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Pole Barn Fire Caused By Kids Playing With Lighter

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH--Firefighters battled high temps and humidity as well as a fast-burning, very intense fire on Wednesday on Sugar River Drive that destroyed a pole barn and equipment and vehicles stored in it.

At approximately 2:00 p.m., on Wednesday, July 13th, the Claremont Fire Department was dispatched to a reported barn fire at 165 Sugar River Drive. The duty crew responded with an engine

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Firefighters were greeted with intense flames and heavy black smoke at a fire on Sugar River Drive on Wednesday in Claremont (Bill Binder photo).



Feds Deny Waiver Request To Allow ATVs On Rail Trail

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CLAREMONT, NH--The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has denied a waiver request to allow ATVs on a City-owned, two-mile stretch of rail trail used to connect to a State-owned recreation trail despite a recommendation by the NH Department of Transportation that it do so.

In 2015 the City requested a waiver to the requirements of 23 USC 217, which prohibits

motorized vehicle use on bicycle and pedestrian walkways built with Transportation Enhancement funds. As part of the waiver process, NHDOT was to provide FHWA NH Division Office a recommendation in accordance with FHWA's "Framework for Considering Motorized Use on Non-motorized Trails and Pedestrian Walkways under 23 USC 217", which it did.

A letter dated July 7, 2016, from the FHWA NH Division Office was received by NHDOT, denying the waiver request, stating that it con-

tinues to interpret that 23 USC 217 applies in this case and that the law prohibits motorized use on the Transportation Enhancement acquired trail, that the office feels the exception request was incomplete pending further evaluation analysis and consideration of reasonable options and offers other options for consideration by the City and/or the State, as well as potential funding sources for additional work.

Patrick Bauer, Division Administrator, wrote
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that “The City’s original application and environmental documentation stated that the intended use was for pedestrian and bicycle use, with winter snowmobile use. The application does not mention potential OHV use.” Bauer recommended that the City and State consider other options that “may not require an exception, including providing an alternate OHV route along the river or an alternate route that crosses the river on a new right-of-way or determine whether or not it would be legal and appropriate for such vehicles to use designated highways, highway shoulders or streets within the City to connect trail riding areas and access to businesses.” There is also the option for the City to pay back the federal funds invested in the corridor, about \$258,000, and then be able to use the corridor for motorized use.

At the time the City filed the comprehensive waiver request with the feds, City officials were told that the agency had never approved such an application.

William Watson, Administrator of the Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance with

the State, told City Attorney Jane Taylor in part in a letter dated July 8 that the “City of Claremont put a tremendous amount of time and effort into this request and has been very responsive with all of the follow-up questions that have been posed by the NH FHWA Division office since receiving the request.”

The section in question runs along from behind the community center to Chestnut Street; it crosses the Sugar River to Washington Street where it connects to the State-owned Sugar River Recreation Trail which allows ATVs.

“The Sullivan County ATV Club is disappointed, but not defeated,” said Dianne Harlow, regarding the decision. “SCATV will hold their regular membership meeting on Monday, July 18th, at 7:00 p.m. to see what our options are. We have invited the City Councilors, the City Manager and the City Solicitor to this open meeting.” Harlow, also speaking during Citizens Forum at Wednesday night’s City Council meeting, said that they did not want the meeting to turn into a blame game but rather wanted to spend the time “looking at the options the Feds have given us.” She again invited the council and the public to join them.

The meeting will be held at the CSB Community Center.

Route 5, in the Town of Rockingham. The vehicle failed to stop when signaled to and subsequently eluded Vermont State Police. Vermont State Police pursued the vehicle to exit 8 in the Town of Weathersfield. The vehicle reached top speeds of 110 miles per hour on Interstate 91 north. The vehicle traveled into New Hampshire where Vermont State Police ended the pursuit.

The vehicle was located in Claremont by the Claremont Police Department. Vermont State Police met with the operator, Jack Baker, 20, of Brattleboro, VT, at the Claremont Police Department. Baker was issued a citation to appear in Windham County Superior Court at a later date for the charges of Attempting to Elude, Negligent Operation, Excessive Speed and Violation of Conditions of Release.

Change Of Season Rummage Sale

NEWPORT, NH--A Change of Season Rummage Sale will be held August 20 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the South Congregational Church, 20 Church Street, Newport.

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Police Chase Ends In Claremont; Vehicle Hits Top Speed Of 110 MPH

CLAREMONT, NH--On Tuesday, July 12, at approximately 6:00 p.m, the Vermont State Police attempted to conduct a motor vehicle

stop on US

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Fire from A1

and a ladder truck from their location, while out on a training detail. Car 1 also responded directly to the scene and arrived there a few moments later. Multiple reports, indicating a working structure fire, resulted in an early call for a first alarm assignment to the scene. First arriving fire units reported a large pole barn structure with heavy fire involvement and possible exposure concerns.

The first due engine dropped its four-inch line at a nearby hydrant and laid a supply hose into the property as it accessed the rear lot location of the barn. Crews initially cooled the "Delta" side of the building with the engine's pre-piped deluge gun and then transitioned to a 500-gallon per minute portable monitor that was deployed to the front of the structure, said Claremont Fire Chief Rick Bergeron. Claremont's Engine 2 was positioned toward the "Bravo" side of the structure (which is opposite "Delta") and placed an attack line into operation, controlling the fire in the first bay of the building. This first storage bay housed a large trash compacting truck that was heavily involved in fire as well.

Newport's Engine 2 was sent to the neighboring properties located on Case Hill Road to protect buildings that were being affected by the heat of the primary fire. Newport's crew tied into a hydrant on Case Hill Rd. and deployed attack lines to the "Charlie" side of the incident, cooling the sides of two neighboring structures to prevent their involvement. After protecting the exposure buildings, Newport then assisted with the final extinguishment of the primary structure. The fire was called under control by command at about 2:45 p.m. hours, said Bergeron.

Due to the heat of the day, crews from Cornish, Meriden, Charlestown, Ascutney and West Weathersfield were cycled through the scene during the overhaul process. The same communities provided coverage to the City at various times throughout the incident. There were no injuries reported, and the last unit was back in quarters at approximately 5:45 p.m.

According to Bergeron, "The cause of this fire is being attributed to juveniles playing with a lighter inside the building." The property is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Picard and the owners did state that the structure was insured. However, it was unclear at the time of this report as to how many of the vehicles and equipment within the building were insured.



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Photos By Bill Binder



Commentary

NH House Happenings

By State Rep. John Cloutier

County Budget Supports Many Operations



In this week's column, I will continue writing about Sullivan County's new Fiscal Year 2017 Budget, breaking down this \$31,497,343 document by major sections.

The next major section after county administration, which was described last week is \$985,949 expenditure for bonded debt. This expenditure includes repayments on earlier loans the county had taken out to pay for the construction of the Department of Correction's Community Corrections Center, completed in 2010, and the Biomass Facility, completed in 2012, both buildings about which I had briefly described last week. These loans are presently scheduled to be repaid by 2020 for the Corrections Center, and 2028 for the Biomass facility, according to the county's budget book. More specifically, bonded debt includes a total of \$818,992 for payment of principal on both loans, and total of \$166,957 in interest payments for both.

Then there is a total of \$782,021 for various capital improvement projects at both the County Complex in Unity and the Woodhull County Building in Newport. These projects include repairs and renovations to the various buildings in both Newport and Unity as well buying new heavy equipment. Such equipment includes purchasing seven new vehicles for the Sheriffs' Department at \$150,000, a purchase which is done regularly every few years so that currently heavily-used vehicles may be replaced.

Next, the budget includes a total of \$702,128 for the County Attorney's Office. This office presently employs a six-member staff headed by County Marc Hathaway, who has been elected County Attorney every two years since 1986, with little or no opposition. The office is chiefly responsible for prosecuting all state crimes committed within Sullivan County, with assistance from the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office in certain major cases.

Continuing through the budget, there is also a total of \$327,146 appropriated for the Regional Public Health Network Office. This office is charged with planning and coordinating the response to major public health emergencies caused by floods, hurricanes, and communicable diseases, among other disasters, within our county. This office is funded in part by various public and private grants.

Furthermore, a total of \$297,856 is allocated to the Registry of Deeds Office. The Registry of Deeds, normally headed by an elected Registrar, is responsible for recording the sales and/or transfers of all real estate within the county for fees that are charged to the individuals involved in the sales or transfers. The fees, which help pay for the operation of the Registry, also garner revenue for Sullivan County and the State of New Hampshire. Acting Registrar Janet Gibson told the Dele-

gation and Commissioners at separate meetings on July 11 that her office had garnered an extra \$17,000 in revenue, above original projections, for the county in the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget, which just ended on June 30, a development that Mrs. Gibson said may indicate an improving economy in the county.

Yet another important expenditure is a total of \$276,603 appropriated to Sullivan County's branch of the UNH University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Service. Partially funded by state government through UNH, this is a very useful agency of our county government. Frankly, when I was first elected a state representative and became involved in the legislative branch of county government, I thought Cooperative Extension only helped our county's farmers. The fact is that the agency also helps gardeners, parents, children, and consumers in general by offering free or low-cost information on various life skills such as gardening, sewing, nutrition, and financial literacy, to name a few.

Next, is the total of \$192,500 allocated in county grants to eight private non-profit agencies which serve Sullivan County residents. The grants include \$30,000 for the TLC Family Resource Center (formerly known as Good Beginnings), \$10,000 for West Central Behavioral Services, \$10,000 for Lake Sunapee Area Mediation Program, \$65,000 for Turning Points Network (formerly known as Women's Supportive Services), \$25,000 for the Community Alliance Transportation Services Program, \$20,000 for the Claremont Soup Kitchen, \$7,500 for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf of Langdon, \$25,000 for Hope for New Hampshire Recovery. Hope for New Hampshire Recovery is a new grant recipient this year that has just opened a Claremont office, and will help our county's residents deal with various drug addictions-especially addiction to opioids.

Finally, the last major section of the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget is the total of \$181,682 allocated the Natural Resources Department and County Conservation District. This small department of about three employees is partially funded by the federal government for the Conservation District part. This department helps the fields, forests, and other open lands owned by the county, all of which is in Unity, as well as providing assistance to the county's farmers and foresters when needed. Assistance that includes teaching farmers and foresters how to manage their forests and farms in more environmentally-friendly ways. By the way, many of the county's fields are leased to farmers for reasonable fees. Among other achievements, the department has erected a so-called "high tunnel" in one of the Unity fields showing farmers how to grow more and different types of vegetables by extending the growing season. It is now examining the possibility of stocking fish in Unity's Marshall Pond, also owned by the county, and eventually reopening the pond to anglers after having banned fishing for nearly the past 50 years.

In conclusion, this is Sullivan County's Fiscal Year 2017 Budget that keeps the county tax level, while striving to deliver some high quality services for our county's residents in my opinion. This is a budget that came about because of much hard work by the county's employees and elected officials. I am frankly pleased and proud to have voted for this budget on June 28.

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Letter To The Editor

Thanks Canam For Open House

To the Editor:

I want to thank Canam for hosting an Open House on Saturday, July 16th. I thought it was a unique idea for a local manufacturer to open its doors to the public. So many people are interested in how things work as was proven by the large number of people who attended. It was great to be toured through their facility by their enthusiastic employees, many of whom have been there for years which speaks well of their business. It was fascinating to learn about the bridges, including the replacement for the famous Tappan Zee Bridge outside NYC, that are being constructed right here in Claremont. In addition, each family was given a memento of the new bridge: an engraved piece of steel using the same steel they are using in the bridge.

It impressed me that a company chose to do this on a weekend. It also impressed me that many families were there. People of all ages were there. I am wondering if more events like this could happen in the city. Maybe more young people would be inspired to go into manufacturing here in Claremont if they attended events like this. Working for a family resource center I was also struck at how family oriented the day was. Businesses like Canam make it possible for families to live here. Businesses like Canam are providing opportunity for families.

Thank you, Canam Structural Bridges, for showing us how you do your manufacturing. And thank you for being here in Claremont.

Maggie Monroe-Cassel

Executive Director, TLC Family Resource Center

Shaheen Introduces Bill to Provide Housing Protections For Victims Of Domestic Violence And Sexual Assault

WASHINGTON, DC-- U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) last week introduced new legislation that would provide legal protections to ensure access to safe housing for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Building on protections in the Violence Against Women Act and the Fair Housing Act, the Fair Housing for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survivors Act of 2016 would establish a nationwide standard that victims of domestic violence and sexual assault cannot be evicted or otherwise penalized solely for being victims of those crimes. With the new protections included in this legislation, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) would be provided clear and direct authority to protect victims of domestic violence and sexual assault from housing discrimination. The bill would also serve as a federal model to encourage more states to adopt similar protections.

“Domestic violence and sexual assault survivors have so many obstacles to overcome – it’s unconscionable that women are removed from their homes and face repeated discrimination simply because of the heinous crimes committed against them,” said Senator Shaheen. “We need to continue working to change the culture surrounding domestic violence and sexual assault, and a big part of that effort is recognizing that women suffering from physical or sexual abuse are victims of crime and deserve our support. The Fair Housing for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survivors Act of 2016 would ensure that we are no longer punishing victims for the crimes committed against them, and would go a long way toward helping survivors recover and rebuild.”

According to a survey by the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty, of 76 legal and social service providers who handle evictions and housing denials, more than 10% of all evictions and more than 25% of housing denials involved victims of domestic violence because of the crimes committed against them. Women are frequently the victims of violent acts by an intimate partner. One in four women will experience domestic violence or sexual assault in her lifetime and women residing in low-income neighborhoods are twice as likely to be victims of intimate partner violence. As many as 50% of all homeless women and children are fleeing domestic violence and 92% of homeless women have experienced severe physical or sexual abuse at some point in their lives.



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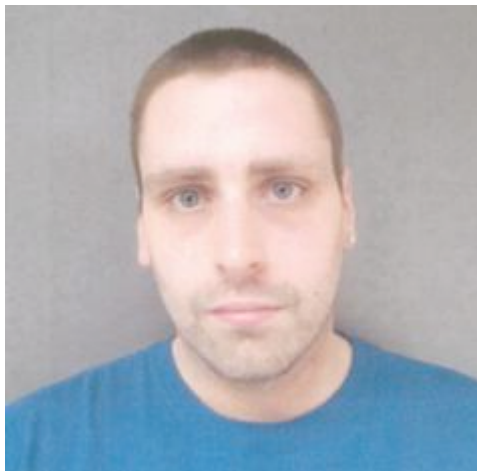
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2nd Arrest Made In Stolen Purse Case

CLAREMONT, NH—On June 19, the Claremont Police Department responded to Hannaford Supermarket on Washington Street for a reported robbery in the parking lot of the store. On arrival responding officers spoke with the victim and witnesses. The responding officers learned that the victim had her purse forcibly taken from her while she loaded her recent grocery purchases into her vehicle. The suspect then fled west on foot through business parking lots. Responding officers collected information about the suspect involved from the victim, witnesses, and surveillance cameras in the area. Ultimately, the suspect was identified as Brenden Harri-man, age 18, from Lebanon, NH, who was arrested on June



Jeffrey Patterson

The investigation revealed that Jeffrey Patterson, age 27, from Plainfield, NH, was an alleged accomplice to the robbery. Patterson was arrested Tuesday, July 12, in Springfield, VT, by the Springfield Police Department. Patterson was subsequently held at the Southern State Correctional Facility as a fugitive from justice.

Blood Drive In Sunapee July 25

SUNAPEE, NH--The Red Cross bloodmobile will be at the Safety Services Building on July 25 to take donations from noon-5:00 p.m., hosted by Sunapee Fire & EMS. Appointments can be made by going to the web site at redcrossblood.org and entering Sunapee's zip code of 03782 to get to the appointment page.

Donors can also call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment.

Notice

Newport NH – United Way of Sullivan County has been awarded State of NH Set Aside funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

United Way of Sullivan County (UWSC) was chosen to receive an additional \$10,634.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from the American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA; The Salvation Army; United Jewish Communities; and United Way of America. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A local community board representing American Red Cross, UWSC, church organizations, government agencies and area social services will determine how the funds awarded to UWSC are distributed amongst applying emergency food and shelter programs.

Under the terms of the grant from FEMA National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must 1) be private voluntary non-profits with voluntary boards, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice non discrimination, 4) have demonstrated capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Agencies interested in applying for EFSP funds must contact Dawn Ranney at United Way of Sullivan County, 543-0121 for an application. Completed applications must be received by August 5, 2016 for consideration.



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Mayoral Notes

By
Charlene Lovett



American Made

After being away for two weeks, there was much to do over the weekend. Saturday morning my husband and I attended Canam's first open house since opening in 2007. Sunday I met the members of the United Methodist – Action Reach-Out Mission by Youth (U.M. – ARMY) team who will be working in Claremont this week. It was an excellent opportunity to learn about each organization, and the impact that they have in our community and across America.

The Canam plant in Claremont is one of 23 plants in North America comprising the Canam Group which is headquartered in Canada. The plant employs nearly 160 people and specializes in the fabrication of steel structures for road and railway bridges. As a leader in the design of steel bridges, the plant focuses on acquiring the more complex projects and its employees have worked on numerous, well-known bridges to include the Memorial Bridge and the New New York Bridge.

Federal regulations mandate that bridges in America have to be built using U.S. manufactured materials. All of the steel that enters the plant via railway is American made, and all of the bridge components that leave the facility via truck have been crafted using processes refined by its employees. These innovative processes and the focus on quality control and assurance result in bridges that are state-of-the-art, designed to last 100 years, and a source of pride for those who created them.

Because of Canam's performance record and the need to address bridge deficiencies nationwide, the Claremont plant has work contracted through 2021 and has the capacity to grow even more. Consequently, there is a need to hire more qualified employees and on-the-job training is available. The plant offers a robust benefits package to include profit sharing, enabling employees to directly benefit from the plant's success. More information can be found at the canamgroupinc.com/jobs

website.

For the second year in a row, a team of about 60 individuals from U.M. – ARMY are in Claremont to help local residents with 41 projects. U.M. – ARMY is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to helping low income, elderly and disabled homeowners with home repair and maintenance. This year's team is comprised of about 40 youth and 20 adults from various states in the northeast, each raising \$300 to cover expenses for the week and the cost of project materials.

When I spoke with one of the team leaders who had been here last year, she had only compliments for the Claremont community and how well they have been received. Churches are working together to provide logistical support. Businesses and individuals are donating

food for meals throughout the week. It is a tribute to this community that so many have reached out to support this team who are committed to making a difference in the lives of people they do not know.

Much has been said about the value of American made products and American made solutions to the challenges we face today. Though they differ in their mission, the employees of Canam and the U.M. – Army provide great value to our community and our country. Their work is a source of pride and we are most fortunate to have them here.

Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and welcomes your feedback. Please email comments, questions and concerns to char_lovett@hotmail.com.

Facebook- Friend or Foe for Job Seekers?

Social media and networks have become an extension of our lives. We can catch up with old friends, learn about the latest news, and even get leads to open positions. But with all the positives that can be enjoyed, take your social experience with a grain of salt. Yes, employers are most definitely looking at the Facebook profiles of their candidates. Here are some of the dos and don'ts to adhere to if you hope make a great first impression.

Make your profile private. Put the security gates up before you start your job search. You can even hide your profile temporarily or make your name not appear in search results.

Keep your pictures G-rated. This includes your profile picture, pictures you have uploaded, and ones that your friends have tagged you in. Even if your page is blocked to the public, there may be a chance that the hiring manager is a connection with a mutual friend and can see your pictures. As a rule of thumb, steer clear of pictures of drinking activities, illegal drug use, sexually explicit images, and anything that you wouldn't share with your grandparents.

Restrict wall posting privileges. We all have some friends who haven't quite figured out what is appropriate (and what's not) to post to Facebook. Be cautious on how much slack you give to these troublemakers and limit their ability to comment/post on your wall.

Untag yourself from professionally unflattering photos. Yes, we all have some great pictures that bring us back to our college days. Great for reminiscing, bad for business. Again, a G-rating is preferred.

Avoid controversial topic discussion. When it comes to politics, religion, and other social issues, it is best to remain neutral while hunting for a job. You are entitled to your own beliefs, but it is best to keep them under the radar on your Facebook profile.

Accept friend requests and invites of people you know. It isn't uncommon for people to create fictional profiles to gather privileged information. If you have anything that you wish to hide, do not give strangers access to your profile.

Whatever you do, do not provide employers with your log-in credentials. It may hurt your chances of getting the job offer, but this is a serious breach of privacy – and several states have even made it illegal to ask.



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Claremont American Band Concerts

CLAREMONT, NH--Claremont American Band concerts are being presented weekly at Broad St. Park (weather permitting). Music includes Sousa and R.B. Hall Marches, Military Marches, and favorite classic tunes. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy this free family friendly concert Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. through Aug. 18.

The Claremont American Band is a community band with a long history of 129 years. It is led by Director Ed Evensen and is a Claremont Parks and Recreation's program. The group is made up of students, amateurs and professional musicians. New members are welcome, for info contact Ed Evensen, eevensen@sau60.org, 603-543-0312.



Pokémon Go!

The Pokémon Go game came to downtown Claremont on Saturday evening. Pokémon players were spread all over Opera House Square and the downtown area chasing the elusive Pokémon on their cell phones. A competition to see who could capture the most Pokémon critters was held by Christopher LaClair, the owner of the One Last Life gaming store on the Square, drawing over a 100 players. Briefly speaking, according to vox.com, “Pokémon Go is a game that uses your phone’s GPS and clock to detect where and when you are in the game and make Pokémon ‘appear’ around you (on your phone screen) so you can go and catch them. As you move around, different and more types of Pokémon will appear depending on where you are and what time it is. The idea is to encourage you to travel around the real world to catch Pokémon in the game.” Top: Alicia LaPointe and William Irizarry search for Pokémon in Opera House Square.; bottom: Pokémon players Hans Schneider, Chris LaClair, Patrick LaClair and Dylan LeBlanc (Bill Binder photos).

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Armchair Tour Of Claremont Authors

CLAREMONT, NH--The Fiske Free Library will present An Armchair Walking and Driving Tour of the Homes and Lives of Claremont Authors on Thursday, July 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gilmore Room of the Fiske Free Library.

Can you name five authors from Claremont? How about 10? How about 25? Do you know Alpheus Henry Snow? Thomas McLaughlin? Harriet Farley Donlevy? Barbara N. Galpin? Nelson Bryant? Joseph D. Steinfield? Constance Woolson? Linda Clark McGoldrick? These people are Claremont authors, one and all.

The Fiske Free Library's popular Armchair Tour returns following its introduction in 2014. Colin Sanborn, Circulation Librarian at the library, has created a whole new tour. Serving as your "tour guide", Sanborn will lead you on a "walking and driving" tour around Claremont, while you sit in comfort in the Gilmore Room of the Fiske Free Library. Sanborn will introduce you to noted legal authority Alpheus H. Snow, civil rights activist George K. Hunton, and popular late 19th century novelist Constance Woolson. He will also introduce you to poets, mystery writers, and outdoors writers. These and others on the tour are all authors who were born, grew-up, and/or lived and worked here in Claremont.

Sanborn noted that he has been compiling a bibliography of Claremont authors and Claremont-related books since the early '90's. "The bibliography is titled "Reading My Neighbors" and there are somewhere in the vicinity of 75-plus documented authors from Claremont in the bibliography" he said.

"They represent a wide spectrum of literature from fiction to non-fiction." Some of the authors were very prolific while others have one or two works to their credit. A second smaller bibliography, "Reading Claremont", deals with books written about Claremont. Sanborn notes, "There are two dozen plus authors who have written about people, places, and events in Claremont. Claremont's Moody Park, and John Toland book In Mortal Combat on Rocco Zullo and his unit in the Korean War."

The tour, whether you join our "armchair" tour or you follow later on your own, will provide a new and interesting look at Cla-

remont, our notable sons and daughters, and our literary heritage.

The Friends of the Fiske Free Library will provide some light refreshments following the "walk".

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Project Red & Blue...

Twenty kids in School Resource Officer Crystal Simonds' summer camp, Project Red & Blue, undertook a project to paint a mural of the Disnard Tiger mascot and also painted some games on the school grounds. The painting was done using highway type paint so it will last. Simonds and the kids would like to thank The Jack & Dorothy Byrne Foundation, Jewel Transport and Ruger for their generous donations. The kids are at camp three days a week for three weeks. They perform community service projects, go on hikes and canoeing and learn about teamwork and getting along with others.



Top left: Project Red & Blue kids; top right: School Resource Officer Crystal Simonds; below: the new maze on the Disnard Elementary School grounds.

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RVCC Appoints Dr. Ali Rafieymehr Vice President Of Academic Affairs

Community College (RVCC) has announced the appointment of Dr. Ali Rafieymehr as Vice President of Academic Affairs. As the chief academic officer at the College, Rafieymehr will be responsible for promoting academic excellence, student achievement, and fostering community engagement and industry partnerships.

"I am looking forward to continuing the good work of River Valley Community College with Dr. Rafieymehr in innovative ways that will best serve our students," said RVCC President



Dr. Ali Rafieymehr

Alicia Harvey-Smith, "He brings with him a wealth of knowledge that will prove valuable to our strategic directions of Student Access, Student Success, Teaching & Learning and Sustainability."

Before joining RVCC, Rafieymehr served as a Workforce Development Consultant and Dean of Dyn University at Dynamic Network Services (Dyn) where he developed workforce talent for Dyn and other companies in New Hampshire. His previous academic experience includes positions as Dean and Director of the Manchester Campus of the University of New Hampshire, Dean of the Division of Information Technology and Sciences at Champlain College in Vermont, Department Chair of Computer Science and Information Technology Department at Western New England University in Springfield, Mass and a faculty position at Saint Anselm College in Manchester. In addition, he held adjunct faculty positions at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell, and Mer-

rimack College.

Rafieymehr earned a Sc.D. in Computer Science at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell, an M.S. in Computer Engineering at the University of Lowell, and a B.S. in Mathematics from the College of Mathematics and Economic Management in Iran.

With a career that has spanned both academic and computer industry areas, Rafieymehr will bring valuable experience to River Valley Community College and to the changing educational challenges in higher education, said the college.

River Valley Community College is one of seven colleges in the Community College System of New Hampshire, offering thirty-nine associate degree and certificate programs in Claremont, Keene, Lebanon, and Online. Financial Aid and Scholarships are available. Visit www.rivervalley.edu to learn more.

Northeast Delta Dental Foundation Awards \$5K Grant To Mt. Ascutney Hospital

WINDSOR, VT – The Northeast Delta Dental Foundation recently awarded a \$5,000 grant to help fund the Windsor Smiles program at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC). A collaboration between MAHHC, Northeast Delta Dental, Windsor Elementary School, and Alice Peck Day Hospital, this program is designed to serve local children who have no access to regu-

lar dental care.

"Every child has a right to a healthy smile," said Jill Lord, RN, MS, Director of Community Health and Patient Care Services at MAHHC. "But dental insurance is sometimes beyond the reach of local families. It's a serious health issue, because dental problems and tooth decay can be harbingers of other health problems. The Windsor Smiles program was created to reach children in need with preventive health treatments and, if needed, referrals for follow-up care."

2016 is the third consecutive year that Northeast Delta Dental and MAHHC have partnered to bring dental services to local children, and according to Lord, the program's reach has expanded significantly.

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“This year, we saw improvement in several key areas related to dental health, which is an indication that the program is working,” said Lord. “More importantly, we were able to provide more children with preventive and protective care. It’s also significant that 100 percent of families contacted gave permission for their children to receive screenings, which is a wonderful achievement.”



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Lord noted that in 2016 about 40 percent of the students screened had a history of tooth decay. “In 2015, more than 50 percent of the students we evaluated had untreated tooth decay,” said Lord. “Through our Windsor Smiles program, we are helping to give more of these kids something to smile about.”

Kathleen Walker, Treasurer of the Northeast Delta Dental Foundation stated, “Northeast Delta Dental is proud to support the Windsor Smiles program at Mt. Ascutney Hospital. Oral health is a critical component of overall health and we enjoy partnering with organizations like Mt. Ascutney Hospital to share this message and work together to improve overall health.”

In addition to sponsoring Windsor Smiles, MAHHC also provides its pediatricians with special training in dental risk assessment, oral health education and fluoride treatment.

For more information, on Windsor Smiles at MAHHC, please visit www.mtascutneyhospital.org or call (802) 674-6711.

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The Kiwanis Club of Claremont has donated \$5,000 to the Arrowhead Recreation Area. On Thursday evening, Kiwanis President Bill Schroeter right, presented Chuck Allen of Arrowhead with a dollar bill which represented the check that the Kiwanis Club gave to Arrowhead (Bill Binder photo).

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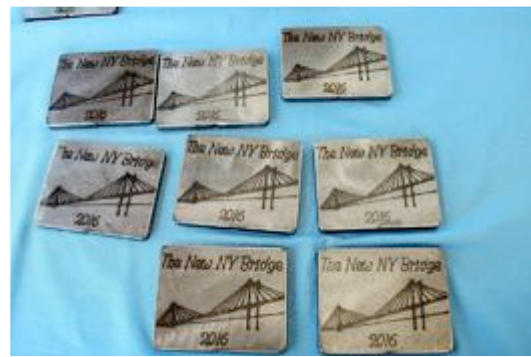
Official Groundbreaking...

Ground was broken for the North Country Smokehouse project in the Syd Clarke Industrial Park in Claremont on Tuesday, July 12. A large crowd of City officials and project and company officials attended the ceremony and the catered lunch. Mike Satzow, owner and founder of North Country Smokehouse, sold the 4th generation company to Canadian company Les Specialties Prodal last year. The new 66,900-square-foot facility will allow for expansion of the food processing, handling and shipping of the North Country Smokehouse products, and the company hopes to employ up to 70 employees. L to R—Nate LaRose—Director of Project Development for CMC Design Build, Aaron Corbett—COO of North Country Smokehouse, Lucien Breton—President of Aliments Breton, Inc., Mike Satzow—Executive VP of The Butcher Block, Serge Breton—President of Les Specialties Prodal and Philippe Bouchard—Director of Special Production for North Country Smokehouse (Bill Binder photo).



Open House...

Canam, a steel processing plant that specializes in building bridge parts, held an Open House at its River Road plant in Claremont on Saturday, July 16. Over 300 people took tours of the building and got a good look at the heavy machinery needed to fabricate the huge beams and other parts for the bridge projects that Canam has underway. This was the company's first Open House; see last week's issue of the *e-Ticker News* (go to our website at www.etickernewssofarclaremont.com and click on Archived Issues) to read a full-length feature on the Canam operation in Claremont. Insert: Those attending received a souvenir, pieces of the same steel that is being used to build the new New York Bridge (Bill Binder photos).



Process Of Searching For New City Manager Taking Shape

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--The process of searching for a new city manager began taking shape last week as the deadline for Requests For Qualifications (RFQs) was reached on Friday. According to Assistant Mayor Vic Bergeron on Saturday, the City received RFQs from five companies interested in helping Claremont search for a new city manager, a number he said was "good" and that he was comfortable with. None of them included what their price would be for that work, which he was also comfortable with, saying that he wanted to pick the company based on the best qualifications, not the cost.

Bergeron and Councilors Carolyn Towle and Scott Pope are forming a subcommittee to review the applications. Bergeron said that copies of all of the RFQs would be provided to all of the councilors. The three-member committee will review the applications and then make a recommendation to the full council.

There will also be a larger committee that will consider the top candidates for the job, once that phase of the process begins. Bergeron said he did not know at this time how many people would be on the committee or how they would go about picking committee members. As far as picking a new manager, he said, "We want someone who has served as an assistant city manager or as a city manager. We want the best person for the job."

In addition to discussing the city manager's search at Wednesday night's council meeting, councilors also approved a resolution to build a new hangar at the airport; the City has been awarded a grant of \$328,500 to construct the new, approximately 60' x 80' hangar from the FAA and \$18,500 from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. The City is also responsible for kicking in another \$18,500 as its share of project costs.

The new hangar will be built while the existing one continues to be used; once the new facility is completed, construction may begin as early as this fall, the old hangar will be demolished. The current space includes a pilot's lounge, office space and maintenance space. The second part of the project will be to build a terminal where the current hangar now stands.

Also at Wednesday night's meeting, Claremont Police Chief Alex Scott brought the council up to date on his department's efforts to create a Facebook page. "It's not as easy as we thought it would be as far as what can be posted on Facebook," he said, adding that they were not comfortable with the parameters of what can be posted and that they don't want to be in the position of having to "monitor posts." He said they are trying to work on finding a balance between those parameters and the goal of posting information from the department.

Councilor Nick Koloski, who has been urging the City to develop a social media presence, said that "Once you post, you can turn off comments."



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Preschool is due to begin on September 13, 2016, and will follow the Claremont School District calendar for attendance throughout the school year unless otherwise noted. If you are interested or know someone that is interested in participating in this exciting new opportunity, please contact Genie Mattice, Preschool Coordinator at 543-4294 x254 or gmattice@sau6.org.

How Should Investors Respond To “Brexit”?

As you know by now, the United Kingdom (U.K.) has voted to leave the European Union. The “Brexit” vote is expected to have major implications for Britain’s trade and economic relationships – but how might it affect you, as an individual investor?

At first glance, you might be worried. After all, right after the results came in, we saw a sharp decline in stock markets around the world, including here in the United States. And we may well see more volatility in the near term. But by taking a step back and looking at the big picture, you might see that the outlook for investors is nowhere near as gloomy as you may have thought.

Here are some suggestions for maintaining your perspective:

- Be patient. Despite the Brexit vote, it’s not so simple for the U.K. to just pack its bags and bid “adieu” to the European Union. In fact, it may take three or more years before the U.K. actually departs. This extended time period can give financial markets a chance to absorb the new reality – while giving investors time to ponder their long-term strategy.
- Don’t forget about the “fundamentals.” Financial markets dislike uncertainty, which is why they fell so sharply after Brexit. But the markets move much faster than the fundamentals that actually drive stock prices – and, despite Brexit, these fundamentals remain generally positive. In the U.S., economic growth is expected to continue in the 2%–2.5% range, and the prospects of a recession remain small. U.S. companies will continue to operate in Britain as before, and British companies will still participate in the global economy.
- Review your investment portfolio – and look for opportunities. If you’ve done a good job of building a diversified portfolio that’s based on your individual needs, goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, you may not need to take any action in the immediate aftermath of Brexit. Diversification is especially important, because it’s possible that some financial assets may be more negatively affected by Brexit than others; you can blunt this impact by owning a wide range of investments. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can ease the effects of volatility, it can’t guarantee profits or protect against all losses.) As you review your holdings, you may even want to consider adding international and U.S. stocks, if appropriate for your situation, to take advantage of the drop in price of many quality companies. As always, of course, be aware that the value of your shares will fluctuate and you may lose principal. Also, international investing does carry some special risks, mostly related to currency fluctuations and foreign political and economic events.
- Keep your focus on the long term. If Brexit-inspired volatility does go on for a while, keep your focus on your long-term financial goals, which have not changed. By staying focused on the “far horizon,” so to speak, you’ll be less tempted to make short-term moves that may not be in your best interest.

The Brexit vote may not be a positive development for the global economy. But we’ve gotten past bigger events in the past, including wars and other political crises, and we’ll get through this one, too. As the British themselves famously posted on their walls during World War II, “Keep Calm and Carry On.” That’s good advice for investors, too.

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Dartmouth Professor Sentenced In Child Porn Case

CONCORD, NH--John Martin Favor, 49, of Plainfield, NH, was sentenced last Monday to 66 months in prison by the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire, announced United States Attorney Emily Gray Rice.

In May 2015, authorities determined that an individual was uploading images of child pornography to an online bulletin board from the defendant's Plainfield residence. When a federal search warrant for that residence was subsequently executed, a large collection of child pornography – more than 500 videos and 300 still images – was located on the defendant's personal electronic devices, and the defendant confessed to law enforcement that he had been viewing child pornography for close to 15 years. Favor was an English and African Studies Professor at Dartmouth.

"Protecting children from sexual exploitation is a top priority of the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Hampshire," said U.S. Attorney Emily Gray Rice, "and prosecuting those who possess child pornography is crucial to destabilizing this black market and undermining the normalization of child sexual abuse."

The investigation was a collaborative effort between federal, state, and local authorities, which included Homeland Security Investigations Manchester, the New Hampshire Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the Police Departments of Hinsdale, Hampton, Plainfield, Rochester, and Portsmouth, NH, as well as the New Hampshire State Police.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nick Abramson.

In February 2006, the Department of Justice introduced Project Safe Childhood, a nation-

wide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led, in each district, by the United States Attorney's Office, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, and to identify and rescue victims.

Loon Death In Lempster's Long Pond Attributed To Lead Fishing Tackle

Two loon deaths from ingested lead fishing tackle have been documented in New Hampshire so far this summer. The first lead-poisoned loon was discovered June 17 on Long Pond in Lempster, NH. The loon was already deceased when it was found on the shoreline of an island on the pond. Radiographs at Meadow Pond Animal Hospital showed lead tackle in the loon's gizzard, and a necropsy found fishing line and two fishing jigs that tested positive for lead. The bird's body fluids were also tested and showed a high lead level, well above the threshold for clinical lead poisoning.

A second lead-poisoned loon was found on Cold Spring Pond in Stoddard, NH, on July 6. This male loon had been captured and released on July 1 in the course of routine banding. Blood tests conducted the following day revealed high lead levels, and Loon Preservation Committee (LPC) staff and volunteers began monitoring the pond closely. The loon was found deceased on Wednesday, but it likely died over the weekend. A

necropsy performed on July 11 showed a lead jig and fishing line in the loon's gizzard.

July and August are when lead-poisoned loons are most often found, which correlates with peak lake use and fishing in New Hampshire. The NH Fish and Game Department and the LPC urge anglers to stop using lead tackle to protect loons and other lake wildlife. Poisoning from lead fishing tackle is the leading cause of adult loon mortality in New Hampshire. According to the LPC, the loss of so many adults from this preventable cause of mortality has inhibited the recovery of loons in New Hampshire.

"Because loons do not breed on average until 6-7 years of age and have low reproductive success, it is important that adult loons survive for many years to produce surviving young," said Harry Vogel, Senior Biologist and Executive Director at LPC. "The loss of an adult loon may also result in the loss of that loon's nest or chicks, further negatively impacting the population."

These loon deaths come just weeks after the implementation of a new law strengthening the ban on lead fishing tackle in the state. New Hampshire was the first state in the nation to restrict the use of small lead fishing tackle in lakes and ponds beginning in 2000. Subsequent legislation to restrict the use of this tackle in all freshwater in New Hampshire took effect in 2005, and the sale was restricted beginning in 2006. A new law implemented on June 1, 2016, increased protection for loons and other waterfowl banning the sale and freshwater use of lead jigs weighing one ounce or less, regardless of length, adding to the previous ban on lead sinkers one ounce or less.

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Shaheen Staff To Hold Office Hours In Newport

NEWPORT, NH--U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen's staff will hold office hours in Newport in the coming weeks to help residents seeking assistance with federal agencies on issues such as veterans' benefits, federal taxes, housing, immigration, and Social Security in one-on-one meetings.

The Newport office hours will be held on Wednesday, July 27, from 11:00--11:45 a.m. at the Newport Senior Center, 76 S Main Street, Newport.

All area residents are welcome to attend. For more information on the services available, or if you have any questions, please call (603) 647-7500. Please note: These events will be attended by staff only. Senator Shaheen will not be present.

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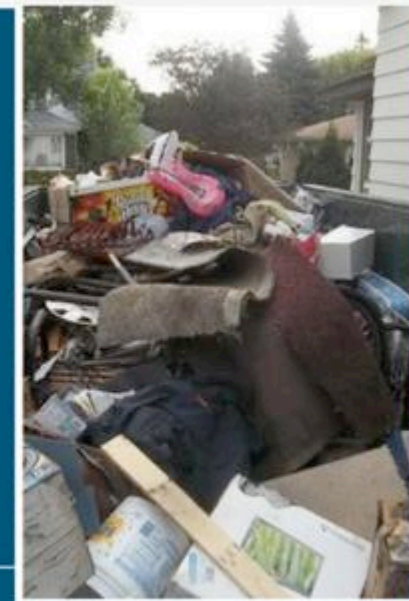
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- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Minutes
 - a. June 21, 2016
- IV. Business
 - a. Draft Vision Statement
 - b. Subcommittees update
- V. Correspondence
- VI. Other
- VII. Adjournment

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It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



New Stuff

About two weeks ago I was looking at the steaks in the supermarket when I saw a package labeled "New Item". It looked a bit like four filet mignon. Being the good carnivore that I am, I decided to give this a try.

Because this was my first dance with this cut, I treated them like any boneless steak. I seasoned them with salt and pepper and a little olive oil. When I put them in under the broiler I figured for a slightly longer cook time because they are thicker than a strip steak and more like a filet.

The result was superb. Tender, flavorful and very moist. Very moist because I didn't let them rest before serving. To be honest they looked too good and I couldn't wait to dig in.

There was immediate demand for me to get this cut again and to make it soon! So the following week I purchased another package of four. This time I cooked them on the grill. I treated them like filet mignon and the result was incredible to say the least.

The last time I did them on the grill, I used some Montreal Steak seasoning on two of the four. I prefer them with just salt and pepper and olive oil. Don't get me wrong, they were excellent with the seasoning, but for these I prefer the plain flavor.

So what is this new cut of beef? It's Boneless Top Butt Sirloin Tip Griller. It is priced at \$5.49/lb. Considering the price of filet, this is quite the bargain. Same texture and flavor at a more affordable price. I got a package of four for \$7.58. With sides, one should be enough for one person. They do vary in size, so that shouldn't be a problem. If I were serving Confirmed Carnivores (and you know who we are), I would allow two per person. They are going to love this little marvel. By the way, I have only seen this cut in Market Basket so far. If it takes off like flank steak did years ago, we may see higher prices.

Beef Fettuccine Dinner

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 ½ cups water
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- 1 can (11 ounces) whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese divided.

In a large skillet, cook the beef over medium heat until no longer pink, drain. Add water and bring to a boil. Stir in the fettuccine mix, tomato sauce and chili powder. Return to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer uncovered for about 7 minutes or until thickened. Stir in corn and 2/3 cup cheese, heat through. Sprinkle with the rest of the cheese and serve.

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Storm Remnants....

On July 19, 2015, a severe storm ripped through the area, downing trees, power lines and taking the life of a young driver when part of a tree came down and landed on his car as he was driving on Chestnut St. in Claremont. John Jensenius, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Gray, ME, confirmed recently with the *e-Ticker News* that the event was a microburst. "Based on phone interviews with people in the area, it was determined to be a straight-line wind damage event that hit the Claremont/Newport area. Based on the pattern of the damage, it would be considered a microburst. High instability and increasing shear helped to develop more organized super-cells and lines of thunderstorms," said Jensenius. Some 3,000 power customers in Claremont alone lost service, and some people in the City and the surrounding area were without power for three days. Remnants of the storm can still be seen in different places, including Chestnut Street Extension, where much of the damage took place, such as the large uprooted tree shown here (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo).



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“Sun”-day....

This turtle at Crescent Lake in Acworth decided to take advantage of a sunny day and catch a few rays. Of course, a refreshing dip in the lake was not very far away (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo).



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Claremont Confidential

By Les St.Pierre



Sister Cece

She epitomizes exactly what a “patient ambassador” should be. It is safe to say when Valley Regional Hospital officials hired Cecilia Ferland to take over that precise role, they got more than they bargained for. Ferland, referred to as “Sister Cece” by those close to her, greets those who stroll through the main entrance at VRH with an ever-present smile and caring demeanor putting even the most distraught individual comfortably at ease.

“I love my Valley Regional job,” Sister Cece excitedly reported over the weekend while being interviewed at her Mulberry Street apartment. “I really do enjoy my hospital work. To work at the hospital is a gift to me and it was a natural fit because I knew so many people in Claremont,” she continued, admitting she has been at the front desk the past 12 years. “It is just such a wonderful opportunity to be with people in a time when they are vulnerable, needing support, just feeling like they need someone to be there for them. It is a special time for me that I am allowed to be in their lives. It is an opportunity to be pastoral, to share my mercy spirit in a compassionate way.”

Obtaining her occupation at VRH did not come easy as it took half of one year to land the position. “I kinda was shocked it took me six months to get a job,” Ferland stated. “I was 54 at the time and I really didn't anticipate that my age would be a factor in getting a job. It took me six months to find the right job.” But, in the end, as is the case so many times, thanks to who she knew, or who knew her, things worked out. A fellow parishioner of St. Mary Parish, Richard Brown, notified her of a couple of openings at VRH and she showed up without an appointment and met Annette Elliott who, in Ferland's words, “was the biggest cheerleader for anyone from St. Mary's.” Claire Bowen, VRH President at the time and, also, another parish member, told human resources to grant Ferland an interview and the rest, as they say, is history.

Ferland, too, is a volunteer in the hospice program, tending to those often with six months or less to live. “The opportunity to visit patients in their homes or in the hospital is an area I really feel deeply involved in,” Ferland added. “I am nurtured as much as I bring to other people. I gain so much from visiting these patients, comforting the sorrowful and the grieving.”

The “Sister Cece” comes from the fact Ferland entered religious life right out of high school becoming a Sister of Mercy. A graduate of St. Mary High School in 1966, Ferland had lived most of her life on Moody Avenue with her parents, Alcide and Elsie Ferland. While at St. Mary's, Ferland was a member of the famed Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps, in the Catholic Youth Organization, and in Sodality to Mary. She came back to Claremont for good in 1992 after having lived in Windham, Hooksett, and Concord and Swampscott, Greenfield, and Springfield, MA, completing college at Mount Saint Mary's and obtaining a masters degree from Notre Dame. She had various jobs along the way, including administrative assistant working in admissions at Marion Court College, business manager at Bishop Brady High School, and in financial positions at Mount Saint Mary Seminary and the Institute of Community Economics (ICE).

“I entered religious life when I was 17,” Ferland explained. “I was pretty young at the time, but I didn't think so. My father wanted me to delay the process. I couldn't understand it then, but now I look at 17 and 18 years of age and it's no wonder my father didn't want me to enter the community at that age.”

Ferland stated there was no one incident that steered her to convent life but that her 12 years of Catholic schooling certainly played an integral part in her decision. “In first grade I met Sister Benedicta and I began to think I wanted to be a Sister of Mercy,” Ferland recalled. “I put it out of my mind until I became a senior and that is when I knew that is what I really wanted to do. I was influenced by a number of sisters I had in school and my eighth grade teacher was Sister Anastasia,

who was wonderful. All of my sisters I had in school had an influence in my vocation. I was intrigued by the joyfulness of it and the ministry of service. At the time it was education and nursing which were the avenues I entered. Nowadays those two areas have been topped by social work and social justice.”

Continuing, Ferland went on to explain, “There were 20 Sisters of Mercy here when I was young and there was a real strong presence, both through the education that was provided all 12 years of schooling and through visitations at nursing homes. Their presence at wakes and funerals, hospital visitations, all the works of mercy were so prevalent here when I was growing up. It certainly influenced my choice in what I was going to do. The needs are still very great here.”

Claremonters will have the chance to meet and converse with Sister Cece at a special 50th Anniversary Celebration commemorating Ferland's entrance into the Sisters of Mercy to be held July 31 at the Student Conservation Building on the River Road in Charlestown. All told, a total of 11 New Hampshire Sisters of Mercy will be celebrating milestone anniversaries later in the year, including another Claremont woman, Denise Therriault, who will be giving

praise to her 65th year as a sister of Mercy.

Sister Cece remains the only one standing of the 14 who entered the sisterhood when she first went in 50 years ago. Some have died, but most left on their own accord.

“I'm going solo!” Ferland said, laughingly.

Turning serious, Sister Cece had a parting shot. “As I reflect on my years of Mercy,” she penned on a slip of paper, “I am filled with gratitude for my supportive family who nurtured and nourished me in my faith development; all of the sisters of Mercy who educated, guided me and welcomed me as one of their own. Catherine McAuley (the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, Dublin, Ireland, 1831) and Frances Warde (the American foundress, who modeled love for the poor, commitment to justice, courage and risk-taking; all of you wonderful women who have mentored me and walked by my side in this Mercy journey; and for all the enriching experiences of ministry in education, parish work and healthcare.”



Sister “Cece” Ferland (Les St.Pierre photo)