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Proud Traditions...

Fire Prevention Week in Claremont ended on a busy note, with the 2017 – 132nd Annual Fire Prevention Parade Friday evening, always a crowd favorite, and an Open House at the Central Fire Station on Saturday to celebrate its 100th year anniversary. Above left: Antique hose reel; above right: Learning how the ladder truck operates; below: one of the firetrucks in the parade. This year's event included 32 municipalities or organizations participating in the parade, with 70 pieces of fire apparatus on display. More photos, list of winners from the parade on page A26 (Bill Binder photos).



Lebanon Police Seek Additional Information on McDonald's Robbery, Shooting Suspect

LEBANON, NH--Lebanon Police continue to investigate an armed robbery which happened on Monday, Oct. 9, at approximately 12:30 a.m. at the McDonald's on Plainfield Road in West Lebanon. The police department is seeking additional information as to the suspect's identity.

An updated description is of a male subject, believed to be in his 20's or 30's, approximately 5'11", average build, who was wearing black shoes, black pants and a black sweat-shirt with a red hood or a black sweatshirt over a red sweatshirt. The male may have also been wearing a black plastic mask similar to a motocross or paintball helmet.

The male is believed to have fled on foot toward the rear of McDonalds.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Lebanon Police Department at 603-448-1212 or by calling our anonymous tip line at 603-448-CLUE (2583).

You can also send an anonymous tip through our website: <https://goo.gl/32cqAj>.

Sununu Announces Members of Lake Sunapee Public Boat Access Development Commission

CONCORD, NH – Thursday, Governor Chris Sununu announced the members of the Lake Sunapee Public Boat Access Development Commission, following his Executive Order establishing the commission on September 19. The commission includes:

Chair Neil Levesque, Concord
 Phil Bryce, Deering, (Natural and Cultural Resources designee)
 Representative Gene Chandler, Bartlett, (Speaker of the House appointment)
 Robert Dufresne, Nashua, (New Hampshire Wildlife Federation recommendation)
 Eugene J. Forbes, Concord, (Department of Environmental Services designee)
 Representative Suzanne Gottling, Sunapee, (Board of Selectman appointment)
 David Kidder, New London, (Board of Selectmen appointment)
 Nancy Marashio, Newbury, (Board of Selectmen appointment)
 Glenn Normandeau, Portsmouth, (New Hampshire Fish and Game Department)
 Steve Puksta, Nashua
 Thomas Quarles, Brookline, (New Hampshire

Public Water

Access Advisory Board)
 Vahan Sarkisian, New London
 Peter Stanley, New London
 Dennis Pavlicek, Newbury
 Senator Ruth Ward, Stoddard, (Senate President appointment)

The first meeting of the commission is set to take place on October 26th at 4:00 p.m.

Open House at the MakerSpace Announced

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont MakerSpace is currently being built and you're invited to come check it out!

On Saturday, October 21st, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Sawtooth Mill building – the future home of the MakerSpace – will be open to visitors. Stop in for a tour and a chance to see this exciting renovation underway. This is a free, all ages event and open to the public.

RSVP on the Claremont MakerSpace website: www.claremontmakerspace.org/events.

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<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/wml.aspx>

and click on "Who Is My Legislator"

Letter to the Editor

Ten Year Highway Improvement Plan Public Hearing in Claremont

To the Editor:

On August 23rd, the Department of Transportation presented the Ten Year Highway Improvement Plan to the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT). The GACIT committee is made up of five NH Executive Councilors and the Department of Transportation (DOT) Commissioner.

The Executive Council initially set up 19 public hearings which has now grown to 24 hearings. In District 1 public hearings have taken place in: Errol, Berlin, Conway, Lebanon, Littleton, Plymouth, Laconia and a joint meeting in Rochester. The only remaining public hearing left in District 1 is in Claremont on October 23rd. Each Councilor is responsible to preside over each hearing within their District.

The hearings are an opportunity for the Executive Councilors, and the NH DOT to obtain public comment on transportation needs in the region, and specific feedback on the draft 2019-2028 Ten Year Highway Improvement Plan.

Throughout the GACIT public hearings, Peter Stamnas, Director of Project Development, has been making a comprehensive presentation on the Ten Year Highway Improvement Plan to include: GACIT Process Overview, Current State of Infrastructure, Ten Year Highway Improvement Plan Funding Synopsis, Unfunded Needs and Supplement Information Review. After each presentation, the Regional Planning Commissions have provided their input and Regional Philosophy on projects.

The Ten Year Highway Improvement Plan was developed back in the 1980s and it is mandated by State law. The process provides communities, NHDOT and GACIT direction as to what the State's priorities are relative to transportation projects. The process repeats itself every two years and as one cycle ends, the next cycle begins.

Following the public hearings this month, the Department will prepare a revised draft Ten Year Highway Improvement Plan for GACIT to adopt. Once adopted by GACIT, the Ten Year Highway Improvement Plan will be forwarded to the Governor in December for his review and comments and he will forward it to the Legislature in January of 2018. The Legislature will hold additional hearings and enact the Ten Year Highway Improvement Plan into Law by June 2018.

Some general observations during this process is that the NHDOT has more projects than there is funding. The 2019 to 2028 funding (state and federal) is on average 252m per year, down from the current amount of 270m per year. The Red List bridges have trended upward over the past seven years, the SB 367 has added funding for I-93, State Aid Bridges and TIFIA loan pledge for paving & bridge work. Debt service for I-93 is 2m per year and increases to 23.4m per year from 2026 to 2034. Transit funding totals 324m for an average of 32m per year with funding primarily coming from the Federal Transit Administration.

The overall strategy of the Ten Year Highway Plan will focus on: pavement preservation and maintenance, Red Listed bridges and preservation, dedicate SB 367 funds for TIFIA loan pledged to rural roads and bridges, completion of I-93 and funding for Exit 4A and heightened financial constraint to increase levels of accountability, predictability and ability to deliver.

Written comments regarding this current Draft Ten Highway Improvement Plan may be submitted through November 6th to NHDOT. The address is NHDOT, 7 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03302. Attention: Bill Watson. <https://www.nh.gov/dot/>

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Council Ponders Business Property Tax Exemptions but Makes No Decision on New Legislation

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--The City Council discussed new legislation regarding business property tax exemptions at Wednesday night's meeting but came to no decision as to whether it would take advantage of it. The new program allows New Hampshire municipalities to offer up to a 10-year, 50 percent cut in property tax bills on commercial and industrial development. House Bill 316 would expand the concept, which has already been in place in Coos County, throughout the state. The idea behind it is to attract new commercial and industrial businesses to a community. Dover and Bedford have approved such exemptions.

Planning and Development Director Nancy Merrill told the councilors that she did not recommend them approving it for the City at this time, commenting, "I wish the council would wait" to see what's coming in the next few years. "Wait to get the rate down for everyone," she advised.

"We're in the fact-finding mode," said Mayor Charlene Lovett.

"For Claremont," said Merrill, "it doesn't really hit the nail."

Merrill said the program could become competition with other neighboring towns in the county or the region and that that was "not a very good way to do economic development." As an example, she said, Claremont could offer a 10 percent cut and then is beat by Lebanon which offers 25 percent, forcing Claremont to come back and offer 30 percent. "We're just cheating ourselves."

Merrill said that such incentives do not tend to be deciding factors for new businesses looking at Claremont as possible locations, rather it is workforce that is key. She said she supports "enabling" legislation because it allows communities to have the authority to decide for itself whether to adopt a law.

Councilor Bruce Temple said he would like to "hear from DRED (Department of Resources and Economic Development, which is being reorganized by the state) on this."

Lovett said she would like to hear from communities that have adopted the program. "I don't have a preconceived idea." She said they could consider a number of options: Yes,

no, contact state reps for more information and table the discussion for six months.

The decision was made to gather more information before making any kind of decision. "We are not done with our fact-finding," said Lovett.

Claremont has adopted 79E, geared to rehabilitating buildings in a downtown or center-of-town area which allows a community to freeze the assessment of a qualifying structure for up to five years. The Ink Factory was recently relocated to a former dormitory building in the mill district that was rehabbed using 79E.

Resident Joe Osgood addressed the council briefly, saying he "came in favor of this."

Claremont Woman Sentenced in Fatal 2016 Crash

NEWPORT, NH--The driver of a vehicle that crashed in 2016 and killed a passenger while injuring the other two passengers was sentenced on Friday in Sullivan County Superior Court. Amber King, 37, of Claremont, pled guilty to negligent homicide and second-

degree assault for the April 2016 crash. She was sentenced to three and a half to seven years in prison. Amando Grasso, a friend of King's, was killed when she was ejected from the car. Another woman was also seriously injured in the crash; King's husband, Jacob, was also a passenger in the car that day and also suffered injuries.

According to police, King was driving on Route 103 and was speeding when she crossed the line, hit an embankment and rolled the vehicle; it came to a stop on its roof. Grasso, of Goshen, NH, was ejected from the vehicle and died of blunt force trauma. King was found to have illegal drugs in her system at the time of the crash.

Sullivan County Attorney Mark Hathaway had sought a sentence of six to 15 years; however, according to WMUR, "Judge Brian Tucker cited King's lack of a criminal record and her taking responsibility for her actions as factors in her favor, and he also stated that her addiction is a mitigating factor, a view Sullivan County Attorney Mark Hathaway vehemently rejects.

"I do not accept the notion that addiction is a mitigating circumstance to criminal conduct and I think it is particularly difficult to swallow in a case where a young woman is dead and another young woman has been maimed for the rest of her life," Sullivan County Attorney Mark Hathaway said, reported WMUR.

---Phyllis A. Muzeroll

CITY OF CLAREMONT INVITATION TO BID UTILITY APPRAISAL SERVICES BID-# 17-001

The City of Claremont, NH will receive price quotations for the appraisal of certain Utility Properties located in the City.

Interested parties can contact the City Assessing Office by fax at 603-542-7014 or e-mail at mjordan@claremontnh.com with questions.

Sealed proposals must be received by the City Manager's Office, 58 Opera House Sq, Claremont, NH 03743, no later than Wednesday, November 1, 2017 @ 2:00 P.M. at which time they will be opened and publicly read aloud. Please mark "UTILITY APPRAISAL SERVICES, BID #17-001" on the outside of the sealed envelope.

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Spooky Fun!

The Sullivan County Humane Society held a Photo With a Witch fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 14, at The Rent-A-Center store in Claremont. All proceeds benefit the Humane Society. Zerek Carrier (2) in his Supercat costume, made friends with the Witch! (Bill Binder photo).

Adrian Resigns from School Board

CLAREMONT, NH--School Board member Patrick Adrian has announced that he is resigning from the board. Adrian said that he has accepted a new employment position as a reporter with the *Eagle Times*. "Unfortunately, to continue serving on the school board as a reporter, even when assigned to another area, could potentially create a perceived conflict-of-interest for the newspaper and possibly the school board," said Adrian. "Having to choose between the two, I must put my family and personal well-being first."

"The board will fill the seat till the next election," said Chair Brian Rapp. "Then whoever is elected in March will fill out the remainder of the term."

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“Haunted Lighthouses of New England” at the Fiske



CLAREMONT, NH--A program on Haunted Lighthouses Of New England will be presented by Jeremy D'Entremont at the Fiske Free Library on Monday, October 23, at 7:00 p.m.

Lighthouses are picturesque icons that remind us of our rich maritime history, but they also have a dark side. Lighthouses and ghost stories often seem to go hand in hand, as confirmed by the many horror stories and movies that have utilized lighthouses as their settings. This presentation will focus on macabre tales of New England's coastal beacons, including the lovelorn spirit known as Ernie at Connecticut's New London Ledge Light and the piano playing ghost of Maine's Seguin Island Light. Also included will be accounts of strange happenings at America's oldest light station, Boston Light, and at Portsmouth Harbor Light in New Hampshire.

D'Entremont has personally taken part in many lighthouse investigations by paranormal research groups. He calls himself an "open-minded skeptic," and he'll share some of his personal experiences. He has appeared on the Syfy Channel's popular Ghost Hunters program. He has also appeared on the History Channel, Travel Channel, Public Television, and National Public Radio speaking about lighthouse history.

D'Entremont is considered a leading expert on New England's historic lighthouses. He is the author of more than 15 books, including *The Lighthouse Handbook: New England*, *Great Shipwrecks of the Maine Coast*, and *Ocean-Born Mary: The Truth Behind a New Hampshire Legend*. He's the historian for the American Lighthouse Foundation and founder of Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses. His website is www.newenglandlighthouses.net.

Newport Historical Society to Present Program on Quilts

NEWPORT, NH--The Newport Historical Society will present “New England Quilts and Their Stories”, a New Hampshire Humanities program. Pamela Weeks, the Curator of the New Hampshire Quilt Museum, in Lowell, MA, will be the speaker.

Quilts tell stories, and quilt history is full of myths and misinformation as well as heart-warming tales of service and tradition. Quilting is not just an American art; nearly every world culture that has cold weather uses quilted textiles! Weeks weaves world history, women's history, industrial history and just plain wonderful stories into her presentation. Participants are invited to bring one quilt for identification and/or story sharing. The Historical Society will also display the Newport American Bicentennial Quilt, which has not been on view for almost 50 years.

This program will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 24, in Newport's Richards Free Library ballroom, 58 N. Main Street, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. After this program, from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m., the Library Arts Center, adjoining the Library, will open their doors to allow attendees to view the Soo-nippi Quilter's Guild's annual quilt show, “Fall into Quilts,” if desired.

This program is free, open to the public, and the ballroom is handicapped accessible. Light refreshments will be served in the Ballroom.

Photo: This 1976 quilt, the blocks of which were made by various organizations in Newport for the American Bicentennial celebration, will be on display in the Richards Free Library ballroom during the program, its first viewing in close to 50 years (Courtesy photo).



CLAREMONT MUNICIPAL CEMETERIES FALL MAINTENANCE

All flowers (real & artificial), vases, and/or valuable items placed in municipal cemeteries must be removed before November 1, 2017. After that date said materials will be removed by cemetery personnel.

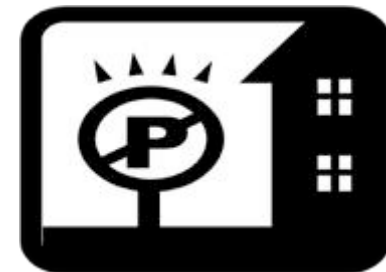
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Director of Public Works

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SCHS to Sponsor Bingo Event

CLAREMONT, NH--Sullivan County Humane Society will be holding Bingo at the Claremont Senior Center at 5 Acer Heights Road in Claremont on Sunday, Oct. 22. Doors open at noon, games begin at 1 pm. Fabulous prizes-including restaurant gift certificates, store gift cards, and so much more. \$5/20 games. There will also be 1 grand prize game, for \$3 a play. Grand prize is a smartwatch! You can purchase multiple game packs for more chances to win. Snacks will be available! By law, you must be at least 18 years old to attend. Questions? Call 542-3277.

Hiker Safety Reminders

WATERBURY, VT--As summer departs and the weather cools this Fall, the Vermont State Police and Department of Public Safety would like to remind those heading out onto Vermont's hiking trails of the ever changing conditions a hiker may encounter this time of year, especially at higher elevations. As you follow trails into the mountains, perhaps for a better view of Vermont's spectacular foliage, you can find yourself hiking in cold conditions despite warmer weather at the trailhead. Fall rain at lower elevations can turn into an all-too-familiar wintry mix of snow, sleet and rain in the hills. Conditions on the trails above can be much colder and windy than below, allowing for potential hypothermia in individuals who are unprepared.

If hiking at higher elevations, it's important that hikers now prepare for potential winter-like conditions. Waterproof boots (not sneakers) with traction devices, extra layers of warm clothes, a headlamp, map and compass may become necessary for a safe and successful hike. Consider turning around if you are not properly equipped or if travel and route finding becomes difficult.

Neil Van Dyke, Search and Rescue Coordinator for the Vermont Dept. of Public Safety reports that there were several search and rescue incidents last fall involving hikers who were not properly prepared for the conditions they found at higher elevations. Hikers should get an early start and allow plenty of time, as the days are getting shorter. Last weekend two hikers

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Our Turn: Furry Friendships

From companions to respected members of the family, animals can have a profound impact on the lives of their housemates. In fact, Brain Hare, a professor at Duke University, has linked higher self-esteem and less loneliness with owning an animal. According to the study, people who have pets also report feeling happier and more content.

Despite the benefits associated with pets, some people struggle to care for them or may even abuse them. Individuals who abuse animals are five times more likely to abuse other people according to the Animal Legal Defense Fund. Abusers will threaten their pets as a way of asserting control and manipulating their partner. For many survivors, then, concern for their animal's safety might be a barrier to consider when leaving an abusive relationship. They may remain in the relationship to protect their furry friends.

Luckily, there are ways to minimize the barriers that animals may pose. For instance, if survivors choose to file a restraining order against their abuser, they now have the opportunity to file for custody of their pet. Additionally, as part of the restraining order, or Domestic Violence Petition, survivors are able to prohibit their partner from harming, neglecting, or "disposing" of their animals.

As the link between domestic violence and animal abuse has become more clear, pet-friendly domestic violence shelters are also popping up across the United States. Advocates at Turning Points Network understand the bond that survivors can have with their animals. In the past, advocates have worked to connect survivors, fleeing violent situations, with pet-friendly safe houses. One survivor said, "I would not have been able to leave my husband without Turning Points' help. They

helped me figure out a way to take my dog with me when I left." Fortunately, several humane societies in the area have offered their assistance as well. The Red Rover program, based in California, has helped to sponsor pets at Dean Hill Pet Center's boarding kennel. A cat was also fostered for a survivor at the Claremont Humane Society.

Since October marks the 30th year of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, it's important to remember that abusive behaviors, especially towards animals, can indicate an underlying pattern. Abusers will use all means necessary to control and manipulate their partners, even if that means targeting their beloved animals.

If you or someone you know needs help

navigating an unhealthy relationship we are here to offer assistance and support. Our crisis and support line (1-800-639-3130) is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week. We are here to help.

OUR TURN is a public service series made available by Turning Points Network in celebration of its 40th anniversary of providing violence-prevention education programs in our schools, services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, and helping people move from the darkness of abuse toward the light of respect, healing and hope. For information contact 1 (800) 639-3130 or www.turningpointsnetwork.org or find us on Facebook.

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One Credit Union Wins 2017 CUNA Excellence Award

SPRINGFIELD, VT--Brett Smith, President and CEO of One Credit Union, announced that the CUNA Operations & Member Experience Council presented One Credit Union its 2017 Excellence Award. This award recognizes a noteworthy achievement that demonstrates a new, innovative solution to a common challenge. One Credit Union's winning entry was Building Member Trust. "I'm incredibly proud of the One CU team. This achievement would not have happened without the collaborative work between all the departments, along with our unwavering commitment to member service. Together, we are One."

The award was presented by the CUNA Operations & Member Experience Council, a national network comprised of more than 1,041 credit union operations and member experience professionals across the United States. The award was presented at the CUNA Operations & Member Experience Council's 20th annual conference held October 1-4 in Phoenix, AZ. For more information on the Excellence Awards or to view the entire list of winners, please visit Council Awards Programs.

Connecticut River Joint Commissions Receives Grant from State of Vermont

Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) announced that it has received a \$34,960 grant through the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Department of Environmental Conservation. This one-year grant provides funding to implement CRJC's July 2017-June 2018 work program.

The Commission will continue its emphasis on the grassroots work of the local river subcommittees as our local eyes and ears, and in guiding implementation of our river management plans. CRJC will focus on the key issues



(L-R) Lyndsey Farrar, e-Services Supervisor, Kevin DeRosa, Operations Manager, Julie Corliss, Branch Manager Springfield and Jodi Pecor, Branch Manager South Barre (Courtesy photo).

facing the watershed, and will continue to play its bi-state role of convening, catalyzing, and leading dialogue on these issues, and making recommendations to the two states as appropriate.


Current focus areas for CRJC include:

- Participating as a stakeholder in the federal relicensing of hydroelectric facilities at Wilder Dam, Bellows Falls Dam, and Vernon Dam in New Hampshire and Vermont, and the Turners Falls Dam and Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage project in southern Vermont/New Hampshire and northern

Massachusetts;

- Providing a forum for open discussion about projects affecting the Connecticut River

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and its watershed;

- Joining with The Vermont Clean Water Initiative – Clean Water Vermont, an exciting and growing collaboration among municipalities, state agencies, local and regional partners, farmers, businesses and the public to take action that will safeguard the public's access to clean and safe water throughout the state.

Vermonters and visitors love the state's streams, rivers, lakes, ponds and wetlands – they help define the Green Mountain landscape and it's a well-known fact that the quality of life depends upon access to clean and healthy water.

New Hampshire's Connecticut River Valley Resource Commission and Vermont's Connecticut River Watershed Advisory Commission, created by their respective legislatures in 1987 and 1988, were directed to cooperate with each other to preserve and protect the resources of the Connecticut River Valley, and to guide its growth and development. They have met together as the Joint Commissions since 1989.

Both Commissions are advisory and have no regulatory powers, but advocate for and engage in public involvement in decisions which affect their river and their valley.

For more information about CRJC, please visit the website at www.crjc.org.

Eversource Announces Sale of Power Plants

MANCHESTER, NH-- As a result of the proposed sale of the company's power plants, Eversource New Hampshire customers will realize the benefits of a comprehensive restructuring and rate stabilization agreement entered into in 2015. In a filing Oct. 12 with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (NHPUC), Eversource outlined the details of the agreements to sell the plants to two buyers. Following NHPUC and other necessary approvals, closings on the transactions are expected by late December or early 2018. This change in power plant ownership will mark the

completion of electric deregulation in New Hampshire and a shift in how the company procures energy for customers in the future.

"Our generation plants have proven valuable to New Hampshire customers for many years, especially during times of extreme cold or heat when additional sources of power have been needed to help meet demand. Now, we will join other utilities across New England in obtaining energy for our customers from the competitive regional wholesale energy market," noted Eversource NH President Bill Quinlan. "Importantly, the announced transactions honor commitments made to employees and

municipalities where facilities are located to ensure a smooth transition."

The NHPUC in 2016 established the power plant auction process, which is being managed by J.P. Morgan. Under the proposed sales, which must be reviewed and approved by the NHPUC, Eversource's three large fossil generation facilities and two remote combustion turbines will be purchased by Granite Shore Power LLC, a newly-formed 50-50 partnership between Atlas Holdings of Greenwich, CT, and Castleton Commodities International (CCI) of Stamford, CT for a price of \$175 million. The

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The advertisement features a woman with long, wavy hair looking thoughtfully to the side. Overlaid on the image are several pieces of jewelry: a gold chain necklace with a large circular pendant made of three concentric rings, and a pair of matching earrings. The background is dark with a subtle starry pattern.

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company's nine hydroelectric facilities will be acquired by Hull Street Energy, LLC and affiliates ("Hull Street Energy"), an electric industry-focused private equity firm based in Bethesda, MD, for \$83 million.

As part of the proposed purchase agreements, the new owners must keep the plants in service for at least 18 months, and must honor a comprehensive employee benefits package established by Eversource and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). Moreover, Eversource will provide three years of tax stabilization payments to communities to the extent a power plant is sold for less than its assessed value.

Consistent with the 2015 settlement agreement, customers will also benefit from Eversource's agreement to forego recovery of \$25 million related to the Merrimack Station emission reduction 'scrubber,' and from the financing of stranded costs remaining after the sales through the use of securitization bonds. These bonds take advantage of low interest rates. In addition, Eversource has agreed to provide \$5 million from its shareholders to establish a Clean Energy Fund. Details regarding the Clean Energy Fund will be established via a collaborative process overseen by NHPUC Staff and the Office of Energy and Planning.

The decision to sell Eversource's plants implements New Hampshire state public policy objectives and was part of a comprehensive 2015 agreement among Eversource and other parties, including State Senators Jeb Bradley and Dan Feltes; the NH Office of Energy and Planning; the NH Office of Consumer Advocate; and designated staff members of the NHPUC. Other signatories to the agreement included: IBEW, Local 1837; the Conservation Law Foundation; TransCanada Hydro Northeast Inc. and TransCanada Power Marketing, Ltd.; and the New Hampshire Sustainable Energy Association.

Fossil Assets - 1,130.1 MW total nameplate capacity:

* Merrimack Station, Bow; Coal/oil; 502.0 total megawatts (MW)

* Newington Station, Newington; Oil and/or natural gas; 416.0 MW

* Schiller Station, Portsmouth; Coal/oil/biomass; 171.7 total MW

* Lost Nation, Groveton; Oil; 18.0 MW

* White Lake, Tamworth; Jet fuel; 22.4 MW

Hydro Assets - 68.2 MW total nameplate capacity:

* Amoskeag Hydro, Manchester; 16.0 MW

* Ayers Island, Bristol; 8.4 MW

* Canaan Hydro, West Stewartstown; 1.1 MW

* Eastman Falls, Franklin; 6.4 MW

* Garvins Falls, Bow; 12.1 MW

* Gorham Hydro, Gorham; 2.2 MW

* Hooksett Hydro, Hooksett; 1.6 MW

* Jackman Hydro, Hillsborough; 3.2 MW

* Smith Hydro, Berlin; 17.2 MW

AG Calls on Credit Bureaus to Halt Fees for Consumers Impacted by Equifax Breach

Attorney General Gordon J. MacDonald has joined with other attorneys general around the country to urge consumer reporting agencies Experian and TransUnion to halt charging fees to consumers who want to put in place credit freezes on their accounts in light of the massive data breach at the consumer reporting agency Equifax.

In a letter addressed to the major consumer reporting agencies (CRAs), New Hampshire and 36 other states are urging them to stop charging fees for credit freezes and fees to lift or temporarily lift credit freezes on consumers' accounts. The Equifax data breach reported last month has so far affected over 145 million Americans. The company estimates that approximately 635,000 New Hampshire residents were affected.

In addition to placing a credit freeze on all of your credit reports, the Attorney General offered the following tips consumers can take to safeguard against identity theft:

- Regularly request your free credit reports, inspect

them closely, and promptly dispute any unauthorized accounts;

- Inspect all financial account statements closely and promptly dispute any unauthorized charges;

- Consider placing alerts on your financial accounts so your financial institution alerts you when money above a pre-designated amount is withdrawn;

- Beware of potential phishing emails; don't open any email messages or attachments from unknown senders and do not click on any unknown links. Fraudsters will frequently send coercive and misleading emails threatening account suspension or worse if sensitive information is not provided. Remember, businesses will never ask customers to verify account information via email. If in doubt, contact the business in question directly for verification and to report phishing emails; and

- Be on the lookout for spoofed email addresses. Spoofed email addresses are those that make minor changes in the domain name, frequently changing the letter O to the number zero, or the lowercase letter l to the number one. Scrutinize all incoming email addresses to ensure that the sender is truly legitimate. To receive more information about this or other consumer issues, or to file a consumer complaint, the number for the Attorney General's Consumer Information Line is 1-888-468-4454. Complaint forms can be found at DOJ's website:

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5th Annual Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Presents "Writing a Will Can Be Murder"

CLAREMONT, NH--Tickets are on sale now for the 5th annual New England Classical Academy (NECA) Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, "Writing a Will Can Be Murder!" The production will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27 and 28, at the Claremont Senior Center at 6:00 p.m. This annual event sells out every year.

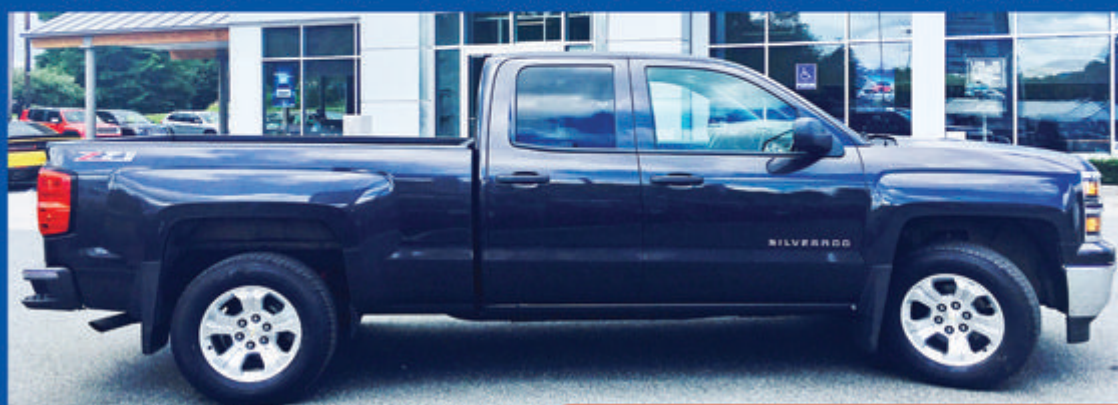
Set in the 1980's, aging movie star Betty Crawford (Jessica Cota) once led a glamorous life on the red carpet, surrounded by reporters, movie producers, and directors vying for her attention. Everyone wanted to rub elbows with her. But these days, she lives alone with her maid Rose (Maya Lindberg), and the rest is only a memory ... and a series of hysterical tongue-in-cheek flashbacks to the 1930's era of black and white films. Wouldn't you know, when Betty revises her will, suddenly everyone in her life, both past and present, just happens to show up for a "social call?" Her estranged daughter Mildred (Marguerite Cottrill), her so-called devoted neighbor Joan Davis (Anna O'Hara) and Joan's boyfriend Donovan (Anthony Abella), her former director Alfred Stephen Lucas (Joseph Heacock), a scorned newspaper reporter Portia Ames (Corinne Lindberg,) her former butler Barrymore (Aaron Allen) and her antagonistic Producer (Aidan Santoro) all suddenly "check in" on the has-been movie star. Not surprisingly, Betty ends up murdered! When a library cop, Officer Garfield (Zachary Fagan), shows up to present a citation for a book that's years overdue, he decides he's practically like law enforcement, so he puts the clues together to help solve the mystery of the murdered movie star. The audience's help is needed to solve this hilarious send up of the golden age of Hollywood films!

Tickets are \$30 for dinner and the show, and reservations are required. Dinner choices of steak tips or spaghetti squash are available and both come with salads, side, dessert and coffee. BYOB, a friend or two and dress in you best Hollywood ensemble or Eighties outfit and be entered to win a door prize! All proceeds benefit New England Classical Academy. Tickets can be reserved online at www.newenglandclassicalacademy.com or by calling (603) 542-6341 between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Tickets are now available for the upcoming NECA Murder Mystery Dinner Theater production (Courtesy photo).



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School District Continues Efforts to Address Societal Issues

CLAREMONT, NH--In a letter dated Oct. 13, the Claremont School District reached out to district students, parents, staff and residents in its effort to continue addressing societal challenges. In it, Superintendent Middleton McGoodwin wrote, "As a follow-up to my October 6, 2017 letter, I am sending this second letter to learn your views about specific challenges that affect all of us both in as well as outside of school.

"If we are going to make meaningful improvements with the challenges and opportunities associated with our community's diversity (including racial and ethnic differences) student behavior/conduct, and bullying by anyone, we need to be willing to have candid and respectful community conversations with each other.

"As a result, and in preparation for these community conversations, please respond to the following:

1. Which of the following issues do you consider the most important for the Claremont School District and community: Behavior/Conduct, Bullying, Diversity, Racism.

2. Please add any information you would like to share as we plan for future community conversations."

McGoodwin invites those interested to contact the SAU office for more information.

----Phyllis A. Muzeroll

Winter Parking Ban Issued for Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, VT--The Springfield Police Department wants the public to know that the winter time parking ban takes effect November 1, 2017, and ends on April 15, 2018.

The winter time parking ban prohibits any vehicle from being parked on a street or highway in the town of Springfield between the hours of 1:00 and 7:00 a.m. Any vehicle found to be in violation of the parking ban will be ticketed and towed if necessary.

Hallowesta Set for Tuesday, Oct. 31st

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Parks and Recreation Department is gearing up for another Hallowesta Celebration on Oct. 31! Ghosts and goblins of all ages: Get your costumes ready and join Parks and Rec for trick-or-treating on Pleasant Street, followed by a parade to Broad Street Park where they will be handing out trophies for the best costumes in Claremont!

Trick or Treating on Pleasant St.: 3:30–4:45 PM.

Parade line up at Daddy's Pizza, 4:45 PM.

Parade leaves for Broad Street Park: 5:00 PM.

Where: Pleasant St. & Broad Street Park

Cost: Free



City of Claremont Fall Clean-Up

CLAREMONT, NH--The Fall Clean-up Program in the City of Claremont will operate for one week, beginning Monday, Oct. 30, through Friday, Nov. 3.

Leaves and grass rakings must be placed in compostable paper bags and left at the curbside by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 30. There will be no call backs. Leaves in plastic bags will not be picked up, nor will garbage, brush or household items be collected.

After November 3rd, Claremont citizens may bring leaves, bagged in compostable biodegradable bags, to the Transfer Station on Tuesdays & Saturdays at no cost.

Per City Council policy adopted on May 12, 2004, the Public Works Department will no longer accept or pick up leaves that are not in paper, biodegradable bags. Paper Compostable (30) gallon bags are available at various local hardware, grocery and department stores.



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Put Lessons From “Retirement Week” to Work

To raise public awareness about the importance of saving for retirement, Congress has designated the third week of October as National Save for Retirement Week. What lessons can you learn from this event?

First of all, save early – and save often. Too many people put off saving for retirement until they are in their late 40s – and even their 50s. If you wait until you are in this age group, you can still do quite a bit to help build the resources you will need for retirement – but it will be more challenging than if you had begun saving and investing while you were in your 20s or early 30s. For one thing, if you delay saving for retirement, you may have to put away large sums of money each year to accumulate enough to support a comfortable retirement lifestyle. Plus, to achieve the growth you need, you might have to invest more aggressively than you’d like, which means taking on more risk. And even then, there are no guarantees of getting the returns you require.

On the other hand, if you start saving and investing when you are still in the early stages of your career, you can make smaller monthly contributions to your retirement accounts. And by putting time on your side, you’ll be able to take advantage of compounding – the ability to earn money on your principal and your earnings. Here’s another lesson to be taken from National Save for Retirement Week: Maximize your opportunities to invest in the tax-advantaged retirement accounts available to you, such as an IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you have a 401(k)-type plan at work, contribute as much as you can afford every year, and increase your contributions whenever your salary goes up. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer’s matching contribution, if one is offered.

Apart from saving and investing early and contributing to your tax-advantaged retirement accounts, how else can you honor the spirit of National Save for Retirement Week? A key step you can take is to reduce the barriers to building your retirement savings. One such obstacle is debt. The larger your monthly debt payments, the less you will be able to invest each month. It’s not easy, of course, to keep your debt under control, but do the best you can.

One other barrier to accumulating retirement resources is the occasional large expense resulting from a major car repair, sizable medical bills or other things of that nature. If you constantly have to dip into your long-term investments to meet these costs, you’ll slow your progress toward your retirement goals. To help prevent this from happening, try to build an emergency fund big enough to cover three to six months’ worth of living expenses. Since you’ll need instant access to this money, you’ll want to keep it in a liquid, low-risk account.

So, there you have them: some suggestions on taking the lessons of National Save for Retirement Week to heart. By following these steps, you can go a long way toward turning your retirement dreams into reality.

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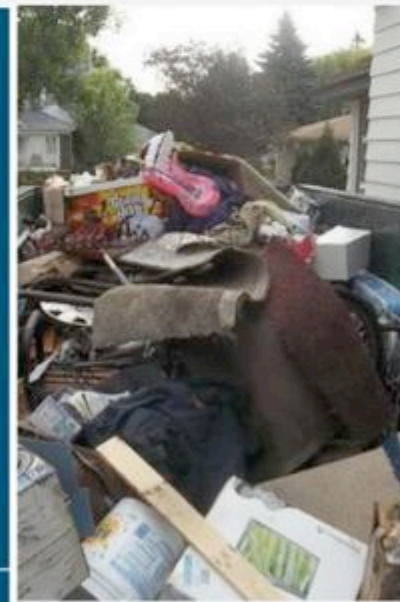
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TPN Partnering with Businesses to Promote Prevention of Violence

CLAREMONT, NH--During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Turning Points Network is partnering with local businesses in Claremont and Newport to promote the prevention of violence and support for survivors. Several shops along Pleasant St. in Claremont and Maine St. in Newport are putting purple lights in their windows. The purple lights represent the need to 'shed light' on the devastating effects of domestic violence in Sullivan County. Show your support for survivors by wearing a purple ribbon—found in participating businesses—throughout the month of October.

Turning Points Network is Sullivan County's 24-hour taskforce against domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. To learn more about the agency or for more information about preventing domestic violence, please call 543-0155.



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It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



Coq Au Vin

If you have never experienced Coq Au Vin, you are missing out on a real gastronomic experience.

Strictly speaking, this is rooster with wine. A very old French dish that is rarely offered except in French restaurants. And almost never seen in the average American home. Because it is an absolute pain to make.

The classical recipe is available online for those adventurous foodies who wish to devote an afternoon to assembling this superb dish. There are “easy” recipes for this, but all are labor intensive and well worth the effort.

Some of the major ingredients of the classic recipe are lardons (thick sliced bacon), bouquet garné, brandy, Burgundy wine, crimini mushrooms, well, you get the point. Definitely worth the effort if you have the time and patience. Major kudos go with this if well done. If you really need to score the points, this dish will do it for you.

I had given up all hope of indulging in this superb rustic dish except in a large city with a French restaurant. And then:
EUREKA!

I was in the International Food section of the grocery store. Looking at the various curries. I had bought a family size tray of chicken breasts because they were on sale. Because there were only two of us at home now, I had some breasts left that had to be used ASAP. I wanted to do a curry but my wife really doesn't like curry except for one. I had done Chicken Parmesan and was looking for something different.

On the far left of the display all by itself, almost hidden by a display, was Coq Au Vin cooking sauce! My pulse jumped and I got a little light headed. Could it be? Yes, it was. A jar jumped into my cart and off we went. How bad could it be? I had to try it.

By the time I reached the check out I had the meal all planned.

I cut two breasts into bite-sized pieces and sautéed them in olive oil. I opened the jar and the aroma just made my mouth water. I poured the contents into the skillet with the chicken, brought it to a boil and let it simmer for a half hour. I hadn't meant for it to be that long, but half of us weren't ready to sit down as yet.

I did up some asparagus spears and zapped a 90-second package of Brown and Wild Rice. So simple.

The presentation was beautiful and the sauce was superb. Restaurant quality.

For a rustic, fall or winter dish, this was perfect. The reviews were great. This dish will be on the menu again soon.

Back to the store for another jar and a pork tenderloin.

Broiled the pork, cooked up the sauce, did mashed potatoes and sugar snap peas. Sliced the pork into medallions, plated them in a row and drizzled the sauce over them. Absolutely outstanding.

Today we have prepared sauces and various things packaged and ready to go that are every bit as good as what you could make from scratch. This is a tribute to those who play in commercial kitchens putting together things that make life easier and add variety. What a great time to be alive.

Play with your food. Everyone else does.

Write to Johnny at etickernews@gmail.com.

Mayoral Notes

By
Charlene Lovett



Getting Ready to Vote

Municipal elections are just around the corner. On Tuesday, November 7th, you will be asked to vote on who you would like to see elected to the Claremont City Council and other key positions in municipal government. In addition, you will be asked to vote on the question, "Shall we allow the operation of keno games within the City of Claremont?" Several information events have been planned to help you in the decision-making process.

On October 18th, Taverne on the Square will be hosting a "Meet the Candidate" event from 6-8pm. Though Assistant Mayor Damren, Councilor Pope and I are running unopposed, Councilors Kier and Koloski are both running for two of the four At-Large seats. Councilors Raymond, Simonds, Temple and Towle will not be running for another term. A number of citizens have announced their candidacy for Wards 1, 3 and the At-Large seats. Because the City Council determines the direction of the City through budget, policy and the employment of the city manager, it is important that citizens know for whom they are voting. "Meet the Candidate" events offer voters the chance to get acquainted with the candidates and ask questions. I hope you will consider attending.

When the Governor signed Senate Bill 191 into law in July of this year, it gave local governing bodies the authority to let residents decide if keno should be offered in their respective communities. Keno is a rapid draw numbers game offered by NH Lottery. If voters decide to allow keno in their community, it would be available to those pouring establishments granted a license to do so. Funds generated from the game would be used to help fund full day kindergarten.

On August 23rd, the City Council received a presentation on keno and then voted to put the question on the ballot for November elections. By law, a public hearing on the question must be scheduled prior to the vote. This ensures that the public has the opportunity to learn

about the question at hand and ask questions. The public hearing has been scheduled for 6:30pm on October 19th in Council Chambers. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, please consider forwarding your questions to your Council representative so that the question can be addressed at the public hearing. As this is a Council meeting, the hearing will be taped for future reference.

For residents who will not be in town or available to vote on November 7th, please consider voting via an absentee ballot. Applications for absentee ballots are available at

the City Clerk's office, as well as online on the city's website. If you have not registered to vote, you may do so at either the City Clerk's office or at the polls on Election Day. The deadline for registering at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours is Friday, October 27th. The last opportunity to register prior to Election Day is October 28th from 11-11:30 am when the Supervisors of the Checklist meet in

the City Clerk's office. Otherwise, unregistered residents may register at the polls on Election 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.

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Refreshments will be provided.



The Fiske Free Library held its annual Fall Festival and Book Sale on Saturday, Oct. 14. Lots of good books for sale, crafts and free pumpkin painting, too. The weather was perfect, making for a great Fall day for the event (Bill Binder photos).

CSBCC Imagination Playground Update

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Parks and Recreation Department is excited to introduce the Imagination Playground to the CSBCC. Due to recent storms in the southern part of the country, the production of the blocks have been pushed back, causing our delivery date to be later than anticipated.

Imagination Playground will now be available starting on November 11th to December 31st. (Schedule may change starting January 1st.)

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The United Way of Sullivan County held the first of two Free Coat Friday events on Friday, Oct. 14 at the Claremont Savings Bank parking lot. Coats, mittens, hats and other articles of clothing were given out to those in need. There will be another Free Coat Friday on the Town Common in Newport on Friday, Oct. 20. Anyone wishing to donate warm clothing can call The United Way office at (603) 543-0121 to arrange for a drop-off (Bill Binder photo).



ground is free to CSBCC members. Non-members must purchase a day pass.

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Claremont Confidential

By Les St.Pierre



The Bridge Lady

I've said it before and I will keep saying it. Everybody, and I mean EVERYBODY, has a story. Ethel Nelson is no exception.

"My life is an open book!" Nelson exclaimed recently while being interviewed at her Bourdon Center apartment in Claremont.

There is a foreword and some day, quite naturally, an upcoming epilogue to her "open" book and, of course, many, many chapters. But if she was to choose just one chapter in her life, the one chapter that gave her hope, a reason for living and, above all else, simple pleasure, it would be entitled 'The Bridge Lady'.

No! I am not reporting on the ins and outs of a woman playing a card game. Rather, I am documenting a time in one woman's life when she became attached to a bridge, A real life bridge. The Cornish-Windsor Covered Bridge, to be exact.

You see, Nelson and her husband, Wayne, once lived in a house just up the hill from the 460-foot bridge so well-known to western New Hampshire and eastern Vermont residents taking up stock alongside the Connecticut River. Particularly, the towns of Windsor, VT, and Cornish, NH.

The two Nelsons worked as a team several years at woodworking and when Wayne took a job as a truck driver for the state of New Hampshire and was away for long spells, Ethel pondered a way to bring in some extra income into the household.

"I tried to rack my brains out as to what I could do and then ding! ding! ding!, it came to me!," the Bourdon Center resident related. "I have an opportunity right here. I loved the bridge and I loved the people who came by so I set up a tent in the cutout by the bridge and began selling pictures, postcards, some of my knitting, all kinds of memorabilia."

Nelson said her best year was 1986. "I guess people took pity on me," she quipped. She had set up her new hobby a couple of years before and before long people had

dropped tubing and posts at the foot of her driveway and even a tarp. "My husband told me, 'I guess people just want you to keep on doing what you are doing,' and a greenhouse-type of cover was soon erected for Ethel to comfortably vend her wares to what would become thousands of tourists who would stop by.

"I met so many people," the very sociable Nelson added. "I saw presidents, vice-presidents, governors, you name it. I just loved the people and, I guess, they loved me. Of course, I loved the bridge, too."

Nelson loved the bridge so much, in fact, she, at one time, went full force in petitioning for the bridge to become the target of getting printed upon a U.S. postage stamp. Why not? The present Cornish-Windsor Covered Bridge, built in 1866, is the longest two-span covered bridge in the world. The WORLD! But alas! Nelson received a rejection for her stamp proposal in 1995 from the U.S. Postal Stamp Management Department in a letter stating the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee had turned her down but did appreciate her interest in the stamp program.

"I don't know how much more we are in the process of seeing it through," Nelson pointed out, "but I'm 81 now and have to get out of it, but a lot of people got interested and they will have to carry it on."

While Nelson claims 1986 was her highlight year, 1999 was just the opposite.

Her husband died of cancer that year and what followed, in the simplest of terms, was not pleasant. A son and his wife from South Carolina and their three children moved in and what

was once a quiet household for Nelson soon became anything but and Nelson soon found herself departing her home. "I just couldn't handle it," she reported. "I turned my back on everything and left just with the clothes on my back. I had had five guest books signed by those people I loved just thrown out of the house, guest books signed by people all over the world."

Also, Nelson has been involved in a series of automobile accidents, the most recent leaving her with head bruises and a broken neck. She has recovered now and enjoys living at the Bourdon Center, where she has been residing for the past 15 years. She doesn't drive anymore, but does rely on riding the Southwestern Community Service transit bus to get around for her grocery shopping.

"I was sharp as a tack until I had my car accident," Nelson said. "I met a few trees I didn't know. I can't bring out names

or dates any more and being 81 doesn't help, either. I am pretty limited, but I do all right guessing the daily trivia questions on the bus, so I guess I'm doing okay!"

Still, it is the memories of her bridge days that keep her going.

"I keep hearing so many people have been



Ethel Nelson (Les St.Pierre photo).



The Cornish-Windsor Covered Bridge (Photo courtesy of Ethel Nelson).

trying to find me because I am not at the bridge any more," Nelson claimed. "They are hoping I didn't get sick or passed on. I hope they read this and know I am still kicking!"



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Left: Charlestown Fire won the Best Appearing Apparatus award; right: The Stevens High School field hockey team served the food to the hungry firefighters.



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Oldest Motorized Apparatus: Ludlow, VT

Newest Apparatus: Meriden Engine 3

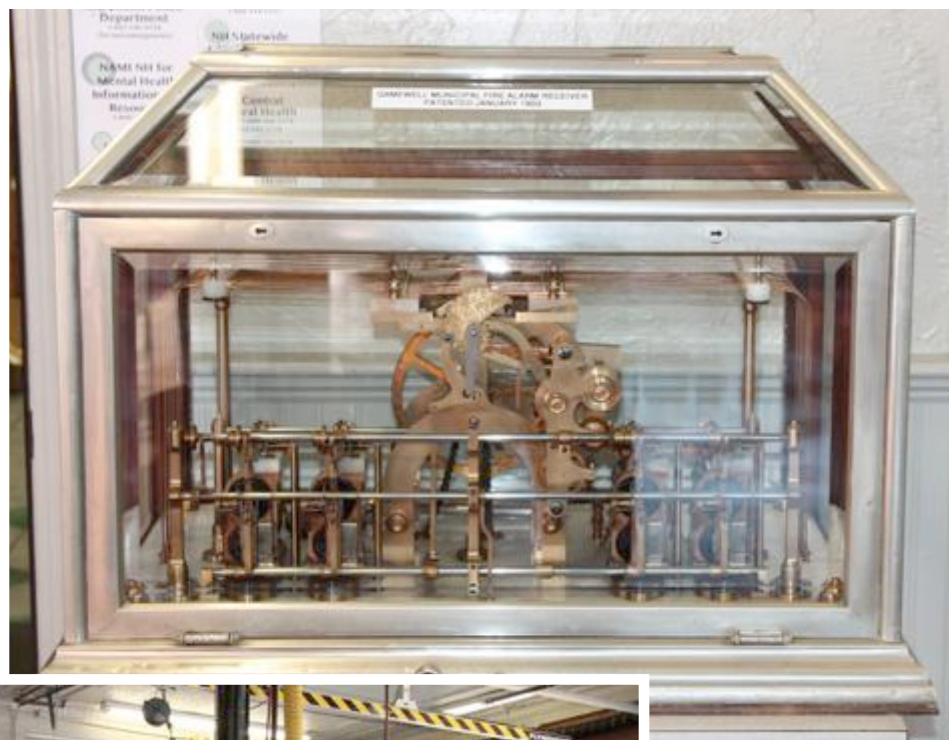
Awards Chosen by Judges:

Best Marching Fire Unit: Sullivan, NH

Best Appearing Apparatus: Charlestown Engine 1

Judges: Annabelle and Sam Torres, Abigail Kier

Right: The machine in the glass case was the part of the original fire alarm system in the city. When an alarm was pulled, this machine rang the bells in the firehouse to let the firefighters know where the alarm was coming from. Below: Display in the station during the Open House.



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The Claremont Opera House held an Open House on Friday, Oct. 13, to thank the public for its support through the years and to showcase the hand painted "Grand Drape" which has been restored and is again hanging on the stage. Only a few Grand Drapes have survived through the years and this one is an excellent example. Attendees enjoyed the artwork of the Vermont Watercolor Society and sampled wine and food from local eateries while listening to the music of Second Wind. Top: The Grand Drape; below left: Vermont Watercolor Society display; below right: side panels that would have been used during plays on stage (Bill Binder photos).

