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State Grants Announced For War On Opioid Epidemic; \$18,000 Slated For County

CONCORD, NH--On Wednesday, Governor Maggie Hassan joined state public safety officials to announce state grants to support local law enforcement across New Hampshire, funded by the bipartisan legislation expanding Operation Granite Hammer statewide that the Governor signed when it was sent to her in June.

"While we focus on strengthening prevention, treatment and recovery, we must also do everything that we can to support law enforcement and other first responders on the front lines combating the heroin and opioid epidemic in New Hampshire, including the increased prevalence of fentanyl in this crisis," Hassan said. "Building on our success with a pilot through Manchester's Operation Granite Hammer, we are announcing today \$1.5 million in grants to support local law enforcement in seizing illicit drugs and arresting dealers, as well to continue supporting the State Police Forensic Laboratory's efforts to reduce case backlog and the New Hampshire State Police partnerships with communities statewide.

"I thank our dedicated law enforcement officers, first responders and public safety officials for their efforts day in and day out to combat this crisis," Hassan said. "I know that you will continue to help lead the way in this fight, and we will continue to look for additional creative ways we can make more resources available to support your efforts."

Each local law enforcement agency that applied for a grant is receiving funding, which will be distributed to communities across the state. Local law enforcement agencies receiving funding include: the police departments in Manchester, Nashua, Concord, Portsmouth, Keene, Laconia, Franklin, Lebanon, Canaan and Berlin; and the Sheriff's offices in Carroll, Cheshire, Hillsborough, Rockingham and Strafford counties – as well as one final pend-

Town	Final eligible Award Amount
Strafford County	\$ 83,762.00
Hillsborough County	\$ 105,000.00
Manchester	\$ 395,058.60
Nashua	\$ 249,266.77
Rockingham County	\$ 67,024.00
Concord	\$ 74,686.30
Portsmouth	\$ 59,324.03
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Cheshire County	\$ 30,420.00
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Laconia	\$ 76,956.00
Franklin	\$ 28,800.00
Lebanon	\$ 9,113.76
Canaan	\$ 7,433.00
Berlin	\$ 17,981.32
Total to date	\$ 1,249,901.78
Pending : Sullivan County	\$ 18,000.00
Total by end of award cycle	\$ 1,267,901.78

ing application for Sullivan County. Additional funding through the initiative will be used to continue supporting the State Police Forensic

Laboratory's efforts to reduce case backlog and the New Hampshire State Police partnership **(Graph supplied by Governor's office).**

Name Of Officer In City Shooting Released By Attorney General's Office; Funeral Held For Lafont

**By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News**

CLAREMONT, NH--On Friday, the New Hampshire Attorney General's office released the name of the Claremont Police officer involved in the shooting case that took the life of

a 25-year-old Claremont man.

Attorney General Joseph A. Foster and Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Safety and Acting Colonel of the State Police Robert Quinn announced around midday that the name of the officer who shot Cody Lafont **(Continued on page A2)**

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on September 25th is Corporal Ian Kibbe, a 2-1/2-year member of the Claremont Police Department. Kibbe was the only officer present at the time of the shooting. There was no recording device that captured the shooting, as the department does not have body cameras or cruiser cameras, said the AG's office.

Prior to coming to the Claremont Police force, Kibbe served in Windsor, VT, for two years, serving as the police department's AFIS and Fleet Supervisor Officer. He resigned in March of 2014 and joined the Claremont PD. According to online documents, Kibbe started his law enforcement career in February of 2011 when he graduated from the 110th Vermont Correctional Academy; he took a job the Southern State Correctional Facility. In 2012 Kibbe, along with two others, received a Medal of Valor for responding to the aid of an inmate "who had seriously injured himself with a handmade weapon."

A Mass of Christian Burial for Lafont was celebrated on Friday at St. Mary's Church with the Rev. John Loughnane, Pastor of All Saints Parish in Charlestown, NH, officiating. Inter-

ment followed in St. Mary's Cemetery. A complete obituary for Lafont may be found in Section B.

Also on Friday, Claremont Police Chief Alex Scott issued a statement regarding the investigation into the shooting. In the statement, Scott reminded the public, and particularly individuals unable or unwilling to give the investigation time to be brought to an official conclusion, that "inquiries concerning the ongoing investigation into this matter should be directed to the investigating agency, the NH State Police Major Crimes Unit and the Attorney General's Office. As is standard practice in any use of force incident of this nature, the involved officer is automatically removed from line-duty assignment pending completion of the Attorney General's Office investigation and an administrative review.

"The Claremont Police Department is not provided with any information concerning the ongoing investigation until the investigation is complete and the Attorney General's Office issues its final report on the incident. We appreciate and understand the community wishes for quick answers but must respect the integrity of the investigative process to ensure the most accurate outcome," said Scott.

Also on Friday, a planned rally and protest held in Claremont in Broad St. Park drew only about a dozen people for a short period of time. It was organized by William Rhodes of Newport who admitted publicly that he did not know Lafont but nonetheless was calling for "justice" for the 25-year-old. Rhodes compiled a list of "demands" that he wants from the Claremont Police Department and Attorney General's office and invited Republican State Rep. Max Abramson to attend the protest. Running as a Libertarian for governor, Abramson was "convicted of a felony in 2012 in Rockingham Superior

Court. He was found guilty of reckless conduct for firing a handgun during a party in his Seabrook home on Dec. 19, 2010," according to Seacoastonline.com. He "was fined \$500 and ordered to complete 200 community service hours, and he received a suspended sentence of 12 months in a house of corrections for two years."

Abramson moved to New Hampshire in 2004 as part of the Free State Project. The Free State Project is a political migration, founded in 2001, to recruit at least 20,000 libertarians to move to a single low-population state (New Hampshire, selected in 2003) in order to make the state a stronghold for libertarian ideas.

With concerns that the rally and protest might turn violent, many opted for another way to remember Lafont and skipped the downtown gathering. Family members of and many of those who knew Lafont remembered him at the Claremont Speedway Friday night, a place where he spent his Friday nights. There was a moment of silence, a parade of race cars and his mother, Tracy McEachern, drove Lafont's blue Mini Cooper around the track.

The investigation is ongoing and it is anticipated that a conclusion regarding whether the officer's actions were lawful will be released in the coming weeks, said the AG's office on Friday.

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Commentary

Political Tapestry

By Pat Kinne
Sullivan County Democrat Chair

Tapestry is defined as an intricate or complex combination of things or sequence of events. Politics can be complex and confusing. Executive Council, NH Senate and NH House districts are all different. It can be difficult to know who is running to represent you. It is my intention to explain Democratic positions and to introduce the candidates for Sullivan County.

NH Democratic Party Platform/Executive Council Candidates

A political party platform is a series of positions on political issues to promote a party. The NH Democratic Party Platform addresses such issues as: Education, health care, environment and agriculture, public safety, transportation and infrastructure, energy, preserving the safety net for our most vulnerable citizens and much more. Democrats care about families, students and seniors. We believe that public education should be available from early childhood to college, health care comprehensive and affordable, environment preserved for generations to come, the right of every voter to vote, investing in our infrastructure and interconnected transportation system as well as good jobs with fair wages. Democrats support reducing our dependence on fossil fuels and to promote the use of sustainable and renewable sources of energy. Go to www.nhdp.org to view the complete platform.

The Executive Council

There are five Executive Councilors elected by their constituents to serve as advocates every two years concurrently with the Governor. Each councilor represents one fifth of the population, approximately 263,000 people. Their duties include confirmation of NH judicial nominees, approval of NH government department heads and state board members. New Hampshire’s 10-year transportation plan (includes roads, bridges and rail) and contracts of more than \$25,000 also require the executive councils’ approval.

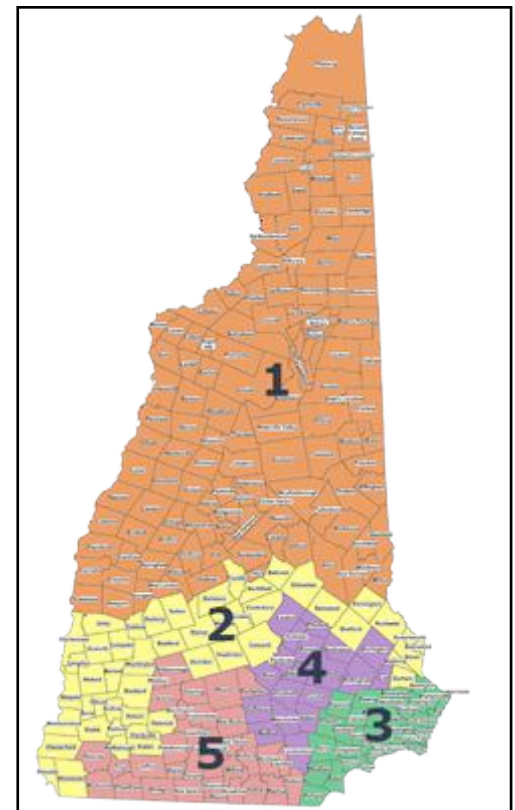
Andru Volinsky is the Democratic Executive Council Dist. 2 candidate representing the towns of Acworth, Langdon, Lempster, Unity, Washington, Charlestown and Goshen in Sullivan County. An activist lawyer, Andru represented Claremont in the school funding suit. He supports Medicaid Expansion, a Capital Corridor Commuter Rail Plan, the protection of public workers pensions and criminal justice reform.

Visit Andru’s website - www.volinskynh.com

Mike Cryans is the Democratic Executive Council Dist. 1 candidate representing the towns of Claremont, Cornish, Croydon Grantham, Newport, Plainfield, Springfield and Sunapee in Sullivan County. Mike is currently a Grafton County Commissioner and serves on the boards of Alice Peck Day Hospital and the Unique College Savings Plan. His priorities include constituent service and combating the opioid/fentanyl/heroin crisis. Visit Mike’s website – www.mikecryans.org.

Vote for Andru or Mike who will advocate for you and move NH forward.

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Commentary

Letter To The Editor

Socialist Liberalism Is Not Really Working

To The Editor:

After reading Meg Hansen's article in the *Eagle Times*, it is evident that the state of Vermont is growing back its middle ground. Ms. Hansen wrote that "thirty-three percent of Vermont Republican primary voters in 2016 identified as "moderate or liberal," and 40 percent of Vermont Democratic primary voters as "moderate or conservative." I can't think of any states more socialist liberal than Vermont and California.

To me the term "moderate" in the Republican context is "most commonly expressed as fiscal conservatism." Moderate fiscal conservative Republicans support low taxes, free enterprise, and economic growth, while favoring a limited government and valuing personal freedom.

I agree with Ms. Hansen that "some claim that moderates tend to appreciate all sides of complex issues." She also wrote, "Since there can be no social or political freedom without economic freedom first, Republicans (moderate and otherwise) advocate for the latter in the form of lower taxes, state spending and debt, and do not support income redistribution through high taxes and welfare expansion or government regulations on wages, prices, and industry standards." I believe that as a society we have a responsibility to care for the elderly and disabled, but even this must be handled in a fiscally conservative manner. I believe, as do many others, that there are a lot of people living on social welfare who should not be there because they are able-bodied and could work. It's no secret that we have plenty of bloated bureaucracies, called state agencies. Each one of these agencies needs to be looked at very carefully through a moderate fiscal conservative lens. Those wasted funds need to be reallocated and redistributed to the important 'must-haves' of our society. The legislature needs to adopt public policy granting the legislature heavy oversight over those state agencies.

Why would we want to adopt the socialist liberal stance here in New Hampshire? We, the people, want to keep our Constitution, Bill of Rights, and public oversight over government. All of these are being threatened by socialist liberalism.

Francis Gauthier
Claremont, NH

Kuster Calls For Criminal Investigations Into Potential Perjury By VA Witnesses

WASHINGTON, DC--Congresswoman Annie Kuster (NH-02), a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, is calling on Attorney General Loretta Lynch to launch investigations into whether former VA construction chief Glenn Haggstrom and other VA officials committed perjury in statements before Congress regarding the Aurora, Colorado VA medical center. The bipartisan letter follows a scathing report by the VA Office of Inspector General (OIG) on cost overruns and mismanagement at the center. Kuster was joined on the letter by senior member so the Veterans' Affairs Committee including Chairman Miller and Acting Ranking Member Takano.

"The reports of mismanagement and severe cost overruns at the VA facility in Colorado are incredibly serious and must be thoroughly investigated," said Kuster. "If VA officials misrepresented the situation in Colorado to Congress or attempted to mislead the Veterans' Affairs Committee they must be held responsible."

Ayotte Announces DOJ Grants For UNH, St. Anselm College

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte announced Friday that the University of New Hampshire (UNH) and Saint Anselm College have been awarded grants from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). Saint Anselm College has been awarded a grant to support campus

efforts to prevent sexual assault and better support survivors of sexual violence, domestic violence, and stalking. UNH has been awarded a Research and Evaluation Initiative grant to research and evaluate approaches to combating domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking.

Saint Anselm College will receive \$297,311 from the Grants to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking on Campus Program to enhance victim services, implement prevention and education programs, and develop and strengthen security, investigation, and prosecution strategies.

UNH will receive \$398,857 from the OVW Research and Education Initiative to conduct a process and outcome evaluation of the Support, Education, Empowerment, and Directions (SEEDs) Program. The SEEDs program provides safe, sober living environments for women and their children affected by substance use disorders and domestic and sexual violence.

Shaheen Introduces Legislation to Improve Assistance For Women Veterans

WASHINGTON, DC--U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) has introduced new legislation to improve services for women veterans experiencing domestic violence. Studies suggest that women veterans are at particular risk of experience domestic violence and are often unaware of the full-range of potentially lifesaving benefits available through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The Violence Against Women Veterans Act would direct the VA to better coordinate with, and provide training for, local domestic violence shelters and rape crisis centers so that veterans are identified when seeking support and informed of the range of services provided by the Department. The bill would also direct the VA to establish a National Task Force on Domestic Violence in order to better understand the causes of domestic violence among veterans, and provide better support to those at risk of experiencing or committing domestic violence.

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Council Takes No Action On Efficiency Audit Idea For CSBCC

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH--At the City Council meeting Wednesday night, councilors discussed and debated but took no action on a proposal to conduct an efficiency audit of the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center to see if it's possible to better use its assets while being more cost-effective. The Parks and Recreation Department received three responses to its RFP, with costs ranging from \$32,900 to \$44,999. While some councilors liked the idea of an efficiency audit, several balked at spending some \$33,000 on the proposal, especially if the City chose in the end not to act on any recommendations from the study.

The idea for an audit grew from a request last spring during the budget season from the Parks and Recreation Department for a full-time maintenance person at a cost of about \$60,000; the request was denied, with council members saying they wanted the operation to be reviewed to be assured it was running as efficiently as possible.

Ballard King & Associates, of Highlands Ranch, CO, submitted the lowest of the three bids. It is the same company that provided a rate structure for the community center before it opened in 2013. If the audit were to be conducted, Ballard King would be expected to do an on-site visit as part of its job.

Councilor John Simonds was the most vocal in opposing the proposal, saying that he was "not for spending \$33,000 to see if we're running it efficiently when we have a department head to run it." Simonds said that he could understand supporting it if the cost was around \$5,000 but said, "This is a tremendous amount of money."

Councilor Nick Koloski said that he concurred with Simonds, saying that the amount was half of what Parks & Rec Director Mark Brislin had requested for the maintenance position requested at budget time.

Mayor Charlene Lovett was the proposal's strongest proponent, saying it was "an opportunity" to have someone else look at an operation like this. Councilor Bruce Temple worried that nothing would come of it, and Councilor Allen Damren said that while the concept was good, he was "a little stunned" by the cost.

The matter will be revisited at the Oct. 12 council meeting as a public hearing.



NH Executive Councilor Joe Kenney, right, recently met up with Claremont historical reenactors Steve and Sharon Wood at the Tamworth Economic Development Resource Fair at the Carroll County Learning Center (Courtesy photo).

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A Final Farewell To Fr. George Majka

The Funeral Mass and Rite of Final Commendation was held Thursday at St. Joseph Church in Claremont for the Rev. George Majka, who most recently had served as pastor of St. Joe's Parish; he had served in a number of parishes throughout the state. He died last month while on vacation in the Dominican Republic. Over 25 priests participated, and the Most Rev. Peter Libasci, Bishop of Manchester, was the main celebrant (top right photo); two other bishops also attended the service, and the Knights of Columbus served as an Honor Guard. The church was filled with parishioners and visitors for this final goodbye for the much beloved priest. See related story, page A9.

Photos By Bill Binder

Family Thanks Community For Funeral Service For Fr. George Majka

Submitted By Teresa Glynn

My name is Teresa, and my father Richard is "Uncle" George's cousin. We have all grown up with Fr. George Majka being known as our beloved Uncle George, the loving happy man of Christ who blessed us with his smile, his singing and his accordion every time we saw him. My dad was an only child, as was his cousin George who was led to priesthood. They have another cousin Zanona, also an only child who resides in Poland still.

I was asked to submit an article about what our family's feelings were for his amazing funeral Mass that was held on Thursday, September 29th, in his home church, St. Joseph's in Claremont, NH. I can tell you that as our family entered the church that day, the first thing that we were impressed with was the Knights of Columbus that were in full dress uniform, with swords guarding his casket. We were told that they changed guards every 15 minutes, and when my mother, Grace, thanked them for their attendance that day, the man said, "It is our honor to serve the Lord in this way". That started to set the tone for an outpouring of love and devotion we did not expect.

As the time drew close to 11 o'clock to start the Mass, we saw the procession of nearly 30 priests and deacons, and three bishops come down the aisle, all to pay respects to our dear Uncle George. Aside from an ordination Mass, I have never seen that many priests in one church at one time. It was such a beautiful and impressive sight to see, and it truly took my breath away. They were all adorned in white robes, and I felt that they were some of God's angels here on earth, gathering to rejoice that one of their own is now in the company of Heaven.

The large Polish community in attendance was also a wonderful honor to my father Richard, born in Poland himself, and made us happy that Uncle George was with so many that shared our traditions during these last several years of his life. Songs were sung in their native language, and that too brought nods of recognition from those who speak Polish in attendance.

For me, I wanted to write a small tribute to him which I did, but I had it translated in Polish



Fr. George was well known for his love of music, singing and spending time with children (Courtesy photo).

so that it would be read "Just for Uncle George" – and I was thrilled that a lovely lady of the parish agreed to read it for me at the pulpit. The priests (many who were ordained with Uncle George in the early 1970s) who spoke about him were visibly moved as well as we all took time to remember with fond memories all the wonderful attributes that this man possessed. The way he lived his life, so grateful, so simple. The way he loved nature and loved the Lord. Many things that we all know to be true about this great man were spoken on that day and that added to the amazing respect we felt from all in attendance.

As we left the church, still gripped with sorrow, we felt as though we had just witnessed a rare event. Our family was truly touched by all the love and outpouring that we received that day. So many people approached my parents and myself and my brother to tell us how much they loved Uncle George and will miss him

dearly. We were instantly welcomed into St. Joseph's Church as "one of their own", with an extent of invitation to come back again soon. And we felt as though we were blessed with a piece of our dear departed relative to hold on to, for just a bit of a reminder of the love we all shared for him together.

On behalf of all my family, we thank you. We are:

Richard G. Jegorow SR and his wife Gracelyn of Haverhill, MA;

Richard G. Jegorow JR and his wife Michelle of Merrimac, MA;

Peter J. Jegorow of Haverhill, MA;

Teresa (Jegorow) Glynn and her husband Thomas of Haverhill, MA;

Andrew J. Jegorow of Haverhill, MA;

And nieces and nephews Kylee, Ricky, Nicholas, Matthew, Meghan, Jakub and Zackary.

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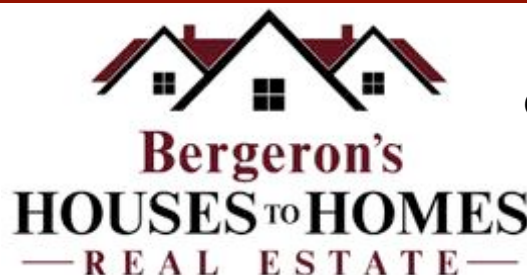
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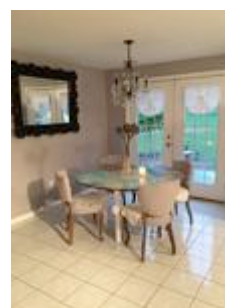


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Artist's "Paint-A-Thon" Campaign For Charity Continues

CLAREMONT, NH--Brunswick, ME, artist Maria Castellano-Usery continues her work of "art philanthropy for the budget-conscious."
 On Friday, October 14th, to celebrate her growing program, Brushstrokes with Impact, Castellano-Usery invites the Claremont community to join her at 84 Pleasant Street (right next to the Pleasant Street Restaurant) where she will be having a "pop-up" art show and "Paint-a-Thon," complete with a raffle featuring the finished painting as the prize.

Thanks to the Greater Claremont Board of Realtors and the Pleasant Street Restaurant, she will set up her easel in the front window of 84 Pleasant Street and have a day-long "Paint-a-Thon" during business hours (10am to 6pm, roughly). Raffle tickets for the completed 8" x 8" acrylic painting will be sold both in person and online (\$5 each, 3 for \$10) with the winning ticket being drawn the evening of Friday, October 14th. Castellano-Usery will be donating 50% of the proceeds from raffle ticket sales to Realtors Against Homelessness. Additionally, 10% of all her art sales from her "pop-up" show at 84 Pleasant Street (excluding magnets) will be donated to Realtors Against Homelessness.

This is the 11th event in her series where she works with other local businesses and various charities that are meaningful to her, she said. Castellano-Usery's first event took place in December 2015, and she has since raised over \$1,650 for national and local charities. If you are interested in creating a future collaboration, please email maria@brushstrokesbymaria.com. Go to www.brushstrokesbymaria.com for more info.

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CFD To Kick Off Fill The Boot Fundraiser

CLAREMONT, NH--Members of the Professional Firefighters of Claremont, Local 1571, along with the Muscular Dystrophy Association will kick off the fire fighters' annual Fill the Boot fundraising campaign to help save and improve the lives of people fighting muscle disease in the Claremont area. Muscular dystrophy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and other related life-threatening diseases take away people's ability to walk, move, smile, talk and even breathe.

Multiple members from the Professional Firefighters of Claremont, Local 1571 will be present at Walmart on October 9th, with boots in hand for this year's boot drive. "For more than six decades fire fighters have stood on the front lines for MDA, striving to make a difference in the lives of those affected by muscle disease," said Bill Hardy, Local 1571 member. "Funds raised through the 2016 Fill the Boot event will build on decades of research, which in hopes will help find a cure for the horrific disease." The International Association of Firefighter's support for MDA began in 1954 when the organization committed by proclamation to support MDA until a cure is found, and the organization's unwavering commitment to MDA has remained strong to this day. The IAFF raised \$100,000 for MDA in 1955, and \$1 million in 1970, and fire fighters continue to raise the bar in their fundraising efforts. To date the IAFF has raised \$558 million for MDA.

Firemen's Parade Oct. 14

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Claremont Confidential

By Les St.Pierre



Claremonters Travel To Cuba

"It's something Mary has always wanted to do," said Tom Buinicky in a recent interview referring to his wife, Mary Ferland. "This couple we know in Arizona had done the very same trip we did and it was recommended, so we decided to do the same thing."

Thus, the two Claremont residents wound up doing what has been done by very few, if any, other Claremonters....they traveled to Cuba.

Fresh off their recent journey to the largest island in the Caribbean, Buinicky and Ferland were excited to reveal their itinerary and impressions about the heretofore hands-off land just 90 miles off the southern coast of Florida.

"I was not disappointed at all," Ferland emphasized. "The people were very friendly. We were very welcomed. They know we are their bread and butter. They were very happy to show us around. By our standards Cuba is still a third world country, but we didn't get the feeling they detest the system they live under."

Buinicky added, "I would recommend it to anyone who wants a different experience. It is somewhat eye-opening. I did not know really what to expect. I think I expected it to be more modern than it was. This is the 21st century. I was amazed at how rural it was outside the city with its rundown villages and dirt streets. There is poverty there, but for being so poor they are still upbeat and fun-loving people. That's what is so amazing. We enjoyed their music and really thoroughly enjoyed the experience."

Of course, the "city" mentioned is Havana, the largest and most populated place on the island and its capital. Havana is where Buinicky and Ferland spent the first three days and nights of their one-week adventurous excursion, resting their travel-worn bodies at the Hotel Nacional, a beautiful, architectural delight that has seen the

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Cuba, from A15

likes of Olympic swimmer and movie actor Johnny Weissmuller, actress Ava Gardner, the highest rated model in Europe, Naomi Campbell, and Iranian ex-queen, the princess Soraya, to name a few, grace its list of guests. The latter part of the two Claremonters' stay was spent at Melia Varadero, a beachside resort some two and one-half hours away from their Havana stopover.

The itinerary for their trip was set up by Friendly Planet, a tour company based in Pennsylvania. Buinicky and Ferland were kept very active visiting a cigar factory, a primary school, horticultural and botanical gardens, a guided tour along the old cobblestone streets of Old Havana, a rations store, a coffee plantation, Ernest Hemingway's home and the fishing village that was the setting for his classic "The Old Man and the Sea," and, of course, dining out at paladars, private restaurants.

Ferland, who admitted to taking "pretty copious notes," explained, "The food is not very good in Cuba. It is very bland. But we did eat plentifully." To which Buinicky added, "The food was not very spicy. There are very few vegetables. Every meal seems to come with black beans and rice." Ferland did mention fish is an excellent food on the island-nation and her meal of red snapper was presented nicely, but with just a salad.

The two bought some school supplies from Claremont's Dollar Store before they departed and handed them out to the school children upon their visit. "They are hard to come by there," Ferland reported. "They were very appreciative of us giving them those supplies."

Education and medical costs are free under the Cuban way of life, and most everyone gets a ration of 50-60 cucs per month, according to the Claremont couple (\$50-\$60). Everything is run by the government and it is not strange to

see posters and signs of "Fidel" (Castro) and "Che" (Guevero), still revered as heroes. The two units of currency are the peso and the cuc (convertible peso). Buinicky pointed out the black market is alive and well in Cuba and doctors and lawyers don't make much money and often have second, private jobs. "They make more money on getting tips from tour-



This photo of Mary Ferland and Tom Buinicky was taken at the home of author Ernest Hemingway, known as Finca Vigia, in Cuba (Courtesy photo).

ists," he stated.

Buinicky and Ferland were part of a group consisting of eight couples, spread among Virginia, Washington, New Jersey, and California. American Airlines was the sole transportation unit responsible for their getting them back on forth with Boston to Miami, Miami to Havana, Havana to Miami, and Miami to Boston flights. The two are no strangers to traveling having also gone to such places as England, France, Italy, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Argentina, and Australia.

The two Claremonters have had to overcome hardships in their lives and travel has been a mainstay since the two became one. Buinicky is a 1966 graduate of Stevens High School and a 1970 graduate of the University of New Hampshire where he majored in zoology. He is a retiree of the Claremont Fire De-

partment and a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army's ROTC program. His parents, Al and Edith, prominent in the Maple Avenue area of Claremont, both perished in an automobile accident in Florida. His former wife, Jill, who he met at UNH, died from cancer in 2000. Ferland is a graduate of Panama High School, Panama, NY, and majored in Library Education

at SUNY Geneseo. She also holds a Masters Degree in Library Science from the University of Rhode Island. Her former husband, Norm, who she met in Syracuse, NY, while he was in the United States Air Force learning the Russian language, died in 1999 from prostate cancer.

Both were quick to say one can't just get up and go to Cuba on a whim. "You must have a reason to go," they said in unison. "You have to qualify. It is a people-to-people exchange and has to be of an artistic, educational, musical or sports oriented reason. You need to have a visa."

Buinicky, who loves baseball and golf, reported, "Baseball is the national sport down there. You say, "Red Sox" to them and, boy, they all know Red Sox!. There is only one golf course in Cuba (in Havana) but I never saw anyone

playing. They can't afford it. It's mainly for the tourists."

Now that President Obama has opened the way to travel to Cuba (he is the first sitting president in 88 years to visit the island) Buinicky sees nothing but good to come of the now lifted ban on travel. "I imagine us developing ports for cruise ships, and putting up Golden Arches down the road. It's going to take years and years, but once the Castro influence goes away and the chance for less socialism comes, they will open themselves for more development. Ultimately, it will be good for the Cubans."

"It was like stepping back 50 or 60 years, maybe more," Ferland quipped. "Nothing modern down there. I am just glad we had the opportunity to go!"

e-Ticker Business News

Valley Regional Becomes Only Alpha-1 Clinical Resource Center In NH

CLAREMONT, NH--Valley Regional Health-care has been designated as an Alpha-1 Clinical Resource Center by the Alpha-1 Foundation, a group committed to finding a cure for Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency and to improving the lives of people affected by Alpha-1 worldwide. Dr. Donald Mahler and his team were invited to apply to the Alpha-1 Foundation to be a Clinical Resource Center due to their work in this field.



The hospital has diagnosed four patients with Alpha-1 deficiency emphysema in the past 18 months, thanks to diligent testing of all of patients with COPD who come into the Kane Center at the hospital. Mahler was Director of a Clinical Resource Center while at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, until his retirement there in July 2014. Valley Regional is the only Alpha-1 site in New Hampshire.

Edson Joins VNH As Rehabilitation Manager

WHITE RIVER JCT., VT--David Edson has been named Rehabilitation Manager for Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH). Prior to joining VNH, he was the Director of Rehabilitation for Genesis Rehabilitation Services at Kendal at Hanover. David also worked as a staff therapist at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center for 15

years where he gained experience, knowledge and expertise in many different areas of physical therapy.

In this position, Edson will be responsible for manage-



David Edson

ment of the therapy team and rehabilitation program in the North territory of VNH's service area.

"I am very excited to be joining the rehabilitation team at VNH. I have worked as a Physical Therapist in the Upper Valley for almost 20 years and know how important VNH rehab is to the continuum of care for many patients," he said. "VNH has a very experienced, skilled and caring staff who keep the patients at the center of everything they do. I look forward to helping lead this team and ensure that they have the necessary resources and support to continue to make a difference in the lives of the people they serve."

"We are very excited to have David joining the VNH rehabilitation and management team. He is known by many members of our current staff and came highly recommended," said VNH Chief Clinical Officer Catherine Cullen. "His background and experience will

bring a new perspective to the management team and will contribute to future growth and successes in the agency."

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Jaffrey Co. Sentenced On Solid Waste Felonies

CONCORD, NH--New Hampshire Attorney General Joseph A. Foster, U.S. EPA Criminal Investigation Division Special Agent in Charge Tyler Amon, and New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Commissioner Thomas S. Burack announced Sept. 26 that PLH, LLC, a New Hampshire limited liability company managed by Stephen Pelkey in Jaffrey, NH, entered pleas of guilty in Cheshire County Superior Court to two felony indictments for failure to lawfully manage regulated waste and was sentenced on September 26, 2016.

The indictments allege that PLH, LLC unlawfully operated a solid waste facility by keeping broken Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs) from old computer monitors or televisions buried in the ground without a permit at its property at 136 Old Sharon Road in Jaffrey between 2010 and 2013 and also stored used monitors above ground without a permit where they were exposed to the elements. At the sentencing hearing, Cheshire Superior Court Judge Ruoff imposed a fine of \$250,000 plus a \$10,000 penalty assessment on the indictment alleging the company kept buried CRTs between July 2010 and August 2013. The court also sentenced PLH on the second indictment of improper maintenance of CRT waste to a consecutive fine of \$250,000 that has been suspended provided the company remains of good behavior for ten years. Identical indictments against Atlas PyroVision Entertainment Group, Inc., formerly known as Atlas Advanced Pyrotechnics, Inc. Atlas Fireworks Factory, Inc. and Atlas Property Management, LLC, have been dropped upon the pleas of guilty and acceptance of responsibility by PLH, LLC.

New Hampshire law requires that anyone who operates a solid waste storage facility apply for and retain a proper permit issued by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). PLH, LLC and the Atlas companies had no such permit. In May, 2013, NHDES became aware through

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 0756 Found property
 0757 Accident, Summer St.
 0954 Criminal Threatening
 1112 Juvenile offenses
 1123 Theft
 1733 Theft
 1818 Untimely death, Sugar River Dr.

Sept. 20

1050 Criminal mischief
 1152 Theft
 1337 Accident
 1410 Shoplifting
 1554 Theft
 1658 Accident, Main St.
 1852 Dog complaints
 2248 MV stops

Sept. 21

1232 Police info, arrest: Shawn Bartley, 32, Claremont, NH, charges: Felonious Sexual Assault - Statutory Rape, Sexual Assault - Forcible Fondling.
 1244 Criminal mischief
 1305 Burglary
 1331 Theft
 1455 Accident, Pleasant St.
 1508 MV Complaints
 1521 Accident, Pleasant St.
 1640 Dog complaints

Sept. 22

1225 Accident, Opera House Sq., Pleasant St.
 1442 Fraud
 1707 Shoplifting
 1742 Assist other police dept., arrest: Justin Bennett, 31, Croydon, NH, charges: Felon in Possession of Dangerous Weapon
 1813 Request officer
 1852 Domestic disturbance

Sept. 23

0713 Suspicious activity, P/C: Jesse E. Dow, 22, Claremont, NH, charges: Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs
 0855 Request officer
 1054 Accident, Washington St.
 1115 Wanted person pickup: Ronald P. LaRoche, 26, Claremont, NH, charges: Bench warrant
 1133 Request officer

1324 Accident with injuries, Lincoln Heights, North St.
 1328 Theft
 1643 Theft
 1830 Medical call echo
 2125 Disabled MV
 2310 Found property

Sept. 24

0221 Alarm, burglar
 0415 Criminal mischief
 0926
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Sept. 25

0120 MV stops; arrest: Christopher Anthony Ratcliffe, 34, Claremont, NH, charges: Driving While Intoxicated.

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Logging Concerns...

About 50 citizens, city officials and neighborhood residents gathered on Apple Hill Rd. at the top of Whitcomb Lane Monday night to discuss the timber harvest at Arrowhead slated to be done this winter. After forestry consultant Dennis McKinney explained what the project would entail and its impact on the forest, the talk quickly turned to how the project would impact the neighborhood. The residents had concerns about the damage the heavily-laden trucks would do to the already poor conditions of the roads in the neighborhood and the fact that there were steep hills for the trucks to go down to get out of the area. In addition, there were concerns about drainage and erosion which already occurs and that the project will only make it worse. After much discussion and debate it was decided to bring the plan back to the council to be reviewed. The Arrowhead timber harvest is part of the City's Forest Management Plan that has been taking place over the last several years. Thinning trees, removing dead and/or diseased trees and removing invasive species to help make the forests healthier have all been part of the work carried out. Left: Dennis McKinney, center, explains the project to the group; right: The dirt road in front of the truck is the access road to the project. This is the road the trucks would take to get from the project to the city streets (Bill Binder photos).

MakerSpace Events For October

CLAREMONT, NH – The Claremont MakerSpace has a variety of events planned for October. These include an Intro to Sewing class, a workshop tour at Crown Point Cabinetry, a Halloween themed drawing session, and hands-on demos at The American Precision Museum's Model Engineering Show. Visit www.ClaremontMakerSpace.org/events for more information and a full schedule. If you have questions, please email them to: info@twinstatemakerspaces.org.

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Consider taking these steps:

- Identify your goals. To know if you're making progress toward your goals, you first have to identify them. Of course, you'll have a variety of goals in life, such as helping pay for your children's college educations. More than likely, though, your most important long-term financial goal is to build enough resources to enjoy the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned. But we all have different ideas for how we want to spend our retirement years. Some of us may want to stay close to home, volunteering and pursuing our hobbies, while others want to visit the vineyards of Bordeaux or explore the pyramids of Egypt. So, name your goals and, as much as possible, put a price tag on them. Once you know about how much your retirement is going to cost, you can create an investment strategy that may ultimately provide you with the income you will need.
- Don't underestimate your cost of living. Even after you've identified some of your retirement goals, and estimated their costs, you still haven't developed a complete picture of your future cost of living. You also need to take into account other potential major expenses, such as health care. Once you're 65, you'll get Medicare, but that won't cover all your medical costs – and it might cover only a tiny portion of those expenses connected with long-term care, such as a nursing home stay or services provided by a home health aide. A financial professional can help you explore specific methods of dealing with these types of long-term care costs.
- Locate "gaps" – and work to fill them. After you've had your investment strategy in place for a while, you may see that some "gaps" exist. Is your portfolio not growing as fast as it should to help you reach your goals? If not, you may need to review your asset allocation to make sure it is aligned with your risk tolerance and portfolio objective. Do you find that you own too many of the same types of investments? This overconcentration could be harmful to you if a downturn affects one particular asset class, and you own too much of that asset. To help prevent this from happening, be sure to diversify your dollars across a range of investment vehicles. Keep in mind, though, that diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against all losses.
- Protect yourself – and your family. Saving for your ideal retirement is certainly a worthy goal, but you have other ones – such as providing for your family in case you aren't around, or if you become ill or incapacitated and can't work for a while. That's why you will need adequate life insurance, and possibly disability insurance, too. Your employer may offer you both these types of coverage as an employee benefit, but it might not be enough – so you may want to explore private coverage as well.

Financial Planning Month will come and go. But by following the above suggestions, you can create some strategies that will bring you a lifetime of benefits.

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It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



You Too?

Last week I published a note I received from Omaha Mitch. In it he mentioned a drawer he had of gadgets he never uses. I have that too as I imagine many others can identify with this. I've got gadgets and parts of gadgets that I have used maybe once or twice. They have to go. Someday.

My biggest collection is of knives. I have not bought a knife in years yet I somehow have four knives with serrated blades for slicing bread. They work well but how did I get four? Better than that is why do I have three filleting knives? I have never used any of them. Seriously, no kidding, I have 11 miscellaneous slicing knives of various configurations. Eleven. Why?

The knife I use the most often is my French Chef's Knife. How many do I have? Two. I'll swap nine slicing knives, three bread slicers and three filleting knives for one more good French Chef's Knife.

I must mention the three sets of those knives they used to sell at county fairs. I know I didn't buy them.

If you are shopping for the cook in your family this holiday season, please check with them before buying anything as personal as a knife. I'm willing to bet that there isn't a professional chef out there with four bread slicers.

I'm starting to come around with the gas grill. It heats up very quickly, there are no ashes to contend with and I can control the heat easily. But it lacks the flavor of charcoal. Don't get me wrong, the food tastes very good, but it just isn't the same. My grill has no place for those rocks so if you are looking at grills, consider that. Now may be the best time to shop for these. End of the season and all that.

Slice up an apple or two and throw them in with the pork rump roast in the slow cooker. It makes a great pulled pork. Remember it takes about 12 hours on low to get that pork done. A little NH Maple Syrup never hurt anything.

Speaking of Maple Syrup, my wife contends that she can taste the difference between NH and VT Maple Syrup. Anyone else want to admit to this talent?

Glazed Kielbasa

3 pounds fully cooked Kielbasa (Polish sausage) cut into 1 inch chunks

½ cup packed brown sugar

1 ½ cup ginger ale

Place the sausage in a 3-quart slow cooker. Sprinkle with the brown sugar

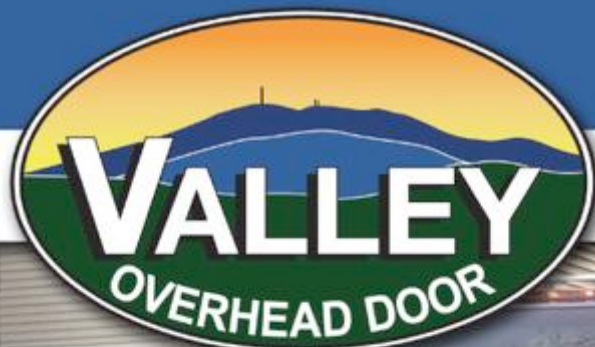
Pour the Ginger ale over the top.

Cover and cook on LOW for 4 to 5 hours or until heated through.

Serve in bowls over noodles or rice or any pasts. This is really a great dish. Notice how the cooking time is shorter than usual for a slow cooker. Don't go over 6 hours because the sausage may start to fall apart.

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Early Childhood Community Conversation Set For Oct. 6

CLAREMONT, NH--How can Claremont be the best place for all young children to live, grow, learn, and play? Let's answer this question together! The Claremont Learning Partnership and the Claremont School District applied as community partners for the Early Childhood Community Conversation Project, part of a statewide initiative involving nine other towns and cities in New Hampshire. The initiative is funded by the Endowment for Health and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, and is supported by New Hampshire Listens in partnership with Spark NH.

The Claremont Learning Partnership [CLP] is a non-profit organization focused on increasing educational access, attainment and opportunity for all. The CLP and the Claremont School District have convened community partners from City Planning, TLC, One-for-All, Head Start, the Claremont Adult Learning Center, and River Valley Community College, and others to serve as the primary coordinating coalition. We are focused on making a positive difference for children and families in our community. Our goal is to begin forming a community-wide early childhood coalition (including but not limited to: elected and appointed officials, public school workers, health care, early care and education, social services, business leaders, and parents of young children. A range of activities will be used to engage the wider community, and the results will be used to inform school and community leaders with respect to specific actions that can be taken to benefit all young children and their families in Claremont and neighboring towns.

Join organizers on Thursday, October 6th, 2016 at Claremont Middle School from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to engage in a community conversation about what's working and what isn't for young children and their families in Claremont.

Jazz Concert At KUA

The Friends of The Meriden Library will present a concert with Jazz pianist David Herridge, extraordinary pianist and vocalist

well known for performing in 5 star hotels and jazz clubs in Paris and London; Wednesday, Oct. 5, 6:30 p.m., Flickinger Auditorium at KUA.

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My New Boss Hates Me!!

You may not have adjusted to your new boss's completely different personality yet. Have you noticed any of these red flags?

You're being micromanaged when others are not.

Your boss avoids you and doesn't return your phone calls and emails.

She doesn't make eye contact, has crossed arm "closed" body language, and rarely smiles in your presence.

She doesn't ask for your input and dismisses your contributions in meetings.

She leaves you out of key meetings completely or hands plum assignments to others.

She doesn't give you feedback – positive or negative.

Or, she criticizes you – constantly or in front of coworkers.

If you are experiencing several of these behaviors, you may be right: Your boss may dislike you. But it's still early in the transition period. You may be able to win her over.

Clarify expectations. Set up a one-on-one to provide your new boss an overview of your current role and ask if she envisions any changes. Bring your job description to see if she foresees any duties that will be added or taken away. Ask your new manager how you can be successful under her leadership.

Help your new boss succeed. This isn't a one-way street. If your new supervisor was hired from the outside, you can help explain procedures and help her get acclimated. Without calling her out or embarrassing her in front of colleagues, share your institutional knowledge and you may win an ally.

Identify her personality style. If you've taken the DiSC profile or Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) in your workplace, you'll probably be able to categorize your new supervisor's traits. Don't judge her by your former boss's best attributes; discover your new manager's strength.

Actively participate in meetings. Even if your ideas seem to be met with the enthusiasm of a wet blanket, continue to chime in with optimism. If you're taking a "wait and see" approach, your lack of engagement in meetings may cast you as a non-contributor and possibly put you on the top of the chopping block list. Give your new boss a chance to get to know you and value your contributions.

Be open to new ideas. If you want your boss to respect your opinions, avoid being negative about new perspectives or procedures your newly-appointed supervisor brings to the table.

Even though you and your new manager did not have the luxury of choosing each other in an interview and hiring process, you can learn to coexist and employ your differing approaches to your company's advantage.



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Mayoral Notes

By
Charlene Lovett



Conservation Efforts Here At Home

One of the hallmarks of New England life is the natural beauty that surrounds us. Conserving our natural resources is often a topic of concern and last week proved no different. Monday the Council held a meeting at the top of Whitcomb Lane to hear from residents regarding the proposed logging of Arrowhead. Friday marked the registration deadline for the annual meeting of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Districts (NHACD) on October 13th and 14th at the Common Man in Claremont.

Though the logging of Arrowhead was part of the City's Forest Management Plan, the idea of extracting the harvested timber through a residential district met with much resistance. This, coupled with the fact that there seemed to be no apparent benefit for harvesting the wood, prompted the Council to re-refer the Forest Management Plan back to the Conservation Commission for review. Once the Commission completes its review, any recommendations that they may have will be presented to the Council for consideration. In the meantime, the logging of Arrowhead will not take place.

Since 1946, the NHACD has worked with each of the 10 county Conservations Districts

to conserve, protect, and promote responsible use of New Hampshire's natural resources. As one of the 10, the Sullivan County Conservation District (SCCD) helps people and organizations in the county with their natural resources needs (soil, water, plants, etc). It is all on a voluntary basis; however, the relationships that the SCCD has developed with landowners throughout the county have contributed to many successes. Some of which are right here at home.

On October 13th, at the NHACD annual meeting banquet, John and Beth Haynes will receive the Sullivan County Cooperator of the Year award. Together, they own and operate the 130-acre Haynes Dairy Farm which they purchased from John Haynes's parents in 1991. Committed to organic practices and methods that both conserve natural resources and promote healthy cows, the Haynes have implemented strategies that have improved the family business.

Since 2007, the Haynes Dairy Farm has been certified organic. Milk from the farm is sold to Organic Valley which has recognized Haynes Dairy with multiple Gold awards for the quality of their milk. Their commitment to running a successful farm while simultaneously protecting our natural resources is a model that deserves recognition. What they have accomplished is a source of pride and a great asset to our community.

Throughout the year I have heard from many residents concerned about preserving our natural resources. Topics often on their mind included logging, soil erosion, water quality and littering. In partial response to those concerns, we will have a community clean-up effort once the leaves fall. Details of this effort will be covered during the next Council meeting on October 12th. It is my hope that we, as a community, take advan-

tage of the opportunity to help protect and preserve the natural beauty that we enjoy every day.

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

State Fire Marshal Office Helping With Investigation Of Dartmouth Dorm Fire

CONCORD, NH--State Fire Marshal J. William Degnan announced Sunday that the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office is assisting Fire Chief Martin McMillan of the Hanover Fire Department with a fire investigation at Morton Dorm located on East Wheelock on the Dartmouth College Campus in Hanover.

The fire was discovered shortly after midnight on Saturday Oct, 1, when the fire alarm activated. All of the student occupants were able to escape unharmed.

The fire investigation has determined that the cause of the fire was from students using a small hibachi style charcoal grill on a flat section of roof outside a dorm window. The grill had been left unattended at the time of the fire. The investigation is still ongoing with further interviews to be conducted.

Anyone with information that may assist with the investigation is encouraged to contact Investigator Adam Fanjoy of the State Fire Marshal's Office at (603) 223-4289.

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Hundreds Turn Out For Fall Festival, Chili Cook-Off

By Bill Binder
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--The cool and cloudy weather didn't deter hundreds from turning out for the 19th Annual Fall Festival and Chili Cook-off on Saturday, Oct. 1. The day started with the Valley Regional Healthcare 5K & Kids Race, a run/walk event, and then moved over to the Visitors Green for the Chili Cook-Off. Entertained by the band, Bitter Autumn, festival goers visited the many vendors set up and then grabbed their ballots and voted for the chili offerings they liked best.

Winners

Best Decorated Booth

- 1st--Walmart
- 2nd—Heart of Claremont
- 3rd—Quasmir Walker

Best chili in the Business class

- 1st—Crown Point
- 2nd—The Common Man
- 3rd—Tavern on the Square

Best chili in the Non-profit class

- 1st—Heart of Claremont
- 2nd—Girl Scouts
- 3rd—Sugar River Valley Regional Tech Center Culinary Dept.



Best Individual chili
 1st—James Gordon
 2nd—Richard Aiken
 3rd—Denise Cornish

Gordon
 2nd—Karen Shaw
 3rd—Heart of Claremont

Overall Winner
 Heart of Claremont

See B1 for link for 5K results.

The Judges Choice
 1st—James

Center photo: This year's winners.

Photos By Bill Binder



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