

Getting Their Kicks

CYSA players test their skills at 5th annual shootout

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The sun shone brightly on the Claremont Youth Soccer Association's mid-season shootout on Saturday. "This is essentially our only fundraiser," said CYSA president Jason West, "so we ask each player to raise a minimum of \$10 to take part."

Players took their best shots at various-sized goals set up on the Claremont Middle School lower field, earning points for each goal. The Shootout Champion from each team received a trophy.

Players who raised at least \$25 got \$10 gift cards; for every \$50 raised, they got a \$20 gift card. The cards could be used at Walmart, Olympia Sports and Maple Lanes.

Revolution (4/5 division), the team that raised the most money, could choose either a pizza or an ice cream party. Said West, "With the heat we have now I would encourage the ice cream!" Kyle Premo of Revolution, who individually raised the most money, won a \$100 gift card.

The CYSA summer season continues for the next few weeks. Matches are played at 5:30pm weekday evenings except Friday and all day Saturdays in Monadnock Park. Final championship matches will be held there on Saturday, Aug. 3.

More Shootout Champions: From left: Owen Chapman, 10, Impact; Harper Stone, 8, Cosmos; Jackson Ranney, 4, Panthers (Eric Zengota photos).

Youth Baseball Wraps up Season

Page B2



Three Shootout Champions, from left: Elijah Mason, 7, Fury; Alexis Johnson, 8, Strikers, with with mom Heather and sister Tilly, 3; August Rapp 10 Galaxy (Eric Zengota photos).



Aiming for the Fences

Youth baseball wraps up season

CLAREMONT, NH—The annual Steve Corcoran Memorial Baseball Tournament was held this past weekend on the fields of Claremont’s Monadnock Park. Greg Clark, the president of Claremont Youth Baseball/Softball Association, had invited teams from New Hampshire and Vermont to take part. Eleven teams participated in the 10U division and six in 12U. The team that traveled the farthest was from Hinsdale, New Hampshire.

The Claremont team was chosen from the several teams that had played in CYBSA’s regular season, April to June. Although they didn’t make it to the championship game, the



boys played hard — and look forward to next year’s actions.

—Eric Zengota

Above: Johnny Frisbee, one of Claremont’s pitchers, watches the ball fly toward the outfield before hustling to first base; right: Waiting his turn.

Photos by Eric Zengota



Left: On deck; right: Manager Jason Beeman kept up a flow of encouraging words as well as practical coaching tips to the players in every game.

Another Smith HR, Four Hits from Mineo Not Enough in 11-9 Loss

HARTFORD, CT—Despite home runs from Kevin Smith, Forrest Wall and Chad Spanberger, along with a four-hit game from Alberto Mineo, the New Hampshire Fisher Cats (Blue Jays Double-A affiliate) were outslugged by the Hartford Yard Goats (Colorado Rockies) 11-9 on Saturday night at Dunkin Donuts Park, snapping New Hampshire's four-game win streak.

The Fisher Cats (9-14), who produced a season-high 17 hits, took the lead in the top of the first inning when Wall tripled and scored on a single by Santiago Espinal. In his second at bat of the night, Wall homered into the upper deck in right field to give the Fisher Cats a 2-0 lead in the top of the third inning.

Smith blasted his team-leading 11th home run in the top of fourth, while Mineo and Spanberger strung together doubles for another run as the Fisher Cats opened a 4-0 cushion.

From that point, it was all Yard Goats. Fisher Cats starter Patrick Murphy cruised through four innings but left the game in the fifth after two singles and two walks led to a Yard Goats run. Murphy struck out seven batters. Tyler Nevin drilled a two-run single off reliever Willy Ortiz (L, 3-5) to make it a 4-3 ballgame.

Hartford went ahead for good in the last of the sixth inning, scoring six times for a 9-4 lead. Scott Burcham singled in a run, Carlos Herrera hit a sacrifice fly and Vance Vizcaino beat out an infield single for another. Nevin then blasted a three-run homer for Hartford to give him five RBIs in two innings. Vizcaino hit a two-run shot in the eighth to extend the lead to 11-4.

The Fisher Cats rallied with five runs in the ninth, which included a two-run single by Mineo and a two-run homer by Spanberger, but could not complete the comeback.

On Sunday, Forrest Wall, Kevin Smith and Nash Knight drilled solo home runs, but the New Hampshire Fisher Cats (Toronto Blue Jays Double-A affiliate) dropped a 6-3 decision to the Hartford Yard Goats (Colorado Rockies) on Sunday evening at Dunkin' Donuts Park. Including Sunday's three long balls, the Fisher Cats finished the four-game series split

with 13 home runs.

Top prospect Nate Pearson started for the Fisher Cats and allowed just a solo home run by Scott Burcham in his three innings of work. Pearson walked two and struck out two.

Wall led off the game with a home run -- his second homer in two games -- to give the Fisher Cats a 1-0 lead, but Burcham's homer tied the score in the second.

New Hampshire drilled two more solo blasts in the top of the fourth inning to reclaim the lead. Knight led off with his sixth homer. Later in the inning, Smith blasted his team-leading 12th bomb -- and fourth of the series -- to put the Fisher Cats up 3-1.

The Yard Goats tied the game with a two-run home run by Bret Boswell in the fourth, and made it 4-3 with a run in the bottom of the fifth on a double by Tyler Nevin. Hartford pulled away with two more solo homers in the sixth inning from Mylz Jones and Brian Serven.

Heath Holder (W, 5-2) earned the win with relievers Alexander Guillen and Scott Griggs (S, 4) combining for four hitless innings to close out the game for the Yard Goats.

William Ouellette (L, 1-1) took the loss for the Fisher Cats.

The Fisher Cats return to Delta Dental Stadium on Monday to play the Sea Dogs (Boston Red Sox). The first game with Portland is scheduled for 7:05 p.m. Game Highlight: an Autograph Session with Chris Carpenter & Tim Schaller, thanks to our friends at Primary Bank. For tickets and information, visit nhfishercats.com.

Fisher Cats to Host the Cast of North Woods Law on July 25

CONCORD, NH—The New Hampshire Fisher Cats will host a *North Woods Law: New Hampshire Night* on Thursday, July 25, at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium. Fans can meet the stars of the hit TV series at an autograph session from 5:30 p.m. until the end of

the first inning. The Fisher Cats will face the Reading Fightin Phils, with the first pitch scheduled for 7:05 p.m.

North Woods Law: New Hampshire is a TV series featuring the Conservation Officers of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, who work tirelessly to preserve and protect the natural resources of the Granite State. Whether they're assisting biologists in managing the state's wildlife, patrolling backcountry roads during hunting season, or conducting search and rescue operations on windswept mountains and roaring rivers, every day presents a new challenge.

"Our fans had such a blast with this event last season, and we wanted to make sure to bring it back in 2019," said Fisher Cats President Mike Ramshaw. "These officers do such important work for the Granite State, and we're thrilled to have them at the ballpark."

Tickets to *North Woods Law: New Hampshire Night* are available now at NHFisherCats.com/tickets, over the phone at (603) 641-2005, or at the Fisher Cats box office at One Line Drive in Manchester.



**"A vintage feel,
with modern appeal."**

2 Pleasant Street

**Historic Downtown
Claremont**

sugarriverbarbers.com

603-542-6900

**Collision
Pro** LLC

143 Charlestown Rd. • Claremont, NH 03743



The clouds took on a Maxfield Parrish appearance one recent evening.

Photo by Phyllis A. Muzeroll

Inspiration

Rest for Your Soul

By Priscilla Hull

Ah, summer! The time of family vacations. Family reunions. Time away! All are good times to get away from routine and rediscover ourselves. No matter what, everyone needs time to get away from the routine of everyday life.

We need time for recreation, or re-creation. To start over again, to make all things new again. It is easy to say, but not so easy to do. When the world was created, and I don't care if you believe in the Big Bang, or Darwin or the Judeo-Christian story of creation, there is a fact that there was time of rest that came about as a simple means to refresh the very creatures who have played the greatest part in the development of our modern world.

Why re-creation? Why do we need a rest? Why do we need time for refreshment and renewal. Why should we take time to get away and renew ourselves?

It is really quite simple. No matter what the job, no matter how dedicated to it, there is a time when the responsibilities, the day to day sameness, the restrictions of doing the same things day after day reach a saturation point. They reach a point when they are no longer fresh and new and it becomes difficult to focus on the task at hand, and so we need a break. It's really quite simple. A break from the routine because when we take that break, it's a re-creation of the self. We come back to the same job, the routine, the single-minded recurrences with a fresh look, a clearer mind, a kind of newness. It's like a new view from a mountain top after a refreshing rain storm. Things will be brighter, the same activities will be more exciting and a new energy will be found in place of the old routine.

A time to re-create the life we live. A time to start again. So whether your time away is two days, two weeks or anytime between, find that time. Some will find it at the ocean, some in the mountains, some in New York City or Boston and some in a quiet spot, a bed and breakfast, maybe in a new place, or an old place; we'll all be able to find it and make the best we can, so that when our time of rest is finished, we'll return to the routine ready for anything, eager to keep going until the next time of Rest for the Soul.

He said to them, "Come away to a quiet place and rest awhile."

Mark 6:31

Priscilla Hull is the Lay Leader of the First United Methodist Church in Claremont, NH.



Calendar Of Events

CHARLESTOWN RECREATION COMMITTEE RECREATION NEWS

July 2019

CHARLESTOWN TOWN POOL: The Town Pool opened on June 22. The hours are 12noon – 7pm. Pool fees are \$1.00 Individual Daily Rate; \$15.00 Individual Season Pass; \$40.00 Family Season Pass. Season Passes can be obtained at the Pool or Town Office.

CRAFT FAIR AND FLEA MARKET: The CREC will be hosting a craft fair and flea market at the Fort No. 4 on Saturday, July 20, 9am – 3pm. This is the same day as the Charlestown Town Wide Yard Sale Day. Vendors, please message on the Charlestown Recreation Department Facebook page for details.

GAZEBO AT SWAN COMMON: A new gazebo will soon be installed at Swan Common. The gazebo can be enjoyed just to sit and read a book or have a picnic while visiting the Swan Common. Please contact the Town Office to reserve the gazebo for special events.

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS: July CREC meeting on July 16 at 6:00 pm at the Recreation Committee Office, 216 Main St., Charlestown. The meeting is open to the public.

CHARLESTOWN RECREATION DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK PAGE

Please continue to check the Facebook page for all announcements and upcoming events.

Silsby Library News

Museum passes are available for check-out. We hope you will take time this summer to visit VINS, Billings Farm and Museum, New Hampshire's State Parks, and the Fort at Number 4. All passes may be reserved in advance by calling the library or

stopping by to sign up. Passes go out as an overnight circulation.

Children of all ages are welcome on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for Grafton Nature Museum's summer programs:

7/17 Who Eats What?

7/24 Righteous Reptile and Awesome Amphibians

7/31 Who's Swimming in the Water?

8/7 The Abenaki and Nature.

We are getting ready for the Annual Library Book Sale on July 20, better known as Town Wide Yard Sale Day. Books will be set up in

the library for browsing. We will have lots of fiction, non fiction and children's books available. Because we are in the library this year, we will have limited library services on Friday, July 19, when we are setting up and we will have no library services July 20 during the book sale. We apologize for the inconvenience, but we should be back to normal by the time Monday rolls around.

Our Children's Literacy Foundation Summer Reader Program will be held on Tuesday, July 23, at 10:30 a.m. Author, illustrator and storyteller Michael Daley will be here to entertain

4 Tips to Nail Your Next Phone Interview

Take the call in the right place

You will want to be in a place that gets good reception (or where you have access to a landline) and is, perhaps more important, free of lots of noise, whether from construction, traffic or otherwise. It may seem like a little thing, but if you're constantly asking the person on the other end to repeat themselves because the reception is spotty or the outside noise is too loud, it can be a real turnoff.

Have a cheat sheet in front of you

You're likely to be asked a slew of questions about yourself, your qualifications, the company and so on, Kununu added. But because you're in a remote location, it can be wise to make a document you can refer to throughout the call, so you're never caught off-guard by a question and have easy access to whatever you need with the click of a mouse. For instance, having the information from your resume, some basic facts about the company, your salary demands and other details at the ready will help you seem "on the ball."

No distractions

A phone interview is, in many ways, just as serious as an in-person one, so it will help to reduce the distractions in front of you, according to The Interview Guys. That means no TV in the background (even on mute), no social media in another window, no pets in the room and basically just committing yourself fully to paying attention to the conversation at hand and referring to your cheat sheet as needed.

Take it slow

It's normal to be nervous, but that only increases the need to speak slowly and carefully throughout the interview, according to Career Contessa. If you start answering questions quickly, stumbling over your own words, that could come across either as nerves or a lack of preparedness. The latter could be quite bad for any interviewee, so make sure you're committing yourself to taking your time, using a moment to consider the answer carefully or referring to your cheat sheet.



603-542-9675

NHClaremont@westaff.com
131 Broad Street, Claremont, NH 03743

www.westaff.com



Temporary • Temp-to-Hire • Full-Time Placement

Bingo at the Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497 Post Hall

CHARLESTOWN, NH--Bingo is held Wednesdays at the Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497 Post Hall, 365 Lovers Lane Road in Charlestown, NH. The regular games start at 6:30 p.m. with Early Birds games commencing at 5:00 p.m. Eight regular games, four two-part games, and three special games, including a winner take all with a \$1,000 kicker if won in 50 numbers or less, a carry-over cover-all game also paying off in 50#'s or less or a consolation of \$150, plus the final Jackpot game paying \$150. All regular and special games are now on PAPER. Bingo is the VFW Post 8497's primary fundraiser for its various scholarships and sponsorships. Food and drinks are available.

Newport Historical Society Museum Hours

NEWPORT, NH--Interested in local history? Come visit the Newport Historical Society Museum, 20 Central St., Newport, NH. Located in the 1837 Nettleton House, the museum has two floors of annually changing displays to wander through.

Open Sundays (except holiday weekends), from 10AM to 2PM, and by appointment by calling 603-863-1294. The museum is free, heated, air-conditioned, and handicapped accessible.



Ann Jacques
Licensed in NH / VT, Sales Associate
Multi-Million Dollar Producer
REALTOR®



Highview Realty
42 Summer Street
Claremont, New Hampshire
03743
Office (603) 542-7766 Ext. 204
Toll Free (800) 269-2414
Cell (603) 543-7720
Fax (603) 543-0163



Lake Sunapee Region VNA & HOSPICE

603.526.4077

REV. JUN 14, 2019

MONTHLY FOOT & BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC SCHEDULE

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

1st

WEEK
of the month

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
COA, New London
9:45 – 11:15 am
Lebanon Senior Center
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

FOOT CLINIC
Plainfield Libray
12:00 – 4:00 pm

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
Lake Sunapee VNA
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Newport Senior Center
10:45 am – 12:00 pm

FOOT CLINIC
Claremont Senior Center
8:30 am – 3:00 pm
Mascoma Senior Center, Canaan
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
Claremont Senior Center
10:30 am – 12:00 pm

FOOT CLINIC
Lake Sunapee VNA
9:30 am – 1:30 pm

FOOT CLINIC
COA, New London
9:30 am – 1:00 pm

2nd

WEEK
of the month

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
Lake Sunapee VNA
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Bourdon Centre, Claremont
10:00 – 11:00 am
Grantham Methodist Church
11:15 am – 12:00 pm (Apr-Dec)
Sugar River Mills, Claremont
1:00 – 2:00 pm

FOOT CLINIC
Bourdon Centre, Claremont
8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Sugar River Mills, Claremont
12:30 – 2:00 pm

FOOT CLINIC
Claremont Senior Center
8:30 am – 3:00 pm

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
Charlestown Senior Center
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

FOOT CLINIC
Charlestown Senior Center
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Lake Sunapee VNA
9:30 am – 1:30 pm

FOOT CLINIC
COA, New London
9:30 am – 1:00 pm

3rd

WEEK
of the month

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
Lebanon Senior Center
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

FOOT CLINIC
North Ridge, Warner
9:30 – 11:30 am

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
Lake Sunapee VNA
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Newport Senior Center
11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Marion Phillips Apts, Claremont
1:00 – 2:00 pm

FOOT CLINIC
Marion Phillips Apts, Claremont
1:00 – 4:00 pm

FOOT CLINIC
Claremont Senior Center
8:30 am – 3:00 pm

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
Bradford Senior Center
11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Claremont Senior Center
11:00 am – 12:00 pm

FOOT CLINIC
Lake Sunapee VNA
9:30 am – 1:30 pm

4th

WEEK
of the month

FOOT CLINIC
Newport Senior Center
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Lake Sunapee VNA
9:30 am – 1:30 pm

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
Lake Sunapee VNA
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Cornish Town Hall
11:15 am – 12:30 pm

FOOT CLINIC
Lebanon Senior Center
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
Warner Senior Center
10:30 am – 12:00 pm

FOOT CLINIC
Newport Senior Center
8:30 am – 3:00 pm

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
CSB Community Center, Claremont
9:30 – 11:00 am
Plainfield-location varies
11:30 am – 1:30 pm

FOOT CLINIC
Lake Sunapee VNA
9:30 am – 1:30 pm

These events take place every month, except on holidays. Foot Clinics are by appointment only and cost \$25. For more information or to verify a date, call 603-526-4077 or visit: LakeSunapeeVNA.org

all. Join us for stories and free books! Each child from infant to teen will be able to choose two books to take home and add to their personal library.

Keep up with all the library's special events by following us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SilsbyLibrary> or check our web page at <http://www.silsbyfree.org>.

Church Chicken BBQ

CHARLESTOWN, NH—The Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main Street will host its Annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday, July 20, in conjunction with the Charlestown Town-wide Yard Sale Day. Lunch will be served under the tent and takeout is available from 11:00 AM until sold out. A complete dinner is \$10.00, including salads, drink and dessert, and half chicken only is \$7.00. Come relax and enjoy delicious BBQ after a morning of yard-saling.

Summer Activities at the Fiske Free Library

CLAREMONT, NH—Summer Camp out of your price range, want to take arts & crafts classes but the prices are too high, gas prices keeping you home this summer? Well we have a solution for you--camp out at the library this summer!

Every week there is a Wacky Wednesday program with crafts or painting and the program is free and all supplies are provided free of charge! There are many special programs over the summer and all are free. We have at least one program a week and sometimes more. There is still time to pick up a calendar of events--There is magic, music, nature, puppets and much more! Since our theme this year is a Universe of Stories in honor of the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, there will also be a space theme to most of the programs.

When you sign up, you will get a free bracelet and pencil and at each milestone of a certain number of hours of reading, there will be an incentive or raffle ticket which goes into a drawing at the end of the summer for a chance at many great prizes. Come in and sign up, pick up a calendar so you don't miss any of the great programs!

Monday Morning Children's Theater Returns to Claremont Opera House

CLAREMONT, NH—At 10:00 a.m., Monday mornings through August 12, five professional adult actors from Jean's Playhouse Children's Theater Company from Lincoln, NH, will perform original musical adaptations of popular fairy and folk tales on the air conditioned, historic stage of the Claremont Opera House. Shows run approximately 40 minutes. IMPACT (Imagination and Music – Professional



5859 Route 5
Westminster, VT 05346

(802) 722-3222

thecottagebythebrook.com
thecottagebythebrook@gmail.com

Artistry in Children's Theatre) is the professional children's performance company of Jean's Playhouse. The company writes and performs eight children's musicals every summer; each is different and all promise a good time for both you and your kids! Children will love the catchy original songs and wacky characters, all performed by the professional IMPACT actors.

The performances finish with a cast meet and greet with autograph signing and picture taking immediately following the performance.

Show titles and descriptions:

July 22, "Tom Sawyer" - For Tom Sawyer and his best friend, Huck Finn, Lazy days of fishing and swimming are constantly interrupted by Aunt Polly's list of chores. But on this particular day, Tom and Huck decide to skip white washing the fence so they can go on an old fashioned treasure hunt!

July 29, "Lost in Wonderland" - Following a white rabbit leads Alice on a very strange adventure. In a place where up means down and right means wrong, Alice discovers a world filled with a strange smiling cat, a wild tea party, and a Queen whose temper is as red as the hearts on her dress!

August 5, "The Frog Prince" - A spoiled princess learns the importance of keeping promises after accepting the help of a nearby frog. In a kingdom filled with magic, not everything is what it seems, and no one should judge a book by its cover ... or a frog by its webbed feet!

August 12, "Jack & The Beanstalk" - Young Jack is heartbroken when he must sell his best friend, a cow, at the market. But when a mysterious man trades magic beans for the cow, it opens up a world larger than life where Jack can go on adventures beyond his wildest dreams.

Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at the door the day of the show at the Claremont Opera House. Seating is general admission. Groups are advised to call ahead and ask for a section to be reserved for them.

More information may be found at www.claremontoperahouse.org. Phone: 603-542-0064.

Julian Castro Meet and Greet July 19

Peter and Jean Burling's home
20 Lang Road
Cornish, NH; 6:30 p.m.

Black River BioBlitz

SPRINGFIELD, VT—The Black River Action Team invites everyone to participate in family-friendly fun and citizen science in Springfield, VT. Guided walks, exhibit booths, kid-friendly activities and displays. No pets, please. Wear sun and biting insect protection.

From noon till 5:00 p.m., on Saturday, July 27th, you'll learn about fish and other aquatic flora and fauna at Hoyt's Landing public access by the Route 11 bridge over the Connecticut River; join us for a night-time session at the end of Park Farm Rd. at 8:00 p.m. (featuring owls with VINS and moths with the VT Entomological Society), then pick up the action the next morning at 9:00 a.m. at Muckross State Park, and visit with turtles, take a forest walk, and meet some mussels! Leave your car at the Exit 7 Park & Ride and let us shuttle you up to the Muckross State Park. Take photos, upload your observations to our project page at iNaturalist, let scientists help with the identification, and help us build an inventory of flora and fauna.

Visit the following links for more information and to sign up for this free, family-friendly event (a \$10 donation scores you a sweet 'swag bag' and button):

<https://www.facebook.com/BlackRiverAction-Team/> (check the Events page)

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/2019-black-river-bioblitz>

A New Hampshire First will Take the Stage at Amplified Arts

CLAREMONT, NH—"Shakespeare in Love" is the stage adaption of the academy award-winning Marc Norman and Tom Stoppard screenplay, of the same name, adapted for the stage by Lee Hall with music by Paddy Cunneen and performed with special permission from Samuel French. Amplified Arts will be the first theatre company in NH to perform it on stage.

According to Amplified Arts Executive Director Shelly Hudson, "A cast filled with local, award-winning talent will play such roles as Will Shakespeare, Kit Marlow, and Queen Elizabeth I. All set in Elizabeth's England in 1593, done in contemporary language with Shakespeare's verse, no accents, and live re-

naissance music, this show is not one you will want to miss!"

The story follows Will, who has writer's block and Viola, who would do anything to be on the stage. They meet and sparks fly, and soon their love affair becomes the inspiration for Shakespeare's epic tale of the star crossed lovers in "Romeo & Juliet".

In AMP's intimate space, you will be only a few feet away from this play with music as the Bard borrows language from his beloved London to create a masterpiece of love and lost. This is a dramatic comedy, so there is sword fighting, fine acting and even a bit with a dog!

The show opens August 8th with a Dinner and Show event at an increased ticket price. Two additional shows on August 9th and 10th offers our regular rates and discounts for members. Tickets on sale now as www.amplifiedartsnh.com. You can also follow Amplified Arts on Facebook, Twitter and instagram.

Celebrate New Hampshire Eat Local Month With The Acworth Village Store

ACWORTH, NH—This August, The Acworth Village Store will join over 70 partners throughout the state to highlight New Hampshire Eat Local Month -- a month-long celebration of local food and New Hampshire farmers and food producers. Increased interest in local food benefits us all by positively affecting the health of the economy, communities, and environment.

"New Hampshire residents and visitors, alike, are showing unprecedented interest in local food, and this month-long celebration offers a great opportunity to feature New Hampshire grown foods and farms," said Gail McWilliam Jellie from the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food.

As part of the NH Eat Local Month festivities, The Acworth Village Store (located at 1068 Route 123A, South Acworth, NH) will be presenting these events:

- There is our very popular Saturday Night Pizza Night, which is every Saturday Night from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Enjoy freshly made pizza, with some locally grown toppings, from our outdoor clay oven and listen to live local music.

- On August 10th, as part of our Pizza Night, we will also be hosting an Ice Cream Social, featuring an ice cream topping bar.

Kids and adult portions will be available. Come on over and enjoy time with friends and family!

We also will be hosting our annual Harvest Dinner, on August 24th, at 6 PM. Come celebrate the harvest with us! - Our annual Gala Event featuring a multi-course meal which showcases deliciously prepared locally harvested foods. Limited Seating. Tickets can be purchased at the Village Store at the end of July.

The celebration also includes a virtual scavenger hunt, buy local campaign, story sharing from farmers and businesses, and events hosted by NH Eat Local Month partners.

The organizers of these events said, "We are interested in letting everyone know about these events taking place at the Acworth Village Store. We work very hard to host these events for the benefit and enjoyment of our community, and also as a way to help sustain the Village Store's operations. The Acworth Community Project is the body that runs the Acworth Village Store, which is a Community Owned - non-profit business. It relies on local patronage and donations to serve the community with fun events, terrific food, and a convenient, yet charming, local grocery all wrapped up in small town atmosphere. We hope that people stop by for some of our famous fresh store made donuts and coffee or for a few groceries and a hot delicious breakfast or lunch! We sell many locally produced foods, such as eggs, honey, maple syrup, cheeses, meat, and more! It's a great community gathering place, and we love to see new faces!"

Find more information at www.nheatlocal.org and www.facebook.com/nheatlocal. To become a NH Eat Local Month partner, contact Samantha Cave at samantha.cave@unh.edu.

Summer Fun at the Fiske

CLAREMONT, NH—Stop in at the library and pick up our summer reading calendar and sign up for our Summer Reading Program to receive free reading incentives and prizes. And remember as always, all children's programs are FREE and open to all.

This summer at the library there are many exciting programs and events planned—from staff-led craft programs to special presentations by Mr. Aaron, music and movement and instruments, Fun with Yo-Yo's with Christine Porter, Wild About Turtles featuring live turtles, Puppet show with The Hampstead Stage

Company, The New Hampshire Children's Museum's Presentation on nocturnal animals, and a visit by a former NASA employee and rocket launch.

So, don't miss the fun at the library this summer; come in and check it out and pick up a calendar or check us out online and print the calendar.

WCCMA Concert Series

July 15, 6:30pm

Bassel and the Supernaturals*

Chicago-based funk band with a Syrian soul
Outdoor concert at Broad Street Park

July 20, 6:30pm

Yankee Brass Band

Triumphant horns from America's Golden Age
of band music

July 27, 6:30pm

Kinan Azmeh and Dinuk Wijeratne, with City-Band*

Celebrated artists from "The Art of the Duo" collaborate with the virtuosic CityBand in a high-energy night fusing classical, jazz, and Middle Eastern originals.

August 3, 6:30pm

Aardvark Jazztet *

Members of the legendary Aardvark Jazz Orchestra play standards from the songbook of the jazz greats

August 17, 6:30pm

Delphi Trio *

Immensely rich classic repertoire and contemporary music by critically acclaimed California piano trio

*Concerts part of the 2-day Music Experience with Saint-Gaudens Memorial (sgnhs.org), and immersive opportunity to explore great artists across 2 days/2 locations.

Concerts are presented at Union Episcopal Church, 133 Old Church Rd. freewill donation.

Recycled Percussion Performance Rescheduled

CLAREMONT, NH—According to an official statement released by the Claremont Opera House on behalf of Recycled Percussion, the Recycled Percussion show [scheduled for] Saturday, June 22, at the Claremont Opera House has been rescheduled to Saturday, Au-

gust 10, at 7:00 p.m. The postponement is due to a broken leg suffered by Tony Zane, the dancer/roller skater on the current tour.

All tickets will be honored for the new date.

Kinship Raising Support Group

NEWPORT, NH—A support group in Newport for kinship raising family member's kids is meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon every other Friday. Meetings held at the old Towle School, 86 North Main Street. Learn more at New Hampshire Grandparents raising Grandchildren on Facebook; check the page for updates or call Stacey Hammerlind at 802-478-0844.

Overeaters Anonymous Big Book Meetings

CLAREMONT, NH—Overeaters Anonymous Big Book Meetings are held at Valley Regional Healthcare in Claremont on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the library. Please use Dunning Street entrance.

Claremont La Leche League

CLAREMONT, NH—Breastfeeding questions? Get answers and meet other breastfeeding mothers. Claremont La Leche League Claremont La Leche League will be meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the TLC Family Resource Center, 109 Pleasant Street: Mornings, from 9:30—11:00 a.m., evenings, 5:30—7:00 p.m. LLL Leaders are trained and accredited through LLLI to offer help to parents, families, and communities to breastfeed, chestfeed, and human milk feed their babies through parent-to-parent support. A leader will be available to answer your questions.

Assistance, information, and support are also available via telephone, email, and the LLLI website. ClaremontLLL@gmail.com, Jess (603) 630-0184, Zariah (603) 306-9892; they may also be found on Facebook.

Thursday, July 18

Meriden Library

Story Time at 10 a.m.

Stories, Songs and Art for young children 0-6 with a caregiver.

Reading to Scooter at 3 pm: Children are invited to read to Scooter, a certified therapy dog.

Team Nymen Fun Run/Walk

Monadnock Park Claremont, NH

Saturday, August 3rd Rain date Sunday, August 4th

Pre-registration open until July 19th

Register: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NH/Claremont/TeamNymenFunRunWalk>

Kids under 5 Free

Kids 5-12 \$10

12 and up \$20



Please arrive by 9:00 am on race day to register and/or pick up shirts. We will be selling wristbands for \$1/each as well. Limited supplies of tshirts available for purchase race day for \$15.

includes Team Nymen T-shirt

9:00-9:45am- Registration and t-shirt pickup

10:00-11:30am- Fun Run/Walk (Wear superhero attire if desired)

11:30-1pm-BBQ (\$5/person, includes: water, chips, and choice of hotdog or sausage, watermelon and baked goods)

Nymen Koch, is a 9 year old 4th grader at Maple Ave School in Claremont, NH. Nymen was diagnosed with a kidney condition called FSGS. He is in stage 5 renal failure and has already had both kidneys removed. Nymen needs a kidney transplant to live and receives dialysis until a kidney donor match can be found. The family travels back and forth to Boston, often having to stay in Boston while Nymen receives treatment. Both of Nymen's parents are working part time while caring for Nymen and expenses are becoming insurmountable.

As you can imagine the toll on the entire family is immense and he is literally in the fight of his life. They are hoping by removing the kidneys it will buy him more time to find a donor. He is type A+ blood type and can accept either A or O blood type transplants. People can live with 1 kidney. We will have a table set up where you can give your information if you'd be interested in donating a kidney, which will be forwarded to Nymen's care coordinator in Boston.

If you're interested in volunteering at this event please arrive half an hour early and check in at the concession stand. All proceeds will go to Team Nymen Charitable Fund sponsored by Claremont Savings Bank. Thank you for donations from North Country Smokehouse, Kiwanis, Uptown Bakery Stevens Alumni Association, and Ink Factory.



Autographed Ledger Photo & Autographed Danny Gokey CD

To enter:

1. Follow me on Twitter and/or "Like" my Facebook Page.
2. Send email with "Win 7/31" in subject field to etickernews.bernadette.oleary@gmail.com
3. "Like" drawing posts on Facebook and Twitter.
4. Send me a private message on Facebook or Twitter with "Win 7/31".
5. Text "Win 7/31" to (405) 269-5211.

Choose only one way to enter or all five and enter each week.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY TUPPERWARE PARTY!

To Benefit the Claremont Senior Center

5 Acer Heights Rd
Claremont, NH 03743

Sunday, July 21, 2019 at 1:00pm

**WHERE IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START
SHOPPING FOR CHRISTMAS, BACK TO SCHOOL
AND SO MUCH MORE!!**

****BRING A FEW FRIENDS ALONG AND SEE
WHAT'S NEW & ON SALE! GAMES AND PRIZES
WILL BE AWARDED! WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?
THEN COME CHECK IT OUT! IT WILL BE LOADS OF
FUN☺****

Upcoming Claremont Senior Center Events

July 21-

"Christmas in July" Tupperware Party, July 21st, 1 PM, benefit Claremont Senior Center. Toni Chase will be presenting the latest and the updated favorites. Games and Fun! Light refreshments. This is not your mother's Tupperware. Shop for Christmas and back-to-school. This event is open to the public. Join us. Ho-Ho-Ho!

July 22-

Men's Breakfast, July 22nd, 8AM. Pancakes, sausages or bacon, juice. Surprise Speaker. Open to the public. Members-\$2, Non-members-\$3.

July 27-

Free Concert- East bay Jazz Band, 6:30 PM-8 PM. Food available at 5:30 PM. Claremont Senior Center. Great Music and Food. This makes for a wonderful evening. Open to the public. Join us!!

Caregiver Support Group

SPRINGFIELD, VT—A Caregiver Support Group (formerly Alzheimer's Support Group) is available to help enhance the lives of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Presented by Alzheimer's Association, Vermont Chapter, the Caregivers Support Group meets the third Wednesday of every month, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. at Springfield Hospital Library, Level D, Springfield.

Help Available for Advance Directive Documents

WINDSOR, VT—Thinking about completing an Advance Directive as a loving gift to your family? Advance Directives (AD) are legal documents that allow you to decide what type of medical care you want if you ever become unable to speak for yourself.

Mt. Ascutney Hospital offers free individual sessions for assistance in completing this important document. Our AD Clinics are being held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month in Windsor from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The Clinics are

led by Linda Wilson, APRN, DNP. Make an appointment by calling (802) 674-7483.

There is an additional AD Clinic in Woodstock at the Thompson Senior Center every 2nd Monday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Make an appointment by calling (802) 457-3277.

Join the Boy Scouts

CLAREMONT, NH—If you have a young man going into 6th grade and is 11 years old that you think needs an advantage in life, then have them consider becoming a Boy Scout. Boy Scouts learn valuable skills in leadership, team building and self-reliance. Boy Scouts that earn the rank of Eagle have a high likelihood of becoming successful in life and stay active in their communities. When the school starts, Troop 38 of Claremont, NH, meets every Thursday 6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's church gymnasium. Join us for a good time and new adventures. Contact Alex Herzog, Scoutmaster of Troop 38, at claremontscout@gmail.com for more info or come and join us at one of our upcoming meetings.

Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo

CLAREMONT, NH--The Croydon Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring bingo every Thursday. Held at the Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights off Maple Avenue in Claremont. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and games start at 6:30 p.m. Food and drinks available. Open to those 18 and older. Call Sandy at 543-7118 for more information.

All paper games.

Claremont Farmers Market

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Farmers' Market has fruits, vegetables, canned and baked goods, flowers and plants, crafts, POP (Power of Produce) kids activities, weekly entertainment, and other events. It accepts the EBT card, with the Granite State Market Match, up to \$10 free for fruits and vegetables. It is now at the Broad Street Park, Saturdays, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. through Sept. 14.

Send us your news and photos

Concert to Benefit NHS, Corbin Bridge Festival

NEWPORT, NH—On July 18th, pianist-vocalist-composer Tim Kelly will give a performance at the Library Arts Center in Newport, NH, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Newport Historical Society and the Corbin Bridge Festival.

The program will consist of instrumental and vocal jazz featuring music from Miles Davis, Dave Brubeck, Thelonious Monk, Al Jarreau, songs of the Great American Songbook, vocal impressions, Broadway pieces and some of Tim's original compositions honoring the Corbin Bridge and other New Hampshire original pieces.

Kelly is a resident of North Newport, when he is not traveling to perform. The concert on July 18th will be a rare opportunity to experience a world-class musical performance in the Newport area. Previous concerts that Tim has done in this area have been met with rave reviews.

Seating is limited as there is a 70-seat capacity at the Library Arts Center. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by contacting the Newport Library Arts Center at 863-3040, or at their website, [www. http://libraryartscenter.org](http://libraryartscenter.org). For more information and videos of Tim performing, please visit www.tkellypiano.com.

The Acworth Village Store - Acworth Community Project - Car Show

ACWORTH, NH— Motor on over to our second annual Car Show at the Acworth Village Store! This event is scheduled for July 27, from 11:00 AM until 3:30 PM. Be an attendee or be an exhibitor!

You are invited to bring your antique or classic car or motorcycle to show off to attendees who will then vote for their favorite! Entrance is free for this event and it promises to be a fun and spectacular show! There will be food and drinks available at the Car Show followed by Acworth Village Store's famous Pizza Night from 5:30 PM until 7:30 PM!

If you are interested in showing off your awesome set of wheels, please contact Wes Cubberley at cubdebbie@aol.com or call 603-863-4802.

Remembering Loved Ones...

Life Tributes

Obituaries May Be Found On Our Website

We post obituaries on our website to make them available in "real time," as they are released by funeral homes. We will continue to publish them here weekly, as well, for your convenience if you wish to print out any of them.

www.etickernewsclaremont.com

Charles A. Schmitt, 80

Charles Arthur Schmitt, 80, passed away on July 12, 2019, at his daughter's home. He was born in Philadelphia, PA, on January 10, 1939, the son of Charles Schmitt and Priscilla Lavigne.

He was a graduate of Springfield High School. He had been a member of the National Guard.

Charlie had worked for New England Power for many years. He was a member of Grace River Church. He enjoyed going to the Claremont Senior Center. He loved being in Venice, FL.

He is survived by his four children, Kim Baker and her husband, Bill, Michael Schmitt and his wife, Gail, Kelly Jarvis and her husband, Carl and Richard Schmitt; 15 grandchildren; many great grandchildren; two sisters, Joan Morey and her husband, Don and Carol Bostwick and her husband, Robert and his beloved dog, Matty.

He was predeceased by his wife, Judy (Bourgoine) Schmitt; his mother, father and stepmother, Louise Schmitt and a sister, Judy Johnson.

The family would like to thank the Visiting Nurse and Hospice of VT and NH for their care and compassion towards Charlie.

There will be a celebration of life held at a later date.

Arrangements are with Stringer Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 146 Broad Street,

Claremont, NH 03743.

Peter Ptasnik, 97

Peter Ptasnik, 97, of Scenic Hill Rd, Charlestown NH, died surrounded by family on Thursday, July 11th, 2019.

He was born Peter Ptasnikoff in Claremont, NH, to William Wikenty Ptasnik and Anna (Baleyka) Ptasnik on September 27, 1921. He shortened his name to Ptasnik in 1959.

He served in Europe during World War II as a Medic. After discharge from the military, he worked as a machinist and tool operator at Joy Manufacturing, Sullivan Manufacturing, Fellows Gear Sharper Co., RL Jacobs Machine Co. and Costa Manufacturing, retiring at the age of 62.

He enjoyed traveling and sitting on the porch watching birds with his wife Ginny, building stone walls and rock gardens on the land where he and his wife built their home sweet home, and loved talking about history and his family's immigration from Russia.

He had no biological children. When he married Virginia in 1962, he inherited a large

family that loved him as their own. His surviving family includes stepchildren, David Forsaith and his wife Judith of Charlestown NH, Alma Twombly of Bethel VT, and Milena Mongeon, of Goshen, and daughter-in-laws, Sandra Forsaith Fleury of Largo, FL, and Martha Forsaith of Barnstead, NH. Also, 13 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 10 great-great grandchildren (with more on the way). As well as his dear friends, Paul Petraska and wife Priscilla of Chester, VT.

He was predeceased by his wife, Virginia Wiggan Ptasnik, his parents, his brothers: Alexander Pearson, Paul Ptasnik and wife Mia, Waseil Ptasnik and wife Irene, nieces Barbara Ptasnik Fersing and Patricia Ptasnik Kneeland, his stepson, Edward Forsaith, step son-in-law Philip Paini, and grand-daughter Cammy Forsaith.

Special thanks to the VA Home Care Program, Charlestown Police Department, Sullivan County Health Care and his extended family for enabling Peter to stay home later in life.

Funeral services will be held at Stringer Funeral Home in Claremont NH on July 27 at

“Eye doctors shouldn't have fine print.”

-Dr. Sam Giveen

At Doctor Sam's Eye Care, everything is right up front. From eye exams to glasses to contact lenses to whatever treatment you need, our prices are as comfortable as our chair-side manner. Visit Doctor Sam's and see for yourself.

DOCTOR **SAM'S**
EYE CARE



(603) 543-2020

9 Dunning St, Claremont

(we're right there by the hospital)

10:00 a.m. with the Rev. Martha Dyner officiating. Military burial will follow in the Summer Hill Cemetery in Springfield VT.

Pauline S. Wells, 88

Pauline S. Wells (Polly), 88, passed away at Cedar Hill in Windsor, VT, on July 11, 2019. She was born on May 20, 1931, the daughter of Edward and Amanda St. Martin.

Polly graduated from St. Mary's High School in Claremont in 1949. She married Robert A. Wells in 1959 and they lived and worked in Claremont for a short time then moved to Rutland, VT, then in 1965 moved to Schenectady, NY, where they lived and worked for GMAC. Polly was a bookkeeper for 35 years.

Shortly after retirement, Polly and Bob travelled via RV to the southwest for the winter months and in the summer months, traveled in the RV to Nova Scotia, Labrador, Alaska, and Newfoundland.

She loved gardening and decorating for each season. She was an avid reader and more recently enjoyed audio books.

In 2011, Polly moved to Quail Hollow where she made many friends and due to declining health, she moved to Cedar Hill and then again met new friends and a wonderful and caring staff.

She is survived by her sister, Rachel Robb and her husband, Terry; two nieces, Melissa Small and Tracy St. Martin; a nephew, Thomas Robb; two great nephews, Brady Small and Hunter Robb; and a great niece, Elena Robb.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Private burial will be held in the family lot in North Cemetery in Lunenburg, MA.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jean Tobey

Jean Edson Tobey passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at Cedar Hill Continuing Care Community in Windsor, VT.

Jean was born on April 18, 1937, to Isabel (Niles) and Landale Edson in Montpelier, VT, where she grew up. She was a 1955 graduate of Montpelier High School and continued to stay in touch with classmates until her death. She graduated from SUNY Potsdam Teachers College in Potsdam, NY, in 1960 and taught for over 30 years in Germany, Rochester, NY, and Claremont, NH. In 1959, Jean married her high school sweetheart Herbert Lester Tobey;

they were happily married for over 50 years and were excellent role models for what makes a good marriage. Jean and Herb loved spending time with family and friends at their lake house on Lake Sunapee. They also enjoyed traveling, playing bridge, and attending their grandchildren's sports games and theatrical performances.

Jean was predeceased by her loving husband Herb, and her parents, Landale and Isabel Edson.

She is survived by her children, Sharon Tobey Miller (and husband Brian) of Acworth, NH, Brian Niles Tobey of Raleigh, NC, and

David Edson Tobey (and wife Amy) of Sharon, MA, and eight grandchildren: Tobey Miller, Heidi Miller, Clara Miller, Alexander Tobey, Nicholas Tobey, Margaret Tobey, Isabel Tobey, and William Tobey, her brother George Edson (and wife Jill) of Cornish, NH, her sister Carol Walsh of Lafayette, CA, her brother-in-law, and sister-in-law Jack and Betty Tobey of Franklin, NH, as well as many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Calling hours will be held at Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad St, Claremont from 6-8 PM on Friday, August 2.

Claremont Senior Center, Inc.

Yes!! We are open for activities. However, no lunches will be served until July 23rd from our new kitchen. Actually, right now, we have no kitchen. There is nothing there! Out with the old-in with the new. Can't wait!

First we have to correct an "oops". Some weeks ago, we had a drawing for the Lottery Ticket Raffle. We neglected to announce the winners in the newsletter. Here are the winners.

1st- Roella Bruno, 2nd_ Gary Bedard, and 3rd- Carl Brogan. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all those who supported this fundraiser.

Bingo- we are not having Senior Center bingo on Wed. July 17th. We will resume the Wednesday bingo on July 24th in our new, redone Owens Hall.

"Christmas in July" Tupperware Party will be on Sunday, July 21st at 1PM. Toni Chase will give us plenty of back-to-school and Christmas items to purchase. Light refreshments. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Join us! Ho-Ho-Ho!

The Senior Men's Breakfast will be on Monday, July 22 at 8AM. Pancakes, bacon or sausage, juice and coffee. Speaker at 8:45. Members-\$2, non members-\$3. Open to the public. Join us in the new Owens Hall.

The exercise program in the Owens Hall is suspended for a week due to the renovations.

A Movie Afternoon at the Center is being planned for Sunday, July 28th at 1PM. More info later.

Volunteers are still needed. There is a renovation timeline posted on the Center door. Please take a look. If you can spare an hour or two, call and sign up. We will give you the times and tasks available. No ladders involved. Call 543-5998. Thanks.

Quick Takes: East Bay Jazz Ensemble, free concert, July 27th, Annual Car Show, Aug. 25th, Penny Sale, Sept. 22nd (items still accepted). Whew! So much going on. Join us. One month free membership still available.

Thank you all for your patience during our redo. Lively conversation and laughter always encouraged and welcome here.

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Rd., Claremont, NH. (603)543-5998. Smoke Free.



A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 3, at 10:00 AM at the First Congregational Church in Claremont. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the First Congregational Church of Claremont, NH, 72 Pleasant St, Claremont, NH 03743.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday, July 7th

0518 E3 responded to Washington St for a problem with a fire alarm panel.
1511 E3 responded to a medical call on East St.
1851 E3 responded to assist the ambulance on Opera House Square.
1951 E3 responded to a well-being check on Hanover St.

Monday, July 8th

1421 E3 responded to a well-being check on Twistback Rd.
1901 E1 responded to Pleasant St for an illegal burn.

Tuesday, July 9th

0912 E1 responded to Tremont St for an odor investigation.
0923 E3 responded to Pleasant St for wires down.
1346 E1 responded to Washington St for a motor vehicle accident.
2002 E3 responded to a medical call on Pleasant St.
2314 E3 responded to Myrtle St for a motor vehicle accident.

Wednesday, July 10th

0925 E3 responded to a medical call on Walnut St.
1505 E1 responded mutual aid to Ascutney for station coverage.
1652 E3 responded to a medical call on Redwater Brook Rd.
1941 E3 responded to a medical call

on Sullivan St.

Thursday, July 11th

1547 E3 responded to Pleasant St for a dumpster fire.
2015 E3 responded to a medical call on Heritage Dr.
2322 E3 responded to a medical call on North St.

Friday, July 12th

0949 E3 responded to a possible medical call on MacKenzie Dr.
1337 E3 responded to a medical call on Hillside Terrace.
1428 E3 responded to a medical call on Myrtle St.
2149 E3 responded to a medical call on Water St.

Saturday, July 13th

0027 E3 responded to a possible medical call on Hanover St.

0109 E3, L2 responded to West Terrace St. for a reported structure fire.

1707 E3 responded to a medical call on Pleasant St.

1848 E3 responded to a medical call on Pleasant St.

1850 E3 responded to Pleasant St for a motor vehicle accident.

2125 E3 responded to Old Newport Rd for an illegal burn.

TUESDAY, JULY 16

2:00 p.m.

Meriden Library

Book Group: Discussing *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman.
Anyone is welcome to join the discussion.



Summer Beauty...

Day lilies are a favorite amongst gardeners, adding color and elegance to any yard. They often attract butterflies and hummingbirds, too, both most welcomed visitors (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo).



The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, July 24, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

AGENDA

- 6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL
- 6:34 PM 3. AGENDA CHANGES
- 6:35 PM 4. MAYOR'S NOTES
 - A. Proclamation – David Condon Retirement
- 6:40 PM 5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
- 6:45 PM 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 23))
- 7. OLD BUSINESS
- 6:55 PM A. City Manager Search Update
- 7:05 PM B. Ordinance 568 Amending the Non-Union Employee Pay Schedule – Second Reading
- 8. NEW BUSINESS
- 7:15 PM A. Asset Management Plan Presentation
- 7:35 PM B. Water Meter Update
- 7:45 PM C. Revaluation Update
- BREAK
- 8:15 PM D. Accept \$9,000 Forest Fire – Fire Fighting Gear from Claremont Fire Fighters Association – Public Hearing
- 8:25 PM E. Re-Approve Identity Theft Prevention Policy
- 8:35 PM F. Dog Park and Other Reserve Accounts Review
- 8:45 PM G. Refuse Tax Deed
- 8:55 PM H. Charter Amendment Discussion
- 9:10 PM 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 9:20 PM 10. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 9:25 PM 11. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Snakes and Safety

By Bernadette O'Leary

People marvel at and are horrified by snake handling shows. Cowboys from Hell Rattlesnake Handler, David Thomas, took time to speak about the purpose of these shows.

Obviously, snakes can be dangerous. Not everyone can discern venomous from non-venomous, but even non-venomous snakes are nothing to be toyed with. They all bite, and this can cause injuries. So, are Thomas and his partners crazy for what they do? They handle deadly snakes. They do stunts such as sitting in a bathtub full of snakes, laying in a sleeping bag full of snakes and bagging snakes in speed competitions. They hear the claims that they are crazy often, and Thomas' response is an interesting one. He states that he is not crazy, but rather he is educated. He is educated on the psychology of snakes, for lack of a better term. He knows how they act and what sets them off. More importantly, he knows how not to set them off.

The fact is, while snakes can and will bite if provoked, they are not mindless monsters. Thomas and his partners, including videographer Todd Autry, have worked with snakes for years in an effort to spread awareness of both safety and understanding for these creatures. In their efforts to show people that snakes are to be respected, not feared or senselessly slaughtered simply because they're snakes, many of the snake handlers have been bitten. This goes with the territory. One such incident happened this year, when handler David Estep was bitten during one of the performances. Estep is doing fine, and he is not slowing down. In fact, he has been bitten dozens of times, but he continues the work.

This brings me to the concern for the snakes. A common misconception is that these snakes are mistreated. In fact, The Cowboys from Hell Rattlesnake Handlers talk to people about respecting these animals and preserving snake dens. They use their work to help people understand the importance and nature of these animals. For example, Thomas explains to people how vital snakes are to the ecosystem, keeping down the mouse and rat populations that lead to an increase in ticks if left unchecked. Thomas and his partners also teach people how snakes are not going to try to attack for no reason. Rather, they try to avoid people. Most bites happen when someone inadvertently surprises or steps on a snake.

Much of the time, snakes will sense you coming through feeling vibrations of footsteps in the ground. However, it is possible to catch one by surprise. Thomas recommends using a long walking stick when you walk through grassy or rocky terrain where snakes could be hiding. You can use this to move the grass around ahead of you, or if an encounter occurs, you can use it to push the snake out of the way. You can avoid most snakes altogether by walking on clear paths. Also, stepping on rocks or logs and then taking a large stride for the next step, rather than simply stepping over the rock or log, can help avoid snakes. If a bite does occur, help the victim stay calm and get to help quickly. Staying calm can prevent the individual from going into shock.

Snakes are simply animals doing their animal thing. They don't want to encounter humans any more than we want to encounter them. Taking precautions and learning more about them can help. So, be careful when mowing your lawns this summer. You never know what you might find.

