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## **CMS to Participate in GEAR UP Program to Help Students Improve Chances of Entering College of Their Choice**

CONCORD, NH--Building off the successes of the NH Scholars initiative and Campus Compact for NH's AmeriCorps VISTA project, a new program is beginning, aimed at helping students improve their chances at getting into the college of their choice. GEAR UP is a federally-funded grant that works with students from 7th grade through their first year of college and will be an ongoing resource that helps students find, afford and maximize their college experience. The GEAR UP grant was awarded to the New Hampshire College and University Council (NHCUC) in partnership with Campus Compact for New Hampshire.

"This is a statewide, all encompassing program designed to help students pick classes that align with their career choices, access scholarship aid, find a college that fits their goals and even find internship programs to get them in the door early," said Tom Horgan, President and CEO of NHCUC. "GEAR UP has a proven record of success, and we are thrilled to bring it to New Hampshire."

A total of 505 students will be served from the seven cohort GEAR UP middle schools, including Claremont Middle School. Others include Berlin Middle School, Franklin Middle School, Laconia Middle School, Lisbon Regional School, Stewartstown Community School and Whitefield Elementary School. GEAR UP NH and local school officials will follow 7th graders all the way through their first year of college.

GEAR UP stands for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs. It is a program that helps students  
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**Parks and Recreation Director Mark Brislin thanks Kiwanis members Nick Koloski and Tony DiPadova for the \$5,000 check from Kiwanis that was presented on Saturday during the BrewFest at the Visitor's Center Green in Claremont. The donation will be used for the new Imagination Station for kids at the CSB Community Center. More photos from the BrewFest on page A16 (Bill Binder photo).**

## **"Time for Reflection" on Racism Draws Nearly 200 at Gathering in Park**

**By Bill Binder  
e-Ticker News**

CLAREMONT, NH--A vigil to discuss ways for the community to come together to combat racism and address racial diversity was held on Tuesday evening in Broad St. Park. Local officials,  
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**GEAR UP, from A1**

succeed in school. It helps families and students learn about choices for education after high school and how to pay for it. GEAR UP believes that every student should have the opportunity to go to college if they work hard, take the right courses and stay in school. GEAR UP also believes that planning future success should begin with students and families in 7th grade and continue through 12 grade. For students who attend colleges in New Hampshire after their high school graduation, they will be eligible for scholarships and services that will continue through their important first year of college.

GEAR UP began in 1999 and has shown a number of positive results say supporters, including better student grades and attendance, higher test scores, increased enrollment in courses that prepare students for college, lower high school drop-out rates and increased college enrollment rates.

“This is a logical extension of the NH Scholars program, which has proven to be very successful in our state,” said Michele Perkins,

President of New England College.

“This is an unprecedented level of support for our schools,” said Middleton McGoodwin, SAU 6 Superintendent. “Knowing our students will have access to GEAR UP scholarship aid on top of what is already available will make the difference in the lives of many families in our district; that creates truly exciting opportunities for students.”

GEAR UP services may include making arrangements for services to help students succeed academically, mentoring, tutoring, study skills workshops and summer enrichment programs on college campuses. GEAR UP will also help students to learn about colleges and future career options.

For more information, please visit

[www.gearupnh.org](http://www.gearupnh.org).

**MakerSpace Workshop:  
3D Modeling with Fusion 360**



CLAREMONT, NH--MakerSpace Workshop: 3D Modeling with Fusion 360 is an introduction to 3D modeling with Autodesk's Fusion 360 software – a very intuitive, 3D CAD (computer aided design), CAM (computer aided manufacturing), and CAE

(computer aided engineering) too.

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Participants will need to bring a laptop to this workshop. If you'd love to take 3D Modeling with Fusion 360, but don't have your own laptop, send us an email ([info@twinstatemakerspaces.org](mailto:info@twinstatemakerspaces.org)) and we'll see if we can track one down for you.

Space is limited. Please RSVP by Sept. 27. When: Saturday, Sept. 30th, 10:00 a.m. - noon.

Where: 31 Pleasant Street, Claremont RSVP, (required by Sept. 27) at:

[www.claremontmakerspace.org/events](http://www.claremontmakerspace.org/events).

Contact: [info@twinstatemakerspaces.org](mailto:info@twinstatemakerspaces.org).

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## Letters to the Editor

### Thank You for Supporting the 5th Annual Go For FOOD Color Walk/Run

#### To The Editor:

I wanted to once again thank all the participants, donators, sponsors and volunteers who supported Claremont's 5th Annual Go For FOOD color walk/ run event that was held Saturday, July 22, at Moody Park. We had approximately 100 participants this year. We surpassed our goal by donating over 500 items to the soup kitchen, which was amazing. We were also able to provide a monetary donation to the soup kitchen and community center scholarship fund. Much appreciation again to the sponsors and donators who were a major factor to the success of this event: Mascoma Savings Bank, North Country Smokehouse, Tremont House of Pizza, Claremont Savings Bank, Lambert Auto Sales, Eastern Propane, Imperial Buffet, BJ's Wholesale Club, Claremont Parks & Recreation Department, Ink Factory Clothing Co., Doolittle's Print Serve, Inc., *e-Ticker News of Claremont*, Farro Deli, Harpoon Brewery, Lake Sunapee Bank, Odalie M. Ince, Olympia Sports, Kelly French- LuLaRoe, Mount Sunapee Resort, Triple Play Retail. It is always exciting to see people of all ages be a part of this event and support the community.

Thank you so much!

**Odalie Bernash (founder/organizer)**  
**Claremont, NH**

### News Update on School Funding

#### To The Editor:

HB356 was retained in committee and was amended to establish a committee to study education funding and the cost of an opportunity for an adequate education. The results of this study committee are going to be recommendations for the 2019 legislative body. Their recommendations will deal with the problem of phasing out the annual state aid education stabilization funds to towns and cities, and also with the “Claremont Decision”. I believe the New Hampshire legislature is coming to the realization that they need to deal with education funding and with the “Claremont Decision”. I have advertised HB356 on social media. Although I've presented this bill to the Claremont city government and school board, they have not seemed willing to identify the positive attributes in HB356 and seem to be ignoring it. I believe the city and the school board need to get behind this bill to give relief to the small percentage of actual property tax payers (approximately 20% of properties) in Claremont. The bill that I sponsored with a representative from Franklin, which dealt with the freeze on the yearly reduction of stabilization education funding, was also retained in the same study committee and is now part of HB356. In short, the “Claremont Decision” is being worked on.

If you are a concerned property taxpayer or renter in the city of Claremont, please contact members of the city council, the mayor, the city manager, and members of the school board, and urge them to lobby the HB356 study committee to come up with positive legislation in regard to state funding of public education. You can find their email addresses on the City of Claremont, NH website.

**Representative Francis Gauthier**  
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## Reflection, from A1

church leaders, activists and the local police were on hand to give ideas and start a discussion on how the community can become a better place to live.

The event, which drew about 200 people, was organized by social activist Rebecca MacKenzie, in the aftermath of an incident which took place in Claremont on Aug. 28, in which an 8-year-old biracial boy was injured in what was allegedly a racial hate crime against the child. The child suffered injuries as a result of a rope being placed around his neck, allegedly by teens with whom he was playing at the time and, according to the family, he was pushed off a picnic table, causing him to swing several times until he was able to free himself. The child was taken to Valley Regional Hospital and later transferred to Dartmouth-Hitchcock for treatment. During her introduction, McKenzie told the crowd that, "We have a mountain of work to do to overcome racism in our community and in virtually every community in America. I believe that with God's wisdom and strength we will be able to move mountains."

Co-Pastor John Gregory-Davis of the Meriden Congregational Church and Hartland Uni-

tarian Universalist pastor Paul Sawyer echoed and expanded on McKenzie's message to meet the challenge to combat racism.

Asst. Mayor Allen Damren read a prepared statement from Mayor Charlene Lovett, who was out of town, which said in part, "Who we are as a community is demonstrated everyday through our actions---where we want to go will be determined by what we value and by our commitment to unity to achieve those values."

Police Chief Mark Chase told the crowd that his department's policy is to safeguard the civil rights of every citizen regardless of their race, religion, ethnicity, handicap or social orientation. "Although that's our policy, that's also our duty," Chase said. "There is no doubt that we need help is doing this. It's an old proverb that says, 'It takes a village to raise a child'. It takes

that same village that I am looking at right now to ensure that there is equal justice for all."

City Manager Ryan McNutt read the words of a community member which echoed the sentiments of the other speakers, and he spoke of how the community should come together and reflect more generally on racial division.

Olivia Lapiere, a Black Rights Matter activist, led the crowd in a Black Lives Matter chant which



**A "Time of Reflection" gathering was held at Broad St. Park on Tuesday. People gathered to help begin a dialogue in the community about racism. The event included several speakers, including community and religious leaders, and several minutes of silence for "reflection on the path ahead." A circle of people holding hands was formed as they sang "We Shall Overcome." (Bill Binder photo).**

was followed by a moment of silence. The vigil ended with attendees holding hands and singing "We Shall Overcome".

Others participating included clergy members Janet Lombardo, Trinity Episcopal and Prince of Peace Church, Claremont; John Johnson, First Congregational Church, Claremont; Karen Loit Hill, Lebanon City Councilor; and Arnie Alpert of the American Friends Service Committee.

Attendees were invited to sign up for further discussions about this issue and what can be done to address concerns.

After the event, which lasted a little more than an hour, a group met in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Episcopal Church across from the park to further discuss next steps.

There will be a follow-up event at Trinity Episcopal and Prince of Peace Church, 120 Broad Street, Claremont, on September 21st at 7:00 p.m.

If you are interested in being part of the planning group for on-going events or need more information, please contact Jack Hurley at [jrhurjd@aol.com](mailto:jrhurjd@aol.com) or Rebecca MacKenzie at [reb178@myfairpoint.net](mailto:reb178@myfairpoint.net).

A GoFundMe account has been set up for the family of the child injured during the Aug. 28 incident. More may be found at <https://www.gofundme.com/helpquincyheal>.

## Claremont School District to Begin "Conversation" About Racism, Hate

CLAREMONT, NH--In a phone message to parents Sept. 11, Superintendent Middleton McGoodwin announced that the school district would begin a conversation to address racism and hate.

"We recently learned of an alleged racially based hate crime that occur late last month in Claremont," said McGoodwin. "The Claremont Police Department continue to work on this case, which involved minors. As a result, information about this incident remains confidential, as it should. However, I wanted you to know that the Claremont School District, like you, is very troubled by what occurred.

"Racism, and hate, are not a thing of the past. And though the Claremont School District stands on the belief that each person has the right to be respected, and a responsibility to treat others with respect, this does not always happen.

"As a result, the Claremont School District is planning to commit to an ongoing age appropriate, and grade appropriate, conversation about racism, and hate, with the objective of helping the entire school community be more aware, and more capable, to prevent future incidents.

"This plan will not be a single event, or single class discussion. Rather, it will be ongoing throughout, and beyond, the school year.

"More information will be shared as this evolves. Until that time, I ask for your help, and support, of this plan, for the benefit of everyone."

## 3rd Annual Steampunk Festival in Springfield to Present Vintage Circus Fun and More

SPRINGFIELD, VT--Come immerse yourself in the dazzling world of vintage circus as The Steampunk Society of Vermont returns with their 3rd Annual Steampunk Festival, Sept. 23 and 24, at the Hartness House.

The New England Center for Circus Arts, along with Circus Karnevil, provide a Jekyll and Hyde fantasy of old world entertainment as each troupe takes on the light and dark side of traditional circus. Festival goers can expect to see acrobats, stilt walkers, unicyclists, jugglers, and clowns, as well as a variety of "freak show" style entertainment, including the famous glass walkers, bed of nails, Blockhead, flame eaters, and so much more. A variety of musical acts from across New England, including buskers, local musicians, and a vaudeville review will keep patrons on their toes. The Calliope Steam Fashion Show returns this year on Saturday, offering the costumed patrons an opportunity to take center stage and show off their outfits. The free children's carnival and open air trader's bazaar featuring games, crafts, and dozens of vendors, will help to transform the lush grounds of the Victorian Inn, which provides the perfect backdrop for the retro futuristic, steam powered fantasy the organizers hope to bring to life.

This year's music headliner, world renowned alternative cellists Rasputina, take the stage at 8:30 p.m. Saturday evening.

Employing elaborate costuming spanning all periods of human history, Rasputina brings marginalized historical female figures and stories to light in the pop form, using archetypal characters such as Indian princesses, Hawaiian handmaidens and Medieval queens.

Over the years, Rasputina has played with notable rock favorites such as Marilyn Manson, Porno For Pyros, Cheap Trick, Goo Goo Dolls and many others.

For the more cerebral, be sure to catch one of the many workshops and panels held in The Wedding Tent and Victorian Ballroom daily. Learn about the infamous Harry Houdini and H.H. Holmes, or take part in their stagecraft or Steampunk 101 workshops. For the paranormal lover, don't miss out on tarot readings performed by Madame Le Duke. You can also take part in Victorian Mysticism or Divinations workshop. And of course, we can't forget to mention the mysterious wonder of the French liquor, Absinthe, said event organizers. This famous green alcohol is imported from France. Join S.B. MacDonald for a 90 minute tasting and interactive panel as he guides patrons through the fascinating history of the very risqué and forbidden liquor. Onsite as well is Forged in Fire Alum Smithie J. Richie with blacksmithing demos for the weekend, and The Granite State Saber Academy offering stagecraft and sword fighting demos. For more information, visit [www.springfieldvtsteampunkfest.com](http://www.springfieldvtsteampunkfest.com).

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## Two Apply for Vacant City Council Seat

CLAREMONT, NH--Following additional information that became available after the City Council packet for last week's meeting was released, it was learned that a second person has applied for the vacant seat on the City Council. David Pacetti and Abigail Kier have both applied for the position. Interviews will take place Sept. 21, 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers. The applicant chosen will be sworn in later during the meeting.

Kier currently serves on the Zoning Board, Master Plan Steering Committee, Policy Committee and Historic District Commission, she said on her application. She is employed at DHMC as Manger of Support.

According to Pacetti's application, he served as the Vice Chairman of the JSL for 15 years and worked with the City Council during that time. He also stated that he has over 10 years experience in supervisory and lead roles with previous employers. He currently works at Whelen Engineering.

## TLC Sponsoring Program on Adverse Childhood Experiences

CLAREMONT, NH--In celebration of the 40th anniversary of Turning Points Network and the 25th anniversary of TLC Family Resource Center, they will be sponsoring a public dialogue on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) with Bill Brown on Friday, Sept. 22, from noon to 1:30 p.m., at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Room, 145 Broad St. in Claremont.

This event is a follow up event to the screening of "Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope."

The event is free and a free lunch is available to those who registered. To register, please call (603) 542-1848.

## Garden Club Dedication

The Cornish Garden Club has been working on placing a memorial stone in its flower garden box on the War Memorial green in the Flat. A short dedication of the stone will be held on Sunday, Sept. 24, at 2:00 p.m. Public is invited. Light refreshments will be served following the dedication.

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# RI Man Arrested For Allegedly Killing His Mother During Shooting at DHMC

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News

LEBANON NH--A Rhode Island man was arrested Tuesday following an "active shooter" incident at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center during which a patient was shot and killed in the ICU on the fourth floor. Travis Frink, 49, was arraigned Wednesday in Grafton Superior Court for the first-degree murder of his 70-year-old mother, Pamela Ferriere, of Groton, NH. Scores of people, including staff and patients, were evacuated from the facility as the incident unfolded. According to investigators, Frink signed in at the visitor's desk around 1:15 Tuesday afternoon. Roughly 10 minutes later, a 911 call was placed to the Lebanon Police for a report of shots fired at the medical center. Frink's stepfather, Robert Ferriere, was reportedly in his mother's hospital room; according to authorities, Frink asked him to leave so that he could have some time alone with his mother. According to the affidavit, as Robert Ferriere was leaving the room, he heard his wife "shout or scream something" and "witnessed" the shooting. According to the affidavit, Frink did not say a word as he left the room. "Robert Ferriere then called for help."



Travis Frink

Attorney General Gordon J. MacDonald and New Hampshire State Police Colonel Christopher J. Wagner announced on Wednesday that Deputy Chief Medical Examiner Jennie Duval completed the autopsy on Pamela Ferriere and determined that Ferriere had been shot four times. She suffered wounds to the chest, abdomen and pelvis. Her cause of death was gunshot wounds which caused blood loss and her manner of death was ruled a homicide.

Frink has been charged with first-degree murder for his mother's death. He was ar-

raigned Wednesday in the Grafton County Superior Court during a brief court appearance during which the reading of the charges was waived and he pleaded not guilty. He is being held without bail. According to the affidavit, Frink, said authorities, waived his Miranda rights after being advised of them and "admitted that he went to Dartmouth-Hitchcock today to kill his mother."

"Facts gathered to this point reveal that the purpose of Mr. Frink's visit to the hospital to-

day was to kill his mother," said New Hampshire Attorney General Gordon MacDonald during a Tuesday news conference outside the Lebanon Police Department later in the day, reported the *Valley News*.

Frink was apprehended around 3:00 p.m. on the day of the shooting. The medical center and surrounding streets were put on lockdown for several hours, as were some schools in the area for a period of time.

## Local Tellers to Perform at White Mountain Storytelling Festival

New London storyteller Simon Brooks is the featured teller for the 7th Annual White Mountain Storytelling Festival (WMSF) to be held Friday to Sunday, September 29 to October 1, at the beautiful Waterville Valley Town Square. Produced for the New Hampshire Storytelling Alliance (NHSA), by Laretta Phillips, Andover, the event will bring together more than a dozen experienced storytellers to share their tales throughout the weekend.

An acclaimed British storyteller, Brooks has engaged and transfixed audiences with his powerful performances all over New England. Raised in Worcester, England, Brooks honed his storytelling skills while traveling throughout Europe. He moved to the US in 1994, lived on both coasts and settled in New Hampshire over twelve years ago.

Brooks' storytelling has earned him honors from Storytelling World and Parent's Choice, including the latter's prestigious Gold Award for his storytelling CDs. Simon's distinctive voice and accent have served him well as a voice actor, recording a number of audio books for other writers. The WMSF features storytelling concerts for all ages throughout the weekend, beginning with a free Ghost Story Concert on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. and ending with Sacred Tales at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

In between, Saturday's schedule includes two back-to-back concerts at 10:00 a.m.: NH Talkers by Rebecca Rule (Northwood) and Sara Glines (Randolph) and a Children's Concert by Shawn Middleton (Durham). Concerts are also scheduled for 11:15 am (Raising Our Voices by Kelli White (Nashua), Joyce Sabato (Massachusetts), Arthur Surette (Effingham) & Phyllis Blackstone (Maine); Family Concerts at 2:15 by the featured teller, Simon Brooks, and at 4pm by John Sanders (Nashua), Sharon Wood (Claremont), Peter Brodeur (Andover) & Joey Talbert (Massachusetts). There will also be an Open Mic storytelling between noon and 2:00 p.m., during the breaks taken by the featured band during the ongoing Chili Festival at Waterville Valley's Town Square. Other tellers who may be heard telling ghost stories on Friday or sacred tales on Sunday include Mark Chamberlain (Barrington), Papa Joe Gaudet (all of NH), Ela Ramsey (Hudson), Ruth Niven (Franklin), & Laretta Phillips (Andover).

Waterville Valley Resort is located on Route 6 Village Road, Waterville Valley, NH. The Festival is grateful for its many generous sponsors, including the Waterville Valley Town Square, Snowy Owl Inn, and others listed on the NH Storytelling Alliance Website at <http://nhstorytelling.org/festival>.

Ticket prices are listed and registration may be done online. Tickets will also be available at the event and may be purchased individually for specific concerts or for the Festival as a whole.

For more information contact Laretta Phillips at [events@nhstorytelling.org](mailto:events@nhstorytelling.org) or (603) 735-5965.





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Sarah describes the discrepancy between the professional façade her supervisor created for the rest of the world and the unprofessional behavior he subjected her to in private, the most disturbing of which was his continual denigration of women in the most contemptible language possible. He clearly found pleasure in her embarrassment. But because she was the only one who reported directly to this man, others either didn't witness or weren't as concerned by what were serious red flags for her.

She knew she would not be able to effectively discourage the behavior on her own by simply asking him to stop. She was hesitant to report his behavior to his superiors because she also knew that there would be uncomfortable consequences. He was her supervisor; he held her career in the palm of his hand. The most worrisome was that she had no way of proving what he had done. It was her word against his.

When, in a conversation in his office, he twisted her responses to have a sexual connotation obviously intended to belittle and insult her, she made the decision to file a report with

HR. She felt relief but braced herself for the possibility of revenge toward her or her family.

After she was thanked for having the courage to come forward, she was informed that the issue had not been pervasive enough, and she would need to continue reporting to him. They then attempted to placate her by explaining that he had been required to complete some training, and that she needn't worry about any future issues.

Sarah was incredulous. This man was well-educated and experienced enough to know better, so she couldn't grasp how training was going to solve his problem. Also, she knew that training wouldn't remedy the anger he now had for her because she had reported him. She was devastated by their decision to put her in the position of continuing to report to this individual. He hadn't raped her, but his words and actions had made it impossible for them to have the type of mutually respectful relationship that should exist between supervisor and supervisee. As time went on, not only did he attempt retaliation on several occasions but he also played the part of the victim by broadcasting to some of his colleagues that he was being accused of sexual harassment which created an even more uncomfortable work environment.

Eventually both parties left the organization.

Sarah does not regret reporting even though she felt inadequately protected by her employer. Holding a perpetrator accountable sends a message to everyone that harassment is not acceptable. If victims or bystanders don't speak up, the harasser is encouraged to continue. If your workplace HR department is complacent about harassment or bullying, the EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) can provide

guidelines. In extreme cases, contact an attorney who specializes in employment law.

*OUR TURN* is a public service series made available by Turning Points Network in celebration of its 40th anniversary of providing violence-prevention education programs in our schools, services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, and helping people move from the darkness of abuse toward the light of respect, healing and hope. For information contact 1.800.639.3130 or [www.turningpointsnetwork.org](http://www.turningpointsnetwork.org) or find us on Facebook.



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**October 11:** Claremont Savings Bank, Claremont  
**October 17:** Hypertherm, Lebanon  
**October 26:** Wilmot Community Association Red Barn, Wilmot

To sign up for a Forum (RSVPs appreciated!) or with any questions please call the number below or e-mail:

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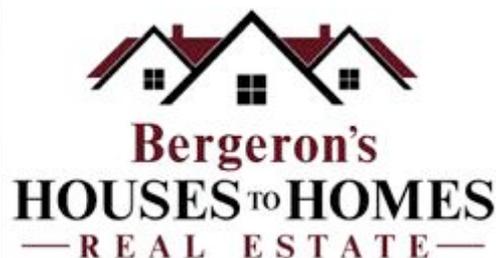
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Date: Saturday, Nov. 11th

Location: Ballroom at Mount Ascutney Resort

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- \$25 if you would like us to provide you with a 8X36 table

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## Golfing for Springfield Hospital

SPRINGFIELD, VT--The leaves on the trees are turning color. What better time of year to play golf. And what better place than Okemo Valley Golf Club in Ludlow, VT. Add in a great cause and you have the 17th annual Springfield Hospital Challenge golf tournament on Thursday, September 21.

Besides the amenities of this beautiful golf course, golfers in this premier tournament receive a special gift in addition to a box lunch at registration, complimentary refreshments on the course, and a post-event buffet. This year every golfer will receive a high-quality fleece vest embroidered with the tournament logo.

A and B flights ensure that golfers compete at their own level and increase the number of winning teams. Gift certificates to Okemo's pro shop are awarded to more than 1 out of every 4 golfers in the tournament.

There are hole-in-one prizes on all par 3 holes, including a new vehicle. A putting contest is a chance to win a cash prize plus there are prizes for longest putt and straightest drive. Raffles make sure that everyone goes home a winner.

A four-player scramble, the Springfield Hospital Challenge has a shotgun start at 12:30 pm on Thursday, September 21. Players can enter as a team or as individuals. The entry fee for this fundraiser is \$150 per person.

For sponsors, the event offers an opportunity to raise funds for the important services of Springfield Hospital, while also providing valuable exposure. Sponsorship packages range in size and value. Proceeds from this year's tournament will be used to support the renovation of the Childbirth Center at Springfield Hospital.

Spaces are filling up fast, so act soon. To enter or sponsor this year's Springfield Hospital Challenge, contact Larry Kraft at 802-885-7644 or [lkraft@springfieldmed.org](mailto:lkraft@springfieldmed.org).

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## Mt. Ascutney Hospital to Host 25th Rehab Reunion

WINDSOR, VT –Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) will hold their 25th Anniversary Rehabilitation Reunion on Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., at the Acute Rehabilitation Center at the Hospital, located at 289 County Road in Windsor. The annual public event will honor and celebrate those who have completed physical rehabilitation as it brings together former patients, their

families and the MAHHC caregivers who have been instrumental in their recoveries.

"For 25 years, the MAHHC Rehabilitation Reunion of patients and caregivers has been a highlight on our calendar," said Joe Perras, MD, President, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Medical Officer of MAHHC, who will deliver opening remarks at the reunion. "We're excited to once again provide the chance for attendees to meet, mingle and share their rehabilitation stories and experiences here at MAHHC and at home."

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Jewell Specialized Trucking vehicles left for Florida Thursday with a total of 57,000 pounds of supplies in two tractor trailers for people impacted by Hurricane Irma; the collection was organized by Whelen Engineering and Claremont Savings Bank; the drive took place in Connecticut and locally. (Photos, courtesy of Mallory Orr-Smith, CSB; Whelen).



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This year's reunion highlights include a commemorative "hands-on" canvas that attendees will have the opportunity to help create while they learn more about MAHHC's 25-year journey through remarks by special guest speakers, inspirational stories from MAHHC Acute Rehabilitation Center patients and other activities. Attendees will be able to tour the Hospital's state-of-the-art Acute Rehabilitation Center, which recently earned renewed 3-year CARF accreditation. Refreshments will be served.

"The MAHHC Rehabilitation Reunion is always a joyful and positive gathering," said Belinda Needham-Shropshire, Director of Rehabilitation Services at Mt. Ascutney Hospital. "Our staff loves to have the opportunity to catch up with former patients and see first hand how they're doing."

The event is open to the public but RSVP for the reunion is encouraged and is necessary for anyone requiring special assistance. For more information and to RSVP, please call (802) 674-7088.



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## Scenic Fall Foliage Hike Through Claremont and Cornish Trails

A Scenic Fall Foliage Hike Through Claremont and Cornish Trails has been planned for Oct. 7. This moderately difficult hike will include several stops in the Lipfert and Cornish Town Forests, including:

- the 1940s King Elm Farm sugar house
  - John Hammond's Suffolk draft horses
  - Town Forest Overlook, with views to Killington and beyond
  - the Town Line stone monument
  - a new Cornish Town Forest welcome kiosk and map
  - Lipfert Forest conservation easements (funded in part by the Conservation Commission and the Upper Valley Land Trust)
  - Abundant historic features, including old stone walls, cellar holes...even an intact chimney!
  - Recent timber harvest and timberstand improvement projects
- DATE Saturday, October 7  
 TIME 1:00–5:00 p.m. (approx. end time)

This event is free. Dogs on leashes are welcome.

Meet at the Cornish/Claremont Town Line on NH Route 12A (across from 448 Windsor Road in Claremont)

In case of heavy rain, hike will be re-scheduled for Sunday, October 8.

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There was a huge turnout for the Claremont Kiwanis Brew-Fest and 5K on Saturday, Sept. 16. Over 1,000 people turned out to sample brews from all over New England. Food and games were available as well as the great music from local band, "Smoke and Mirrors". A beautiful New England day to be outside with friends sampling the many brews on hand and having fun! Proceeds benefit children in the greater Claremont area. Photos: Crowd fills the tent; Mayor Charlene Lovett takes her turn in the dunking booth, Smoke and Mirrors entertains the crowd (Bill Binder photos).

## Building Weatherization: Savings & Comfort for Small Businesses and Municipalities

Wednesday September 20, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm EDT  
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Light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

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## Welcome to Medicare Workshops

CLAREMONT, NH--Do you have questions about Medicare? We can help! Medicare can be confusing. Becky Rostron, the Medicare Specialist at Sullivan County ServiceLink Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), can help you understand your Medicare options.

The upcoming "Welcome to Medicare" workshops are designed to help new Medicare enrollees make more informed choices about their Medicare benefits. Workshop dates are as follows: Tuesday, September 19th, at 1:30 p.m. and Tuesday, October 17th, at 1:30 p.m. Attendees only need to attend one of the dates. All workshops will be held at 224 Elm Street, Claremont.

Rostron will cover: Part A Hospital insurance, Part B Medical insurance, prescription drug coverage, Medicare Supplement plans, and strategies on how to protect yourself from Medicare fraud, errors, and abuse. There is no charge, but registration is required. Please contact Sullivan County ServiceLink Aging and Disability Resource Center at 603-542-5177 or 1-866-634-9412 to register.

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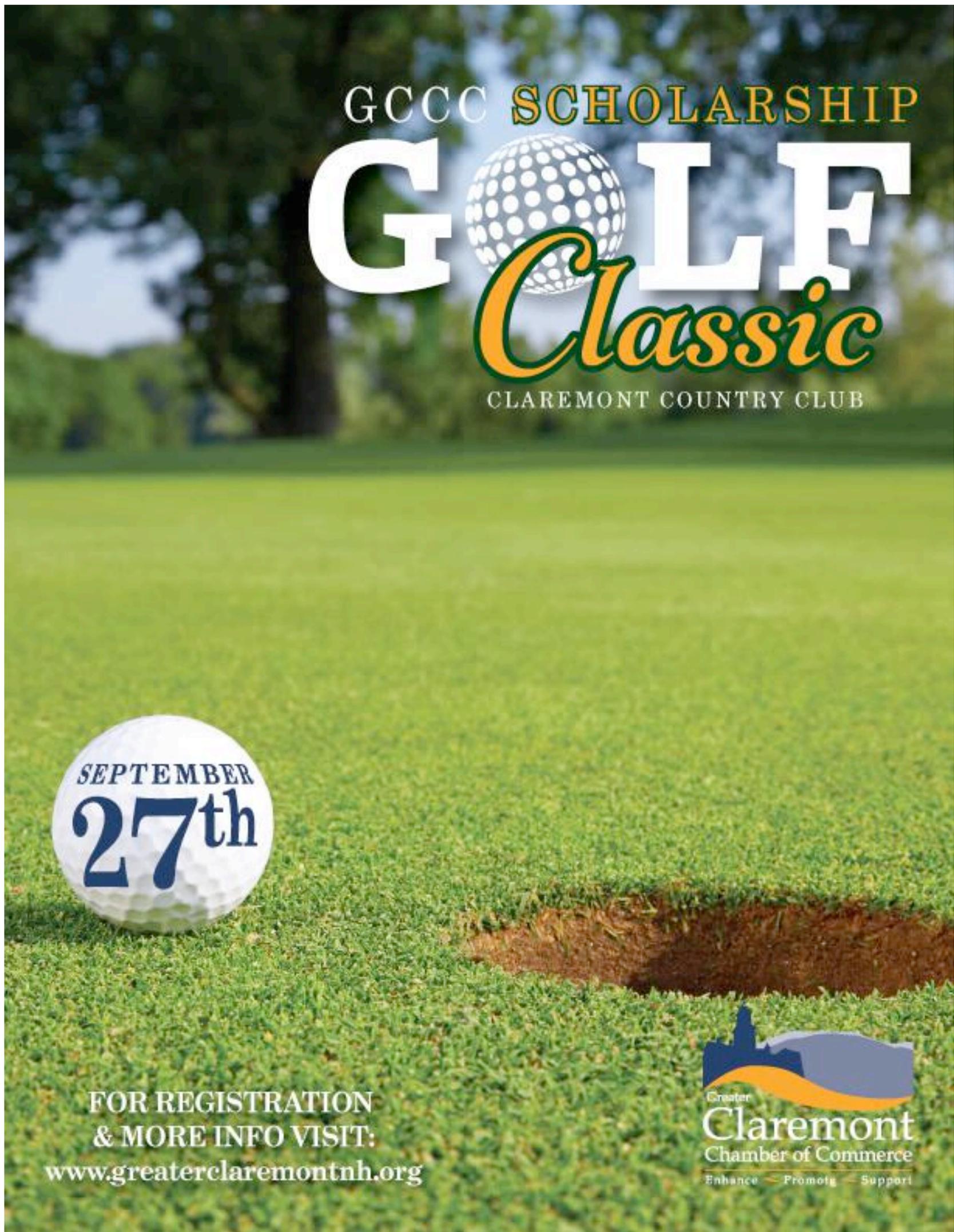
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## Five Tips for Women Business Owners

Women are an integral part of the workforce, but they have had to overcome many obstacles along the way. Of course, challenges still remain, but women's success in the working world is worth commemorating – which will happen on American Business Women's Day Sept. 22. Are you a woman considering "setting up shop" on your own? If so, here are five tips to consider:

- **Balance your goals.** It's possible – perhaps even likely – that your business goals will conflict with your personal financial goals. After all, if you're purchasing new equipment or services for your business, you've got less money – at least for the time being – to put away for your own retirement or your children's education. Hopefully, your investment in your business will pay off in greater income, but, in any case, you will need to balance your personal and professional goals.
- **Create a retirement plan.** As mentioned above, your ability to contribute to a retirement plan may be affected by the amount you put into your business – but that certainly doesn't mean you shouldn't have a retirement plan. In fact, for your future financial security, it's essential that you launch such a plan. Fortunately, small-business owners have a choice of plans, including an "owner-only" 401(k), SEP-IRA and SIMPLE IRA. Although the various plans have different requirements and contribution limits, they all offer tax-deferred earnings, which means your money has the opportunity to grow faster than if it were placed in a vehicle on which you paid taxes every year. (Taxes are due upon withdrawal, and withdrawals prior to age 59 ½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.) Plus, your contributions to a retirement plan may be tax deductible.
- **Arrange for "backup."** Virtually all working women are familiar with the conflict between their careers and their roles as caregivers. Women are still more likely than men to drop out of the workforce for an extended period of time to care for young children or elderly parents. And your caregiving responsibilities won't end just because you are now a business owner. Consequently, you need to have someone you trust available to step in for you when your family obligations call you away from work.
- **Design a succession plan.** When you want to retire, would you like to keep the business in your family? If so, you'll need to create a succession plan that works for you and whomever you'd like to take control. Such a plan can be complex, so you will need to work with your legal and tax advisors – and you'll want to give yourself plenty of time to work out the details.
- **Build an emergency fund.** Maintaining an adequate cash flow will always be a key task – one that involves your sales, billing cycles, inventory and other elements of your business. One way you can help yourself avoid troubles is to maintain an emergency fund consisting of a few months' worth of your business expenses. You'll want to keep this fund in a liquid, low-risk account.

Running your own business can be extremely rewarding, but it's never going to be an easy road. However, with perseverance and careful planning, you can smooth out some of the bumps along the way – and give yourself reason to celebrate American Business Women's Day.

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## It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



### Entertaining

Now that Fall is occasionally knocking at the thermometer, it's time to think about moving dinner back inside. You're not going to get away with serving burgers and dogs on the good china, so start considering your repertoire. This brings to mind a true story from my past that I may pass on at some point.

There are two recipes that I get requests for almost routinely. Scallops with Irish Mist and Seafood Newburg. Both are more formal and won't do well on paper plates.

#### Scallops with Irish Mist

10 scallops  
Flour  
2 oz. butter  
Chopped parsley  
1 minced shallot  
¼ pt. fresh cream  
1 tbsp Irish Mist Liqueur  
2 beaten egg yolks  
Salt  
Pepper

Roll the scallops in flour. Saute the scallops in 1 oz. of butter for 3 minutes. Add cream, shallot, parsley and the liqueur. Season with the salt and pepper.

Cook for 3 more minutes. Remove the scallops from the pan and cover with foil.

Reduce the sauce in the pan by half by boiling but stirring constantly.

Add the rest of the butter and the egg yolks. Whisk together over low heat until thick but not boiling.

Serve over rice or in pastry shells. If using the shells, place the scallops in the shells and pour the sauce over them.

Sometime I'd like to cut the tops off of some popovers, add the scallops and sauce, replace the tops and serve. That just came to me. This is why I like re-publishing recipes. It gives me ideas about new approaches. I'd have to find something to support the popovers.

No promises for next week, but soon I'll do the Seafood Newburg again.

Keep those slow cookers out. Holidays on the horizon. The next unofficial holiday is the First Day Of Autumn. At least in New England people look forward to Fall.

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\$25 gift certificate to King Arthur Flour and King James Bible

**Festival Entry Fee—1 non perishable food item to be donated to local food pantry/soup kitchen**

\*Delta Airlines Captain and Certified Flight Instructor

## Claremont Confidential

By Les St.Pierre



### Trip Of a Lifetime

Trondheim, Norway.

Ever hear of it? Most probably not. I know I had never heard of such a place, but now I've been there and I can tell you, "You gotta go!" Okay! Okay! I'm a bit biased, but having been there, my opinion has to be worth something, doesn't it?

My wife and I recently returned from a near two-week (Aug.22-Sept. 3) trip to Norway, visiting five cities in the country, and came away, both in agreement, that of the five, it was Trondheim which tickled our fancies the most. The other cities, each of which had bonuses to them as well, included the capital, Oslo, Bergen, Hamar, and Stavanger.

"Why Norway?" you ask. Well, it's because there is Norwegian blood running throughout my veins. "Right!" you say. "With the name of St.Pierre, I hardly doubt it!" That, of course, is on my father's side, and I have been across the border into Canada, in particular to Montreal, Drummondville, and Quebec City, in his honor. But never had I been across the Atlantic

into Scandinavia. My grandparents on my mother's side, both of whom came to Claremont in 1906 and stayed, were natives of Hamar.

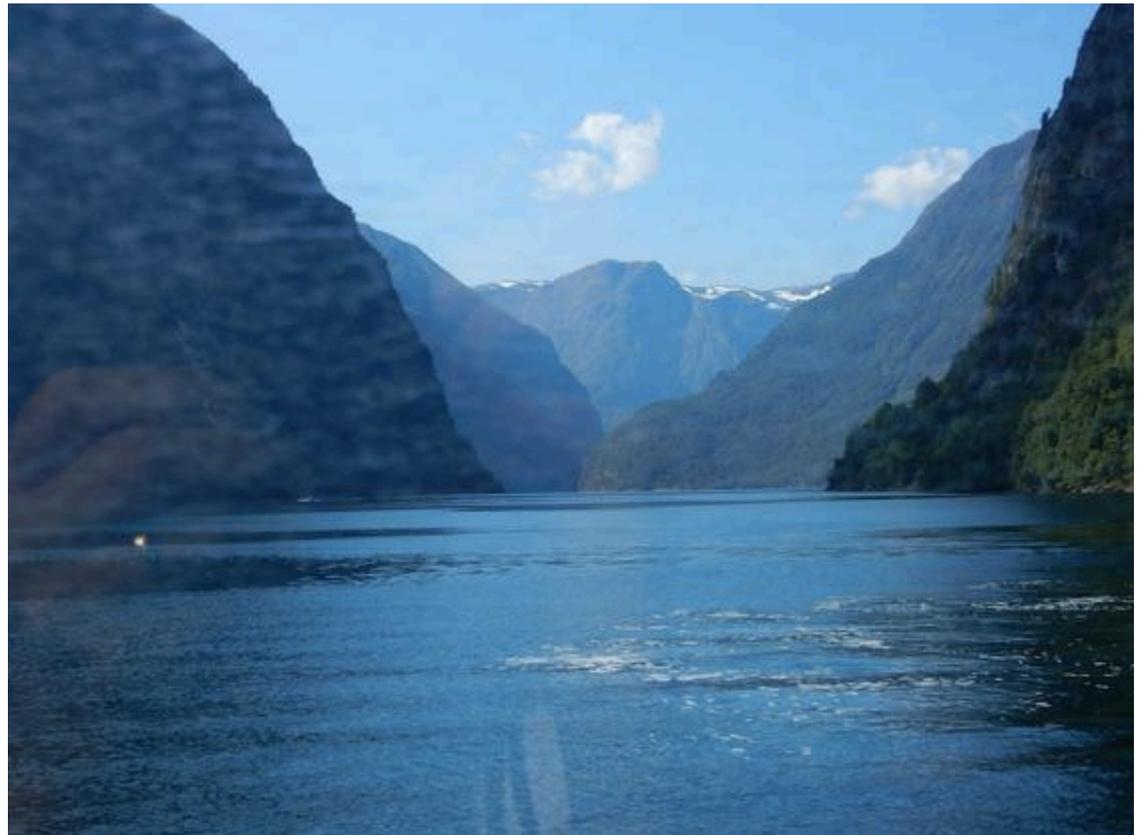
Thus, my wife and I decided now was the time to go to Norway, as our health is still pretty much on the upside and who knows what lies in store in the coming years. We decided what a wonderful way it would be to celebrate our 45th wedding anniversary. So, off we went.

Disappointed, we were not.

Others, in addition to my grandparents, both of whom are now deceased, have told me how beautiful Norway is. Talk about an understatement! I cannot tell you the true beauty of Norway other than to say it is, indeed, breathtaking. The magnificence of the fjords is, simply, indescribable. You truly do have to be there to admire the extraordinary beauty in all its abundance.

Let's get one thing straight before I get onto my high horse and repeatedly marvel at Norway's allure. My wife and I are not world travelers. My wife has gone to Europe, as a college student, but that was back when you could do so on five dollars a day, or so the renowned book at the time advocated. As for myself, I have only a four-year stint in the military to show and the overseas travels were limited to the Philippines and Southeast Asia. Vacation it wasn't. Far from it.

But this was a



The beautiful fjords of Norway did not disappoint (Les St.Pierre photo).

vacation....and a vacation not soon to be forgotten.

It all began with a flight out of Boston into Amsterdam and then on to Trondheim, Norway's third-largest city. Three days there, an overnight in Bergen, four days in Oslo, and the final four in Stavanger. In a nutshell, that was our itinerary.

Talking about a nutshell, the two of us did a "Norway in a Nutshell" tour in which we left Bergen, Norway's second-largest city, early in the morning aboard a vessel that took us along the country's most precious fjords, arriving in Oslo, Norway's largest city, late into the evening. Our travel guide described the adventure best, noting "Norway's epic landscapes rank among Europe's most varied and beautiful, but the sheer drama of the fjords alone is worth the effort of coming to this remarkable country."

A bus tour around the city had us taking in the Gustav Vigeland Sculpture Park (magnificent), the Viking Ship Museum, and the world-known Holmenkollen Ski Jump. Add in great walks around the city and, as they say, "a great time was had by all."

Our stay in Oslo enabled us to take a day trip to Hamar, about an hour and a half north of Oslo. We went by train. Although we did not witness the actual homestead of my grandpar-

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Colorful waterfront homes all in a row in Trondheim (Les St.Pierre photo).

## Norway, from A24

ents, we did get a very good visual of where they had lived prior to their desire to pack up and find beckoning land so far away. Halvard Johnson and Pauline Pedersen Johnson eventually settled on East Green Mountain here in Claremont. The farmhouse still stands, now owned by Arthur Luce.

Space limitations do not allow me to transcribe all we did. The fish market in Bergen and the beauty of that city will be forever engraved into my mind. So, too, will be the tremendous time we spent in Stavanger, the city of hardy party goers, where I had the good fortune of meeting with a cousin and his wife. Their hospitality knew no bounds, and we will have the good fortune of receiving Per and his son and grandson here in this country next month.

Still, it was our stay in the city of Trondheim that got us off to a grand start on what has become a trip of a lifetime for us. While Oslo can be considered the arts and cultural center of Norway, Trondheim is the technological center. It is home to Norway's largest university, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU). Oh, by the way, education is free in Norway. Because of its vast amount of students, Trondheim is a cycling city. Both the students and the city's other residents patronize the use of bicycles in the city center.

The summer season ends in the middle of August in Norway and, because of that, many tours were closed down. Thus, my wife and I were relegated to a walking tour of the city and took in the wonders first hand or, as they also say, "up close and personal." A trip to the Nidaros Cathedral, built over the tomb of St. Olav, who brought Christianity to Norway, was a must. Combined with a visit to the Archbishop's Palace, we were able to get a view of the Norwegian crown jewels. A walk to the Kristiansten Fortress offered us a fantastic view of the city and its surroundings.

I could go on and on. I must, however, let you know Sara Sucharzewski of Wheelock Travel here in Claremont was instrumental in creating our itinerary. We let her know what we wanted to do and she went about doing her job professionally to see that we would have an absolutely wonderful vacation. Her lineup of hotels and her planning our voyage down the coast aboard a working cargo ship were exemplary.

Would we go back to Nor-

way? Darn tootin', we would, and we'd love to have you come along next time. But not tomorrow. Norway, you see, is an expensive place to visit. Bit it is worth the effort to save for. Most in Norway do speak English and they will roll out the "Welkommen" mat for you.



### PUBLIC NOTICE

Filings for the November Municipal Election will open on Wednesday, September 20, 2017. Any registered voter may file for office at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall. There is a \$1.00 filing fee for the positions of Mayor, Asst. Mayor & Council seats. The following positions are open:

ONE MAYOR POSITION  
THIS IS A TWO YEAR TERM

ONE ASSISTANT MAYOR POSITION  
THIS IS A TWO YEAR TERM

ONE WARD 1 CITY COUNCIL POSITION  
THIS IS A TWO YEAR TERM

ONE WARD 2 CITY COUNCIL POSITION  
THIS IS A TWO YEAR TERM

ONE WARD 3 CITY COUNCIL POSITION  
THIS IS A TWO YEAR TERM

FOUR AT-LARGE CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS  
THESE ARE TWO YEAR TERMS

ONE SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST FROM  
EACH WARD  
THESE ARE SIX YEAR TERMS

ONE SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST FROM  
WARD 1  
THIS TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2021

ONE MODERATOR FROM EACH WARD  
THESE ARE TWO YEAR TERMS

ONE WARD CLERK FROM EACH WARD  
THESE ARE TWO YEAR TERMS

Filings for these positions will close at 5:00 PM on Friday, September 29, 2017.

Gwendolyn R. Melcher  
City Clerk/Tax Collector



Outdoor dining is a popular tradition (Les St.Pierre photo).

## Jazz Piano-Vocal Concert by Tim Kelly to Benefit the Library Arts Center

NEWPORT, NH--Internationally traveled jazz pianist-vocalist Tim Kelly will be performing classic Jazz standards as well as Modern Jazz and Originals as a benefit for the Library Arts Center on Thursday, Sept. 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in the Center's gallery space. All proceeds will go to Library Arts Center programs, and the tickets are \$10 per person.

Kelly graduated from Berklee College of Music in 1974 and has traveled the world performing over 9,000 shows. He is an accomplished jazz pianist and vocalist, as well as a

composer. Tim has performed for presidents George Bush Sr. and Bill Clinton. He has performed throughout the United States, as well as South America, Europe and Asia. He has shared the marquee with such notables as David Sanborn, Marcus Miller, George Benson, Gary Burton, Kurt Elling, and The New York Voices-to name a few.

This performance will include music from the Great American Songbook, which is the music of Gershwin, Ellington, Cole Porter etc. There will also be some Modern Jazz with pieces by Miles Davis and Thelonious Monk as well as some of Kelly's original compositions.

For more information about the concert venue, or to purchase tickets, call the Library Arts Center at 603-863-3040 or purchase tickets online at [www.libraryartscenter.org](http://www.libraryartscenter.org).

## What Would You Bring To "Antiques Roadshow"?

PLAINFIELD, NH--Ever wondered what it would be like to be on "Antiques Roadshow"? How would you decide what to bring? Come hear from three people that had the experience. Plainfield Historical Society has arranged for Leon Rogers, Fiona Tilles, and Thom Wolke to share their tale to stardom, what they brought with them, and the results. And for fun, bring what you would take to the Antiques Roadshow to share with others. Leon, Fiona, and Thom will let you know if it is a \$\$\$winner\$\$\$.

Sunday, Sept. 24, 3:00 p.m.  
Plainfield Historical Society Clubhouse,  
Route 12A. Admission is free, but donations are always gratefully accepted.



## Charlestown Health Center

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**Primary & Preventive Care • Diabetes Education  
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Women's Health Obstetrics & Gynecology**



**Open 7 Days a Week    Monday - Friday, 8 am - 6 pm    Weekends 9 am - 3 pm**  
**250 CEDA Road, Charlestown, NH    603-826-5711**



The Claremont Middle School held its annual Open House for the new students and their parents on Thursday. The parents and students toured the school, met up with the teachers and talked with vendors set up in the cafeteria (Bill Binder photo).

### Seminar on Transitioning to Assisted Living

WINDSOR, VT--Free Seminar: "Making it Happen: Successfully Transitioning to Assisted Living", presented by The Cedar Hill Team; Wednesday, September 20th, at 10:00 a.m., Village At Cedar Hill - 92 Cedar Hill Drive, Windsor, VT (Off Rt. 5). Free.

Following the presentation, there will be time for questions or comments.

Refreshments will be served.

Space is limited and RSVP is suggested. Please call 802-674-2254.

## REMINDER

### to all Owners of property in Claremont

– your 2nd quarter property tax bill is due by October 1st

This bill should be the same amount that was due on July 1st.



## Mayoral Notes

By  
Charlene Lovett



### Considering a Tax Exemption for New Construction

During the last legislative session, the legislature passed House Bill 316 which provides for a statewide property tax exemption for new commercial and industrial construction. It is an expansion of a law that previously applied only to Coos County. Signed into law (RSA 72:80) by Governor Sununu on June 29th, the bill took effect on August 28th of this year. Designed to “provide incentives to build, rebuild, modernize or enlarge within the municipality”, the law states that local governing bodies must decide upon whether to adopt this. Like all tax exemptions, it must be carefully considered before taking action. On September 13th, the Claremont City Council began that discussion.

So, how does it work? The exemption is a specified percentage on an annual basis of the increase in assessed value attributable to the construction of new structures and additions, renovations or improvements to existing structures. However, the percentage cannot exceed 50% annually. The exemption may run for a maximum period of 10 years following the new construction. Once adopted by the local governing body, “the percentage rate and duration of the exemption shall be granted uniformly within that municipality to all projects for which a proper application is filed.”

In practical terms, if the Council adopted this property tax exemption, it would have to identify the percentage of the assessed value to be exempted and the number of years of the tax exemption. For example, if the Council stated that 10% of the assessed value would be exempted and that the exemption applied for five years, property owners of newly constructed buildings would pay taxes on 90% of the assessed value annually for five years. After five years, the owner would pay property taxes on 100% of the assessed value.

The exemption applies only to municipal taxes and local school taxes raised by the City.



**Happy 25th birthday to the TLC Family Resource Center in Claremont! For 25 years TLC has provided help to pregnant women and young families and held a celebration on Sunday. Their Mission Statement reads: :The Mission of TLC Family Resource Center is to promote the optimal health and development of New Hampshire children and families”. Please stop by their 109 Pleasant St. location and check on the many programs they have to offer (Bill Binder photo).**

It doesn't apply to county and state education taxes. Unlike other exemptions, this legislation does not shift the tax burden from one group to another. Rather it is a way of incentivizing new construction and offsetting those costs by offering a reduction in property taxes for a limited amount of time.

Increasing the overall valuation of the City is the most effective way of lowering the tax rate. Incentivizing new commercial/industrial construction is one of the fastest ways to achieve that. For years, the City has employed such economic development tools as tax increment financing and economic revitalization zone tax credits. More recently, the Council adopted 79E community revitalization tax relief incentives. Now we are en-

gaged in the discussion of whether this could be another viable economic development tool for Claremont.

*Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and welcomes your feedback. Please email questions, comments and concerns to her at [clovett.ccc@gmail.com](mailto:clovett.ccc@gmail.com).*

## CITY OF CLAREMONT PUBLIC NOTICE

### VOTER REGISTRATION & CORRECTION

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, from 7pm to 7:30pm in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, for the purpose of registering new voters and making corrections to the voter checklist. You must be a registered voter in order to file for any position in the Municipal Election. This is the last session before filings open for the Municipal Election.

Gwendolyn R. Melcher, CTC

## ***Finding a Way to Race Again...***

Matt Dewitt, who lives in Hopkinton, NH, raced in Sunday's All In at Moody Park Mountain Bike Race in Claremont, using a bike he built with help from friends. He raced bikes when he was younger, he said, and after he lost his lower arms--he was in the Army at the time--he decided that his "disability would not stop" him from riding again. He said he "re-worked his prosthetics so that he could grip the handlebars", hooked up the shift lever so he could work it with his knee and put the brake lever behind his seat so all he has to do is move back on the seat to engage the brakes. All changes on the bike are electronically assisted, he explained. Dewitt added that he is "happy to be riding and racing again", including tackling Cavity Gravity at the Moody Park competition.



For more photos from the race, see Section B.

Text and photos by Bill Binder

## Falls Prevention Awareness Day

# Free Fall Screening

9 AM – 12 PM

Friday, September 22

Valley Regional Hospital

Main Lobby at 243 Elm Street

Claremont, NH



**Have you recently fallen?**

**Are you afraid someone you know will fall?**

Join us to learn more about fall prevention and maintaining your independence!

Local resources will be available from a variety of agencies and programs.

**Call 542-1878 for more information.**

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