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December 3, 2018

Suspect Arrested in City Armed Robbery Investigation

CLAREMONT, NH—On November 30, at approximately 9:45 a.m., the Claremont Police Department responded to a panic alarm and reported armed robbery at the Sugar River Pharmacy located on Pleasant Street in Claremont.



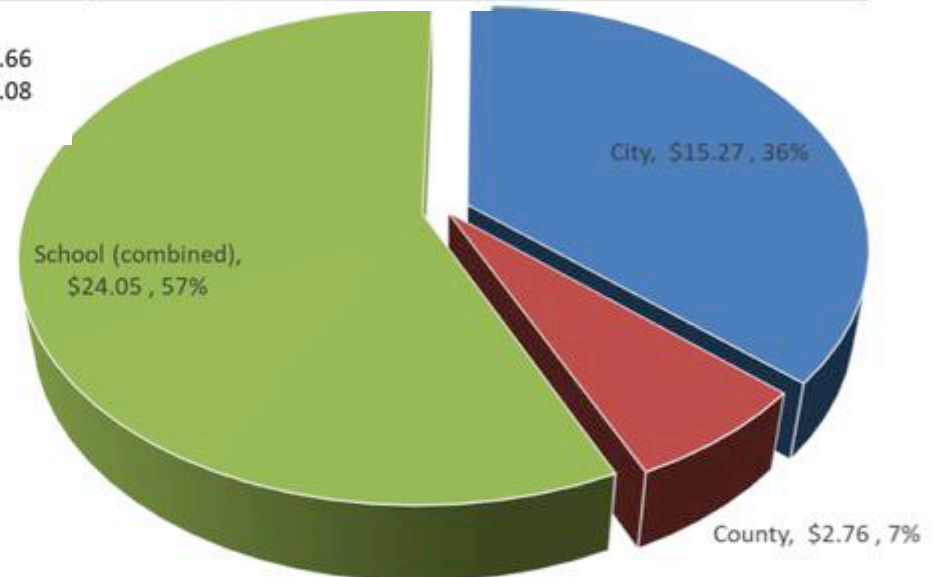
Brian Mahoney

According to a statement released Friday night by the Claremont Police Department, pharmacy staff advised that “a male subject entered the pharmacy, displayed a weapon, and left with a quantity of prescription drugs.” Responding patrol officers established a perimeter and searched the area with the assistance of the Claremont Police K9 Unit.

Due to the pharmacy’s proximity to Stevens
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Impact of your 2018 taxes on \$117,000 Average Assessment. What percentage of your taxes goes to each function?

Tax Rate 2017 = \$42.66
Tax Rate 2018 = \$42.08



| | 2017 Bill | 2018 Bill | Difference | % Increase (Decrease) |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| City | \$ 1,736.28 | \$ 1,786.59 | \$ 50.31 | 2.90% |
| County | \$ 343.98 | \$ 322.92 | \$ (21.06) | (6.12%) |
| School (combined) | \$ 2,910.96 | \$ 2,813.85 | \$ (97.11) | (3.34%) |
| Total | \$ 4,991.22 | \$ 4,923.36 | \$ (67.86) | |

City Releases 2018 Tax Rate; Decrease of 1.4% Announced

CLAREMONT, NH—The 2018 Tax Rate for the City, school, and County has been set for the City of Claremont, and bills were expected to be in the mail by the end of the week, said City Manager Ryan McNutt on Thursday. The new rate is \$42.08, which is an overall decrease of 1.4% over the 2017 tax rate of \$42.66.

The accompanying chart shows the breakdown in taxes on the average single family home with \$117,000 in assessed property. While the City’s portion went up, the school (combined, state and local) and the County’s portions dropped.

“I am pleased that the overall rate has gone down,” McNutt told the *e-Ticker News*. “This year was largely through the efforts of the County and the schools. If we continue to work together on this shared burden, we will continue to see this progress, even though from time to time each organization will face increased costs that need to be budgeted and accounted for in the tax rate.”

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll

Robbery, from A1

High School, said Capt. Stephen Lee of the CPD, local schools were advised to temporarily “shelter in place” until it was determined that the area was secure. Once the Patrol Division and K9 Unit determined that it was safe to do so, the schools were notified that they could lift the “shelter in place.”

“At no time was there any specific threat to a school,” said Lee.

Following the initial response, the Criminal Investigations Division began investigating several leads and identified a possible suspect. Detectives executed a search warrant and subsequently arrested: Brian Mahoney, 42, Claremont, NH, said Lee.

Mahoney is charged with one count of Robbery, a Class A Felony. He was being held without bail at the Sullivan County House of Corrections pending arraignment in Sullivan County Superior Court on Monday, Dec. 3.

The investigation into this matter is ongoing, and further charges are anticipated, said Lee. Anyone with information about this investiga-

tion is encouraged to call Claremont Police Detective Casey Piehl at (603)542-7010 or e-mail cpiehl@claremontnh.com.

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll

Gallery of Gifts: Handmade Holiday Boutique at the Library Arts Center

Through Dec. 23

Hours: Tues.-Fri. 11am-4pm, Saturdays, 10am-2pm

Library Arts Center Gallery
58 N. Main St.
Newport, NH

Admission is free.

The Library Arts Center presents its famous annual holiday exhibit of handmade craft—Gallery of Gifts. The event is a great way to find unique, locally handmade gifts for holiday giving, while supporting local artisans. The juried show features unique and carefully curated handmade crafts and art pieces from more than 130 local artists, and is also an important fundraiser for the Library Arts Center.



“We would contact you in writing if there was a problem with your account,” said Lebanon Police Chief Richard Mello. “Never give out personal or financial information over the phone.”

If you feel you have been the victim of a scam in Lebanon, please feel free to call the Lebanon Police Department at 603-448-1212. If you live elsewhere, please contact your local police department if you receive such a call regarding your Social Security.

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Warning for Social Security Phone Scam

The Lebanon Police Department is reporting that it has received multiple reports of a scam phone call that is targeting Lebanon citizens who are on Social Security. The person on the phone is informing people that their Social Security assets and accounts will be immediately frozen unless they provide personal and financial information.

“We are reminding people that the Social Security Of-

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12/01/2018

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To find out who your local state representatives/senators are in Sullivan County, please visit

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and click on “Who Is My Legislator”

Shaheen Calls for Inspector General Investigation Into VA’s Failure to Pay Veterans Full Benefits

WASHINGTON, DC—Friday, U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and a bipartisan group of lawmakers called for a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Inspector General investigation into allegations that the VA would not reimburse veterans for missed or underpaid benefits.

In a bipartisan letter to the VA’s Inspector General, the lawmakers ask about how the technical errors occurred, how quickly any reimbursements will be made, and how the VA plans to make sure all benefits will continue to be paid out without interruption.

“The VA’s continued ambiguity about whether it will fulfill this legal requirement threatens to erode our veterans’ confidence in the VA’s ability to deliver promised care and benefits and demands close oversight and accountability,” the lawmakers wrote. “It is important that VA fix the technical and staffing shortages that contributed to its inability to implement the Forever GI bill so that it can continue to provide housing stipends to veterans. However, we remain resolved that VA make veterans whole for any missed or underpaid benefits based on the housing stipend rates that they were legally entitled to when the changes took effect in August 2018.”

The letter is also signed by U.S. Senators Brian Schatz (D-HI), John Boozman (R-AK) Susan Collins (R-ME), Tina Smith (D-MN), Todd Young (R-IN), Kamala Harris (D-CA), Jerry Moran (R-KS), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Patty Murray (D-WA), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), and Doug Jones (D-AL) and U.S. Representative Derek Kilmer (D-WA).

Kuster Elected Vice Chair of New Democrat Coalition

WASHINGTON, DC— Friday, Congresswoman Annie Kuster (NH-02) was elected as a Vice Chair of the New Democrat Coalition. The New Democrat Coalition is a group of more than 90 solution-oriented members of Congress committed to fostering pro-economic growth and fiscally responsible policies.

“I’m honored to be selected by my colleagues as a Vice Chair of the New Democrat Coalition,” said Kuster. “The New Democrat Coalition represents the type of results driven focus that the American people expect from their elected leaders. We strive to build consensus amongst our colleagues on both sides of the aisle and advance legislation that will bolster economic opportunity for hardworking families and create an environment in which small businesses can grow and thrive. As Democrats assume the majority in Congress, the New Democrats will be a force for action. I look forward to pursuing policies that will protect our environment, improve access to healthcare, and restore accountability in Washington all while growing our economy and creating jobs.”

Hassan Statement on CDC 2017 Drug Overdose Death Rate Report

WASHINGTON, DC—Senator Maggie Hassan issued the following statement Thursday after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a new report on the rate of drug overdose deaths in the United States. The report found that the drug overdose death rate in New Hampshire in 2017 remained about the same as the previous year, but the national rate was nearly 10 percent higher than it was in 2016. The report also found a 45 percent increase from 2016 to 2017 in drug deaths involving synthetic opioids such as fentanyl.

“This report reaffirms what we have long known to be true – the fentanyl, heroin, and opioid epidemic remains the most devastating public health and safety challenge of our time,” Hassan said. “While I am thankful that New Hampshire’s rate of drug overdose deaths did not increase significantly in 2017, the opioid crisis remains so severe that the CDC found that American life expectancy fell for the second straight year in part due to increasing drug overdose deaths. This stark data from the CDC underscores the urgent need for more federal resources to support those battling this crisis on the front lines, and I will keep working across party lines every day to help turn the tide of this deadly epidemic and save lives.”



Retiree Honored for Decades of Service...

Claremont Chief of Police Mark Chase presented Edgar “Sonny” Lunderville with a memory box on Friday, noting Lunderville’s 34 years of service to the City. From 2009 through November 30, “Uncle Sonny” was the Park Ranger and Parking Enforcement Officer. His last day actually marked his second retirement. He joined the force as a police officer in 1969 and rose to the rank of Deputy Chief of Police, retiring in 1992. Chase, whom Lunderville hired in 1990, told the assembled colleagues, family and friends that “our community was the beneficiary of his service.” Lunderville enjoyed most the many opportunities his positions gave to work with the public. “I’ve lived in Claremont all my life,” he said, “and still am friends with people I went to school with. I appreciate the help everyone in the department has given to make this a good journey for me.” What are his retirement plans? “I’ll be working on my wife’s honey-do list,” he said with a smile of achievement ... and of well-earned relaxation (Eric Zengota photo).

FaLaLa Holiday Revue to Benefit UV Habitat for Humanity

WHITE RIVER JCT, VT—Please join us 7:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the Briggs Opera House for an evening of community theatre, dance, film, and music to benefit Upper Valley Habitat for Humanity. This year's FaLaLa Holiday Revue promises to deliver an evening of community theatre, dance, film, and music with performances by Raq-On Dance Studio, Upper Valley Music Center, Valley Improv, White River Ballet Academy, and three short films by Vermont filmmakers - L'Abduction, Ingredients, and Vermont Is.

Tickets are \$15 per person, and children 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased in advance online at www.tututix.com/wrba or at the box office on the day of. Proceeds from this year's show will benefit Upper Valley Habitat for Humanity's new high-efficiency home build project for a family of five in Sharon, VT, as well as its other affordable and workforce housing projects.

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Sununu Statement on Passing of President George H.W. Bush

CONCORD, NH - Saturday, Governor Chris Sununu issued the following statement after the passing of President George H.W. Bush:

“President George H.W. Bush was a friend to so many of us and his loss will undoubtedly be felt deeply across the Granite State. Quick with advice and always caring, the 41st President of the United States was a statesman, a role model, and an American hero.”

Pursuant to U.S. Code (4 U.S.C. 7m), Governor Sununu has directed all flags on all public buildings and grounds in the State of New Hampshire to fly at half-staff for 30 days until sunset, December 31st.

Shaheen Statement on Passing of U.S. President George H.W. Bush:

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) issued the following statement on the passing of United States President George H.W. Bush:

“Today, I join a grateful nation in mourning the passing of President George H.W. Bush,” said Shaheen. “An exemplary of the greatest generation, his dedication to family and country were unwavering and unmatched. Billy and I send our warmest condolences to the entire Bush family as they lay to rest their beloved patriarch. May he rest in everlasting peace.”

Senator Maggie Hassan released the following statement on the passing of President George H.W. Bush:

“President George H.W. Bush was a true American patriot, who leaves a distinguished legacy of statesmanship, kindness, and service. Tom and I join a grieving nation in mourning the loss of a life well-lived, and take solace that he is once again with his beloved Barbara. Our thoughts are with the entire Bush family during this difficult time.”

Congresswoman Annie Kuster (NH-02) released the following statement on the passing of President George Herbert Walker Bush:

“President George H.W. Bush never tired in

his dedication to our nation and his fellow Americans. From his heroic service during World War II to his time as Commander in Chief, President Bush always put country first and is an example of a truly humble public servant. His steady leadership at the close of the Cold War strengthened the United States and the world. I join New Hampshire and the nation in expressing my profound gratitude to President Bush for his life focused on serving others. I remember fondly the kindness and good humor of Mr. and Mrs. Bush while my parents hosted them in New Hampshire. Our hearts are with the entire Bush family, who while grieving at this difficult time, can be incredibly proud of the enduring legacy left by President George H.W. Bush.”

Holiday Ornament & Garland Workshop Thursday, Dec. 13



5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Library Arts Center
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Price: \$10.00

Holiday Ornaments and Garlands Workshop
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Sullivan County Republicans to Caucus

NEWPORT, NH — Sullivan County Republi-

cans will caucus on Saturday, Dec. 15th, at 11:00 a.m. at the Richards Free Library, 3rd floor Ballroom in Newport to elect county and state committee members. If you are a registered Republican, you are welcome to attend to have your name placed in nomination.

Committee members not only get direct access to candidates and elected officials, they will help guide Sullivan County Republican election and strategy activities and elect our state party leaders in January.

“The year 2020 will be an important election for our nation and state. Republicans must come together and elect strong leadership, dedicated committee members, and ensure there are ‘boots on the ground’. I urge all Sullivan County Republicans to get involved, whether as a committee member or as a community volunteer,” said James Beard, Sullivan County Republican Committee Chairman.

For more information about the Sullivan County Republican Committee and the 2018 Caucus, contact Beard at 603-446-7113 or State Representative Steve Smith at 603-826-5940.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7
OPENING ART RECEPTION
5:30-7pm
JOHN D. BENNETT GALLERY at Claremont Opera House
58 Opera House Square

Jamie Townsend Art will be exhibited in the Claremont Opera House John D. Bennett Gallery from December 7 through January 4. Viewing is available during the shows at the Claremont Opera House or by stopping in at the business office for access to the gallery on the 5th floor during business hours.

An Opening reception will be held Friday, Dec. 7, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

He splits his time between Europe and the United States and enjoys how the different cultures and landscapes affect his art. In addition, he teaches private classes giving adults a chance to view art as more of a process that can reveal layers of expression. Please follow him on Facebook and Instagram to see past and future creations.

Gallery is open during COH shows. Otherwise, stop in at the ticket office for access. Call 603-542-4433 for more information, no ticket required. Free.



Erica Sweetser wanted to do something to bring more holiday cheer to downtown Claremont. An aspiring artist, Sweetser decided that painting scenes of Claremont on downtown windows would attract attention and help make the holidays more fun. She works at the Tavern On The Square and the Pleasant Restaurant and decided she would approach the owners and get permission to start her holiday cheer project there. With help from Susan George, Sweetser chose Folk Art Acrylic paint, which can be washed off after the holidays, and with funds contributed by Michael Charest, owner of the Tavern On The Square, Sweetser began her project. So far, Sweetser has painted scenes of Claremont on the windows of The Tavern On The Square, the Pleasant Restaurant and on the window of the Claremont Connects in Opera House Square. The project has

received many positive comments on social media and Sweetser has been asked to paint more windows in the downtown area. She said she will be painting windows at the Pleasant Street Gaming Room, the Barn Café, RA Sewing Shop, Cumberland Farms and other storefronts downtown. Many thanks to Sweetser for helping make downtown more attractive and fun during this holiday season! (Bill Binder photos).



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NEW LISTING! This home is minutes to Keene and easy access to the upper valley. Open floor plan, beautiful wood floors, 3 bedrooms 2.5 baths, master suite is amazing. Kitchen offers plenty of cabinets and counter space, spacious living room with gas fireplace. Large family room with radiant heat and walk out. Wrap around deck and two car garage. More photos to come! **\$187,000**

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Sunapee Fire Dept. Receives Donation from ADT

SUNAPEE, NH—The Sunapee Fire Department, through the Sunapee Fire Department Association, recently was presented with a large donation from ADT corporation for a response to a fire alarm in a residence on Hell's Corner Rd. The Association used the funds to buy and donate a thermal imaging camera to help see through smoke and dark. ADT also had members of the Department reenact the response for their website and TV commercials.

For the third consecutive year, the Sunapee Fire and Police Departments are teaming up to sponsor a Toys for Tots Drive at the Safety Services Building. New, unwrapped toys will be accepted which will be taken to the local Marine Corps Reserve collection center to be distributed to children in the Lake Sunapee/Upper Valley area. The collection will run until December 20th.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Pop Up Paint Party at Windsor Library

We had so much fun before - we're gonna do it again! Pop Up Paint Party for Adults: a fun and creative fundraiser for the Windsor Public Library, Windsor, VT. Saturday, Dec. 8th, 2:00 p.m. at the Library. Let your inner artist soar as you leave the hustle and bustle of the holiday season behind for a few hours and go home with a one-of-a-kind painting created by you.

Enjoy step-by-step instruction by Christine Traverson of The Wandering Paintbrush. No experience necessary! \$30 per person. All painting supplies are provided as well as snacks and beverages.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Free Adult Holiday Read Aloud at Windsor Mansion Inn

On Sunday, Dec. 9th, starting at 4:00 p.m., join Windsor Public Library as we share the magic of the holiday season at our 7th Annual Holiday Read Aloud. The afternoon is filled with heart-warming holiday stories, festive flute music, and light refreshments.

Our storytelling guests include Tom Haushalter, Paul Voltmer, Melissa Ayres, Rebecca Roisman, Bonnie Hood Weaver, and Hamilton Gillett. This event is sponsored by the Friends of Windsor Library and is free and open to the public. Please note this year, the event will be held at the Windsor Mansion Inn, 153 Pembroke Rd, Windsor in conjunction with the Inn's open house. Join us for one of our favorite events of the season!

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And it's Not Even Officially Winter Yet...

The official start of winter is not until Dec. 21, the Winter Solstice, but for many area residents, winter has been here too long already. Multiple storms dropping snow and ushering in colder than average temps have many feeling winter weary already. And the storm that hit Tuesday was a real morale buster. The heavy wet snow was like trying to move cement, and thousands throughout the area lost power, some until Friday. Lempster; Washington; Acworth; Goshen; New London; Springfield, NH, and Unity were hit especially hard. According to the NHEC outage map, there was still one customer in Goshen

without power Saturday morning.



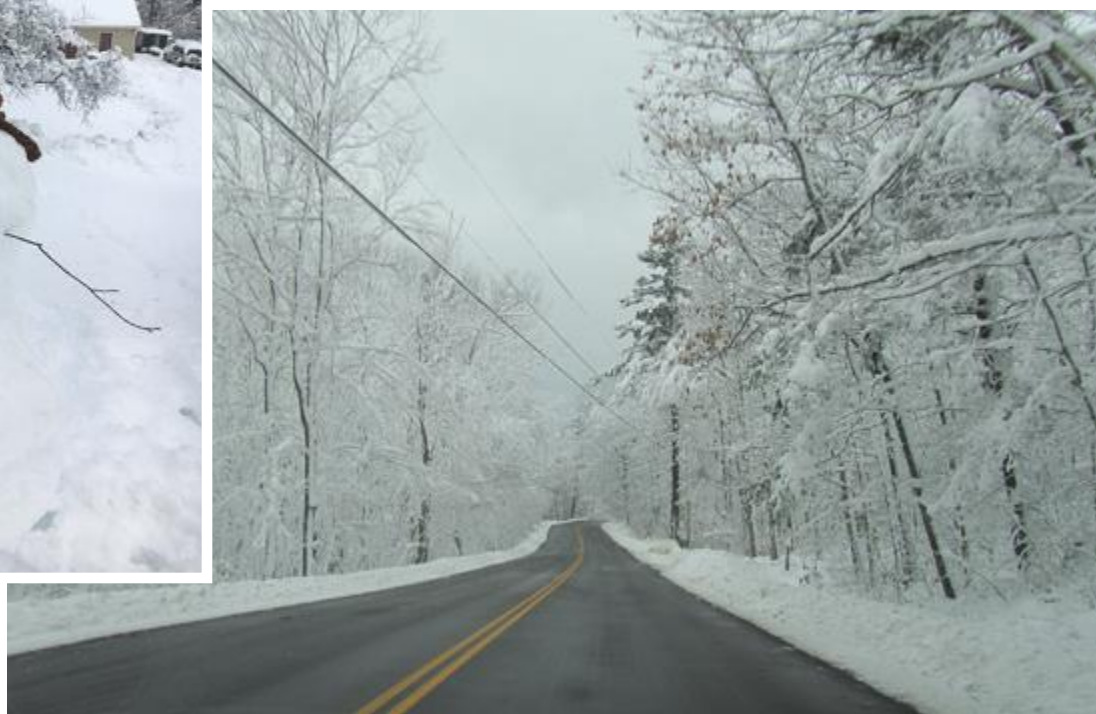
Cooper in Croydon was enjoying his first winter weather (Courtesy photo).



Ducks and chickens in Sunapee lost their home when it collapsed due to the snow and downed trees (Courtesy photo).



This young lady in Grantham used her snow day to the fullest building an igloo and a snowman (Courtesy photo).



Trees in Acworth bending under the weight of the heavy snow on Thursday; driving through Unity was admittedly pretty following the snowstorm (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photos).

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Seth Quelch, customer service operations supervisor at the Claremont Hannaford, scans a Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger box of provisions. Customers have purchased more than 350 of the store's 400 boxes, already surpassing last year's sales. Store manager Chad Myhre expects the last stack to be whittled down to zero, adding that shoppers can also buy gift cards and make cash donations through Dec. 31. All sales proceeds, gift cards and donations benefit the Claremont Soup Kitchen (Eric Zengota photos).

Announcing the Do Good Grant For Nonprofits

RUTLAND, VT -- SIX Marketing, a local boutique marketing firm, is proud to announce the "Do Good Grant". This grant promises free digital marketing for one full year beginning January 1st, 2019.

SIX is calling for all nonprofits to apply and submit the grant application by December 10th, 2018.

The "Do Good Grant" will be awarded to one nonprofit organization and all awarded services will take place from January 2019 to December 2019. All grant applicants must be registered nonprofit organizations or have a fiscal sponsor.

The grant consists of:
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Up to \$80,000 in professional services offered from SIX to manage the Google Advertising.

Organizations interested in applying for the "Do Good Grant" can learn more and apply on the SIX website: <http://inbound.six.marketing/do-good-grant-2019>.

SIX will announce the chosen organization live via social media on Christmas Day, December 25th, 2018.



SIX has extensive experience working with nonprofit organizations in attaining the Google Grant and increasing cause awareness, volunteers and more, said the company. "As a firm, SIX is committed to giving back to those who need it most and what better way to give back than to help nonprofits promote their mission."

"Do Good" is a principal core value of SIX and "we are committed to choosing one organization every year to provide this grant 'until the end of time'," said the company.

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Mt. Ascutney Hospital Announces Otelah Perry as Director of Quality, Patient Safety, and Compliance

WINDSOR, VT—Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center, (MAHHC) has named Otelah Perry, MS, MT, MB, CMQOE as its new Director of Quality, Patient Safety, and Compliance. The position, created in 2016, is part of the Hospital's Senior Leadership Team, with Perry reporting to Dr. Joseph Perras, President, CEO, and Chief Medical Officer.

As Director of Quality, Patient Safety, and
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Compliance, Perry is responsible for the administration of quality and patient safety initiatives, and ensuring compliance with state and federal health-care regulations.



Otelah Perry

Perry, who previously served as the MAHHC Lab Director, was selected from a list of highly-qualified candidates following a national search. According to Dr. Perras,

“Otelah has done tremendous work in our Laboratory, and has served on numerous interdisciplinary teams at MAHHC, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center (DMHC), and at the Value Institute of Dartmouth Hitchcock Health.” Dr. Perras says she brings many years of experience in quality and process improvement to her new role, heading an MAHHC team of nurses, analysts, and coordinators to ensure safety and compliance with state and federal regulations.

Perry became MAHHC Lab Director in January, 2017, serving concurrently as a Senior Performance Improvement Consultant for DMHC. Her previous roles at DMHC include Pathology Quality System Manager, Technical Team Lead, and Medical Technologist. She is a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt training graduate from the Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth College, and coaches new practitioners in team-based performance improvement. In 2013, the Pathology team led by Perry was awarded the Operational Excellence Award for the implementation of Lean Six Sigma in the laboratory. Perry is a 2013 winner of Dartmouth-Hitchcock’s Varnum Quality Award, for work that “embodies a deep commitment to creating and sustaining an environment of high-quality patient and family-centered care.”

Perry holds a BS in Medical Laboratory Science from the University of New Hampshire,

and earned a Master’s degree in Health Care Administration from New England College in 2008. She is a Certified Manager of Quality and Organizational Excellence through ASQ, the American Society for Quality.

Away from work, Perry is a mother to three children and coaches young runners as part of Girls on the Run Vermont. She resides in Windsor, VT.



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The families in our Turning Points Network shelter have all the same hopes and wishes in anticipation of the holidays, however they are also struggling with the trauma of having left their own homes because of domestic and/or sexual violence. Not only are they displaced, they are sharing common space with as many as four other women and as many as ten children. It's not easy at any time, but especially during the holidays when "home" is where we all want to be.

Many who come to our shelter have left behind everything except the clothes they were wearing and what they hastily stuffed into a few tote bags. They are scared, angry, feeling uprooted, uncertain and disoriented. And while each mom and kids have their own bedroom, they now share living, dining and kitchen space with several other families.

Tensions can run high when so much disruption is going on under one roof, but as the holidays approach, moms and kids want to keep their lives as normal as possible. They decorate, bake cookies, create gifts and cook an extra special meal together. Turning Points Network makes sure that each shelter guest has gifts to

open, that stockings are filled and that each guest can celebrate and enjoy the holiday each observes. They also play games and watch holiday specials and football games on TV just as they would in their own homes.

Last year, the women sat down and decided who would cook the turkey and gravy and who would make side dishes and pie. This brought them together even though there had been disagreements earlier in the year. The shelter manager and AmeriCorps volunteer helped the children craft ornaments for the tree and their rooms. Some moms have gotten their own decorations out of storage to share at the shelter.

Rocking chairs help. Moms rock children who cry for the holiday they really wanted, worried their presents may not get to them, and because they are scared. Moms cry because it is so hard to talk with their children about why they need to be in the shelter right now, why their friends can't come over and why they cannot give their children what they want right now, while assuring them they are safe from injury and from violence.

More than 800 individuals seek assistance from TPN each year and as many as 35 families are able to stay in our 16-bed emergency shelter during the year. Shelter guests can stay until TPN has helped them secure safe and sustainable housing. Since TPN began offering its economic independence classes, 70% of survivors who leave their abusers remain

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Our Turn, from A17

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Three Factors to Consider When Making Charitable Gifts

The holiday season is here, which means gift-giving is probably on your mind. In addition to making gifts to your family and friends, you also may be interested in contributing to charitable organizations. But before you donate financial assets, such as stocks, you will need to consider several factors, including taxes, your portfolio balance and the reputation of the charity. Let's look at these areas:

Taxes – Your donations to qualified charities (those that are considered 501(c)(3) organizations by the Internal Revenue Service) can give you tax deductions – if you itemize deductions on your tax return. However, due to recent tax law changes, the standard deduction for 2018 has almost doubled, to \$24,000 for married couples, and to \$12,000 for single filers. As a result, you may be less likely to itemize deductions, so you could have less incentive, at least for tax reasons, to make charitable gifts. However, if you give appreciated stocks, you may be allowed a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the gift on the date of the transfer, even if your original cost was only a fraction of today's value. Plus, you may not be subject to the capital gains tax you might have to pay if you eventually sold the stocks.

Also, depending on your age, you might be able to use your traditional IRA as a charitable-funding vehicle. Once you turn 70-1/2, you generally must begin taking withdrawals – called required minimum distributions or RMDs – from your traditional IRA. (Roth IRAs are not subject to RMDs during your lifetime.) These RMDs from your traditional IRA are taxable, but you may be able to exclude up to \$100,000 of RMDs per year from your taxable income if you transfer the funds directly to qualified charitable organizations.

In any case, consult with your tax advisor before donating appreciated assets to a charity.

Portfolio balance – When you donate financial assets to a charity, you are also taking them away from your portfolio. This could be an issue, especially if you repeatedly donate the same types of assets. For example, if you're donating some growth-oriented stocks, will you lower the overall growth potential of your portfolio?

You may want to consult with a financial professional to ensure your charitable gifts will still allow you to maintain a portfolio balance appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance.

Reputation of the charity – You may want to do some homework to make sure you are giving to a reputable charity. Many experts on charitable giving say that a worthwhile charity should spend at least 75 percent of its income on programs, rather than administrative costs. You may be able to find this type of information on a charitable group's annual report and its website. You can also browse the web for the names of agencies that evaluate charitable groups.

By considering the aspects of charitable giving described above, you can get more satisfaction from your generosity – because you'll know that your gift not only supports a good cause, but also fits well into your overall financial picture.

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It's About Food By Johnny Navillus



Thoughts

Back in the “Ozzie and Harriet” days, Mom stayed at home and did all the cooking. I can't speak for any of the ladies of that era, but they seemed to see cooking dinner as a major part of their day. I would imagine that at times it must have seemed to be a major chore, but Harriet Nelson would never admit that. (If the name doesn't ring a bell then google it).

As the times changed and Mom started working outside the home, dinner started to become a chore. The market responded with frozen foods, “short cut” foods, and the frozen dinner. But meal preparation and menu planning was still a chore after working out of the home all day.

Very, very slowly over time men started to pick up the slack and become active in the kitchen. I'm sure in many cases it was under duress. There is a generation behind mine that was taught to cook by their mothers (“girls love men who can cook”). There is a large segment of men who became intrigued by watching television. Those guys on TV who cook and have several restaurants have got to be doing something right. If I can never be Tom Brady, maybe I can be another Emeril. For what ever reason, men started cooking at home more frequently. They moved out of the backyard and into the kitchen.

I find that the men who do most of the cooking at home tend to be very dedicated to the dishes they cook and take great pleasure in serving a product they can be proud of. Quite possibly, they see themselves as “building” and creating something special. It is becoming almost common to see men swapping recipes and hints in public. These guys are passionate about what they serve their families and are no longer seen as “odd”. Some even see their role as cook as almost a calling. I know more than one guy who would like to cook for a living but is avoiding the pressure of cooking multiple meals for hours on end. I know I couldn't handle it. Those people who cook for a living are a special breed of cat.

So, if you are in a relationship with a guy or gal who cooks for you and is passionate about food, what do you do about it? Praise their efforts, but too much praise makes men uncomfortable. Small gifts from time to time for no particular reason are a great way to go. Some of the best gifts I have gotten are a set of tiny dishes I use for ingredients. I will have four or five within reach with seasonings and spices already measured out. A small whisk that I use for sauces comes in handy and couldn't have cost more than a quarter. A small grater for garlic works wonders.

This Christmas season give the gift of kitchen tools. But be careful. Don't get any large appliances your personal chef hasn't mentioned. Too many end up on a shelf gathering dust. Many are very intimidating for a beginning cook.

Everyone has a few pots and pans they use frequently. Are those in your kitchen in good condition? Is the non-stick finish coming off? Replacing one or two frequently used utensils can mean more than a box full of pots they will hardly ever use.

In the final analysis, the best thing to do is to ask. If you are fortunate enough to have a personal, live-in chef, treat them like the star they are.

Play with your food. Real men aren't afraid.

Write to Johnny at etickernews@gmail.com.

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Emergency Services from Multiple Towns Pull Together for Special Escort for City Boy

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The messy weather and rain could not erase the big smile on a little boy's face Sunday morning. Ten-year-old Levi Bonner was given a special escort from



Claremont to the Massachusetts border by emergency vehicles from multiple communities as department after department coordinated the escort transfer. Bonner is scheduled to have heart surgery on Tuesday at Boston Children's Hospital, and family friend Nick Koloski, with help from Corey Conroy of the Newport Fire Department, arranged to have the escort as a special sendoff; Levi loves firetrucks and firefighters—he dressed as a fireman for Halloween—and was all smiles Sunday morning as the family prepared to leave for Massachusetts.

Koloski, who knows what it's like to have to go to the hospital as a child—he was a patient at CHaD—wanted to do something special for the Bonner family headed by Rick and Missy, a family that so often does for others behind the scenes. Although he is a call firefighter and a

City Councilor, he said he approached the Claremont Fire Department as a citizen of Claremont and not in any other capacity to see if an escort of emergency vehicles could be arranged. With the help of Conroy, the pieces began to fall into place: The Claremont Fire Department would show up at the Bonners' house and begin the escort there, going to the town line where Newport would be waiting to greet Claremont Fire and the family car. From there other towns were lined up to fall into place, and on Sunday, the escort, with lights flashing, made it all the way to the Massachusetts border. Those participating included Claremont, Newport and Goshen, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner, Hopkinton, Concord, Bow, Hooksett, Manchester, Londonderry, Derry, Windham, Salem, NH State Police, Newport Police and Sutton Police. "All I know of New London is that it went out on a call just prior to hand off, so Sutton filled in," said Koloski. Levi got to ride in vehicles from three different communities along the way.

"Knowing Levi is a big emergency services fan, I asked his parents if it would be okay if I did a sendoff," said Koloski. "Within 25 minutes of me asking for help doing this, the emergency services community came alive. Town by town, city by city, each coming on board to escort him through each town, all the way to Boston." Salem was the last community to provide a truck.

There was no shortage of smiles anywhere on the trip to the state line, and

Clockwise: Levi Bonner gets strapped into the Claremont Fire truck with Lt. Brian Rapp's help; group hug with Missy Bonner, Levi and sister, Faythe; Bonner car following CFD (Photos courtesy of Dawnmarie Weymouth).



Manchester Fire has invited Levi and his family to visit them for a day when things have settled down following his surgery. Goshen gave Levi
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a care pack, which brought out yet another big smile.

A phone call with the Mayor's office in Boston between Koloski and its staff helped to coordinate some other surprise activities, and Boston Fire was set to meet with the family in their hotel lobby for a meet-and-greet early Monday morning and then take Levi to the hospital by firetruck.

"It is very overwhelming," Missy Bonner told the *e-Ticker News* on Sunday as they neared the Mass border, choking back her emotions.

Goshen Fire Chief Dan Peterson said, "It was an honor to be part of this journey today with Newport Fire, EMS and PD. To hear Levi's answer to a question, 'What do you think of all this?' Levi said, 'This is the best day of my life', is priceless."

"Myself and all the members of Sunapee Fire were proud to be a part of this," said Dana Ramspott.

"Hopkinton duty crew on 60A1 escorted from exit 7 SB on I-89 to exit 1 in Bow. Thank you for the invite, prayers to Levi for a successful surgery," said Matt Cox. "It was our pleasure to be included in your request," he told Koloski.

In a world that can often seem cold and ugly these days, dozens of people from multiple communities showed the fount of caring that still exists and the distance that a single act of kindness can travel, figuratively and literally.



Clockwise: Levi with Claremont firefighters Matt Whitehead, left, and Brian Rapp; the hand off to Newport; thumbs up from the Hooksett Fire Department; a souvenir from Goshen (Photos courtesy of Dawn-marie Weymouth).

