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10 Recover from Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

CLAREMONT, NH--New Hampshire State Fire Marshal J. William Degnan announced Friday morning, along with Claremont Fire Chief Bryan Burr and Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase, a carbon monoxide investigation at 26 Belding Street in Claremont.

On April 12, at approximately 11:36 p.m., the Claremont Police Department and the Claremont Fire Department, as well as Golden Cross Ambulance Service, were requested to respond to the above address for a medical call. Upon their arrival, the first responders discovered that the three occupants of the home were exhibiting signs of carbon monoxide poisoning; there were also highly elevated levels of carbon monoxide inside the residence.

All of the occupants of the home, as well as two friends that came by to visit them, were transported to area hospitals for treatment. In addition, one police officer, two fire fighters and two EMS providers were transported for carbon monoxide poisoning as well; all have recovered.

The cause of the carbon monoxide release was still under investigation by members of the NH State Fire Marshal's Office, the Claremont Police Department and the Claremont Fire Department as of this writing.

Degnan, in a statement, said that he would like to "remind all New Hampshire citizens of the importance of having working carbon monoxide alarms in your homes and to know the signs of carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that is known as the silent killer. Signs and symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning may include dull headache, weakness, dizziness, nausea or vomiting, shortness of

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St. Mary Parish Moves Forward with Plans to Open School This Fall



**JOHN PAUL II
ACADEMY**
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**By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News**

CLAREMONT, NH—First announced last November, St. Mary Parish in Claremont is moving forward with plans to open a new school in September. A new grade K-12 Catholic school, John Paul II Academy, will be located in the St. Mary School building across the street from St. Mary Church, Central St., currently occupied by the New England Classical Academy (NECA). The school plans to offer "an exceptional Liberal Arts curriculum, designed to bring joy, wonder and creativity to learning. We will also provide a challenging math and science program and a Great Books program to inspire critical thinking," said parish officials.

"I am most overjoyed...that our beloved Bishop Libasci had given his permission for us to reopen a Catholic school here at St. Mary's," said Fr. Shawn Therrien, Pastor of St. Mary. "It will be a parish school under the governance of the pastor. There has been much work accomplished behind the scenes over the past few years, and now it is time to make it all happen."

Therrien said last fall, "A small committee did some very good work in setting the foundation. It is time to enlarge that committee with more members to make a strong and lasting Catholic school. I find it very providential that for the third time in the parish history a school will begin here. In the early days of the parish there was a Catholic school which closed, and after a number of years, another was opened. We find ourselves again at that crossroads and it is exciting. It is also one of the Bishop's goals in reestablishing a strong Catholic identity in our Diocese."

The parish school building is being leased by the New England Classical Academy, which

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breath, confusion, blurred vision or loss of consciousness. If you experience any of these symptoms, get to fresh air and call E911 immediately."

School, from A1

learned of the parish's plans last summer; NECA has not yet announced a new location, although according to its Facebook page, the school will be "relocating at the end of the school year to a new location in Claremont." Therrien said he sees the new school as being "totally Catholic", a place where families can participate, along with offering a classical curriculum. He added that he thought competition created by opening a new school, "is good, competition is a good thing." Efforts to open a new school began some three years when the parish conducted a survey to see if there was sufficient interest. Since then, much work has been done behind the scenes to make the idea a reality. Interest in the school is

coming from surrounding communities as well as Claremont. The name of the school reflects the belief of the late pope that learning in a rigorous fashion enables one to "act rightly and to serve humanity better." The school is now accepting registrations for the fall; more information may be found at <http://www.stmaryparishnh.org/John-Paul-II-Academy/Tuition-Registration>. General information about the school may be found at stmaryparishnh.org/jp2school. Donations for the new school are also welcomed. Families interested in enrolling their child/ren at John Paul II Academy are asked to complete a Registration Form for each child, which may be found at the above link. Estimated tuition for 2018/2019 is listed on the website, and there is information available for financial aid, such as the Children's Scholarship Fund NH. Additional information about the school will be added as it becomes available; there is also an employment opportunities page. St. Mary School closed more than a half dozen years ago; it served students up to grade 8. St. Mary High School, which is home to the Disnard Elementary School, closed in the early 1970s.

alleged that the other operator was all over the road, tailgating him, and then pulled alongside him and pointed a pistol at him. Vermont State Police, with the assistance of Weathersfield Police Department, stopped 21-year-old Christopher Lee Rourke, of Claremont, NH, on Vermont Route 131 in the Town of Weathersfield (Windsor County) VT. According to the VTSP, the investigation revealed that Rourke was in possession of a semi-automatic pistol and was taken into custody. Rourke was transported to Springfield Police Department for processing. Rourke was later released with a criminal citation and is scheduled to appear in Vermont Superior Court, Windsor Criminal Division, on May 8th to answer to the above charges.



Christopher Lee Rourke

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Claremont Man Charged in Alleged Road Rage Incident

On April 13, at 6:23 p.m., Vermont State Police received a 911 call from from a driver stating that while driving south on Interstate 91 near mile marker 54 in the Town of Windsor (Windsor County) VT, a road rage incident occurred between him and another operator. The driver

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

Dam Fee Increase to Help Maintenance Fund Fails



Regretfully, New Hampshire's House of Representatives recently failed to take a proactive step in attempting to prevent unnecessary flooding because of sudden dam failures.

On April 5 the House failed to approve Senate Bill 528, which would have increased annual dam registration and dam reconstruction permit fees for local, state, and private dams. The revenue from these fee increases would have then been deposited into the State Dam Maintenance Fund. Instead, my fellow representatives simply voted by a 191-149 division vote to refer to "Interim Study." In other words, the House Resources, Recreation, & Development Committee, the majority of whose members by a 10-8 roll call vote had recommended Interim Study, will continue to review over the next several months. Then by approximately Nov. 1 of this year, the Resources Committee will vote on whether to "recommend," or "not recommend" the measure for "future legislation," in the next 2018-2020 Term which begins on Dec. 5, 2018. But even if Resources does recommend Senate Bill 528 for future legislation, the bill will have to go thru the entire legislative process all over again next term.

Specifically, Senate Bill 528 would have raised annual dam registration fees depending upon each dam's potential safety hazards in three different categories. For example, the registration fee for potentially low hazard dams would have increased from \$400 to \$500, the fee for significant hazard dams would have gone up from \$750 to \$1,000, and that for high hazard dams would have been hiked from \$1,000 to \$2,000. As for dam reconstruction permit fees, they also would have been raised based on four different categories of each dam's potential safety hazard. More specifically, the reconstruction permit fee for non-hazard dams would have increased from \$2,000 to \$2,500, the fee for low hazard dams would have gone up from \$3,000 to \$3,500, the one for significant hazard dams would have been hiked from \$4,000 to \$5,000, while that for high hazard dams would have risen from \$4,000 to \$6,000.

Senate Bill 528, if it had been approved by the House, and become law, would have taken effect on July 1, 2019. According to the bill's fiscal note, all its fee increases would have resulted in approximately \$150,100 more for the Dam Maintenance Fund. that could have been used by the New Hampshire DES (Dept. of Environment Services) which had requested the bill, so they could hire a few more staffers to make more frequent inspections of all of our state's dams that total 778 according to the same fiscal note. The bill itself was passed by the New Hampshire Senate on March 15 by voice vote. It was sponsored by a bipartisan coalition of five legislators led by Wolfeboro Sen. Jeb Bradley, a Republican.

Senate Bill 528 proponents like Hebron Rep. Suzanne Smith, a

Democrat, stated the dam fee increase included in the measure were "critical." Rep. Smith added that DES has been telling the legislature for several years that it doesn't have enough money to deal with the future maintenance of New Hampshire's dams. In other words, DES needs more funds in order to be "proactive" in fixing minor dam problems before they become major problems. Otherwise, the recent uptick in the frequency and severity of rain and other-related storms could lead to more catastrophic dam failures, resulting in floods that could cause major loss of life and property, according to DES. Furthermore, Rep. Smith said that such failures would likely result in a huge expense to the state, municipalities, and/or private property owners. Expenses much less that the gradual rise in fees called for in the bill.

However, representatives opposed to quick passage of Senate Bill 528, and in favor of only Interim Study, like Swanzey's James McConnell, a Republican, disagreed with Rep. Smith's assertions. Rep. McConnell claimed that DES was "unable to demonstrate a requirement for additional staff or equipment which might have justified increased fees." According to informed sources, he was joined by all his fellow Republicans on the Resources Committee, and House Republican Leadership in favoring only Interim Study of the measure.

For readers' information, I voted against referring Senate Bill 528 to Interim Study. Instead, I would have voted to approve the bill, if the Resources Committee's Interim Study Recommendation had been overturned on the House floor. Frankly, I would have voted to pass this vital measure on April 5 because of a recent experience with a Claremont constituent who experienced some flooding on his property because of what he stated was a poorly-maintained private dam near his property. Relatively minor flooding based on the information he gave me, but flooding that could happen again to him and his neighbors, and even get worse in the future, a problem that the under-staffed DES is helping to monitor, based on my communication with this state agency.

Consequently, because of this experience I gained a greater appreciation for what DES is required to do with inspecting and helping to maintain the state's 778 dams. Also, I believe the increased severity and frequency of storms likely caused by global climate change (No matter whether the change is a result of natural forces or human actions) means that the number of dam problems, including failures, is almost certain to increase in the future. So why a majority of my fellow representatives failed to adopt Senate Bill 528 is baffling.

Furthermore, in other business, the House on April 12 approved Senate Bill 516 by voice vote. This bill would simply prohibit law enforcement officers from erecting motorcycle-only checkpoints. It would immediately take effect, if signed into law by Gov. Christopher Sununu, or allowed to become law without his signature. The measure had been passed by the Senate on Feb. 27, and had been unanimously recommended by the House Transportation Committee, which examined it. It is sponsored by a bipartisan group of four lawmakers led by Franklin Sen. Harold French, a Republican.

I voted for Senate Bill 516. I voted "Yes," because motorcycle operators and their passengers should not be solely and unfairly targeted by law enforcement checkpoints.

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Letter to the Editor

Why I Support Steppin’ Up

To The Editor:
At any hour of the day or night, anyone in a situation of personal or sexual violence or stalking can find help in Sullivan County at Turning Points Network. Emergency shelter, crisis or court advocacy, accompaniment to the hospital or to the police, are what TPN provides. For 40 years, we have offered a range of nonjudgmental wraparound services to help survivors heal, recover, find safety, learn financial empowerment and live independently of their abusers.
Each year, hundreds of women, children and men seek TPN’s support, and over 2,500 school students, pre-K to 12, participate in our violence-prevention education programs in local schools. To keep TPN’s supports and services free to all who need them, the agency relies on grants, donations and events to sustain its offices in Newport and Claremont, its team of highly trained specialists, educators and volunteers, and its 24/7 crisis and information line, 1-800-639-3130.
The Steppin’ Up to End Violence Walk and Fun Run on May 5 is Turning Points Network’s signature fund raiser. Our goal is \$100,000. We save lives, change lives and strengthen our communities. That is why I have participated every year for 12 years. Please join me! For more information, call 603-542-8338.
Pat Whitney
Sunapee, NH

**Shaheen, Collins Introduce Bill to Authorize \$25 Million
to Support Peer Networks Responding to Opioid Epidemic**

WASHINGTON, DC—Friday, U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Susan Collins (R-ME) introduced the Opioid Peer Support Networks Act of 2018 to address multiple aspects of the opioid epidemic, which has taken a devastating toll on New Hampshire communities. New Hampshire currently has the third highest drug overdose death rate in the nation. The bipartisan bill would foster the creation of peer support networks, also known as communities in recovery, and provide them with the resources and training they need to help combat the opioid crisis.
“The understanding and motivation that peer-based recovery support programs provide for those in need of assistance have been proven to be effective,” said Shaheen. “This bipartisan bill provides additional resources for these programs and will help Congress build on the progress we’ve already made to direct funding to address the opioid epidemic. The Granite State has the third highest drug overdose death rate in the nation – we must use every tool available to save lives and end this scourge.”
“Peer support networks engage individuals who are in recovery with other peers facing substance use disorders, helping to provide long-term support,” said Collins. “The Opioid Peer Support Networks Act would bring critical training and assistance to these on-the-ground peer-to-peer networks and help build up these important recovery support systems.”
John Burns, Director of the SOS Recovery Community Organization, offered support for the bill, commenting, “We are grateful for Senator Shaheen’s support and responsiveness to the value of peer driven recovery supports. This bill will be a critical support for peer recovery services being funded and recognized as a critical part of the continuum with prevention, treatment and recovery, and essential to help resolve the addiction crisis in this country.”
Peer support networks under the bill are defined as a group of two or more independent non-profit organizations that provide long-term, non-clinical recovery support for substance use disorders. Within these networks, individuals and families battling addiction help one another stay firm on the road to recovery, assisting with employment, education, housing, health, and overall well-being.
Addiction Policy Forum, another national group committed to solving the opioid epidemic, also gave their support for the Senators’ bipartisan bill.



Claremonter Carolyn Towle was honored Wednesday by the Daniel Webster Council, Boy Scouts of America for her service to the community while exemplifying Scouting values in her daily life. She has served on multiple boards, the City Council and now the Claremont School Board. A luncheon was held at the Common Man Restaurant. Prescott Herzog, who spoke about his scouting experiences and how it has prepared him for the future, assisted with the presentation along with Mayor Charlene Lovett and the CEO for Daniel Webster Council, Jay Garee. Towle was presented with a Scout hat, handkerchief and award (Courtesy photos).

The Claremont Elks 879 held a celebration to bring awareness to the importance of organ donation by marking Donate Life Month. More than 116,000 men, women, and children await organ transplants. Another person is added to the nation's organ transplant waiting list every 10 minutes. Sadly, 8,000 people die each year (22 people each day) because the organs they need are not donated in time. For more information, visit <https://registerme.org/> (Courtesy photo).



A Donate Life proclamation was read at Wednesday's City Council meeting by Mayor Charlene Lovett. A number of transplant recipients, donors, supporters and a local resident awaiting an organ transplant gathered at Council Chambers to help support the message that being a donor saves lives (Courtesy photo).

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Arrest Announced Following Two-Month Long Drug Investigation

Bail Set at \$100,000 Cash Only

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase announced that on April 9, following an approximate two-month joint investigation of the New Hampshire Attorney General’s Drug Task Force and Claremont Police Department, the following subject was arrested on a warrant: Samantha Davis, 27, Claremont, NH.



Samantha Davis

According to Chase, Davis was arrested on one count of Conspiracy to Commit Sale of Controlled Drugs. She was subsequently charged with one count of conspiracy to commit sale of controlled drug, and one count of sale of a substance represented to be a controlled drug. Chase said in a release that “It is further alleged that Davis was released on bail from the Sullivan Superior Court at the time of this offense. She had been previously arrested by the Claremont Police Department and Drug Task Force on January 31, and charged with multiple counts of Conspiracy to Commit Sale of Controlled Drugs and multiple counts of Possession of Controlled Drugs With Intent to Distribute.”

Davis was initially held at the Sullivan County House of Corrections pending arraignment in the Sullivan Superior Court on April 10. She was arraigned before the Sullivan Superior Court on April 10 where bail was set in the amount of \$100,000.00 cash only bail.

“The criminal investigation remains ongoing at this time and further charges are anticipated,” said Chase.

Investigators were assisted by the Sullivan County Department of Corrections and the New Hampshire State Police. Prosecution of

this matter is being handled by the Sullivan County Attorney’s Office. Anyone with information about this investigation is encouraged to contact Claremont Police Detective Captain Stephen A. Lee at (603)542-7010 or slee@claremonthnh.com.

Woman Charged with Endangering the Welfare of a Minor

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase announced Tuesday afternoon that after a four-month investigation, Claremont Police Detectives arrested, on April 6, Angela Heino, 40, of Claremont, NH.



Angela Heino

According to Chase, Heino is charged with one count of Endangering the Welfare of a Minor contrary to RSA 639:3, and one count of Duty to Report contrary to RSA 169-C:29.

The statement released by Chase reported that the “Complaints allege that Ms. Heino endangered the welfare of a 13-year-old child by providing and/or allowing the child to consume alcohol, tobacco and marijuana. It is further alleged that Ms. Heino had reason to believe that the child was the victim of Felonious Sexual Assault and failed to report it to the New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth and Families.”

The investigation was conducted in conjunction with the New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth and Families, as well as the Child Advocacy Center of Grafton and Sullivan Counties at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, said Chase.

Heino was released on \$3,000 personal recognizance bail, pending her arraignment on May 21, in the 5th Circuit Court – District Division – Claremont.

Heino is the mother of Tyler Robbins, 23, of Claremont, who was recently arrested and charged with two counts of felonious sexual assault of a minor. Robbins was arraigned in Sullivan County Superior Court on April 4 and released on \$10,000 personal recognizance bail, with the conditions that he not have contact with the alleged victim or her family, as well as no unsupervised contact with any child under 16 years of age.



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Fugitive of the Week

Bobbi Jo Menard

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LKA: 65 Sullivan St., Apt. #2, Claremont, NH

Description: White female, 5'04", 220 lbs., hazel eyes, brown hair

Reason: Violation of Probation

Charges: Possession of Controlled Drug, to wit, Hydrocodone, a Class B Felony, Theft by Unauthorized Taking/Intent to Resell, a Class B Felony.



On March 30, 2016, Menard was indicted by the Sullivan County Grand Jury on two Class B Felony charges. Menard was indicted for Possession of Controlled Drug, to wit, Hydrocodone and for Theft by Unauthorized Taking/Intent to Resell.

On Aug. 1, 2016, in Sullivan County Superior Court, Menard pled guilty to both offenses. As part of her sentence, she was placed on probation.

On March 8, 2018, New Hampshire Probation Department filed a Violation of Probation against Menard in Sullivan County Superior Court. They allege that Menard violated her probation. On March 22, 2018, the Sullivan County Superior Court issued a warrant for Menard's arrest for Violation of Probation.

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

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Leadership Upper Valley Welcomes Applicants for Class of 2019

WRJ, VT—The regional nonprofit Vital Communities invites emerging and established leaders in the Upper Valley to apply for Leadership Upper Valley. The 10-month program brings people together to learn more about the greater Upper Valley region, build personal and professional connections, and get more involved in their communities. Applications are due by April 30 for the Class of 2019, which starts in September.

“Leadership Upper Valley participants leave the program with a deeper understanding of our region geographically, topically, and across many sectors of the economy,” said program manager Rob Schultz. “They also grow as leaders and community members, leaving with a more engaged network of colleagues and friends.”

Leadership Upper Valley runs from September through June each year, with participants spending one day each month learning about a different aspect of the greater Upper Valley. No other program offers such a comprehensive overview of the region. Participants develop knowledge of regional issues, people, lifestyles, and trends; an expanded network of community partners; and motivation and experience to provide service within the community.

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Leadership Upper Valley is open to anyone living or working within Vital Communities’ 69-town service area and is limited to 30 participants each year. Participants come from around the region and from a wide range of organizations, backgrounds, and experiences. Learn more and apply at VitalCommunities.org/LeadershipUpperValley. Limited scholarships are available; email Rob Schultz (Rob@VitalCommunities.org) for details.

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Bids may be mailed to the City of Claremont, City Manager’s Office, 58 Opera House Square, Claremont, NH 03743 **no later than 12:00 Noon Thursday, April 19, 2018.** The envelope containing the proposal must be clearly marked “Exterior Lighting”. Bids will also be accepted by email to finance@claremontnh.com with Exterior Lighting in the subject line.

e-Ticker Business News

Community Development Finance Authority and Local Businesses Collaborate in Support of Turning Points Network

CLAREMONT, NH—Turning Points Network has been named a beneficiary of the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority’s program that enables local businesses to donate to community nonprofits in return for credits against state taxes.

The Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA-NH), has been helping New Hampshire businesses invest in their local communities via a Tax Credit Program since 1999, enabling businesses to directly support worthy projects while receiving a 75% above-the-line tax credit.

Through CDFA’s program, Mascoma Bank, Claremont Savings Bank, Sugar River Bank, The Ink Factory and Louis Karno Company Communications have, collectively, pledged donations totaling \$43,000 to Turning Points Network (TPN) to support the agency’s development of a for-profit arm that will provide ongoing income for TPN’s nonprofit services.

“Over the years Mascoma Bank has kept its focus on neighbors helping neighbors. Especially organizations in our communities with a similar vision on achieving positive social change,” said Samantha Pause, Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer. “When the opportunity arose to work together with Turning Points Network, we were eager to join forces to aid this impactful non-profit in strengthening their efforts. Their continued fight against domestic and sexual violence through education, outreach and systems advocacy has made a big difference for many in our community. Our goal is to help sustain safe, happy, healthy communities by giving back, an organization such as Turning Points Network will be protecting our neighbors today and tomorrow until we can win the fight against violence.”

“Claremont Savings Bank appreciates this opportunity to partner with an organization that works hard for the betterment of our community. It is a pleasure to be part of this effort,” added Reginald L. Greene, Jr., President and CEO of the bank.

Since 1978, TPN has provided services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking and human trafficking in Sullivan County, the agency’s services have remained free to all who need them. Relying solely on grants and donations, TPN has broadened its services to benefit individual needs, resulting in a steadily increasing number of survivors who remain independent of their abusers and those who heal from sexual abuse.

“We have for many years supported Turning Points Network’s annual event, Steppin’ Up to End Violence Walk and Fun Run,” noted Ann O’Clair, Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer at Sugar River Bank, “and we are very aware of TPN’s vital work in our communities and the violence-prevention messages they bring to our schools. It seemed like the right time to invest in

TPN’s important work at a whole new level.” Now that the grants landscape is changing, TPN is looking to stay ahead of the curve, to develop an additional, reliable income stream, to ensure their services will always be free to those who need them.

“Turning Points Network has very quietly made an enormous difference in the lives of
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Sullivan County survivors for the last forty years,” said Jeff Barrette, CEO of The Ink Factory. “TPN’s ability to tailor its resources to support individual needs makes it unusually effective and efficient in helping people recover from personal violence.”

The purchase of tax credits provides businesses with the opportunity to choose where in their local community their tax dollars can do the most good and to benefit local agencies whose work they know and appreciate, as expressed by Jayme Simoes, President, Louis Karno & Company Communications of Concord, “TPN is a real asset to the communities it serves - offering hope and help to people who really need it. The issues that they deal with are difficult, but they work with a dedication and strength that is an inspiration. We are proud to support TPN as they grow, and make NH a better place.”

Mt. Ascutney Hospital Receives Grant from the VT Community Foundation to Support Volunteers in Action

WINDSOR, VT – Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) was recently awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Vermont Community Foundation’s Small and Inspiring grant program. The grant will provide funding for general operations of the Volunteers in Action program, which supports local seniors with an array of volunteer services. Volunteers in Action, an MAHHC-sponsored organization based in Windsor, Vermont, serves people in seven towns, including Windsor, West Windsor, Reading, Hartland, and Weathersfield, VT, as well as Cornish and Plainfield, NH. With more than 170 volunteers, the organization logs more than 34,000 hours a year in service to MAHHC, and drives 15,000 miles a year delivering nearly 20,000 Meals on Wheels to five towns. It helps to serve Community Meals in conjunction with Senior Solutions and MAHHC, and connects volunteers with the Ver-

mont FoodBank’s VeggieVanGo produce delivery program. Volunteers in Action also helps with local food drives, runs a knitting group giving away knitted items to people in need, and provides referrals to other community organizations.

According to the Vermont Community Foundation, the Small and Inspiring grants program, which ran through 2017, “helps foster the spark and hope that keeps Vermonters healthy and happy by finding and supporting projects where a small grant can make a big difference.”

Volunteers in Action Executive Director

Martha Zoerheide says that the grant represents both welcome recognition and practical assistance. “Since 1997,” says Zoerheide, “the people of Volunteers in Action have been taking many small steps that add up to a huge positive impact for seniors in our communities. Someone giving an afternoon to deliver meals or knit mittens seems like a small thing, but it’s enormously important. It inspires me to continue this work for our neighbors who need us. We’re so grateful to the Vermont Community Foundation for their grant, which will be put to use directly improving people’s lives.”

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Nutrition Services Department named Team of the Month for March by Mt. Ascutney Hospital

WINDSOR, VT – Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) has announced that the entire Nutrition Services Department at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center has earned the honor of Team of the Month for March, 2018. The Nutrition Services Department provides healthy meals to patients, employees, and visitors 365 days a year.

The dietitians, servers, cooks, dishwashers and others of the Nutrition Services Department are responsible for designing, creating and delivering meals to patients based on individualized meal plans, as well as keeping the Hospital cafeteria service available to employees and visitors every day. Their skill and dedication were recently put to the test as MAHHC engaged in an extensive reconstruction project to upgrade the Hospital Café.

According to Dr. Joseph Perras, CEO and Chief Medical Officer at MAHHC, “Our Nutrition Services professionals fulfill their roles with pride and dedication no matter what’s going on around them. When we saw their continued focus and good spirits in the midst of a challenging remodel, the choice for Team of the Month was obvious. They all deserve enormous credit for keeping an essential Hospital service operating smoothly as they ran delivery services through a temporary space during improvements.” Dr. Perras explained, “All meals were served to our patients without disruption and a variety of menu options continued to be offered to staff and visitors. Improvements were necessary to provide better flow of customer traffic, faster service, better lighting, and improvements in ventilation and energy efficiency. The entire project timeline extended from October 28 through the week of December 11. “With a bright, new, upgraded space”, says Dr. Perras, “our Nutrition Services staff will continue to do great work in a great environment. Thanks to the entire team.”

Nutrition Services Department named Team of the Month for March by Mt. Ascutney Hospital (Courtesy photo).



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Farmers Market Accepting Vendors

CLAREMONT, NH—The new Claremont Farmers' Market is open for business. Organizers are actively searching for vendors for the following: Farmers with fresh fruits and vegetables, meats, flowers, baked goods, homemade crafts, and food trucks. They are also looking for entertainment. The market will be held on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Visitors Center Green beginning May 26th and running each Saturday through September 8th.

Please visit the market website at: <http://www.claremontnh.com/residents/departments/parks-and-recreation/farmers-market.aspx> to download a vendor application or for more information.

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Community Wide Clean-Up is Underway

The City Council and Administration have been working together to generate a plan that will enable residents to participate in a community-wide clean-up effort during April and May. Councilors have volunteered to be Ward Team Leaders, responsible for coordinating projects in their respective wards with the Department of Public Works (DPW). The focus this year is to pick up trash alongside roads and at various hotspots, dispose of unwanted tires, and give residents the opportunity to remove leaves and sand from their properties. Team Leaders for Ward 1 are Assistant Mayor Damren and Councilor O'Hearne. Team Leaders for Ward 2 are Mayor Lovett and Councilor Pope. Team Leaders for Ward 3 are Councilors Zullo and Stone. For safety reasons, DPW will be collecting trash and addressing hotspots along high traffic routes. Team leaders will be organizing events to address hotspots in low traffic areas.

Because sand is used to treat the roads during the winter, property owners are often left with damaging sand deposits on their lawn in the spring. This year, DPW is offering residents three options for sand disposal. Those residents who wish to bring sand from their lawns to the Transfer Station may do so during the rest of April and all of May. Otherwise, residents can either bag the sand or put the sand in buckets for pick-up in May.

While residents may choose to focus their energy on their immediate surroundings, a number of projects have been identified in which people may want to help. For organized projects, Team Leaders will provide gloves, bags and ask participants to sign a liability waiver. People who wish to participate in the community-wide clean-up effort are encouraged to contact their Team Leaders. Below is a schedule of events; however, please go to the city's DPW webpage for updated information or contact your Ward Team Leaders with any questions you may have.

Sand Disposal - During the rest of April and all of May, property owners can bring sand to the Transfer Station for disposal. The Transfer Station is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays, from 8am to 4pm, to Claremont residents who have a Transfer Station decal on their vehicles.

Tire Day – On Saturday, April 21st, Claremont residents may dispose of unwanted tires, at no charge, at the Transfer Station from 8am to 4pm. Please note that businesses are not eligible to participate.

Boat Landing Beautification – On Saturday, April 21st, from 9am to noon, the Conservation Commission will be focusing their efforts on the Ashley Boat Landing. Gloves and bags will be provided. Rain date for this event is April 28th, 9am to noon.

Grissom Lane – On Sunday, April 22nd, from 1pm to 4pm, Ward 2 Team Leaders are asking residents to join them in picking up trash along this road. Gloves and bags will be provided. Rain date to be announced.

Windy Hill, Paddy Hollow and Hewitt Roads – On Sunday, April 22nd, from 9am to 2pm, Ward 3 Team Leaders are asking residents to join them in picking up trash along these routes. Gloves and bags will be provided. Rain date to be announced.

Leaf and Sand Collection – During the week of May 7-11, DPW will be collecting bags of leaf/grass rakings, as well as bags or buckets of sand. Please note that both leaves/grass rakings and sand must be bagged separately and in compostable, paper bags. If residents elect to put sand in buckets, DPW will empty the buckets and leave them on-site. Bags and buckets must be ready for pick-up no later than 7am on May 7th.

Mulberry, Park Avenue and Bluff area – On May 22nd, Councilor Koloski will be working with the Claremont School District to pick up trash in this area. Gloves, donated by Runnings, and bags will be provided. DeCamp Trucking has donated their services to haul away collected trash. This event will begin at 8am at the Topstone building and is open to anyone who would like to help. Please contact Councilor Koloski with any questions.

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

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Rabies Clinic and Dog Licensing Event

LEBANON, NH—The Lebanon City Clerk's office has announced that it is teaming up with Stonecliff Animal Clinic to offer a Rabies Vaccination Clinic and Dog Licensing Event. This event will be held on Saturday, April 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Lebanon City Hall. Dog licenses are due by April 30, and rabies vaccinations are part of the licensing requirements. The purpose of this event is to help provide a means for owners to easily obtain a rabies vaccination for their dog and license their dog before the deadline.

The Rabies Clinic:

This is available for **anyone**, regardless of where they reside. The clinic will only be for rabies vaccinations; no other services will be available. The cost for a rabies vaccination is \$18.00. Cash and check only will be accepted for payment, which is due at the time of service.

The Clinic will be in the main lobby of City Hall when you enter through the front doors. ADA accessibility is through the side door (right hand side of the building) and taking the elevator up one floor.

Dog Licensing:

This is open for all residents of Lebanon and West Lebanon to license their dogs. This is a great opportunity for those who wish to license their dog in-person but cannot visit the office during regular business hours. If you are not attending the rabies clinic, but wish to just come in to license your dog, please remember to bring a copy of your dog's current rabies vaccination. If your dog has been spayed or neutered since the last time he or she was licensed, please also bring the spay or neuter certificate. And while you're here, don't forget to sign up for the Seventh Annual Top Dog Contest!

Licensing will take place in the City Clerk's office. Unless you require the elevator for ADA accessibility, we kindly ask you to enter through the front door of City Hall and use the stairs to access our office. Please note, this is for dog licensing only; we will not be providing any other service.

For payment for licensing, we can accept cash, check, debit or credit cards. (Please be aware that a processing fee of 2.79% will be charged on debit and credit card transactions).

Keep Your Investment “Ecosystem” Healthy

April 22 is Earth Day. First observed in 1970, Earth Day has evolved into an international celebration, with nearly 200 countries holding events to support clean air, clean water and other measures to protect our planet. As an investor, what lessons can you learn from this special day?

Consider the following:

Avoid “toxic” investment moves. Earth Day events show us how we can help keep toxins out of our land, air and water. And if you want to keep your investment ecosystem healthy, you need to avoid making some toxic moves. For example, don’t chase after hot stocks based on tips you may have heard or read. By the time you learn about these stocks, they may already have cooled off – and they may not even be appropriate for your goals or risk tolerance. Another toxic investment move involves trying to “time” the market – that is, buying investments when they reach low points and selling them at their peaks. It’s a great theory, but almost impossible to turn into reality, because no one can really predict market highs and lows – and your timing efforts, which may involve selling investments that could still help you – may disrupt your long-term strategy.

Reduce, reuse, recycle. “Reduce, reuse, recycle” is a motto of the environmental movement. Essentially, it’s encouraging people to add less stuff to their lives and use the things they already have. As an investor, you can benefit from the same advice. Rather than constantly buying and selling investments in hopes of boosting your returns, try to build a portfolio that makes sense for your situation, and stick with your holdings until your needs change. If you’re always trading, you’ll probably rack up fees and taxes, and you may well end up not even boosting your performance. It might not seem exciting to purchase investments and hang on to them for decades, but that’s the formula many successful investors follow, and have followed.

Plant “seeds” of opportunity. Another Earth Day lesson deals with the value of planting gardens and trees. When you invest, you also need to look for ways to plant seeds of opportunity. Seek out investments that, like trees, can grow and prosper over time. All investments do carry risk, including the potential loss of principal, but you can help reduce your risk by owning a mix of other, relatively less volatile vehicles, such as corporate bonds and U.S. Treasury securities. (Keep in mind, though, that fixed-rate vehicles are subject to interest-rate risk, which means that if interest rates rise, the value of bonds issued at a lower rate may fall.)

Match your money with your values. Earth Day also encourages us to be conscientious consumers. So, when you support local food growers, you are helping, in your own way, to reduce the carbon footprint caused in part by trucks delivering fruits and vegetables over long distances. Similarly, you might choose to include socially responsible investing in your overall strategy by avoiding investments in certain industries you find objectionable, or by seeking out companies that behave in a manner you believe benefits society.

Earth Day is here, and then it’s gone – but by applying some of its key teachings to your investment activities, you may improve your own financial environment.

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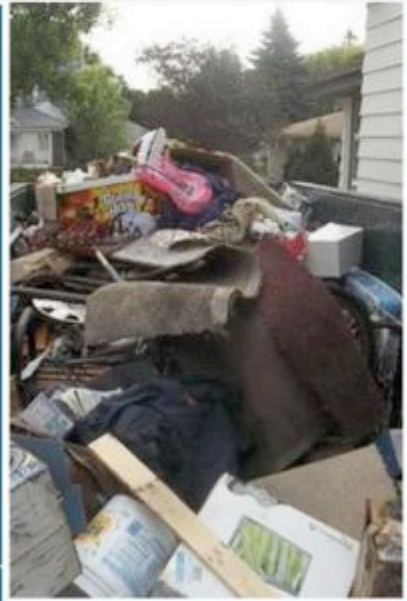
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Claremont AARP Elects 2018-2019 Board

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Area AARP Chapter met April 12 at the Earl Bourdon Centre. Elected for 2018-2019 are Brenda Saunders, president; Virginia Smith, vice-president; Kathy Thompson, secretary; and Walter White, treasurer. Board members elected are Jean and Robert Belaide (3 years); Alberta Marro and Mary Cooke (2 years); Gloria Santini and Beverly McGuire (1 year). Installation will occur in May at a luncheon at the Imperial Chinese Restaurant. Members voted to donate \$50 to the Turning Points upcoming walk to end violence. Plans were made to staff and provide food for the American Red Cross blood drive at the Claremont Senior Center from noon to 5:00 p.m. on April 23.

Members then went on a mystery ride to Simon Pearce in Windsor, VT, to observe glass-blowing followed by ice cream treats at Frazier's Place, thanks to the chapter. Tim and Faith LaBelle gave each member a bag of candy with special gifts.



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It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



Spring (Sorta) Stuff

I remember as I was growing up, we had butcher shops in the neighborhood. When you asked for an item, the butcher would put it on a scale, raise his hands like he was being held up and took a step backwards. They did this routinely. I asked my mother what that was all about. It seems that they did this to show they didn't have a thumb on the scale or were stepping on a switch to make the scale show heavier. Everybody was afraid of being ripped off.

Mitch reminded me that a good source of recipes are the supermarkets. Just about every one has a display of recipe cards in the meat and seafood departments. They are on heavy stock or plastic and hold up well. Another source is the staff in these departments. They are usually willing to share ideas. The shoppers in line behind you are willing to share ideas as well.

I want to go over some safety tips for grilling outdoors. This is a reminder for veteran grillers and some insight for beginners.

Keep your grill away from the house. My brother-in-law's house still has melted vinyl siding from his grill. If you place the grill next to the house when not in use, move it away when you fire it up. Vinyl melts and looks ugly, and wood ignites or smolders.

Never spray more lighter fluid on smoking charcoal or charcoal on fire. The flames will travel back to the container and a trip to the Emergency Room could interrupt a nice cookout.

Always use long handled utensils. I hate the smell of burning hair, especially my own.

When cooking, never leave the grill unattended. Small children and pets are curious and could have an accident. Spilling hot coals and a grill full of food makes a real mess, not to mention severe burns.

I always leave cleaning up the grill for the next day or even the next use. That way I know the coals and ashes are really out. Never put hot coals in a metal bucket. Many decks are lost this way. Those buckets get really hot.

Charcoal reaches temperatures above the cleaning cycle of your oven. Respect that at all times.

Firefighters are nice people. If you know any invite them before the cookout. You don't want them showing up in their work clothes and driving their big red shiny trucks. Think first, especially early in the season.

Play with your food. They do in Omaha.

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New Hampshire Antique Tractor Club to Hold Plow Day

The New Hampshire Antique Tractor Club will be hold its Annual Plow day on April 28th; the even will start at 8:00 a.m. and will go until the ground at Bob Foulkes' fields has been plowed. There is a judging competition that will be held mid morning around 11:00 a.m. at the south end of the field. There will be ribbon awards given for first through third place.

Three plowing categories will be featured: Single bottom plow, double bottom plow and triple bottom plows. In order for people to participate in the event they will need to become a member of the club; there are rules and a few key regulations in regards to the age of the tractor. The event will be held on Route 12 in Claremont at the Bob Foulkes farm in West Claremont just across the river from Ascutney, VT.

The New Hampshire Antique Tractor Club strives to keep the history of tractors in the public interest and is open to all makes and models of tractors pre 1960. The club holds various pulling events to help keep interest in and knowledge of vintage tractors alive.

For more information, visit <http://newhampshireantiquetractorclub.weebly.com/>. You may also visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1256830037757457/>.



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Friday, April 13, the Claremont Rogue Robots of 4H traveled to UNH for the Regional Sea-Perch submersible robotics competition. The two Rogue Robots teams did well and had fun at the competition. The first-year team, Galaxsea (Thor Savoi, Ayden watrous, Gage Morin and Alex Pi-card), did well and gained some needed experience. The Water Wizards team (Christian Pi-card, Anna Numme and Wilson Zhang) placed 1st in the obstacle course at the Middle School level. They were one of three teams out of 50 to get all the rings, cubes and pipes transferred to the platform (Courtesy photos).



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April 2-20, 2018
April 30-May 4, 2018

Any child who is five (5) on or before **September 30, 2018** and who resides in Claremont may register for Claremont School District's 2018-19 Kindergarten classes. Registration will be held from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the elementary school your child will attend. Evening registration will be held at the following times:

Bluff School	May 2	from 6:00-7:00 pm
Disnard School	May 2	from 6:00-7:00 pm
Maple Ave. School	May 1	from 6:00-7:00 pm

To register, please bring your child's birth certificate and proof of residency to your neighborhood school. If you are not sure in which school area you live or have any questions, call the Superintendent's Office at 543-4200 for information.

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Claremont Confidential

By Les St.Pierre



Surprised and Honored

Don't look now, but in less than 60 days the Stevens High Alumni Parade will, for the 70th time, bring out hundreds, if not thousands, of cheering, curious, and waving on-lookers lining the streets of Claremont to get a glimpse of relatives, friends, and even strangers, aboard both well-planned and not-so-well planned floats or marching in bands.

Forget about the weather! The parade will go on, rain or shine. Not once in the past 69 years has the annual extravaganza seen a cancellation. Mark June 9, 10:30 a.m. on your calendars as a day to get out and mingle with past Stevens graduates as they return to town to revel with fellow classmates of bygone years.

As is tradition, the 25-year class has the distinction of selecting who shall serve as the parade marshal. Parade marshals for this year's ride in a convertible along Broad, South, and Pleasant Streets will be Jimmie and Brenda Baker.

"I just kind of threw it out there," said 1993 Stevens graduate Amy (Bernard) Osgood over the phone when contacted about her class' decision to select the Bakers for the honored position, "and everyone absolutely went with it."

When Bernard and classmate Courtney Sharkey went to the Baker residence on Park Avenue to communicate the good news both Jim and Brenda were caught off guard thinking the visit had something to do with the Middle School, since Sharkey works there as a social worker.

"I was surprised!" Mr. Baker voiced as he and his wife sat down for an interview for *e-Ticker News*. "Obviously, I am honored. Even though I taught in Claremont for 36 years, I'm not from here originally, and I didn't teach at the high school. For me, it's wonderful to be thought of....for the both of us, because Brenda has been really involved with the high school kids all these years. We've had a lot of contacts with the kids and their parents with us both teaching and me also coaching."

The Bakers have combined for more than 50 years of educating children. Jim has a total of 42 having taught science for six years at the 7th and 8th grade levels in Ludlow, Vt. and as head baseball coach at Black River High School his last four years in the Green Mountain State. He then came to the Claremont school district in 1977 teaching both math and science. He retired in 2013.

Brenda has several years as a full-time substitute starting at the junior high school level in the late 1980's and then jumping to the high school in 1990. She then worked 20 years for M.J. Harrington's Jewelers before officially retiring in 2015. She follows her younger sister as parade marshal as Rick and Evelyn Plourde graced the position in 2017.

The Bakers have two sons, both graduates of Stevens High School. Jason resides in Georgia and Ryan in Florida.

Mrs. Baker, known as Brenda Bresell when she graduated from Stevens in 1968, is celebrating her 50th class reunion June 9. She and Jim met at Keene State College, married, and have been shaping the minds of kids since the 1970's. Jim graduated from Manchester Memorial High School in 1967 where he was a star pitcher for Pete Poirier's baseball squad and took his expertise to Keene where he played varsity ball his first three years before sitting out his senior year to student teach. He was the club's Most Valuable Player his junior year when KSC won the New England championship.

The 50th reunion honor for Mrs. Baker means she will not be riding on the class float. The float is titled 'You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown' in keeping with this year's theme of Broadway.

"I am so happy I stayed here in Claremont," Mrs. Baker echoed. "It is more evident now. A lot of my classmates have gone all over the world and have done incredibly well, but I feel very fortunate I was raised here and raised my

kids here. It's a real good community and the kids here are fabulous They really are!"

Mr. Baker, too, backed up his decision to settle down here in Claremont. "I am very proud of teaching here and contributing in terms of how kids came out of eighth grade and eventually came out of Stevens High School. I am very thankful for how education was done back then and very happy and proud of my career and proud of the kids I had and the community I live in. I am truly happy I raised my kids in Claremont, New Hampshire and not Manchester, New Hampshire. It's been a wonderful ride in terms of raising our kids and beyond that point. There is a lot to be thankful for in terms of the beauty and in terms of safety."

It was Osgood who expressed the wishes of her class best when she commented, "They (the Bakers) are very special people. We are lucky to have them in the community."



Jimmie and Brenda Baker have been chosen as this year's SHS parade marshals (Les St.Pierre photo).

12A Accident Sunday Closes Road

CLAREMONT, NH—Part of 12A was closed due to a serious accident and wires down on Sunday, near Ascutney View Farm. Ever-source was called to the scene; slippery roads were reported. The accident caused 41 in Claremont to lose power and three in Cornish for several hours.



This April is the 15th annual National Donate Life Month and the Valley Regional Hospital Donate Life team held an event to promote donor registration on Friday, April 13. The team has partnered with New England Donor Services to promote donor registration and raise awareness of the need for more organ donors. Although 56% of U.S. adults are registered organ donors, the number of people needing transplants is always more than the number of organs donated. 2016 statistics show a waiting list of over 119,000 people on the organ transplant list. Registration is quick and easy. You can find the registration page in the quick links on the VRH.org home page. You can also be designated a organ donor on your drivers license. Photos: The VRH Donate Life team; raising the Donate Life flag (Bill Binder photos).



Selections Exhibit Opening Reception at Library Arts Center Gallery

NEWPORT, NH—The Selections Exhibit 2018 features artwork from seven winners of the Library Arts Center's 2017 Juried Regional Exhibit. Exhibiting artists include: Shari Boraz, Cyn Cooper, Betsy Derrick, Stacy Friedman, Elizabeth R. Moore, Gail Smuda and John Teti. Each artist was selected by juror Doris Nelson, former director of the Library Arts Center, to exhibit a larger body of their work in this group show. Admission is free, and light refreshments will be served. After the opening, set for Friday, Apr. 20th, 5-7pm, the exhibit will be on display April 20-June 14. Gallery hours are: Tues.-Fri. 11am-4pm, and Sat. 10am-2pm. The exhibit is sponsored by Lake Sunapee Bank: A Division of Bar Harbor Bank & Trust.

The Library Arts Center is non-profit art gallery and studio located at 58 N. Main Street in Newport. For more information, call 603-863-3040.

Public Invited to take Downtown Arts Center Interest Survey

CLAREMONT, NH—Community feedback is needed for the development of a new downtown arts space. The West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts has envisioned a great downtown space based on your interactions and interest over its 10 years of making great music and art. Now you can check out the concept and share your thoughts during this planning process, because this space is for you. Please take just a few moments for a brief 10 question survey. The gathered information will be used to help plan the building usage, programming, and community priorities on the project. Please respond by Tuesday, April 17th, at midnight. The survey link can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TTMHLXV>. For more information about WCCMA visit, www.wcc-ma.org.



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