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North Country Smokehouse Celebrates New State-of-the-Art Facility

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CLAREMONT, NH--On Sunday, on a beautiful Fall day, state representatives, local city officials, business owners and over 150 interested citizens attended the ribbon cutting and Open House at the new North Country Smokehouse state-of-the-art facility in the Syd Clark Industrial Park in Claremont. The event featured a community barbecue with some Smokehouse favorites, a ribbon cutting ceremony and tours of the brand new 65,000-square-foot facility.

After eating lunch, Mike Satzow welcomed the crowd and told them how "proud and happy" he was to have the facility up and running. He thanked everyone that had been involved in the project and then introduced Vincent Breton who introduced the owners of Les Specialites Prodal, the company that bought North Country Smokehouse in 2015. Breton told the crowd that, "One of the reasons we purchased the Smokehouse is because Mike Satzow and his company shared the same values as our company does. Values such as the work ethic, family, community and dedication to providing the best possible product they can." He went on to say, "The first commitment Mike had during the sale was that the com-



pany would stay in Claremont to help benefit the community. We were happy to honor this commitment and build this state-of-the-art facility in Claremont." He thanked all the customers and employees for their patience during the startup and introduced Serge Breton, the President of Les Specialites Prodal, who was followed by Mayor Charlene Lovett. Letters from Senator Jeanne Shaheen and Rep. Annie Kuster were also read.

The Satzow family, the Breton Family and local officials were present for the ribbon cutting and then attendees took a tour of the facility.

Top: Vincent Breton, left, and Mike Satzow, right, address the crowd.; left: part of the facade of the new facility. More photos on page A29 (Bill Binder photos).

Two-Car Motor Vehicle Crash Involves Walpole Police Cruiser

WALPOLE, NH--On October 19, at approximately 8:41 p.m., New Hampshire State Police – Troop C, were requested to assist the Walpole Police Department in investigating a motor vehicle crash involving a Walpole Police cruiser.

The investigation revealed that Officer Roger Landry was traveling southbound on Church Street in a blue 2015 Dodge Charger with his emergency lights activated while responding to assist another officer on an unrelated incident.

A 16-year-old driver from Charlestown, NH, was pulling out of the parking lot of Lola's Pizzeria onto Church Street and pulled in front of the cruiser. As a result, the cruiser struck the rear driver's side door of Lantz's vehicle.

Landry received minor injuries; the other driver was uninjured. Both vehicles were towed from the scene due to disabling damage. One lane of Church Street was

closed for approximately two hours while the crash was investigated. State Police were assisted on scene by Walpole Police, N. Walpole Fire, Bellows Falls (VT) police and NH Fish & Game.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to contact Trooper Robert LaClaire at (603) 223-8494.

Investigation Closed in Grantham Deaths

CONCORD, NH--Attorney General Gordon J. MacDonald and New Hampshire State Police Colonel Christopher J. Wagner announced that there is no longer an ongoing criminal investigation into two untimely deaths in Grantham that were reported last week. The two homeowners, Michael and Michele Sbrega, were discovered in their house at 51 Bright Slope Way in Grantham. The criminal investigation has been closed as both autopsies have been completed and there is no evidence that either individual died as the result of homicidal violence, said the AG's office. An investigation into the untimely deaths was announced on Oct. 16.

Ben Kilham, the Bear Man, to Present Program in Lempster

LEMPSTER, NH--On Sunday, Oct. 29, Ben Kilham, the Bear Man, will be speaking at 2:00 p.m., History Hall in Lempster, corner of Rt. 10 and 2nd NH TPK. Admission \$5. Refreshments will be served.

Contact 603-863-8180 for more information.

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NH PowerBall
14 41 42 45 69 4 2

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6 23 63 66 73 9 2

Megabucks
7 29 30 38 39 5

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6 8 21 40 42 18

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Public Hearing on Ten-Year Highway Improvement Plan Oct. 23 in Claremont

CLAREMONT, NH--On August 23rd, the Department of Transportation presented the Ten-Year Highway Improvement Plan to the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT). The GACIT committee is made up of five NH Executive Councilors and the Department of Transportation (DOT) Commissioner.

The Executive Council initially set up 19 public hearings which has now grown to 24 hearings. The only remaining public hearing left in District 1 is in Claremont on Oct. 23rd. The hearings are an opportunity for the Executive Councilors, and the NH DOT to obtain public comment on transportation needs in the region.

The Sullivan County public hearing on proposed updates to New Hampshire's 10-Year Transportation Plan will be held on Monday, Oct. 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the CSB Community Center on South St.

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and click on “Who Is My Legislator”

Heads of Bipartisan Heroin Task Force Write to President Trump in Support of Emergency Declaration

WASHINGTON, DC--Friday, the leaders of the Bipartisan Heroin Task Force, Representatives Annie Kuster (D-NH), Tom MacArthur (R-NJ), Donald Norcross (D-NJ), and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), wrote to President Trump urging him to follow through on his commitment to declare the opioid epidemic a national emergency. During a press conference on Monday, Trump indicated that he would declare a national emergency next week. The members urged the President to work with Congress to appropriate emergency supplemental funding to ensure that an emergency declaration can be an effective tool to address the opioid epidemic.

“This crisis has hit countless communities across the country and it leaves no demographic untouched,” wrote the members. “Virtually every one of our constituents has a family member or knows a friend who has suffered from the perils of opioid addiction. A national emergency declaration could provide the federal government additional tools it could use to help communities across the country grapple with this disease. While this declaration would be an important step, cooperation with Congress to provide the necessary funding to properly support such an emergency declaration is critical. We urge you to work with Congress in a bipartisan fashion to advance emergency supplemental funding as well as legislative proposals similar to those proposed in our legislative agenda and your own Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis findings.”

Kuster Calls for President Trump to Appoint Qualified Head of Office of National Drug Control Policy

WASHINGTON, DC--Congresswoman Annie Kuster (NH-02), the founder and co-chair of the Bipartisan Heroin Task Force, is once again calling on President Trump to appoint a qualified head of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) after Congressman Tom Marino (PA-10) withdrew his nomination. Kuster has been vocal about the need to appoint a head of ONDCP, which is critical to coordinating the federal response to the opioid epidemic that is devastating communities throughout New Hampshire and the country.

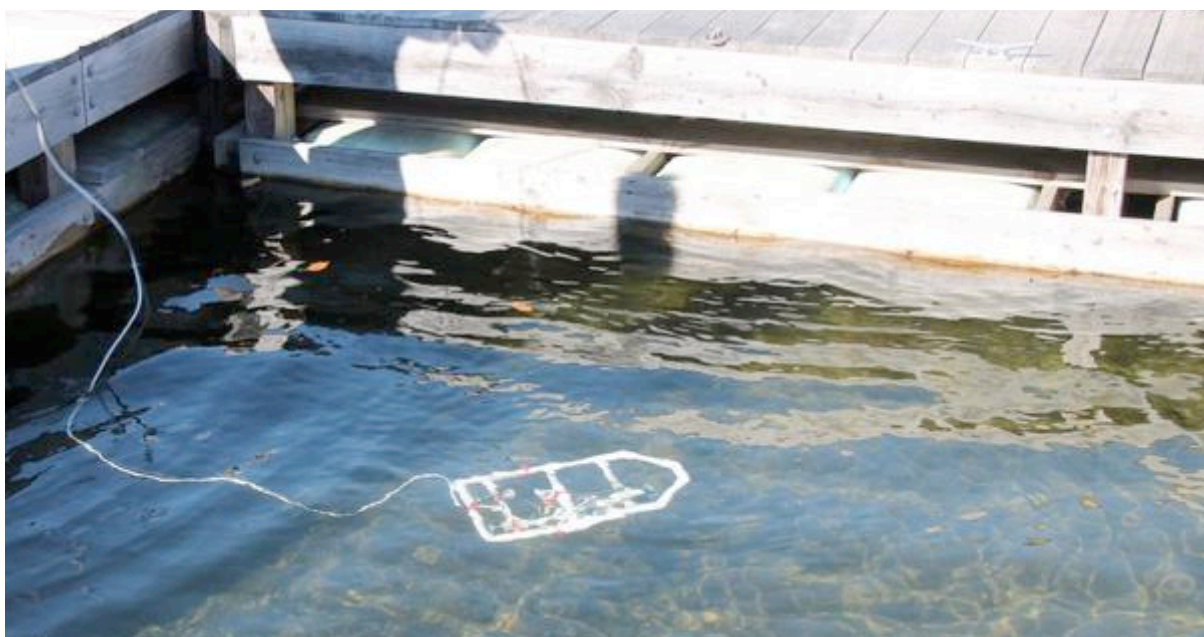
“The Office of National Drug Control Policy plays an important role in taking on the opioid epidemic that is having such a devastating impact on communities in New Hampshire,” said Kuster. “I’m glad that Representative Marino has withdrawn his nomination to be the head of ONDCP. However, it is unacceptable that ONDCP remains without a highly qualified director during the worst drug crisis in our nation’s history. Now President Trump must act swiftly to fill this position with a candidate who has a deep knowledge of the multifaceted approach necessary to take on the opioid crisis. President Trump announced yesterday that he intends to declare the opioid epidemic a national emergency, further increasing the urgency of nominating a leader of ONDCP. ONDCP will play a crucial role in addressing the opioid crisis and must have a well-qualified leader so that any emergency declaration will be effective.”

Shaheen Statement on Senate Passage of Partisan Budget Proposal: Doesn’t Provide Bipartisan Basis That’s Needed to Tackle Nation’s Many Fiscal Challenges

WASHINGTON, DC--U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) issued the following statement after voting against the partisan budget proposal for fiscal year 2018: “This budget makes drastic cuts to Medicaid and Medicare – programs that are vitally important to the health and well-being of Granite Staters – and doesn’t provide the bipartisan basis that’s needed to tackle our nation’s many fiscal challenges,” said Shaheen. “This budget also sets the stage for a partisan process to pass tax legislation. While tax reform is long overdue, it’s imperative that it be done in an open, bipartisan process that focuses on providing relief and tax code simplification to small businesses and middle-class families. The American people want to see real progress towards these goals rather than tax cuts for the rich that explode the deficit. I will continue to work across the aisle and call for good faith negotiations to deliver real tax relief.”

Rogue Robots Put Knowledge to Good Use in Sunapee

As part of the National Seaperch program, the Rogue Robots of 4H wanted to use the expertise and knowledge they had acquired to do something helpful and promote the use of robotics. After contacting The Lake Sunapee Protective Association, they decided to make a submersible with a camera on it to check under the docks for signs of invasive mussels. They looked for Zebra mussels and Quagga mussels, and the film will be reviewed to see if any action needs to be taken. Right: Launching the submersible L-R—Anna Numme; Jeff Prochl (kneeling); Geoff Lizotte, Manager of the LSPA invasive watch program; Pam Numme; below: Submersible working; Anna Numme and Sean Manyen of Rogue Robots check over the submersible.



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Candidates for City Council Share Views, Thoughts; Part 1

Editor's Note--The e-Ticker News contacted the candidates running for Claremont City Council this year. We will be running their responses to a number of questions in a two-part series due to the number of candidates. We asked how long they have lived in Claremont, their occupation, why they are running and what experience they bring, how the City is doing, how to address taxes while meeting large expenses such as paving, working with the school board, downshifted costs and whether they support the state legalizing Keno to help pay for Kindergarten.

Francis Gauthier, running for Ward 1 seat

My wife and I moved to Claremont in 2006 for investment reasons. At this point we are fully vested in Claremont's success.

I worked as a New Hampshire licensed electrician for about 25 years. Then I managed a large tract of rural land and went through the process of subdivision. After that my wife and I were landlords in Claremont for about 8 years. Since then I've worked locally recycling and refurbishing older legacy desktops and laptops to give them new life for reuse. This past year I've been working nearly 50 hours per week as the representative from Claremont Ward 1 at the New Hampshire State House.

I feel there are large disparities here in Claremont that need to be corrected. According to information from the US Census Bureau, Claremont seems to lag behind other communities economically. We have a very low median income here in Claremont and a disproportionate total tax bill that is negative to job creation and economic growth. This definitely needs to be remedied. There are a number of issues that I feel can be corrected locally. As a City Councilor, I want to explore those issues and work to find solutions to them. I also want to hold the City accountable to being more transparent.

I've been a citizen activist since 2006 on various social issues. I was also a supporter of the Fair Tax Coalition and worked to place a non-binding referendum on the ballot in Claremont in March, 2007. Of those who voted, 78 percent indicated that they wanted an open

discussion at the State House on a change to the taxing system in New Hampshire.

As a licensed electrician, I became very adept at reading electrical code, which is a lot like reading the law. During the subdivision process, I became familiar with zoning laws and applying for variances. As a landlord, I polished my skills in legal research – looking up New Hampshire statutes and reading New Hampshire Supreme Court cases. I worked closely with the New Hampshire Property Owners Association (NHPOA) and testified frequently before committees at the State House concerning landlord/tenant laws.

As a State Representative, I've become even more familiar with the legislative process and the needs and issues facing New Hampshire towns and cities. I'm also very attuned to how the budget process at the state level affects us here at the local level. I am a member of the Municipal and County Government standing committee. I sponsored a bill, which passed both House and Senate, was signed by the Governor, and enacted into law, that will make the process of getting a zoning variance a more pleasant experience for both the city and the applicant.

I was pleased by the recent willingness of the Claremont School Board to recognize that they need to reduce the school budget. I'd like to see the City do the same for its budget.

Governor Sununu is presently on a statewide initiative to revisit regulations that hamper economic development in New Hampshire. I think the City of Claremont needs to do the same locally by revisiting ordinances to streamline the process of economic development and make it easier and more efficient. In my opinion, there's still room for improvement here. Claremont needs to make it plain to the outside world that there's an opportunity and willingness in this city to work with commercial enterprises on alternative energy that will offset the high property tax bill. That will give Claremont a competitive edge over surrounding communities.

Our #1 priority is solving the economic development problem. We can accomplish this by making budget cuts in the short run to reduce the tax burden and show the outside world that we are open for business. At the State House I supported the Highway and Bridge Fund. As a result, Claremont will re-

ceive an extra \$277,000 this biennium. We need more state aid of every kind.

Members of the Claremont School Board and the City Council need to personally testify before committees at the State House on bills that would adversely affect the city and school district budgets. We need to start upshifting responsibilities back to the state. One initiative that may pass this year is for the state of New Hampshire to fund 15 percent of the cost of municipal employees' retirement fund. We need to hold the state's feet to the fire on the Claremont decision. The Claremont School Board and City Council should send a strong message to the state to deal with this because I think the state is almost there.

I supported [the Keno plan] at the House. Local business can profit from this, which provides a little bit of economic growth. I believe that Keno revenue should be placed in the state's education trust fund. This is brand new state revenue that is not a fee or a tax, and it does not expand state government!

Scott Pope, running for Ward 2 seat

I have lived in Claremont for 29 years, moved here in August 1988.

I am a Precision Machine Tool and Pre-Engineering Teacher for the Claremont School District, started August 1988. I am also an Industrial Trainer for Whelen Engineering and have worked for RVCC as a manufacturing instructor, and for other companies in machining type capacities.

I believe our community has a great deal of potential, and would like to be a part of the process of developing this. I know that there are tough decisions to be made but want to help them be made in a way that benefits our community when considering our long range outlook and overall quality of life.

I have eight total years on the council made up of six years previously, and two more this past term. I have also been involved in several community committees including the 2010 Master Plan Committee and Planning Board, and I am now on the Historic Commission, Policy Committee. I have been a teacher for 30 years, and am now teaching the "kids" of my former students. I also work in a second job in manufacturing. I have personal experience

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that leads me to consider our retirees, those ready to retire, those working in our business and industry, our young people starting out with new families, and our young adults and youth who will soon be the source of our communities future. I also know how to listen to others and seek opinions when considering how to vote on the issues.

We have quietly seen some very important internal and external economic gains in terms of business and industry, but we do not communicate this effectively, which is not the fault of our city leaders, I may add. There is still a long way to go in many areas, but efforts are being made. We need to improve our own "internal image", which will show dividends in how the rest of the state views us. Our website is a high quality communication tool, and we have our boards and council meetings televised both on local cable. They are also available "online" so they can be viewed at any time by anyone who has the internet.

The downshifting of state funding costs us more each year as the cuts continue to become deeper. If we had a few years where funding was held at a stable or slight increased level by the state, then both would be occurring. Unfortunately, we are at a point where we can no longer "cut our way to prosperity". Basic things need to be done, and services need to continue. We are starting to see some gains in the "grand list" valuation of our community though, which is promising.

Our city and school governments are working together to address some social issues that plague our community, and I believe the gains, though slow due to the complexity of the issues, will start to show. In terms of several other school and city council issues, there has been good progress in the way we work together and communicate, and the quarterly meetings are critical to this cooperation both growing and becoming increasingly effective.

[Regarding downshifting by the state], our Mayor has been very proactive in this regard, and I give her credit. As a council, we both need to support her efforts, and step up individually when possible, to work with our state representatives, and those from other communities. We are not alone in having this problem, so we need to consider working with other (regional and similar) communities and their local governing bodies (councils/boards of aldermen/select boards) to create a stronger and unified voice in the statehouse that ex-

presses the chilling effects of downshifting. Downshifted costs are killing many of the efforts to do things that need to be done, and are hurting all of our citizens-both in tax bills, and quality of life. Encouraging our citizens to write/email the various budget committees and other representatives will also be a powerful way to get the word across to the statehouse. It will take more than just nine council members and a city administration to communicate our needs.

[Keno] is the tool that communities have been given by the statehouse and Governor, so it is what we have to work with. This is a start to fund a needed program. This said, I also hope that a stable line item will be created by the state to provide for stable funding for Kindergarten which will keep this funding source from being affected by potential fluctuations of Keno play sales.

Lee-Anne Deveney, running for At-Large

I don't have an easy way of answering [the questions], so I'm just going to tell you a bit about myself and my thoughts. I moved to Claremont in 1990, left in 1999 and came back in 2007. I work in the Patient Service Center at DHMC. I love this City, what it was, what it is and what it can be. I'm not a politician, I'm just a citizen who is concerned with the way our city has been portrayed in the news lately and the things I see people say on social media.

This City has been through tremendous revitalization and it brought hope to our community. I have hopes it can happen again. I have hopes that with great minds together and with support from Claremonters, we can help build confidence that this City needs to flourish again. I hope that we can work together and listen to what people want and figure out a way to make it possible. Nothing can be done overnight, but I believe eventually Claremont will be a thriving City again. We just have a lot of hard work and have to keep open, positive minds. Taxes won't go down until businesses open and stay open. Incentives to new business owners is definitely a good start, but I think the city really has to work with local businesses and help when possible. I don't have the answers, but I'd sure like to help find some to help this beautiful City. I am also all for Keno.

Nicholas Koloski, running for At-Large

I have lived here my entire life. My family is

fourth generation here.

I am a small business owner and call Fire Fighter for the City of Claremont.

After eight years I made myself a promise. If I felt comfortable where things were in this community I would retire from it and let someone else take the reins. We have made strides, but I still see work that needs to be done. I have two more years left in me and will always fight for our community. I don't like watching people struggle and will give of my time as much as needed to help alleviate that. We still have work to do.

I've have eight years of past City Council experience. Some of that time was definitely getting acclimated. The rest of it is fight for what I believe in. I'm not of the mindset that just because something has always been done that way that it makes it right. I moved forward the City accepting credit cards in customer service fashion. Forced welfare housing inspections, meaning slumlords could not rent dilapidated housing on the taxpayers' dime, booting tenants out for false issues and keeping the taxpayers funded security deposit for housing that is not up to standard or is a hazard to life. I have helped guide many others things in this community. I look at everything from a business mindset and customer service. I am no stranger to struggle and adversity. I speak from experience and learn from my bruises and hope to save others from any hardships by sharing my experience.

There are many things being done right and several things I still shake my head at. It's about going after issues that need addressing first and not getting bogged down in the trivial things. We need to increase the tax base which makes it easier for those of us struggling to maintain our own homes. We are heading in the right direction but need to be mindful of spending.

Both concerns of taxes and large expenses like paving are addressed by proper planning and forward thinking. The City's portion of the tax bill has not steadily increased. We need to steadily grow the tax base and work to bring in new housing. First time in my life I've seen the opposite problem. Lack of workforce housing and workforce and tons of good paying jobs. Working with the school board is good to keep the dialogue open. Regardless of two budgets and school portion being the largest, it is still the same pocket you are reaching into. Yours and mine.

We can address downshifted costs by taking

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a stand and testifying on bills. Communication and having a strong presence in Concord is key. The quiet person in the corner is not often heard.

The question [about Keno] is really if it's a fit for our community. I form my opinions based on facts I wanted to see it on the ballot for the voters to decide and was happy to see that happen.

Allen Damren, running for Asst. Mayor

I have lived in Claremont 44 years total.

I'm semi-retired, retiring from SAU 6 after 17 years as Assistant Superintendent for Business. Presently I do some part-time accounting work for the Grantham School District, serve as the assistant mayor on the Claremont City Council, and serve as a trustee on the state board of trustees for the NH Community College System.

I want to bring my accounting and finance experience to the council and to act as a positive voice for Claremont. We have so many things to be proud of, but there certainly is work to do. In an era of declining state aid, how do we maintain our physical assets without an ever ballooning tax rate? How do we best grow our city? And with all of this, how do we maintain public safety for our citizens. I believe I can be a positive voice on the council and for the city.

I've served on the council now for two years and have over 40 years of experience in accounting and finance. I've been involved with city activities for over 22 years. I've served on the Chamber of Commerce board, the TIFD Advisory boards, served briefly as a member of the Claremont Development Authority, served for nine years as a member of the Valley Regional Board of Directors with three of those years as Chairman of the Board, am presently a member of the state board of trustees for NH community colleges (with River Valley Community College being one), and was with the School Administrative Unit 6 management team for 17 years.

Certainly the most visible thing being done right is road paving. And that is the thing needing improvement. By improvement I mean more of it. How to do more paving within financial constraints will be a huge challenge for the city council. Certainly, the city has had some success with economic development as witnessed by attracting NH Industries, Runnings,

the Claremont MakerSpace to the city. Let us not forget that we've had Home Depot and LaValley's with us for a number of years. The new, very large North Country Smokehouse facility stands as a testament to believing in Claremont. Business expansions by two new Cumberland Farms stores, two new Dunkin Donuts stores, Bearnse Bakery and the Uptown Bakery and a successful and award-winning building renovation by the Ink Factory are complete. A specialty market, 100 Mile Market, has opened in our downtown. It wasn't that long ago that there were not convenient hotels and restaurants in Claremont. Now with the Common Man Inn and restaurant, the Tavern on the Square, the Revolution Cantina, and the Pleasant Street Restaurant, those days are in the past. These establishments, all of them, would not be here if they didn't have faith in Claremont, its staff members, and its citizens. We have all done well.

Moving on, I've already mentioned that we need to do more to attend to our infrastructure--a large area encompassing water, sewer, and paving and one that will be very expensive to do. We can't rest on our economic development laurels--we need to do more. It may be a small matter, but I believe the city needs to do a complete revamping of our city website to make it more user friendly. Parking--we need to develop plans to expand parking availability and then make sure signage is large and very visible so that people can find the parking areas.

To do both [address taxes and take on large expenses] at the same time would involve making huge cuts in the city budget to accommodate a fast track for fixing our roads. This approach would not be successful in the long term as I believe it runs the risk of jeopardizing essential city services. The best way I know of to thread this needle is through economic growth and a long term financial plan. I can't promise that there will not be layoffs. We all need to remember that the city did not get to its present situation overnight. It took a number of years, perhaps with false economy, and it's going to take a number of years to correct this situation. We need to start the work and I believe the present city council, working with our new city manager, has begun the work.

Yes I do support the [council and school board working together]. Both are vital to the city's wellbeing.

The problem is at the state level and we must continue to be a better and louder voice

in Concord. Our mayor has done a great job in being a presence in Concord and we need to do more of it with more councilors. We have to work with our legislative delegation, our executive councilor, and lobby the governor. We are not the only community hurt by this downshifting. It's in our best interests and vital to form alliances with other communities so as to magnify our voice. And lastly, we too often forget the NH Municipal Association and its ability to help us. We are members and we need to better use their resources.

Yes, absolutely, I [support Keno to help pay for Kindergarten].

David Pacetti, running for At Large

I have lived in Claremont all my life. My parents moved here shortly after I was born.

I work at Whelen Engineering in the Sheet Metal Dept.

I want to bring change to the way people think. I want to show people that the future of our city is just as important as the problems we face today. We can fix today's problems, but how will fixing them today affect the future. If we fix a problem with a short term solution, we need to keep addressing that problem until we find a long term solution.

I was on the Board of Directors for the JSL (Junior sports League) for 15 years as the Vice Chair. In that time I have worked with the city on multiple projects. Organized fundraisers, applied for grants, and donated money for projects in the city (via the JSL).

The council is trying, listening to the people, acknowledging there are problems, generally making an effort to address all the problems the city faces, and taking steps to find solutions. We need to find more long-term solutions to short term fixes. We need to cut spending on things that are not a necessity (ex. retainer fees). If we don't need it, don't spend the money on it.

The budget needs to be addressed and changed to include a fund for city maintenance that includes water, sewer, roads and all city-owned property. The taxes are a big issue. The city portion of the taxes are a small portion, most of the taxes in the budget are for the school district. With the State downshifting more responsibility on the taxpayers for education, it will be extremely difficult for the school board to keep their budget down, but they are doing an impressive job at it.

Yes, I believe that the city and the School

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Candidates, from A8

Board should work together and put their collaborative ideas together. In the end we are all working toward the same goal, to keep taxes down while giving our children the best possible education, and life experiences possible. Two heads are better than one.

This question [of downshifting] goes along with questions 6 & 7, and to add on to my answer, we need more contact with our Reps, more voices at the State House. We need our Reps to introduce legislation to stop downshifting and start paying for education, to let the State know that the taxpayers are tired of footing the bill for education.

I do support the State's [Keno] plan I think all day Kindergarten is great, BUT this is not a long-term solution. There needs to be permanent funding for this in the state budget.

The remaining responses will appear in the next issue.

Three Sullivan County Employees Recognized

Three members of Sullivan County were recently recognized at the 2017 New Hampshire Association of Counties (NHAC) Annual Conference Awards Banquet held Friday, September 22, 2017 in Portsmouth, NH. They were Ted Purdy, who was recognized as the Nursing Home Administrator of the Year; Jill Chrimes, who was Sullivan County's Nursing Home Employee of the Year; and Jeff Barrette, who was named County Commissioner of the Year.

Ted Purdy, the Sullivan County Health Care Administrator, was nominated based on his leadership ability to create an environment with the entire staff that focuses on providing the best possible care for an average annual population of 135 residents. This environment includes the professionalism of staff as well as the appearance and quality of the County's facilities. Purdy is also primarily responsible for the fiscal stability of the past 10 years and is active in statewide committees dealing with the future of nursing home care. In addition to leading Sullivan County Health Care to its current 5-Star overall rating on Medicare.gov's Nursing Home Compare website, 2017 was an especially good year for Purdy and his team. On May 16, 2017, Sullivan County Health Care was inspected by the State of New Hampshire Health Facilities Administration and earned a

deficiency-free final report for the second year in a row which is virtually unheard of, said officials. Purdy also won the 2017 Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award by the American College of Health Care Administrators for attaining quality measures and benchmarks that place Sullivan County in the top 9 percent of all nursing homes in the country.

Jill Chrimes, LPN, is the Unit Manager for the 32-bed MacConnell Unit which provides specialty Alzheimer's and dementia care. Chrimes has been with the County for 22 years, was promoted from Charge Nurse to the Unit Manager position in 2008. She is certified to teach a 6-hour dementia course to her staff and passion for resident care is evident every single day. She is known for her positive attitude and for being a strong patient advocate in her discussions regarding quality of care with physicians and family. It is not uncommon to see Chrimes jumping in to assist staff with care or feeding, playing toss with residents, checking in on family members of residents – all with a smile, in a great mood, and accompanied by her "trademark" hug.

Commissioner Jeff Barrette, was named County Commissioner of the Year and was first elected in 2007. During the past 10 years Commissioner Barrette has been instrumental in reversing the financial condition of the County's operations and leading several innovative initiatives within the County. Under Commissioner Barrette's watch, Sullivan County has led the State of New Hampshire with its Transitional Re-entry and Inmate Life Skills program, better known as TRAILS. Barrette has also overseen important investments in County facilities, including the Community Corrections Center (home to the TRAILS program) as well as the biomass facility that has cut operating costs by hundreds of thousands of dollars since it was constructed. More re-



(From left to right): Ted Purdy, Sullivan County Health Care Administrator; Commissioners George Hebert, Jeffrey Barrette, and Benjie Nelson; Jill Chrimes, SCHC LPN/MacConnell Unit Manager; and Patti Henderson, SCHC Director of Nursing (Photo courtesy of Jane Jontz).

cently, Barrette has challenged the County to become a responsible and reliable regional partner by finding new ways to support the communities of Sullivan County as well as expanding the County's outreach efforts to the taxpayers. Evidence of this was the recently opened Unity Mountain hiking trail which culminated to provide greater access to County land and recreational opportunities for all.

The NHAC is a membership organization of county government in New Hampshire. For more information about the NHAC, visit their website at: www.nhcounties.org.

Howe Launches Write-In Campaign for Ward 3 Seat

CLAREMONT, NH--Resident Patrick Howe has announced a write-in campaign for the Ward 3 City Council seat; the election is Nov. 7. Howe is running against Jonathan F. Stone; the seat was formerly held by Nick Koloski who is running as an At-Large candidate this time.

---Phyllis A. Muzeroll

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Anyone may bring these substances and other medications to the Lebanon Police Department and place them in the drug collection box in the lobby. There is also a SHARPS container in the lobby for the disposal of unwanted needles and syringes. The drug collection box and SHARPS container are available to the public 24 hours a day, every day, in the lobby of the police department. These are available for the public for your convenience and anonymity; you are not required to speak with an officer.

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City Holds Public Hearing on Keno; Residents to Vote on Issue Nov. 7

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--A public hearing was held Thursday evening in Council Chambers regarding Keno; during the summer the state approved a plan to allow the new lottery game at "drinking establishments" to help fund kindergarten. After a lengthy debate in both the House and the Senate this past legislative session, the full legislature passed a bill that funds full-day kindergarten by legalizing Keno. Under the measure, schools would receive the additional funding starting in 2019. Keno 603 is a rapid draw numbers game; 20 winning numbers are drawn by a Random Number Generator (RNG), every five minutes from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. The NH Lottery has said that establishments offering Keno earn an 8% commission on every dollar sold for the KENO 603 game; estimated revenue projections from the lottery are \$43,750,000 in total sales, with a Net Revenue to the Education Trust Fund of \$8,472,500. DoE will calculate and distribute grants of \$1,100 per pupil (enrolled in approved program) to each school district. Communities would still receive the funding even if they vote down the ballot measure for their town.

The Claremont hearing drew little interest from the public, with less than a handful of people showing up Thursday night to ask questions, either of the council or a representative from the NH Lottery, about the plan and what impact it might have on the community. Councilor Nick Koloski, who owns a restaurant in Claremont and holds a liquor license, recused himself from the council and took a seat in the audience.

Resident Bernie Folta said he would like to see the state create a game that would attract more affluent players, with bigger payouts. Joe Osgood said he was against casino gambling in New Hampshire because most of the money would go to Las Vegas, but he said he supported Keno because the money would stay in the state. He said he thought it was a very good thing that residents would be able to vote on the issue and make the decision locally. Koloski, speaking as a resident and not as a councilor, said that he was "happy voters get to decide...It's not an easy decision to make for a business," adding he, as a business owner, was still on the fence about the issue.

The ballot question for Claremont voters on Nov. 7 is an easy one: "Shall we allow the operation of Keno games within the City of Claremont?"

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Claremont Housing Authority	No Vacancies
Claremont Planning Board	4 Vacant Alternate Seats
Claremont Police Commission	No Vacancies
Conservation Commission	1 Vacant Seat; 5 Vacant Alternate Seats
Fiske Free Library Board of Trustees	2 Vacant Seats; 3 Vacant Alternate Seats
Frances Tolles Home	3 Vacant Seats
Historic District Commission	3 Vacant Alternate Seats
MT Ascutney Region River Subcommittee of the CT River Joint Commission	2 Vacant Seats, 2 Vacant Alternate Seats
Parks & Recreation Commission	4 Vacant Alternate Seats
Personnel Advisory Board	1 Vacant Seat
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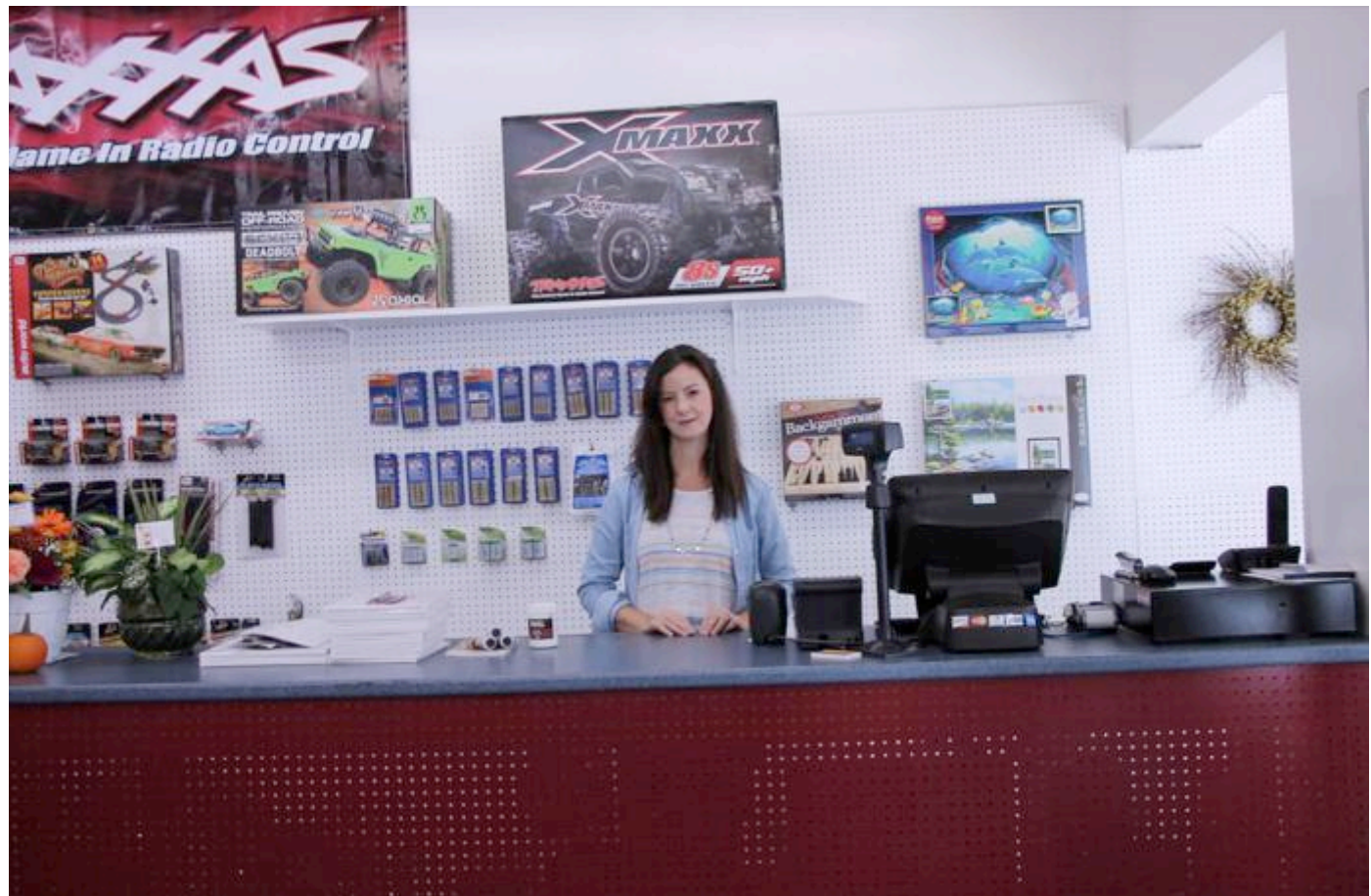
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Claremont Police Commission	1 seat expires 12/31/2017

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e-Ticker Business News

New Hobby Shop in City...

Granite State Hobbies has opened on Pleasant St. in Claremont. Trains, planes and automobiles, it has them all for the amateur or more advanced radio controlled machine enthusiast. Other hobby merchandise includes artist supplies and models of cars, airplanes, tanks and much more. Owner Melissa Maranville (right) is excited about having her own store, with 18 years experience working in her father-in-law's store. Maranville said she feels the store will do well and plans to add more merchandise going forward (Bill Binder photos).



Mt. Ascutney Hospital Names Taft as Associate Medical Director

WINDSOR, VT--Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) has announced that Leesa Taft, APN, has been appointed to the position of Associate Medical Director, effective Sunday, September 24, 2017.

In this newly created role, Taft will serve as a member of the Primary Care management team and clinical team leader for Internal Medicine at the Windsor practice. She will also oversee clinical practice for nurse practitioners
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Leesa Taft, APN


and physician assistants, in addition to continuing her role as a primary care provider.

According to Paul Calandrella, MAHHC Chief Operating Officer, as Associate Medical Director, Taft will focus on quality and implementation of team-based care across primary care practice sites in Windsor and at the Ottauquechee Health Center in Woodstock. "Leesa is not only a great clinician, she has demonstrated that she is a strong leader who understands the value of collaboration to improve outcomes and overall satisfaction for our patients," said Calandrella. "As team-based primary care continues to positively transform the health care experience for our patients, Leesa will lead the way, ensuring high clinical quality and effective communication."

Taft is a veteran of the United States Air Force, and worked as a pediatric nurse at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center as well as a Nursing Supervisor at MAHHC. She re-

ceived her MSN in 2005 from the University of New Hampshire (UNH), graduating summa cum laude, and became board certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner. Prior to attaining her new position, she served as Assistant Medical Director in the MAHHC outpatient Primary Care Practice and the MAHHC Geriatric Community Program. She is currently a candidate for a Doctor of Nursing Practice, at UNH with an anticipated graduation in

2018. She is a three-decade resident of Windsor, VT.



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5th Annual Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Presents "Writing a Will Can Be Murder"

CLAREMONT, NH--Tickets are on sale now for the 5th annual New England Classical Academy (NECA) Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, "Writing a Will Can Be Murder!" The production will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27 and 28, at the Claremont Senior Center at 6:00 p.m. This annual event sells out every year.

Set in the 1980's, aging movie star Betty Crawford (Jessica Cota) once led a glamorous life on the red carpet, surrounded by reporters, movie producers, and directors vying for her attention. Everyone wanted to rub elbows with her. But these days, she lives alone with her maid Rose (Maya Lindberg), and the rest is only a memory ... and a series of hysterical tongue-in-cheek flashbacks to the 1930's era of black and white films. Wouldn't you know, when Betty revises her will, suddenly everyone in her life, both past and present, just happens to show up for a "social call?" Her estranged daughter Mildred (Marguerite Cottrill), her so-called devoted neighbor Joan Davis (Anna O'Hara) and Joan's boyfriend Donovan (Anthony Abella), her former director Alfred Stephen Lucas (Joseph Heacock), a scorned newspaper reporter Portia Ames (Corinne Lindberg,) her former butler Barrymore (Aaron Allen) and her antagonistic Producer (Aidan Santoro) all suddenly "check in" on the has-been movie star. Not surprisingly, Betty ends up murdered! When a library cop, Officer Garfield (Zachary Fagan), shows up to present a citation for a book that's years overdue, he decides he's practically like law enforcement, so he puts the clues together to help solve the mystery of the murdered movie star. The audience's help is needed to solve this hilarious send up of the golden age of Hollywood films!

Tickets are \$30 for dinner and the show, and reservations are required. Dinner choices of steak tips or spaghetti squash are available and both come with salads, side, dessert and coffee. BYOB, a friend or two and dress in you best Hollywood ensemble or Eighties outfit and be entered to win a door prize! All proceeds benefit New England Classical Academy. Tickets can be reserved online at www.newenglandclassicalacademy.com or by calling (603) 542-6341 between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Tickets are now available for the upcoming NECA Murder Mystery Dinner Theater production (Courtesy photo).



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Hallowesta Set for Tuesday, Oct. 31st

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Parks and Recreation Department is gearing up for another Hallowesta Celebration on Oct. 31! Ghosts and goblins of all

ages: Get your costumes ready and join Parks and Rec for trick-or-treating on Pleasant Street, followed by a parade to Broad Street Park where they will be handing out trophies for the best costumes in Claremont!

Trick or Treating on Pleasant St.: 3:30–4:45 PM.

Parade line up at Daddy's Pizza, 4:45 PM.

Parade leaves for Broad Street Park: 5:00 PM.

Where: Pleasant St. & Broad Street Park

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City of Claremont Fall Clean-Up

CLAREMONT, NH--The Fall Clean-up Program in the City of Claremont will operate for one week, beginning Monday, Oct. 30, through Friday, Nov. 3.

Leaves and grass rakings must be placed in compostable paper bags and left at the curbside by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 30. There will be no call backs. Leaves in plastic bags will not be picked up, nor will garbage, brush or household items be collected.

After November 3rd, Claremont citizens may bring leaves, bagged in compostable biodegradable bags, to the Transfer Station on Tuesdays & Saturdays at no cost.

Per City Council policy adopted on May 12, 2004, the Public Works Department will no longer accept or pick up leaves that are not in paper, biodegradable bags. Paper Compostable (30) gallon bags are available at various local hardware, grocery and department stores.



Claremont School Board Vacancy

The Claremont School Board and SAU #6 School Board are accepting applications from interested Claremont residents to fill one vacancy on the Board created by a recent resignation. This position will expire in March 2018.

Applicants are asked to submit an application and resume of qualifications.

Applications for this vacancy are available online at www.sau6.org or are available at the SAU 6 Administration Office, 165 Broad Street, Claremont, NH.

Deadline: Interested residents should send a completed application to Dr. Middleton K. McGoodwin, Superintendent of Schools, by Friday, October 27, 2017.

The Claremont School Board will select a resident to fill this vacancy after the Claremont School Board interviews applicants on Wednesday, November 1, 2017.

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Does Market Volatility Scare You?

Halloween is almost upon us. Of course, on Halloween night, you may see a parade of monsters, demons, Transformers and other frightening individuals stopping by your house, exercising their right to demand candy. Fortunately, their appearance will be unlikely to cause you unpleasant dreams. But some people seem to have real fears about other things – such as what may happen in the financial markets. One way to keep those fears at bay is to avoid certain impulsive moves, such as the following:

Avoid ducking out of the market – Consider this: In March 2007, the Dow Jones Industrial Average stood at about 12,275 points. Exactly two years later, in the immediate aftermath of the financial crisis, the Dow had fallen to about 6,500 – a drop of 47% and the Dow's lowest point in 12 years. By that time, a lot of people had gone to the investment sidelines. So, what did they miss? Depending on how long they stayed out of the market, they may have missed some, or perhaps most, of one of the longest and strongest bull markets in history, because, just eight years later, the Dow had soared to almost 21,000, a gain of 223%. Of course, investing does involve the risk of losing principal, and there is no guarantee the market will perform as it has in the past. However, it's fair to say that if you duck out of the market during its lower points, you might not benefit from the gains that may follow.

Avoid chasing "hot" stocks – By the time you hear about a supposedly "hot" stock, it may already be cooling off. Also, how trustworthy is the source? Does this tip come from an unbiased, knowledgeable individual? If not, you have reason to question its value. Even more important, though, you need to ask if the hot stock is appropriate for your needs, goals and risk tolerance. If not, it's not so hot.

Avoid taking on too much – or too little – risk. If you feel the need to push your portfolio toward the maximum possible returns, you might invest too aggressively and take on too much risk.

Conversely, if you are determined to avoid any amount of loss, at any time, you might invest so conservatively that your portfolio won't grow enough to help you achieve your long-term goals. You need to strike a balance between risk and reward that is appropriate for you, and you need to make investment choices suitable for your individual risk tolerance.

Avoid owning too many of the same investments – If you own a lot of one particular financial asset and a market downturn affects that asset class strongly, your portfolio could suffer. But if you spread your investment dollars among domestic and international stocks, bonds, U.S. Treasury securities, certificates of deposit (CDs) and so on, you may not be as susceptible to a downturn, because different types of investments often perform differently at any given time. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can help reduce the effects of market volatility, it can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.)

No matter what you do, you can't take all the uncertainty out of investing. But by understanding market volatility and the composition of your portfolio, you can invest with more confidence.

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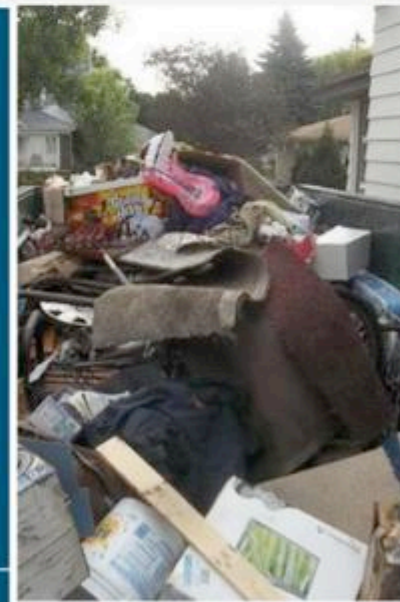
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Turning Points Network is Sullivan County's 24-hour taskforce against domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. To learn more about the agency or for more information about preventing domestic violence, please call 543-0155.



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It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



Brunch

My definition of Brunch is: The first meal of the day served between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM with Mimosas and/or Bloody Marys.

I prefer to indulge in this meal at home. My guests are usually recovering from self indulgence the evening prior.

I usually offer eggs to order, bacon, sausage links and rarely, ham slices. The main dish is stuffed French Toast. The meats are partially cooked and kept warm. Home fries are usually on the menu for the egg dishes, but the French Toast gets bacon or sausage.

Take enough bread slices out and set aside early. You will want them partially dry to absorb the batter.

Make the batter as usual, but for holidays I use half and half or light cream. Sometimes I splash in a bit of vanilla. You can use cinnamon also.

Each serving will have two slices of bread. Plate one and top with blueberries or strawberries sliced up. Top with some whipped cream and place the other slice on top. A dollop of whipped cream tops this off. Garnish with a strawberry. Serve with Maple Syrup on the side.

If you are doing pancakes, try hiding a fries egg in between two cakes. Top with Maple Syrup.

Coffee? Instead of Irish whiskey, try rum. Light or dark. Sweeter than whiskey and just as flavorful and potent. Note: causes hangovers. Not a cure.

This solved my issues regarding home fries. My problem was they took so long and required so much attention and took up a burner that could be used for something else.

Oven Homes Fries

Pre-heat oven to 500°

- 2 ½ lbs potatoes
- 3 TBSP Extra Virgin Olive Oil (EVOO)
- 1 green pepper chopped
- 1 Medium onion chopped
- 1 tsp grill seasoning (Montreal Steak seasoning)
- 2 tsp sweet paprika

Coarsely chop potatoes and place on non-stick cookie sheet. (I cheat and put them in a large bowl and mix everything by hand and then place on cookie sheet). Toss with oil seasonings, peppers and onions. Place in oven for 25 minutes turning twice. Serve hot.

Smoked Salmon Scrambled Eggs

As the eggs are cooked about half way, add some cut-up smoked salmon. I'll bet not a lot of your guests have ever had this. Excellent for the salmon lover and the adventurous.

Ask first, but fried eggs over the home fries works well and is a different presentation. Some folks don't like their foods mixed.

From the Absolutely Useless Information Dept.: There is something flatter than a pancake. Some scientist with too much time on his hands has found that the state of Nebraska is flatter than a pancake. How did I live so long without knowing that?

Play with your food. It matters.

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Candlelight Procession with Statue of Our Lady of Fatima Celebrates Events a Century Ago

By Ann St. Martin Stout

NEWPORT, NH--On Friday evening, Oct. 13, nearly 150 people processed through downtown Newport in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the final apparition of the Virgin Mary and the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima, Portugal, exactly 100 years ago. The procession route included a short prayer service on the Town Common.

In preparation for the solemn candlelight procession, St. Patrick-St. Joachim parish held 60 continuous hours of Eucharistic Adoration at the Newport church, and celebrated Mass just prior to the walk.

The procession was led by those carrying a bier bearing the statue of the Virgin Mary as she was seen in 1917 in Fatima. The bier, constructed by a volunteer, was decorated with purchased white carnations by Donna Mahair of Petal Patch Florist who donated her time. Also at the head of the procession were volunteers carrying banners made by Kathy Balch of Sunapee and Nancy Decesare of Newport, and parishioners carrying the US and Papal flags. Pastor Fr. Michael Monette also led.

The banner and flag group were followed by the local 4th degree Knights of Columbus in full regalia, from Newport and Claremont councils, and a large contingent of altar servers.

The statue was a gift of a parishioner of the St. Patrick-St. Joachim community who made a pilgrimage to Fatima in this 100th anniversary year.

Those from the greater Newport area including Sunapee, Newbury, Bradford, New London, Claremont and beyond, joined in the Mass, Procession, and the pot luck meal following the event.

"The procession was amazing," said one participant. "People were stopping their cars and taking pictures. The number of people carrying candles in the dark was dramatic." Fortunately, there was no wind so the candles stayed lit.

In 1917, the Fatima apparitions which began in May (1917) made headlines throughout the world. Believers and non-believers alike gathered on that October day and witnessed miraculous movements of the sun as well as the sudden drying of clothes and surrounding ground which, moments before, were drenched from heavy rain.



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The appearance of the Mother of God and her message was hopeful and welcome news as the battles of World War I were to rage on in Europe for another year.

The primary message of Mary was urging of prayer and repentance to establish peace in our world. Many of the participants in last Friday's walk also had this intention in mind. They were also aware that thousands of other processions and events were taking place throughout the world in honor of the 100th anniversary.

The events of the anniversary week were coordinated by Lucy Hampson of Sunapee along with the staff at St. Patrick-St Joachim Parish. The coordinators are grateful for the escort of local police in cruisers who helped keep both walkers and drivers safe.

November Basic R.A.D. Course in Lebanon

LEBANON, NH--The Lebanon Police Department is offering a Basic R.A.D. class in November.

The course, Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) Basic, is the largest women's self-de-

fense program in the country. It offers no-nonsense, practical techniques that women of all ages and abilities can participate in. The course is designed to give the participants realistic and dynamic hands on training.

The course is taught by certified R.A.D. instructors from the Lebanon Police Department. There is no cost for the program and class size will be limited to 18 for each month. It is encouraged that you be able to attend all four of the Basic R.A.D. classes. Women ages 13-17 will need parental permission to participate. We will be offering this class from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. The first session of will be at the Lebanon Police Department and the remaining three will be held at the SAU #88 building (former Seminary Hill School) on the following dates:

Tuesday, November 7, Thursday, November 9, Tuesday, November 14, Thursday, November 16.

If you would like to participate in the November class or would like further information please contact Beth Beraldi, Elizabeth.Beraldi@lebcity.com or 448- 8800. You can visit R.A.D.'s website at <http://goo.gl/U9LZ2O> for further information about the program or the department's webpage at <https://goo.gl/bpgh52>



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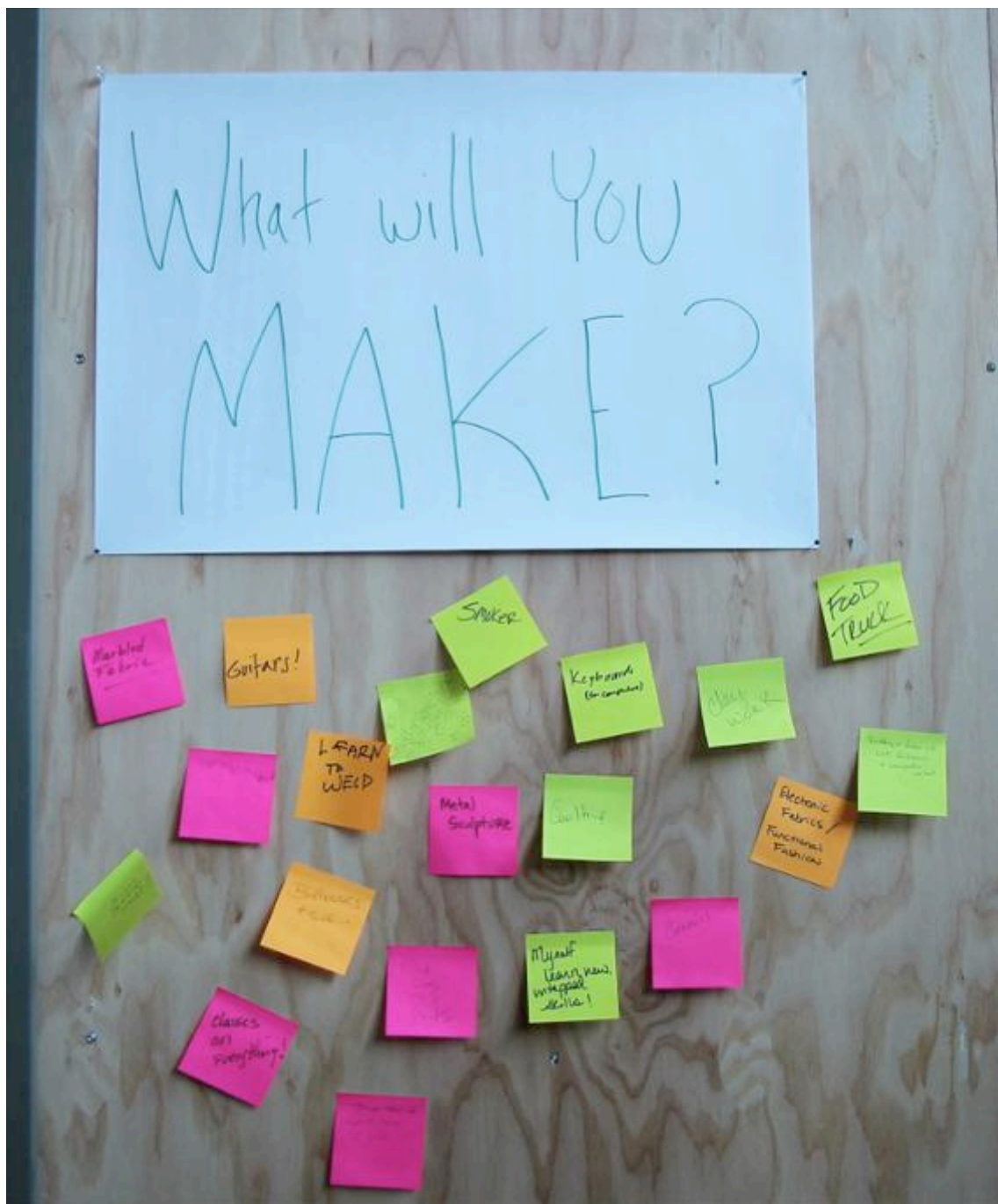
CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont MakerSpace held an Open House at the Sawtooth building on Main St. on Saturday, Oct. 21. City officials, local business owners and interested people stopped by to tour the building and see how much the project has accomplished. The construction of the inside spaces is continuing, and work areas are coming together. They are seeking members, donations and more ideas as to what people would like to be able to do at the MakerSpace.

The concept is designed to encourage creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship in the Greater Upper Valley Region. The Claremont MakerSpace will be a community-oriented creative hub, designed to help its users put shape to their ideas. It will offer affordable, membership-based access to specialty and hi-tech tools, education, room to work and a community of like-minded creative people, building on the City's history of "making", putting an iconic mill building – the Sawtooth – back into service as a home base for the next generation of innovators.

For more information, please visit:

www.claremontmakerspace.org.

Photos by Bill Binder



New Director for Apple Blossom Cotillion

SPRINGFIELD, VT--The Apple Blossom Cotillion - a community tradition for 61 years - has a new volunteer director.

Madison Moreau is very excited to be taking on this role.

While relatively new to the local area, she has been studying and teaching dance for more than 15 years. Not only did she have her choreographic pieces featured at Hampshire College, where she was a student, but she has also worked for the New England Basketball Hall of Fame as a choreographer. She also volunteered with the Good Company Theater, a non-profit community organization in Granby, CT, before moving to Springfield, VT.

Apple Blossom Cotillion is a fundraising event for Springfield Hospital, originally started by its Auxiliary and now presented by its Development Office. "We are grateful to have Madison's experience and leadership with this year's event," stated Larry Kraft, Director of Development. "Save the dates of May 4 and 5 to see the show."

Send us your news and photos



Madison Moreau

Cornish Elementary Eighth Graders Selling Wreaths

CORNISH, NH--Cornish Elementary eighth graders will be selling and decorating wreaths this year to raise money for their trip to Washington, DC. This end-of-the-year trip gives students the opportunity to experience first-hand so much of what they have read and studied over their years at Cornish School: the Declaration of Independence, the Capitol, the Lincoln Memorial, the Library of Congress, the Vietnam and World War II Memorials, the Smithsonian, to name only a few.

Wreaths are \$15 each and are available with your choice of a red, burgundy, gold, or plaid bow. The wreath sale ends Friday, November 3, and wreaths will be available for pick-up at the Town Hall Sunday, November 19.

Ask a Cornish eighth grader, or call Abigail Heim at 675-5811 or contact abigailfelderheim@gmail.com to order.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest in Cornish

CORNISH, NH--The Cornish General Store is hosting its first annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Bring to the store a carved or painted pumpkin between Saturday, October 28th, and 3:00 p.m., Halloween Day, October 31st.

Three prizes will be awarded.

Please write your name on the back of the pumpkin with a Sharpie.



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North Country Smokehouse Begins a New Era in Claremont...

Facility, From A1



Top left; Lobby area; top right: Official ribbon cutting; below: Some of the equipment in the new facility that includes packaging machines and big drums (laying on their sides) that can handle 10,000 lbs. of meat while it is being marinated.

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