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“Ambassadors for the City”

Amtrak Station Hosts help Local Rail Travelers, Promote Claremont



With the morning's passengers safely aboard, Jeff Albright and Sharon Wood wave farewell to the southbound Vermonter (Eric Zengota photo).

By Eric Zengota

CLAREMONT, NH—Signal lights flash and bells ring at the River Road crossing. Gates descend and traffic stops. An iconic whistle down the line shrieks to announce the twice-daily arrival of the Vermonter at the Amtrak Claremont station. After a few minutes of bustling activity, the train departs, embodying the romance of the rails that Upper Valley residents are rediscovering.

On hand to help passengers are members of the Claremont Station Host Association. The hosts, all volunteers, meet both Vermonters every
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Arrest Made Following Police Pursuit

Suspect Charged with Multiple Counts

CLAREMONT, NH—On August 8, at approximately 4:48 p.m., the Claremont Police Communications Center received numerous 911 calls of a black Ford F150 pickup truck driving erratically eastbound on Main Street in Claremont. A short time later, a Claremont Police Officer at the scene of an unrelated collision on Washington Street observed the vehicle drive through the collision scene at a high rate of speed, nearly striking a Claremont firefighter, said the Claremont Police Department in a statement. The officer broadcast a description of the vehicle, and a “Be On the Lookout” was sent to the Newport Police Department.

At approximately 4:56 p.m., a Newport Police Officer located the vehicle on Main Street in Newport, and attempted to stop it. The vehicle did not stop when signaled, and the Newport Police Officer pursued it on John Stark Highway back into Claremont, said Captain

Stephen A. Lee in the statement. The vehicle left the roadway on Washington Street and came to a stop, at which time the operator fled on foot, reported the police. He was taken into custody shortly thereafter by New Hampshire State Police Troopers.

The operator of the vehicle was identified by law enforcement as: Richard Duncan, 40, of Proctor, VT.

Duncan was arrested by New Hampshire State Police and transported to the Sullivan County House of Corrections pending his scheduled arraignment on August 9.

The Sullivan County Attorney’s Office has filed the following complaints in Sullivan Superior Court: three counts of Reckless Conduct with a Deadly Weapon, one count of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, one count of Possession of Controlled Drugs With Intent to Distribute, and one count of Armed Career Criminal.

The case is still under investigation by the Claremont Police Department, the Newport Police Department, and the New Hampshire State Police. Anyone with information about the incident is encouraged to contact Claremont Police Detective Captain Stephen A. Lee at (603)542-7010 or slee@claremontnh.com, or New Hampshire State Police Trooper Eric Fosterling at (603)223- 4381 or eric.fosterling@dos.nh.gov.

email Cornishccpto@gmail.com, or contact Kristine Newbold 675-2914, or Corinne Kelliher 675-5405 with questions or if you would like to sign up by talking to a person.

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4:00 pm-7:00 pm Town Hall Entrance Gate
4:00 pm-7:00 pm School Entrance Gate
6:30 pm-9:30 pm Parsonage South Entrance Gate
7:00 pm-9:30 pm Town Hall Entrance Gate

Sunday 8/19

6:30 am -9:30 am Logging Road Entrance Gate
6:30 am -9:30 am Parsonage South Entrance Gate
7:00 am - 10:00 am School Entrance Gate
9:30 am - 12:30 pm - Logging Road Entrance Gate (2 people needed)

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier



Adjusted County Budget Wipes Out Projected Tax Increase

Slight adjustments to Sullivan County's Fiscal Year 2019 Budget approved last week should please most county taxpayers as well as help our state government fund a new innovative health care program.

On Aug. 8 by unanimous voice vote, the New Hampshire House of Representatives' Sullivan County Delegation approved three adjustments to reset the county budget. The three adjustments involved a total of \$2,835,638 in surplus Proshare Funds from the state and federal governments, surplus funds that the County Delegation was not totally certain of receiving when it had adopted the original 2019 Budget of \$33,230,127 on June 26 in Newport. Proshare is a complicated method for both our federal and state governments to help pay for New Hampshire's 11 county nursing homes, and is money Sullivan County usually receives by late June or early July of each year.

Approval of the three budget adjustments came after the Delegation's EFC (Executive Finance Committee) unanimously voted on July 26 to recommend such adjustments. The recommended adjustments sparked with no debate and just a few questions during the approximately 45-minute meeting in Newport. Only eight of 13 Delegation representatives were present for the early summer morning meeting of which seven were necessary to be present in order to constitute a quorum necessary to conduct business. The five representatives absent for various reasons both known and unknown to me were Claremont's Francis Gauthier as well as John O'Connor, Charlestown's Steven Smith, Sunapee's Linda Tanner, and Newport's Virginia Irwin.

Among the approved adjustments, the first and largest one would return \$1,417,819.25 to New Hampshire's Health & Human Services Dept. to help it fund the Region 1 IDN (Integrated Delivery Network), a new federal-state health care program which seeks to improve the health of Medicaid-eligible citizens by helping them to change some of their unwise and destructive behaviors, a program of which most of Sullivan County, except for the Town of Washington, is part, along with 47 additional municipalities in four other Granite State counties. The Region I IDN was explained in some detail at an earlier July 17 Delegation Meeting by Health & Human Services Commissioner Jeffrey Meyers, Region 1 Director Ann Landry, as well as Valley Regional President Peter Wright, and further described in my July 23 column.

The second adjustment totaling \$417,819 and again from surplus Proshare Funds would go to the present budget's "Fund Balance" that is similar to New Hampshire government's "Rainy Day Fund." This total would be transferred from "Fund Balance" so as to wipe out the total of \$216,959 or approximately 1.61 percent increase in Sullivan County's property taxes resulting from the approval of the original Fiscal

Year 2019 Budget on June 26. But in addition, the remaining \$200,860 of the \$417,819 transfer would result in the county tax rate being reduced by an average of five cents per thousand of all taxed properties, according to County Manager Derek Ferland.

Finally, the present county budget's third adjustment, would, if adopted by the three County Commissioners, result in \$1 million of the surplus Proshare Funds being transferred from Fund Balance to the Capital Reserve Fund, a fund containing some money to be used for future capital construction projects and heavy equipment in Sullivan County. The just-mentioned amount of funds could then be put towards the total amount of dollars designated by both the Commissioners and Delegation for future renovation of SCHC (Sullivan County Health Care), which is popularly known as the "nursing home", a designation that is likely to be inserted into the next Fiscal Year 2020 Budget, if the architectural design work, which is part of the present county budget, is completed by 2019. Putting away the unanticipated \$1 million towards what is expected to be a total of at least \$20 million in actual cost for the renovation construction work, could reduce the total amount of dollars the county would have to borrow for the renovation.

For the record, I did support approval of the three just-listed adjustments, though I technically did not vote for them because I was presiding at the Aug. 8 meeting in my position as County Delegation Chair, and the actual approval came on a voice vote-not a show-of-hands or roll call vote. I was pleased by all three adjustments. First, I believe the approximately \$1.4 million given back to our state government so as to help fund the Region 1 IDN, is a smart gamble that in the long run could help reduce Sullivan County's opioid problems, improve the overall health of our most economically-challenged citizens, and save taxpayers a little money. A worthwhile gamble, especially in light of the fact that approximately 28 percent of Claremont's adult population receives Medicaid, according to information submitted by Region 1 IDN Director Landry. Also, the return of \$417,839 to taxpayers so as to wipe out the original 1.6 percent tax increase, and then actually lower property taxes by a tiny amount, should be welcome news to many of my Claremont constituents. Finally, setting \$1 million now so as to reduce the total amount of dollars likely needed to be borrowed for SCHC's future renovation is wise long-term financial planning, in my opinion.

Also, at the Aug. 8 meeting, County Manager Ferland invited the Delegation to attend the New Hampshire Association of Counties' 2018 Annual Conference & Trade Show to be held in the Sunapee Lodge at Newbury's Mount Sunapee Resort between Sept. 16-19. The event is being hosted by Sullivan County this year with the Official Theme of "Adding Value Through Partnerships." I believe it is great opportunity for our county to showcase our recent progress as well as future potential. Though technically just across the Sullivan County line in neighboring Merrimack County, when such past events have been hosted by our county, they have always been either in the White Mountains or on the Seacoast. I commend the County Manager and Commissioners for bringing this important event a little closer to home.

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Letters to the Editor

"Biomass is Dirty and Unsustainable"

To The Editor:

The *Valley News* front page article "Energy at Issue in NH Race" (Aug. 1) shows once again that politics makes strange bedfellows. While erstwhile progressives Molly Kelly and Steve Marchand seek to overturn Gov. Sununu's veto of Senate Bill (SB) 365, environmentalists are joining with "no subsidies for anyone" conservatives to urge legislators to sustain the veto when it comes back for a vote on September 13.

Biomass is dirty and unsustainable. See the film "Burned: Are Trees the New Coal?" to get a fuller picture of how burning large quantities of trees pollutes. In a sympathetic but damning August 5 article about the Springfield, NH, biomass facility, the *Valley News* points out that even with subsidies "the economics of operating the biomass plant are grim."

Trash incineration is even dirtier and also unsustainable. SB 365 contains subsidies to Wheelabrator's so-called "waste to energy" incinerator, a known source of dioxin and other poisons. Even though Wheelabrator is paid to take the refuse it burns, trash incinerators fail economically when deprived of energy credits.

Industries based on burning resources are not sustainable. Taking money out of our pockets to subsidize dirty technologies that would fail in a free market goes against both common sense and self interest. If you care about the environment and your pocketbook, urge your legislators and gubernatorial candidates to sustain the veto of SB 365.

John Lajoie
Charlestown, NH

Sununu Wrong on Biomass Plants

To The Editor:

Recently, Governor Chris Sununu vetoed a bill to help the six biomass plants in the state keep their doors open. This veto is harmful to New Hampshire and is disastrous for the economy of District 1.

These plants purchase "junk" wood from loggers, who otherwise have no use for the byproduct, helping them make additional revenue and giving them an incentive to use sustainable forest management practices. Sununu states that he is doing what is best for ratepayers, what he is really accomplishing is depressing the already struggling economy of the North Country.

This will affect not only loggers and the biomass plants, but also industries like trucking and equipment sellers, and recreational activities like snowmobiling and the use of ATVs. Currently, many landowners offset allowing free public recreational use of their property with logging revenue. Many of these landowners are already discussing a willingness to shut off some of these lands to the public because of the move. This will harm the tourism industry, an essential part of the economic viability of the North Country.

I am hopeful lawmakers in Concord will override this veto, as the bill had bipartisan support, passing the Senate 17-4 and the House 225-108. This override is essential to keep our forests healthy, our economy strong, and our recreational land preserved. Please take time to call your representatives and tell them they must override Sununu's harmful veto.

Mike Cryans
Candidate for District 1 Executive Council

We welcome Letters to the Editor. Send to etickernews@gmail.com.

Please include name, address and phone number.



Claremont City Council and School Board Meet

The Claremont City Council and School Board meet on a quarterly basis to address those issues that impact the community as a whole. The most recent meeting occurred August 9 and covered a wide range of topics. The following is a brief overview of those discussions and the actions taken:

Public Information Officer (PIO) - The need for a Public Information Officer (PIO) has long been a topic at both the City Council and the School Board. Since 2013, concerned citizens and members of the governing bodies have emphasized the need for better communication of Claremont's accomplishments and opportunities, and management of the City's on-line presence. While accomplishing this would certainly benefit those who live in the community, the primary focus was external communication in order to generate growth.

Earlier this year, both governing bodies unanimously supported finding a solution to this issue. In response to the governing bodies' directive, both City Manager McNutt and former Superintendent McGoodwin researched models used in other communities and developed a job description. Also discussed were the pros and cons of a full-time, part-time or

contracted position. However, the concerns shared by the majority of the members of the governing bodies centered on timing and funding. Consequently, the governing bodies voted 7-6 to table the topic until a new superintendent was hired, estimated to occur in August 2019.

Invitation to Gubernatorial Candidates – At our last quarterly meeting, the governing bodies agreed that it was important to invite the gubernatorial candidates to Claremont prior to the Primary on September 11. This would give the governing bodies and the public the opportunity to share priorities and concerns with the candidates, and learn how the candidates would address them if elected to office. Each candidate has been invited. At 7:00pm on August 25, the Claremont City Council and School Board will host a public forum with Steve Marchand. The event will be held at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center, and is open to the public. Efforts to schedule this type of event with the other candidates are ongoing.

Training with New Futures – New Futures is an organization that is dedicated to improving the health and wellness of NH residents through advocacy, education and collaboration. It has worked with the Claremont community on such issues as childhood lead poisoning and Medicaid expansion, and participates in the Sullivan County Public Health Network. While this organization offers free training on a variety of issues, the focus at the August 9th meeting was training related to children's behavioral health.

At our last quarterly meeting, former Superintendent McGoodwin commented that behavioral health is a major contributor to a child's ability to learn. At our most recent meeting,

Acting Superintendent LeClair commented that addressing children's behavioral health in the schools is quite costly. Given this and the fact that behavioral health impacts the community as a whole, the governing bodies have decided to make this a priority and will be working with New Futures to schedule the training. By doing so, the governing bodies will better understand the Health System in NH and improve their ability to engage the Legislature on those bills that impact the behavioral health of our children.

Community-Wide Energy Policy – Develop-
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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

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ing a community-wide energy policy will require the input of both governing bodies and the public. We will have to determine if we want to adopt a policy that pertains only to municipal and school buildings or to the community as a whole. While we are just embarking on establishing an overarching policy, certain issues need our immediate attention.

Senate Bills 365 (use of renewable generation to provide fuel diversity) and 446 (net energy metering limits for customer-generators) were vetoed by Governor Sununu in June of this year. There is an effort to override the Governor's action. The mayors of the 13 NH cities have been asked to sign a letter supporting an override of the Governor's vetoes. While there seems to be broad support to override the veto for SB446, there are Claremont residents who are against an override of SB365. Therefore, the governing bodies voted to further research the issue and make a decision by the next Council meeting on August 22.

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

New Hampshire Education Funding Discussion in Newport

NEWPORT, NH—The Newport School Board is joining Claremont, Fall Mountain, and Unity to host a discussion on New Hampshire Education Funding.

On August 14, Attorneys Andru Volinsky and John Tobin will be providing a public workshop on New Hampshire school funding. This workshop will be held at 6:00 p.m. at Richards Elementary School in Newport NH. The public is invited to attend.

Community members are invited and encouraged to attend into this very important conversation.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

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day. They coach the morning's southbound passengers about the need for quick, efficient boarding (the train is scheduled to stop for only two minutes). In the evening, they greet de-training travelers, helping them call taxi service and locate lodging. In some cases, they wait for the passengers' friends or family to pick them up.

First-time riders and the occasional bewildered traveler can count on the hosts for both information and answers to their questions.

On a Thursday morning in June Luke and Donabeth Harvey of Weathersfield, Vt., were waiting to board their first-ever train for their



Cindi Cleveland coaches Donabeth and Luke Harvey on rail travel before they board the train to New York City for a Red Sox-Yankees game (The Sox won). (Eric Zengota photo).

first-ever visit to New York City — and the Saturday Red Sox-Yankees game. Station host Cindi Cleveland, of Claremont, greeted them and coached them on what to expect on the journey and on arrival in the city.

Walt Stapleton, of Claremont, brings a lifetime of railroad interest and experience to the station host association. "We provide welcoming, friendly chat, as well as advice and help," he said. "Passengers appreciate the interaction, and we've gotten some good feedback."

Stapleton worked for 53 years on and off the tracks. From serving in the U.S. Army railway battalion, to station agent and signal station operator for three railroads, to his own business consulting on and insuring rail transportation, he's done it all.

Jeff Albright, of Claremont, thinks of his fellow hosts "as an advance welcome wagon for Claremont." He worked for 14 different railroads over 30 years, including as an engineer and repairman. "Passengers are happy to see us here."

Hosts are dedicated to incentivizing travelers. One way is to beautify the station area by keeping it clean, picking up trash and planting flowers. New benches plus a shelter, built with funding from WHS Homes, also improve the site. Hosts routinely check for problems such as fallen trees or debris across the tracks, which they report to Amtrak safety officials.

Albright commented — and other hosts echoed — that "nothing here would have happened without John Lambert's help." Lambert owns all the land "up to the platform" and the station building itself (now the Claremont Cycle Depot). He also upgraded the parking lot, which offers free, long-term parking for passengers. The Claremont Police Department has officers do extra passes in cruisers to monitor security in the lot.

Claremont mayor and association president Charlene Lovett points with pride to the fact that the Claremont program is the only one on the entire Vermonter line, which runs between



Mark Witten intends to relax all the way to Baltimore. He'd run the Ragnar Trail on Mount Ascutney the two days before and was not about to drive or fly home (Eric Zengota photo).

St. Albans, VT, and Washington, DC, and Claremont the only New Hampshire station on that service. She also helps the City's Ad Hoc Amtrak Platform Committee to "study the feasibility of infrastructure improvements to the station."

Lovett noted that Amtrak receives no funding from New Hampshire, which makes local promotion that much more important. The numbers prove the worth of the effort. Passengers using the Claremont station went from 2,117 in 2015 to 2,560 in 2017. In the same time period, the Vermonter line increased from 92,699 passengers to 95,796.

Claremont has become a hub for local rail travelers. Many visitors get off to visit the Lake Sunapee region, others for camping in the Upper Valley and other athletic events.

One Sunday in August, Mark Witten was heading home to Baltimore. He'd taken part in the weekend's Ragnar Trail in West Windsor, VT. "It was pretty gruel-

ing, especially given the humidity," said Witten. The run is essentially a half-marathon on Mount Ascutney's single-track trails, he added. "So the train made sense. Flying here would have taken almost as long and been three times as expensive."

Station Hosts get basic training from Amtrak officials on the ins and outs of rail travel. The 50-page Volunteer Manual includes practical tips such as monitoring the progress of each train by web site or app, noting and posting information on delays, and adapting ideas from associations across the country to instill community pride.

New volunteers are always welcome. For information on becoming a Station Host, contact:

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One Lucky Skunk

Animal's Head Caught in Discarded Cup

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

It's easy to forget how all the trash we humans generate can affect nature, and specifically animals, but a recent incident is a good reminder of how easily things can go badly for critters.

Local resident Chris Courtemanche recently shared a tale of one such animal that had a bad encounter with some trash.

"...I went outside to cook a quick burger on the grill," Courtemanche recounted. "I heard what I thought was moose hooves on the tar. I heard this for like five minutes and realized it wasn't that at all, but I was like, what the



A picture of the container exactly as Chris Courtemanche found it, covering the skunk's head.

heck is that? After grabbing a flashlight, I went up too the road for an investigation. Approaching slowly was a skunk, who had his head trapped in a Dunkin' Donuts iced coffee container, which was dragging all over

the tar; it was struggling badly. I am sure it couldn't breathe well, so I said to heck with it. If it sprays me, then at least I'll save its life while smelling badly. The skunk saw the light and walked towards it, keeping its back end down and me sayin 'It's okay, baby, we will get you free.'"

Courtemanche continued, "It followed me for a minute because I didn't want to spook it and move too fast. Then when it was close, I reached down and quickly snatched it off its face. He went running one direction and me another, in case he changed his mind about spraying. The skunk was so happy to be free and I laughed loudly."

Courtemanche has an important message for people.

"Please, please, please, don't litter, remind everyone that things people don't consider a problem are deadly for the wildlife."

While it's not clear as to whether the discarded cup was litter thrown outside somewhere or if the animal got into someone's trash container and its head got caught in the cup, it's a good reminder to never litter and to make sure trash that's put outside to be picked up is secured and animal proof.

This time, a story of an animal put at risk by manmade trash had a happy ending. This is not always the case; numerous stories of animals and birds that are injured or die as a result of everyday items turning into deathtraps for wildlife are reported every year. Not only is trash unsightly, it can be deadly.

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Sunapee Thrift Shop Update

SUNAPEE, NH—The Thrift Shop is still undergoing construction of the new ramp and will not be opened next week. The Shop is tentatively scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, August 21st.

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Sullivan County Fugitive of the Week

Lisa Robie

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Reason: Failure to Appear

Charges: Three counts of Sale of Controlled Drug Class B Felony

On Dec. 20, 2017, Lisa Robie was indicted by the Sullivan County Grand Jury on three

counts of Sale of Controlled Drug, Class B Felonies.

On April 2, 2018, Robie failed to appear in Sullivan County Superior Court for a sentencing hearing.

On April 2, 2018, the Sullivan County Superior Court issued a warrant for Robie's arrest on failing to appear in court that day.

This information is provided by Sheriff John Simonds of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department. Anyone with information regarding this individual is asked to contact the Sheriff's Department or their local police department.



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Mt. Ascutney Hospital Director of Community Health Honored by Vital Communities

WINDSOR, VT – Jill Lord, RN, MS, Director of Community Health at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) was named as one of the region's Heroes & Leaders by the regional nonprofit Vital Communities, at the organization's annual banquet recently in Quechee, VT, at the Quechee Club.

Introduced by MAHHC President, CEO, and Chief Medical Officer Joseph Perras, MD, Lord was one of 12 individuals recognized as "Long-Standing Stewards" who have "dedicated their time, energy, and talents to making this a vital and flourishing community," and who "inspire us with their commitment to this community, their hard work, and their positive impact on this place we love and call home."

Rob Schultz, manager of Vital Communities' Leadership Upper Valley program, which coordinates and benefits from the Heroes & Leaders event noted, "Jill Lord has devoted her career to improving people's lives on an individual basis as an exemplary nurse, hospital-wide for many years as MAHHC's Chief Nursing Officer, and since early 2016, enhancing health and wellness on a broader level as the Director of Community Health. A hospital's mission extends far beyond its physical footprint. Jill is instrumental in forging connections with like-minded organizations to create community partnerships, and reaching out to ensure better health for everyone."

As Director of Community Health, Lord is responsible for fostering population and community health using the Community Health Needs Assessment, ACO, and other quality measures. She leads or participates in a variety of prevention and care management initiatives and programs, leads the MAHHC Ethics Committee, is President of Windsor Area Community Partnership, Program Manager of Blueprint for Health, Chair of the Windsor HSA Community Collaborative, and Board President of the Vermont Nursing Internship Program, which she was instrumental in creating. She is also involved with the

Windsor Area Drug Task Force, the PATCH Network, and other community health initiatives. Appointed to the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Nursing in 2011, she is the 2014 Vermont Medical Society Citizen of the Year.

Working in the Upper Valley region for nearly 25 years, Vital Communities is a White River Junction-based nonprofit organization that brings together citizens, organizations, and municipalities to take on issues where an in-

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dependent voice and regional approach are essential. Leadership Upper Valley, a program of Vital Communities, is designed to educate and engage local leaders to serve their communities across the Upper Valley region.

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New WorkReadyNH Class Scheduled in Claremont

CLAREMONT, NH—The next class of the WorkReadyNH Program will be held at River Valley Community College in Claremont, August 27th - September 17th, Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

It is quick and easy to register, simply contact workreadyrvcc@ccsnh.edu or call 603-542-7744, ext. 5485.

For more information, visit www.ccsnh.edu/workreadynh or www.facebook.com/workreadynh.

"What a fantastic helpful experience," exclaimed River Valley Community College WorkReadyNH grad, Ross Pursell, who showed that determination to improve himself paid off as he worked full-time in the evenings while attending the WorkReadyNH Program during the day, Monday - Friday from 9:00 - 3:00 for three weeks. His previous employer recommended the WorkReadyNH program during layoffs at the company he had worked at for several years, and although he found a new job quickly, he said he still wanted to learn and grow professionally.

The tuition-free WorkReadyNH Program is for NH residents who are 18+ years old and dedicated to their professional growth.

One Credit Union CEO Awarded Executive Designation

SPRINGFIELD, VT—Brett Smith, President and CEO of One Credit Union, earned the Certified Credit Union Executive (CCUE) designation as a member of the graduating class of CUNA Management School, which was held in Madison, Wisconsin.

"On behalf of Credit Union National Association, I want to congratulate Brett Smith on completing the substantial undertaking that is CUNA Management School," said Kristin Ryan, director of learning events at CUNA. "Over the last three years, he has mastered the art of credit union leadership, proven his capacities as an executive and developed a unique, clear vision for success."

Jeff Taft, Chairman of the One Credit Union Board of Directors added, "CUNA Management School prepares credit union leaders with three years of rigorous projects, activities, examinations and expert instruction. The Board is incredibly proud of Brett's commitment to complete the program successfully." The program is led by professors from the University of Wisconsin School Of Business. Participants cover an enormous range of topics, including management, financial analysis, internal controls, crisis management and organizational behavior.

By completing all three years of the school, three exams, two projects and an oral presentation, attendees earn the Certified Credit

Union Executive (CCUE) designation, which signifies knowledge of and readiness for credit union leadership. Brett Smith was one of 85 attendees to graduate this year.



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Arrest Made in Latest Case Involving Damage to Cornish-Windsor Bridge

CORNISH, NH—On Aug. 7, at approximately 3:00 p.m., Troopers from NHSP- Troop-C were dispatched to a call regarding a box truck that struck the Cornish-Windsor Covered Bridge on Route 12A in Cornish and left the scene. Upon arrival at the scene, Trooper Edward Horton observed minor damage to the face of the bridge and minor scuffing on support beams inside the bridge. The bridge was closed briefly and inspected by the Cornish Fire Department. Once it was confirmed that no structural damage occurred, the bridge was re-opened for vehicular traffic. A witness at the scene was able to obtain a license plate for the box truck which was found to be a rental. Through a brief investigation, the driver of the box truck was found to be Tymon Teichroeb, 24, Albany, OR.

An arrest warrant for Conduct After an Accident was obtained for Teichroeb and he subsequently turned himself in on Aug. 12. Teichroeb was released on \$2,000 personal recognizance bail and provided with a Claremont District Court date of September 17th. State Police was assisted by Claremont Police Department, Plainfield Police Department, Cornish Fire/Rescue and NH DOT.

This is the second time in less than a month the historic Cornish-Windsor Bridge has been struck by a large truck attempting to cross the bridge that is clearly marked maximum height of 9' 2" . The NHSP would like to remind all operators to "be careful when trying to enter a covered bridge in a large vehicle or truck."

Looking for Experienced and Professional Artists

CORNISH, NH—If you are an experienced artist and have artwork for sale, and if you would like to sell at the Cornish Fair Art Show and Sale, please contact Nancy Wightman nwlaststraw@gmail.com or by phone at 603-542-4813.

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250th SUNAPEE CELEBRATION!

Sunapee was founded in 1768 and the Town will be celebrating its 250th anniversary in this year. A weekend of events is planned for August 17th - 19th, and includes a wide variety of events, such as an Aerosmith exhibit, puppet show, art exhibit, parade, fireworks in the harbor, community breakfast, and music, just to name a few of the activities.

For a complete event calendar listing, please visit <https://www.sunapeenh250.org/>.



Plans to Hire PIO Get Stalled Again

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—While it appears that members of the City Council and School Board like the idea of hiring a Public Information Officer (PIO) to help the City and the district do a better job of marketing themselves, the plan to do so stalled out again Thursday night at a joint meeting of the two boards. It's not the first time the idea has been put on hold over the last several years. Discussion of the topic came to an end following a motion by Board member Steve Horsky who said he thought moving forward on the plan should wait until a permanent superintendent is hired, and in a close vote of 7-6, the idea was tabled for now.

The motion followed discussion that touched on both the pros and cons of the idea; some attending the meeting were adamant that it was time to take action while others felt the

cost, whatever it might be, couldn't be justified just yet. Both councilors and school board members feel that a better job can be done getting out positive news and accomplishments that are being seen in the City and the district, and they admit that neither is doing as good a job as they could to do so; hence, the need for a PIO to step up marketing and public relations efforts to create a more positive image for the City and school district.

Questions remained as to how extensive the work should be and just what areas of responsibility a PIO would take on, including would that person do both websites? "There are lots of logistics to consider," said City Manager Ryan McNutt.

Prior to his termination by the SAU 6 Board, former Superintendent Middleton McGoodwin had put together an extensive package of what PIOs in general cover, as a starting point. The question was raised, could marketing be done better with existing staff? School Board member Rebecca Zullo said, "A lot of this feels like we have champagne taste on a beer budget." City Councilor Abigail Kier said she "would like to see this in the next budget," adding that she

believed it was a great idea and needed. "We want people to know how freaking awesome it is here," she said enthusiastically. "We want people to come here...I think we should make a plan for the next fiscal year."

Horsky said he thought it was "a City position. The schools' job is educating."

Mayor Charlene Lovett suggested starting out with a limited pilot program to see what kinds of results, via measurable goals, might be realized. "We've got to move, Claremont is not growing in population."

Assistant Mayor Allen Damren said he supported the idea of a pilot program but he wanted one that included an identifiable program to see what "we want accomplished." He added that he was not convinced "we have a plan of identifiable by goal yet."

There is yet to be a consensus as to whether the job would be full-time or part-time, what the salary would be or if it would include benefits. Some communities in the state have such staff, but others do not or have discontinued a similar post.

The superintendent's position is not expected to be permanently filled until next year.

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St. Mary's Announces Dates to Accept Items for Gigantic Indoor Yard Sale

CLAREMONT, NH—The Annual Gigantic Indoor Yard Sale at St. Mary's Gym, will be held on Saturday, September 8, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Proceeds will benefit St. Mary's Parish.

Donations for the yard sale will be accepted in the gym during the following dates/times:

Monday, August 20, 2018 (3 pm – 7 pm)
 Wednesday, August 22, 2018 (3 pm – 7 pm)
 Saturday, August 25, 2018 (9 am – 1 pm)

Monday, August 27, 2018 (3 pm – 7 pm)
 Wednesday, August 29, 2018 (3 pm – 7 pm)
 Saturday, September 1, 2018 (9 am – 1 pm)

The following items will be accepted: Tools, small furniture, small appliances, glassware, china, dishes, pots/pans, Christmas items, crafts, toys, jewelry, pictures/frames, tapes/movies/CD's, puzzles, linens to include drapes & bedding, home decorative items, etc.


The following items will **not** be accepted: Books, large appliances, large furniture, televisions (except flat screen), mattresses, luggage, car seats, broken items, rugs/carpeting, clothes, shoes, exercise equipment, ski's/poles, ski boots, typewriters and computers.

Please contact Norma Limoges at 542-2916 for additional information.

Unity Historical Society Meeting Date

UNITY, NH—The Unity Historical Society will hold a meeting on Tuesday, August 14th, at 6:30 p.m.

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Submitted by Marta Smith, Fiske Free Library

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 18 Cornish Fair Woodsmen's Competition Cornish Fair Fairgrounds, Cornish, NH

55th Annual Woodsmen's Competition, Sponsored by the Sullivan County Chapter of the NHTOA and the Cornish Fair Association. Registration starts at 8 a.m. The competition starts at 9 a.m. in the horse ring. Entry is \$5 for each event. Paid registrations received by Thursday, Aug. 17, cost \$4. Events include: chainsaw steeplechase, world vs. New Hampshire chainsaw steeplechase relay, chainsaw speed sawing free-for-all, two-person crosscut sawing, Jack and Jill crosscut sawing, two-person log roll, wood chopping, double-bit ax throwing, bucksaw sawing and tree felling. Contestants must provide their own safety gear, including safety chaps, hardhats and safety glasses. Chainsaws will be provided for the steeplechase event. Prize money will be awarded. Unique trophies will be given to the contestants garnering the most points. More information is available from Jim Zullo at (603) 863-2422, or e-mail jzullo@costaprecision.com.

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Time to Put Excess Cash to Work?

You'll always want to base your investment decisions on your own needs and goals. But there may be times when you might consider adjusting your portfolio because of risks and opportunities. Now may be one of those times.

Here's some background: In recent months, the Federal Reserve has raised short-term interest rates several times, and given its generally favorable outlook on the economy, it has indicated it may continue bumping up interest rates gradually over the next year or so. The Fed doesn't control long-term interest rates, but these rates often follow the lead of short-term movements. However, longer-term rates haven't yet risen as much as shorter-term ones, which means the difference between short- and long-term rates is relatively small, historically speaking.

This doesn't mean you should make drastic changes to your portfolio. You still need to stick with the asset allocation that's suitable for your situation, which typically involves owning a certain percentage of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks, and a certain percentage of fixed-income securities, such as bonds. However, if you do have space in the fixed-income part of your portfolio, you may find the higher interest rates offered by short-term bonds and certificates of deposit (CDs) to be attractive. To take advantage of this opportunity, though, you will need to have the cash available to invest.

Some people hold too much in cash, waiting for interest rates to rise, or as protection against the risk of a market decline. But holding excess cash involves its own risk – the risk of not investing. So, if you have your cash needs covered, you may want to consider investing any excess cash.

To determine if you are holding excess cash, you'll need to review your entire cash situation. For example, do you have enough cash, or cash equivalents, to create an emergency fund of three to six months' worth of living expenses? This fund can be vital in helping you pay for things like a major car repair or an unexpected medical bill without dipping in to your long-term investments. And, of course, you need enough liquidity to provide for your lifestyle, including your regular spending needs – your mortgage, utilities, groceries and so on. Also, you may want to set aside enough cash for a goal you want to reach in the next year or so, such as a vacation.

But if you have taken care of all these needs and you still have excess cash, you may want to consider putting this cash to work, possibly by investing in short-term fixed-income vehicles now being issued at higher interest rates.

And keep in mind that regardless of where interest rates are going, bonds and other fixed-income investments can offer some key benefits to investors. In addition to providing a source of regular income, these types of investments can help reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio. While bonds can, and will, fluctuate in value, they typically can provide more stability to your portfolio and tend to behave differently than stocks over time.

After years of historical lows, shorter-term rates now have risen to levels that are more attractive to investors. Take the time to review your situation, perhaps with the help of a financial professional, to determine if taking advantage of these rates may be appropriate for you.

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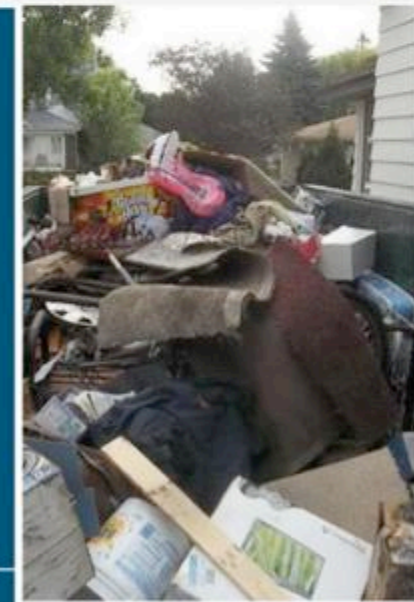
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It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



Making it Your Own

I'm passing along this story for several reasons. First, this is an outstanding seafood stuffing. Second, it shows that anyone with just modest cooking skills can create something remarkable. Third, it shows that measurements aren't all that important in cooking.

A while back we had house guests for about a week. My wife's sister and her husband. Ra-bid Steelers fans. So my wife decides that I'm going to make his favorite restaurant meal. He orders this whenever they go out. Nantucket Cod. Never heard of it. Besides, this is a guy with season tickets to the Steelers. He gets special treatment? To keep the peace, I agree.

My wife doesn't know what's in it or where he gets it. She walks away. Thanks. So I went to Google and finally found the restaurant. No recipe as such but a description and list of ingredients on the menu. To work.

Johnny's Seafood Stuffing

Crabmeat

Shrimp

Spinach

Onions

Cheddar Cheese

Cracker crumbs

Dill (my addition which makes it Johnny's)

I chopped up some imitation crabmeat. I forgot I had a can of real crabmeat on the shelf. Chopped up some cooked shrimp I had in the freezer. Chopped up some onion. Spinach and crumbled up some Ritz crackers. Chopped up some dill I had from last week.

I added it all together a little at a time so that I could control where I was going with this. Once I got it together, I melted some butter to bind it up.

Now when you get a piece of cod, there is a round piece at the top; I butterflied and stuffed that. Had a lot of stuffing left so I took the rest of the fish and made roll-ups, stuck in a toothpick, put it all in a baking dish at 400° and baked it about 10 minutes.

He and his wife got the stuffed parts and my wife and I had the roll-ups. Mr. Steelers thought it was just like the restaurant but a much larger serving. And something was a bit different but had a better taste. (Dill) Scored big points.

My wife liked it so much she wants me to make it more often. I will because it is easy (don't tell) and very tasty.

Remember, change one thing and it becomes your own.

Something to bear in mind: I was making a fruit salad based on instant vanilla pudding. I usually don't read the fine print unless it is a new to me product. This time I noticed that there is a "Note" in small print at the bottom of the label. It says that the pudding will not set if soy milk is used. Good to know if you use soy milk. I checked some other pudding boxes I had on the shelf and it seems that this is a new thing they are advising. The older boxes did not have the note.

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By Phyllis A.Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH—The City Council approved a resolution Wednesday night for an application for the RSA 79-E Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive that will be applied to the “substantial rehabilitation” of 54-62 Pleasant St., the Goddard Block. Plans call for the Goddard Block Limited Partnership to invest approximately \$7,376,463 to rehab the property into 36 apartment units and 10,000 square feet of retail space. The application for tax relief is for a period of five years. Under the agreement, the pre-renovation of assessment, or about \$440,000, will remain in place for the five years before a new assessment is determined.

Owner Kevin Lacasse, New England Family Housing, said that from a funding standpoint, everything has been approved and he is now working his way through the bidding process. Trumbull-Nelson has been hired as the general contractor, and it is hoped that construction will begin this fall, specifically, late September. The work is expected to take 15 months, he said, adding that there a lot of structural components that need “to go in.”

RSA 79-E was adopted in the City in 2016, and this will be the third project to use the tax incentive program. The others include the Ink Factory and Deglace, LLC, for the 40 Union Street chocolate test kitchen. The building has been approved for the National Register of Historic Places, qualifying it for for historic tax credits.

The apartment building was closed last year by the City due to numerous safety and code violations, forcing residents to suddenly find alternative housing. The rehabbed building will include one- and two-bedroom as well as studio apartments.

Also at Wednesday night’s meeting, councilors briefly discussed the situation at the boat landing and the hope of working with the state to find ways to get the site open by Memorial Day in the future. Over the last few years, Fish and Game, with limited staff and resources, has not been able to clear away the built-up silt before mid summer, making the landing unusable for boaters until half the season has

passed. Conservation Commission Chair Gary Dickerman said he would also like to see a separate area designated as a canoe and kayak launch. Mayor Charlene Lovett said she would like to know just what part of the area the City owns and what part(s) does the state have jurisdiction over, saying she would like to know what “our options are.” She added that she would like to see the site “operational by Memorial Day.”

City Manager Ryan McNutt also shared with the Council and the public a photo of additional illegal dumping that has happened on Half Mile Road in West Claremont. “Someone dumped part of a house demolition,” he said, referring to the photograph; he said that the police are investigating the illegal dumping. “More than likely the person will be caught and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law,” he said. Dumping in that area has been a serious problem for years, and the City is trying to take action to resolve the problem.

McNutt also shared that the City is getting quotes to add air conditioning to the library and they hope that by next spring the Fiske will be air conditioned, providing comfort to not only patrons but residents needing a cooling station during periods of extreme heat, something that libraries in many communities provide during the summer.

Also, progress was reported on the naming of the pedestrian bridge after former City Manager Guy Santagate. A small committee has been working on that project, and with the help of donations, that plan is being finalized. There will be a mounted plaque on either side of the bridge, and the steel of the three-foot-posts will match the steel of the bridge.

More donations to pay for the project are welcomed, and checks may be made out to the City of Claremont with Santagate Bridge noted in the memo line.

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Lollipop Carnival Time!

The Claremont Parks & Recreation Dept. held its annual Lollipop Carnival at Barnes Park on Friday, Aug. 10. After purchasing their lollipops (10 for \$1.00), families and kids enjoyed playing the games on the Midway, where they won tickets that could be redeemed at the Prize Tent. There were cake walks, sponge races, a magic show by local entertainer Dylan Tenney and the movie, "Coco", was shown at dusk. The Carnival King and Queen were chosen at 8:00 p.m.: King of the Carnival, 7 year-old-Caleb Remick; Queen of the Carnival, 11-year-old Lyndsie West. Also on hand was Officer Tyler Petrin with Claremont's new K-9, Maverick.



Photos by Bill Binder



Ice Cream Thank You

The Claremont Savings Bank held its "Free Ice Cream Customer Appreciation" event on Wednesday, Aug. 8, at the main bank on Broad St. The ice cream was supplied by the Happy Cow Cones traveling ice cream truck. Free ice cream day will be held at the Washington St. branch on the 14th and the 16th in Springfield, VT. The Happy Cow Cone truck is available for events. Owner Mark Foley and wife Nancy, aka Mr. and Mrs. Moo, donate all their proceeds to The Foley Cancer Center. For more info: www.happy-cowcones.com (Bill Binder photo).



Culvert replacement on East St. in Claremont has been no small project. The original culvert was hand built out of stone and was all plugged up, causing water to run over the road during heavy rains. This new pipe should be able to eliminate future problems (Bill Binder photos).

Upper Valley Habitat for Humanity Nears Completion of Major House Rehab on Pearl Street

Plans to Start Dedicated Claremont Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, Expands Eligibility Area

CLAREMONT, NH—Friday, August 17, will mark a major milestone in Habitat for Humanity's home repair work in Claremont. Chimney Savers Inc., of Randolph, VT, will be rebuilding two brick chimneys and installing stainless steel liners for both. Chimney Savers owner Paul Bianco has offered to perform the work pro-bono. In addition he has arranged a free of charge donation of the liners from National Chimney Supply.

The chimney work will be one of the last activities of the home upgrade project, which included major work on plumbing and heating, roofing, structural repairs, storm window replacement, kitchen and bath, and painting. We were also able to provide materials and equipment for the homeowner to carry out significant work on his own.

This work was made possible by the financial support of New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority of Bedford, NH.

Upper Valley Habitat, based in White River Junction, VT, feels that the continuation of the house repair and upgrade program can be even more effective with local leadership, guidance, outreach, and advice, said Don Derrick, Executive Director, Upper Valley Habitat for Humanity.

To that end, Habitat is looking to start a Claremont sub chapter, with a steering committee of six to eight Claremont residents. Upper Valley Habitat has had significant success with a similar setup based in the Northeast Kingdom area near St. Johnsbury, VT, said Derrick.

Habitat has additional funds available, and is looking for additional homeowners who would like to investigate catching up on some deferred maintenance. Initially the eligible area was limited to a few blocks either side of Pearl Street. With the new sub chapter, the eligible area will now encompass the entire city.

People who are interested in seeing how they might help do some significant good for their community and their fellow citizens are encouraged to contact Derrick, project manager, at don.derrick@upervalleyhabitat.org, or (603) 277-9135.

Beginning lead paint abatement program

Also, working with Southwest Community Services, Healthy Vibrant Claremont, and the Sullivan County manager, Habitat is starting to put together a team which would become certified, licensed and capable of dealing with the issues of lead paint in older dwellings. The Habitat Claremont sub chapter will provide an organizational structure from which this work could be supported.

People interested in this aspect of helping their community are encouraged to consider joining the now-forming steering committee.

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Off Broad Street Players Auditions Aug. 13

Off Broad Street Players will hold auditions at 6pm on Monday, Aug. 13 at the Fiske Free Library, Claremont. Written by a local author, the play is set in a nursing home for aged superheroes. It will be presented in dinner theater style in October. There are 8-10 roles for men and women, ages 18 and up. Anyone interested in auditioning who can't make the audition, should contact the director, Julie Richardson danrichardson@hotmail.com.

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