. Very honestly, that is where I was. I went away and learned just how much I really appreciated where I came from."



**Elyse Crossman, Chamber Executive Director (Les St.Pierre photo).**



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Boards, Committees and Commissions Vacancies

*The City of Claremont is inviting citizens to apply for vacancies which exist on the following volunteer Boards, Committees and Commissions:*

Airport Advisory Board	1 vacant seat
Board of Appeals	5 vacant seats; 3 vacant alternate seats
Claremont Community Television Board	3 vacant seats
Claremont Housing Authority	1 vacant seat
Claremont Planning Board	3 vacant alternate seats
Conservation Commission	5 vacant alternate seats
Downtown TIF Board	3 vacant seats
Fiske Free Library Board of Trustees	1 vacant seat, 2 vacant alternate seats
Historic District Commission	1 vacant seats, 3 vacant alternate seats
Master Plan Steering Committee	1 vacant seat
MT Ascutney Region River Subcommittee of the CT River Joint Commission	2 vacant seats, 2 vacant alternate seats
Parks & Recreation Commission	3 vacant alternate seats
Transfer Station (Ad Hoc) Committee	vacant seats
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission	1 vacant seat
Zoning Board of Adjustment	1 vacant alternate seat

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Frances Tolles Home	2 seats expire 7/31/2016

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**Storm damage on Saturday included two huge trees, an oak and a pine, that came down in the West Pleasant St. Cemetery in Claremont. As of Sunday morning, thousands in VT and NH were still without power, and some were not projected to have power restored until Monday.**

**Photos by Bill Binder  
and Verna Morin**

## Storms Rip Through Region, Downing Trees And Wires

CLAREMONT, NH--Short-lived but strong storms ripped through the Upper Valley late Saturday afternoon, downing trees and wires in many areas. The storm included dark clouds, strong winds, some thunder and lightning but little rain here. Much of the state suffered similar damage; some parts also got heavy rain and hail. By nearly 10:00 p.m. Saturday night, Eversource was reporting that there were still 43,700+ customers throughout New Hampshire without power. The New Hampshire Electric Cooperative reported that it had 9,500+ customers without service as of 10:00 p.m. Saturday night, and Green Mountain Power in Vermont reported some 21,800+ customers were without power at roughly 10:30 p.m. Hundreds in Claremont, Newport and surrounding towns were still without service late Saturday night, including 206 in Claremont, 356 in Newport, 813 in New London and 716 in Sunapee, to name just some of the areas hit. As of Sunday morning, hundreds in the area were still without power.

The storm caused a broken pole, with a transformer, on Sugar River Drive, and a huge oak and a huge pine tree came down in the West Pleasant Street Cemetery, hitting a number of gravestones. There were also downed wires or trees or trees on wires on Hanover Street, Case Hill, and Paddy Hollow Road. Upton Place was another area affected in Claremont. A tree was also down at the end of Britton Road in Unity.

---Phyllis A. Muzeroll