

Claremont Confidential

By Les St.Pierre



Waiting For The Big Game

"It's a big honor for me to play and to represent Stevens," is how senior Collin Belt describes his selection to the upcoming New Hampshire-Vermont Maple Sugar Bowl Shrine Football Game at Castleton State College August 6.

While much of the anxiety around Stevens High School in Claremont these days is focused upon the upcoming St. Joseph's Sports Night, scheduled for March 30, one Stevens senior has to wait through the summer months to display his talents upon the football field for one more time as a high school student-athlete. Although he will have graduated by the August 6 extravaganza, Belt is anxiously awaiting that one final time when he can get together with friends and former competitors he associated with during his high school days.

"I'm also excited to be playing with Stephan again and with Christian Lawrence of Newport after playing against them the last few years," Belt added while being interviewed in a classroom at Stevens.

"Stephan" is Stephan Nix, the much honored stellar athlete, both in football and wrestling, at Newport High School, a strong rival of the Claremont school. Nix is also a long and close friend of Belt's as the two grew up together on the streets of Claremont. Both athletes made out extremely well from having to transfer their residences while maturing during their formative years. Belt lived in Springfield, VT,

until midway through his sixth grade when his family made the transition from the Green Mountain State to the Granite State.

"I started playing the mini-Cardinals football program in Claremont while still living in Springfield," Belt reported, "and played with Stephan up until seventh grade. He's pretty much my best friend."

Belt, son of Richard and Jada Belt, is a strong New England Patriots fan, as is the entire family, and his confession to admiring and idolizing Teddi Bruschi, Jerod Mayo and Tom Brady while

growing up bolsters that fact. His mom is a past cheerleading coach at Stevens and coached this past season at Kearsarge, which may have something to do with the fact Collin's girlfriend at Stevens is Alexis Parliman, a junior cheerleader. Mrs Belt has also been the Shrine Game's cheerleading coach for the past six years and will be doing it again this year, thus getting a field level view of her son's talent on the gridiron.

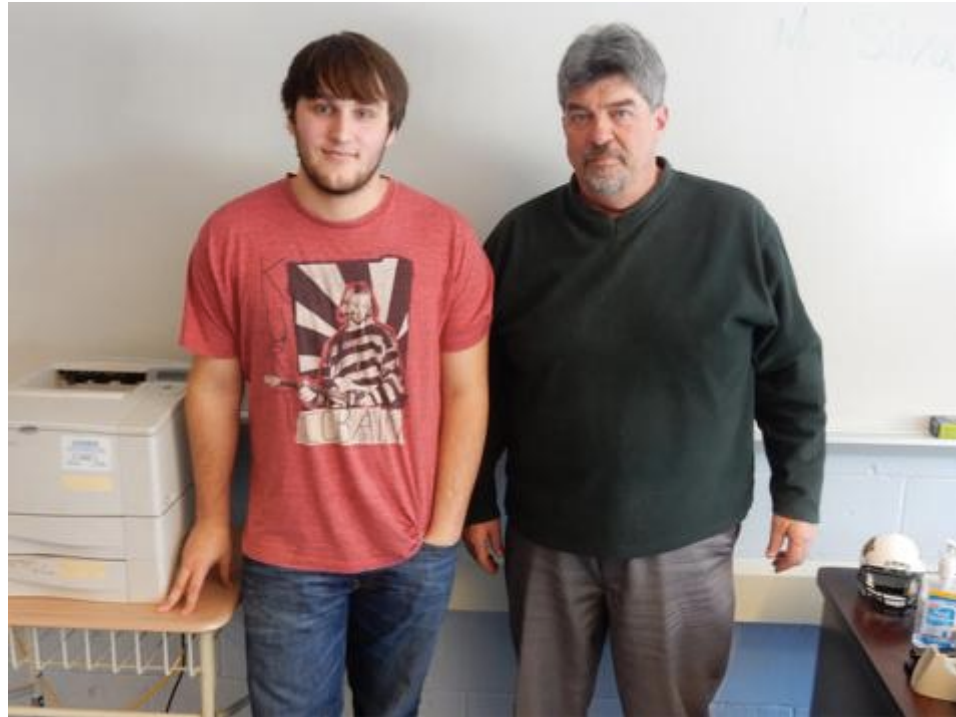
Back in November, when Belt first learned of his selection, he stated he remembered the mail lady delivering a yellow package from the Shrine office. "I was so excited my hand was shaking," said Belt as he recalled that infamous afternoon. "I even was bleeding under my fingernail from a cut I got from the paper

opening the envelope. I called my parents and my grandma and my Uncle Bill Gobin, even though it said the information wasn't supposed to be released publicly on social media, but I figured I could, at least, call my parents."

The call to Gobin came without any restraint on Belt's part. "I looked up to Billy," Belt uttered, with

reverent awe toward his uncle. "He got me started on watching all the games with him and he would tell me all about the different coverages, but back then in the third grade I didn't understand it and would just say uh, huh, yuh, yuh."

An e-mail from Dr. Pat Barry, Stevens High
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Collin Belt with SHS Head Football Coach Paul Silva (Les St.Pierre photo).

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Belt, from B1

principal, and her husband, a former Shrine Game player, to Belt congratulating him on his selection to the prestigious post-season contest is something Belt said pleased him to no end.

"Coach Silva has always been there motivating me," Belt was quick to point out. "He was hard on me at practice, but it paid off, definitely. He is more than just a coach. He cares about the players."

Paul Silva has been the head coach at Stevens for the past five years. He has had the good fortune to have had six players named to the Shrine Game prior to Belt in that span of time. They include Cam Blewitt in 2012, Logan Batchelder and C.J. Gosselin in 2013, Kai Kleyensteuber and Donald Pellerin in 2014. Belt's selection this season follows a 2015 season in which no one was picked for the August event.

"I am thrilled for Collin," Silva stated in his office at the high school overlooking Middle Street. "He has called the defense for us in the huddle ever since he was a sophomore. Any time you get a kid picked for a game like this it is exciting. It is great and he is real pleased, and I am for him. He is a very coachable kid, a solid kid. Any time you get a kid selected to a post-season game it gets the school's name out there."

Belt has applied to four schools and has been accepted at all four. He has not made a decision, as yet, where he will go. New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord, Keene State College, Castleton State College and the University of New Hampshire are the four schools to which he has applied. He plans to major in business management.

This will be the 63rd annual Shrine Game and kickoff time is 5:30 p.m. New Hampshire leads 46-13-2 in the series, the first game having been played on Labor Day in 1954 in Nashua. All proceeds benefit the Shriners Hospital For Children in Springfield, MA, and Montreal, Canada and the Boston Burns Institute in Boston. Over \$4,500,000 has been raised over the first 62 games.

Coach Silva has been a part of the game in the past and is, again, called to be an assistant coach in 2016.

"Yes, I will be on the staff, so I can coach him one more game," Silva said of Belt, a line-backer. "He is going to have an awesome experience. I thought it was a fantastic experi-

The bust of former Stevens High coach Clarence "Ceep" Parker nicely adorns the wall at the entrance to the Frederick W. Carr Gymnasium. The bust, given to the school by the class of 1948, had been banished to a storage closet during the school's renovation but, thanks to the efforts of Stevens High Alumni Association President Doug LeBlanc and former president Bob Stringer, the bust has had a new and sturdy frame built around it and was put into its new place a couple of weeks ago (Les St.Pierre photo).



ence. He has no idea how great that experience is going to be for him. He really doesn't!"

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3 On 3 Basketball Tournament

CLAREMONT, NH--The TVASL Annual 3 on 3 Basketball tournament will be held Saturday, April 2, at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center. The cost is \$60 per team. Prizes will be awarded to the top team(s). This event will be used to raise funds for the new TVASL scholarship program, "Kicks4Kids." First game starts at 9:00 a.m.

For more information and to sign up, please visit www.leaguelineup.com/TVASL.

Umpire Rules And Mechanics Clinic

CLAREMONT, NH--The New Hampshire ASA and the Claremont Men's Modified League will be running a free Umpire Rules and Mechanics Clinic on April 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center, 152 South Street. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

For more information, please contact Claremont Men's Modified UIC Jaime DeForge at



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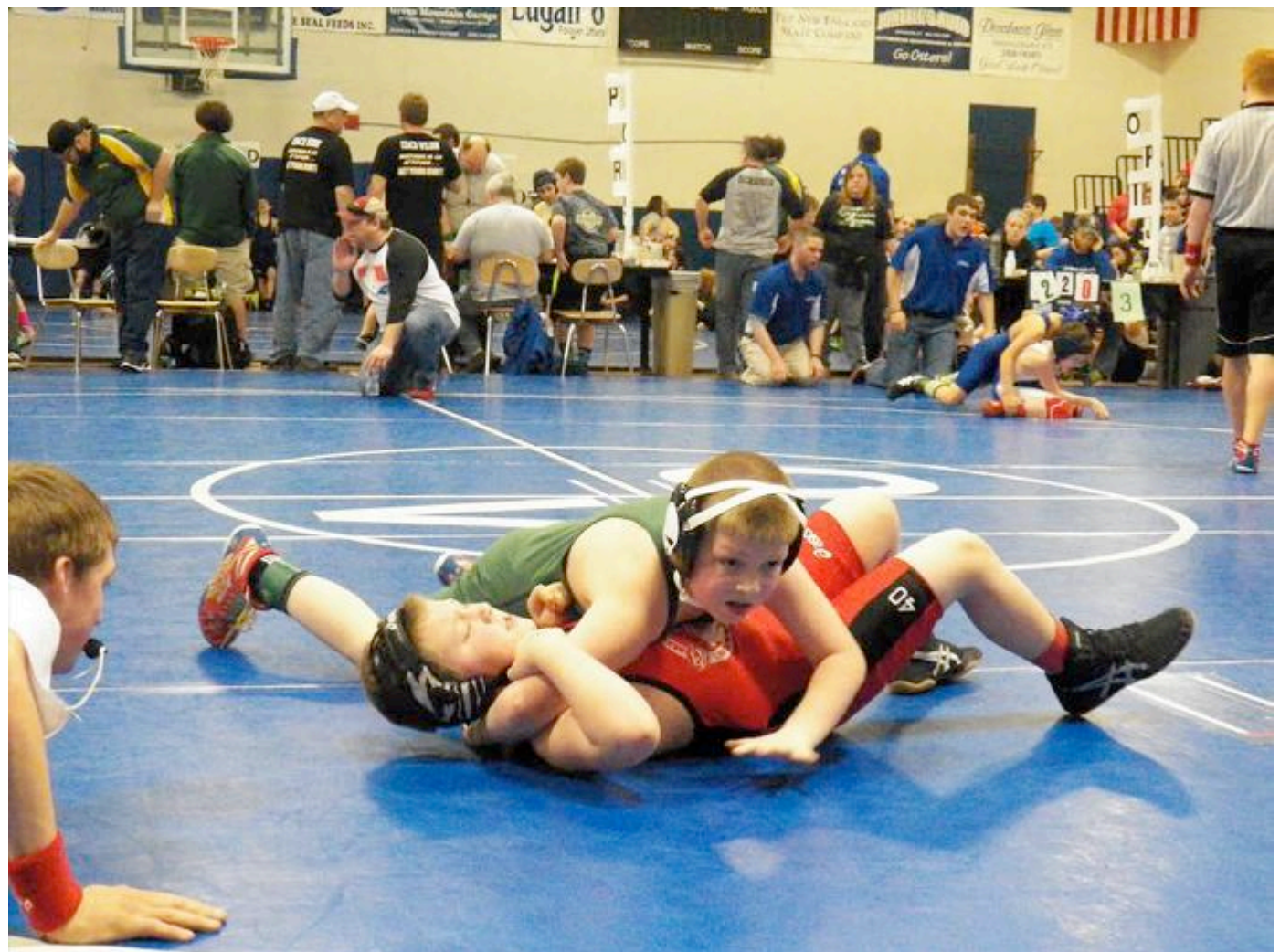

The Parks and Recreation Department held a Try-A-Tri indoor triathlon event at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center on Saturday, March 19. This mini triathlon incorporated the three aspects of a regular triathlon, swimming, biking and running but used overall distance traveled instead of best time to declare a winner. The five participants, all women, swam laps in the pool, rode stationary bikes and ran on the indoor track, in the three timed events. The overall winner was Toni McDougle, 2nd place went to Annie Monette and 3rd place to Kim Lewis. Photos, left: 1st place went to Toni McDougle, center, flanked by Ivy Condon and Mark Brislin from CSBCC right: Putting some miles on the bikes (Bill Binder photos).

Springfield Wrestlers Rock the Otter Valley

BRANDON, VT--Nine youth wrestlers in grades 1-5 tackled tough opponents and racked up 8 wins at the recent Rumble in the Valley wrestling tournament in Brandon, VT.

Veteran Hunter Ferland and newcomer Izic Putnam each landed second place medals; wins were also claimed by Dillan Lacasse, Devin Snide-Tufts, Brock Lovell, and Cole Wright. Logan Roundy battled hard against tough opponents to show his increasing skill; Armando Stettner also worked his moves and never gave up. First-year wrestler Connor Azarigian continued his pattern of refusing to be pinned by his opponents.

Reflecting the team's high standards, the Springfield wrestlers were awarded the Team Sportsmanship Award, an honor bestowed by the eight referees at the tournament. Coaches Floyd Buck Jr and Don Beebe said they were very proud of all the kids and are looking forward to upcoming tournaments as the team travels to Barre, Bennington, and Fair Haven, VT, before the State Championship for grades 3-6 on April 9th.



Hunter Ferland nails a headlock; he came away with a 2nd-Place medal during the tournament in Brandon, VT (Kelly Stettner photo).

Inspiration



The Message Of Easter

By Priscilla Hull

"For God so loved the world..."

The question to this frequently quoted scripture might be, what/who does God actually love and why?

God loves "the world". Is this the physical sphere with plants, animals, and water? Is it the people of the world? Is it certain people of the world? I consider the answer to be yes, yes, and yes! When God created the world, with each new part of creation, He said, "It is good!" Our reaction to "good" things is love. So it should be concluded that what God created He loves.

There is not one part of God's creation that He doesn't love. Maybe His feeling to us is a little like what we say to our children, "I love you, I just don't like what you're doing right now."

"That he gave His only begotten Son..."

Can we believe that God gave up His beloved Son for our sake? There must be more to this than meets the eye. There is! God gave His Son to us in a form that we can understand. He brought His Son into the world to help us learn about life. When Jesus came, God knew it would not be for a long time. He knew that Jesus would return to Him. He gave a portion of Himself to us, so that we might learn about Creation and love. The pain and suffering that Jesus experienced is a lesson for us. We think that we have suffered. We have, but our suffering and pain have no com-

parison with the suffering and pain of Jesus. Knowing that he suffered for us is a wonderful thing.

"That whosoever believes in Him will have every lasting life..."

This is the message of Easter. That through all that we have suffered in our lives, there is One who took on the burden of the world for nothing less than to show us that love conquers all. Through the life and death of Jesus we have won the precious gift of life eternal. This life eternal being not an extension of life here on earth, but the beginning of a new life which revolves around The love of God.

This, then is the true meaning of Easter! It isn't the bunny rabbits and baby chicks and colorful eggs, although they do symbolize new beginnings, new life.

The meaning is a New Life centered around God wherein we attempt to live as Jesus lived, by actions of love, justice, peace which bring us to a greater level of understanding of who we are and who our neighbor is and who God is! The simple fact of Easter is that God loves us - each one of us, and all He expects In return is that our love for Him is pure and honest.

May you find joy in this Resurrection Day.

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



Trinity Episcopal Church & Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church Holy Week Services

3/24/16 - 7:00pm - Maundy Thursday - Service of Absolution; Foot Washing; Holy Communion

3/25/16 - Good Friday - Noon - Cross Walk 7:00pm - Good Friday Liturgy

3/27/16 - 9:30am - Resurrection of Our Lord/ Easter Sunday

Bring hand bells for a special "surprise"!

Trinity/Prince of Peace Weekly Programs

Sundays – Adult Education:

Join us after church on Sundays in the parlor for a lively discussion on Theological issues. During Lent we will discuss the reason for lent and some history of why we do what we do. All are invited. No experience necessary.

Tuesdays: 2 – 4pm After School Program – Please use the sign-up

Prayer Team Meeting –The Second Tuesday of Every month at 10:00am in the church ~ All are welcome

Coffee Hour Sign-up is in the fellowship hall.

For more information, email

pop64739@gmail.com.

West Unity Church Services

UNITY, NH--West Unity Community Church services are being held every Sunday at 4:00 p.m., with a potluck following, at the elementary school in Unity. The services are not a school-sponsored event.

We welcome submissions from area pastors and lay leaders for our Inspiration Section. Contact us at etickernews@gmail.com



Review: *Christian Music's Finest*

By Bernadette O'Leary

I had the extreme pleasure of attending The Rock & Worship Roadshow Tour, presented by Compassion International, featuring some of Christian Rock's finest artists, when it was in Texas. We traveled nearly 4 hours for the event, and although it was a rough trip, it was more than worth it. While there we saw Newsboys, Audio Adrenaline, Jeremy Camp, Mandisa, Phil Wickham, Family Force 5, Danny Gokey, and Citizen Way perform on stage. There are truly no words to describe the intense emotional ride from the beginning clear to the end of the concert. And it didn't stop with these amazing artists. The speaker, Shaun Groves, was equally wonderful. My husband, who was my Technical Assistant, and I were literally speechless by the time it was all over, and all we could say was, "Wow."

From the moment the first artist hit the stage, there was no stopping the momentum that rolled forward with a vengeance. It wasn't only a Rock concert, it was a Rock concert with a purpose and a message: living faith-filled lives of de-

vation and hope, no matter where you're from, what you've done, what you face, or who you've been. The energy and electricity that filled the air were matched only by the dedication of each artist to give the audience the very best of themselves. Of course, those familiar with each of these artists would expect nothing less. I cannot remember how many times my eyes filled with tears from the beauty and grace that filled the air. Between the music, the genuine love flowing between the artists and the audience, and the message of perpetual hope for all, I have never experienced anything more powerful or lovely in a room full of hundreds... perhaps thousands.

Along with the fantastic entertainment, donations were accepted for Compassion International and their efforts to help children in Haiti and other countries abroad. Some of the items sold at the artists' booths were even made in Haiti by orphan children. (In fact, I'll be giving a couple of those away in one of the drawings this year.) Rather than simply looking to rake in the money for themselves, these artists and those operating the event were on a mission: to entertain the fans while also raising money for children in need.

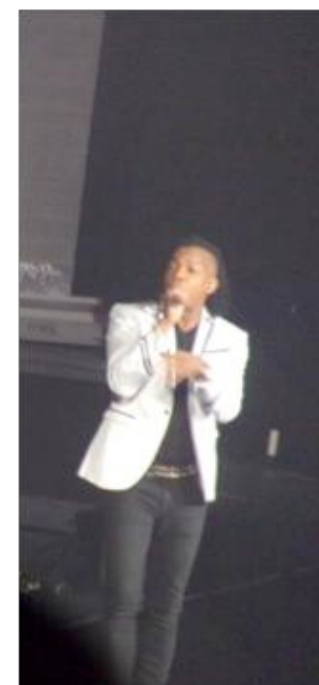
At one point, Michael Tait (lead singer for Newsboys) even left the stage to interact with children near the stage. It was incredibly sweet, and the looks on those kids' faces were priceless. He gave those children a gift that they will never forget, and he did so while also sharing the gift of God's word and love with them through Newsboys' music.

Each and every one of these artists rocked the house with family-friendly, uplifting music that rivaled and even exceeded anything the mainstream can offer. During the concert, one could look around and see people ranging in age from six to 60, from all apparent walks of life. There were young children, teens with Mohawks, nose rings, and tattoos, and even senior citizens all singing, dancing, and smiling together as one big group of friends... I dare say as one big family. It made me remember a lesson that my daddy taught me: strangers are merely friends we have yet to meet. People were polite to one another, with no swearing or rudeness to be found. People were even

happy to move over to let you through when in the busy walkways. Not only did the artists give their all on stage, but these incredible artists even stayed late after the event to meet their fans and sign autographs. My heart went out for them. They were so very tired from the high-energy evening, but they were still all smiles and love for each and every guest until the venue closed it down.

Although there are only 5 Crosses available for my rating system, I give a resounding 10 Crosses to each and every one of these artists, both as groups and as individuals. The talent and love that they shine with is exactly what you would expect from strong Christian men and women. In a world where one sees many who claim strong Christian views but don't show those views in how they live, it was easy to see that these artists truly walk the walk. They radiated with it. If you get the chance to see any of these artists, do so. You will be thankful that you did. I simply cannot say so enough.

You might say that it's easy for me to gush about hope and love when I myself do not truly understand suffering. However, I will tell you... Many of my faithful readers already know that I am disabled and experience pain beyond words as well as



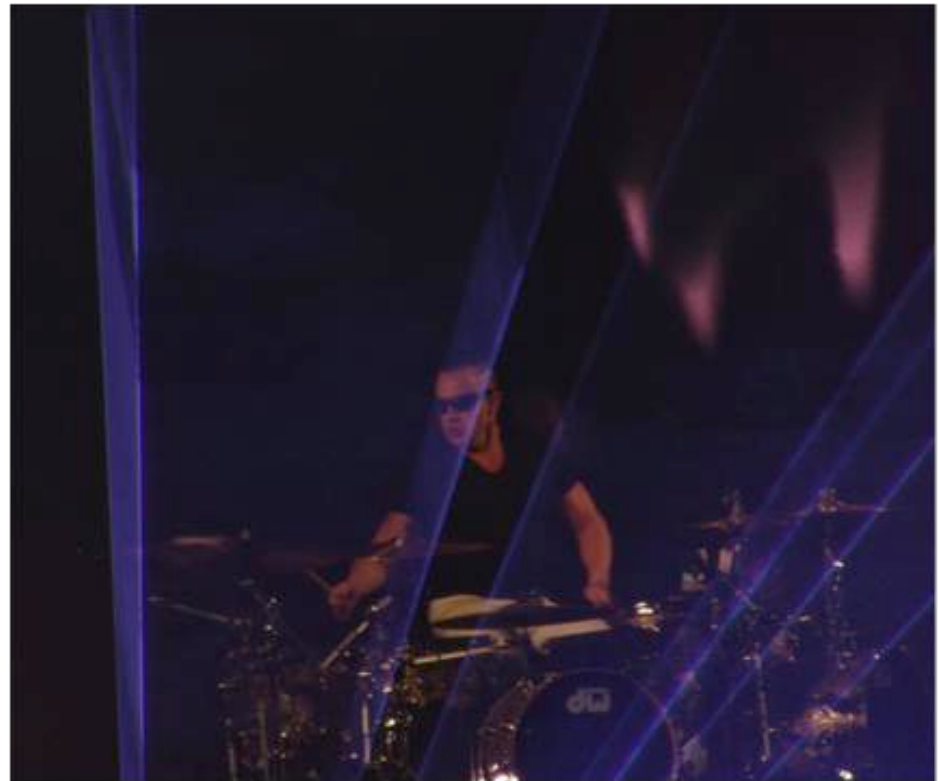
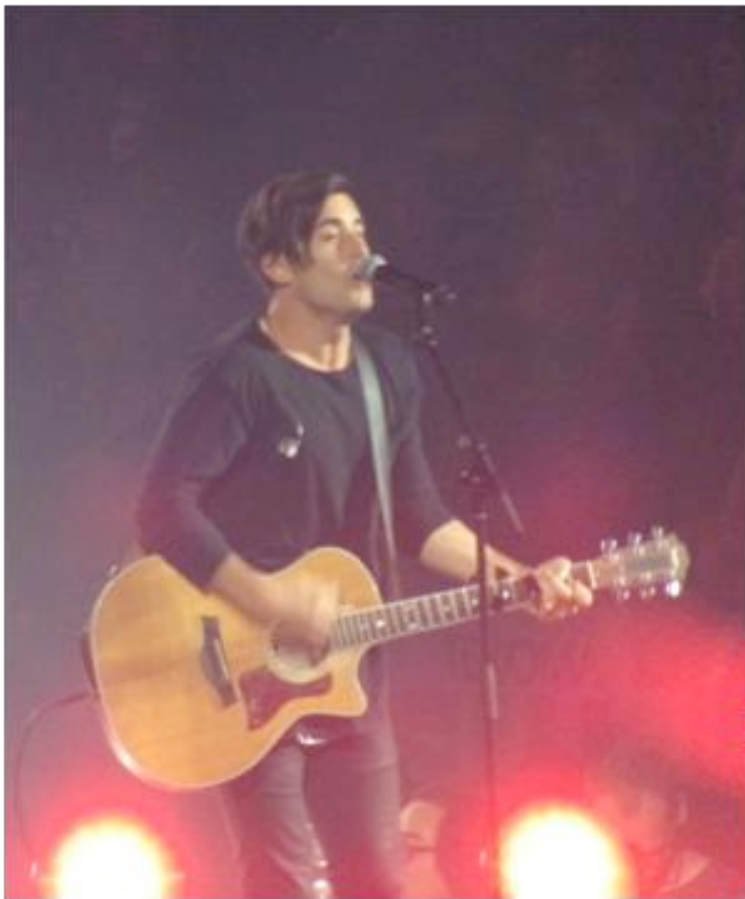
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increasing problems walking/using my limbs. I was in great pain this day, but I received a gift from these artists that cannot be put into words. They helped me regain my hope and replenish my strength to fight my ailments. This evening of worship deeply impacted this journalist, and I am still thanking God for it today. I am also thankful for the gift of these generous artists to share so much of themselves for people like me. I'm thankful they received and accepted the calling. So, I speak from personal joy in the midst of pain. I'm "Guilty." And I now listen to my Newsboys' album "Love Riot" as often as possible to remind myself of the need for me to remain hopeful in my fight against my illness. Faith can be a funny thing. As humans, we tend to be weak. But when we come together in prayer, we can renew each other's strength.

Even the artists there that night whom I was unable to meet, I will say one final thank you. A heartfelt "Thank you!" to all of the artists for being so kind and open to everyone in attendance. Also,

thank you to those who were so generous as to sign some items for me to give to my readers. To my readers, be sure to follow me on Twitter, Like me on Facebook, and share me on both. By following me on Twitter and clicking Like on my Facebook page, you are automatically entered to win some of these items as prizes at the end of each month. For the month of March the prizes are two signed Newsboys CD's and a Newsboys picture. (Winners cannot win more than once in a 6 month period.) Find each of these artists online today, and attend their concerts if you can. You'll be glad you did.



“Like” Bernadette O’Leary’s Facebook page and follow her on Twitter for a chance to win a Newsboys photo and 2 signed CDs!

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Calendar Of Events

Pig Roast In Ascutney

ASCUNTEY, VT--Spring is here! Get a jump on the tastes of the season and enjoy a pig roast prepared for you by the Ascutney Volunteer Fire Association on Saturday, April 2nd, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. (or sold out) at the Martin Memorial Hall located at 5259 Route 5 in Ascutney, VT. They will be serving roast pork, sauces, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, iced tea, lemonade, and dessert. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-10, and under 6 is free. To-go meals will be available.

For more information, please email avfa@outlook.com or call 802-674-6869. All proceeds are used to purchase fire equipment and safety gear.

SHS Class Of 1971 To Meet

CLAREMONT, NH--Stevens High School class of 1971 will hold a meeting March 23 at 7:00 p.m. at LaValley's Claremont Building Supply. Please use the Pleasant St. entrance.

Cone Automatic Machine Co. Charitable Foundation Scholarships Available

CLAREMONT, NH--The Cone Automatic Machine Company Charitable Foundation scholarship program will continue for the coming school year 2016-2017. This scholarship is available to the children or grandchildren of former employees of Cone-Blanchard Machine Company having a minimum of five years of continuous service with Cone-Blanchard Machine Company who meet the eligibility requirements.

Eligibility requirements, terms of award payments and applications may be obtained by writing to Cone Automatic Machine Company Charitable Foundation, PO Box 65, Claremont, NH 03743.

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than May 9, 2016.

Scholarship awards will be announced in June 2016.

Understanding Mental Illness

CLAREMONT, NH--NAMI Family-to Family is a free 12-week class for family and friends of adults with depression, bipolar, schizophrenia, OCD and other brain disorders that make everyday living a challenge for those who love them. Learn about treatment, communication, coping skills and more. Tuesday evenings, 6:00-8:30 p.m., March 29-June 14 in Claremont, led by (National Alliance on Mental Illness) NAMI-trained family members.

For information and to register, call Donna Stamper, 603-863-2621.

Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Sponsoring 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.

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News From The Silsby Library

Storytime for Toddler/ PreK

Every Tuesday at 10:30 am. Children and parents are invited for stories, songs, and fingerplays in the children's area.

Lunch and Learn for Adults

Wednesday, March 23 at 3-7. For children in grades Kindergarten to 5th grade. Come build with us in the children's area! Duplo sets are available for younger siblings.

Family Movie Night

Wednesday, March 23 at 5:30pm. Come join us as we pop popcorn and watch the award winning animated film, "The Secret of the Kells."

Teams Lining Up For 10th Annual Steppin' Up

CLAREMONT, NH--With less than two months before the big event, 54 teams have

confirmed with Turning Points Network that they are fundraising and will be 'stepping up' to end violence on April 30. Steppin' Up to End Violence 5k Walk & Fun Run is the signature event benefiting Turning Points Network, Sullivan County's only domestic and sexual violence crisis and support center. The event brings in critical funds that allow TPN to continue to support victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and to provide prevention education programs to the citizens of Sullivan County.

Teams from elementary, middle and high schools, faith communities, fire and police departments, businesses, and municipalities have committed to 'step up' this year. Many teams have been fundraising throughout the year with raffles, dress down days and donation jars while some are working hard in these next few weeks with bake sales and social events. A full list of confirmed teams can be found on TPN's Facebook event and in the next team leader email.

Thank you to each of the 54 confirmed teams! There is still plenty of time to gather friends, family and/or coworkers together to form a team and start fundraising. Call or email Kerry at 543-0155 or kerry@turningpointsnetwork.org to confirm your team. For more information about the event, find the event on Facebook or visit the Steppin' Up website at www.turningpointsnetwork.org/SteppinUp2016/

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, VT.

Lady Boss Club Looking For New Members

CLAREMONT, NH--The Lady Boss Club, a group of women-owned businesses in the Greater Claremont and Upper Valley areas, is welcoming new members. They meet at the Java Cup every second Tuesday, from 5:30 to

7:30 p.m. In the Hanover area, members meet every Wednesday 5.30-7.30 p.m. at the Howe library, Hanover.

Meetings are free and open to the public.

The Lady Boss Women Entrepreneurial Club is a community to help local women- entrepreneurs with their ideas/businesses development and networking.

For more information, contact LadyBossClub@gmail.com.

Overeaters Anonymous Meetings

CLAREMONT, NH--Overeaters Anonymous meets from 3:00-4:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoons at the Grace River Church in Claremont. They will be using the big book of Alcoholics Anonymous.

NEWPORT, NH--OA 12 & 12 meetings held on Sundays from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Millie's Place, 45 John Stark Hwy., in Newport.

Programming At Fiske Library

CLAREMONT, NH--With March here, children (ages 2 – 14) are encouraged to draw a "self portrait". In your best attempt, draw, and/or color a "self-portrait" of yourself in honor of "Youth Art Month" in March. It does not need to be only of yourself, but can include your family, as well. The pictures that are turned in will be put on display through March 31 on our bulletin board in the Children's Room. No photographs please. Write your first name only on the picture.

This is not a contest and is open to all ages.

Bingo In Charlestown

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. Twelve regular games, six special games, including a winner take all with a \$1,000 kicker if won in 50 numbers or less, and a progressive game from \$800 - \$1,800, plus the final game with a guaranteed prize of \$225 make up the Wednesday evening bene-

fits. It is the VFW Post 8497's primary fundraiser for its various scholarships and sponsorships. Food and drinks are available.

Senior Center Raffle

"Lucky" Scratch Tickets Raffle
\$3.00 per ticket / 4 tickets \$10.00
1st Prize... \$200.00
2nd Prize...\$125.00
3rd Prize... \$ 75.00

Drawings: Thursday, March 31, 12:30 PM.

Sponsored by the Claremont Senior Center
5 Acer Heights Rd, Claremont NH.

Creating Emergency Kits & Plans With People With Disabilities

CLAREMONT, NH--An interactive training session will present the basics of individual preparedness and assists participants to work with people with disabilities to create personalized emergency kits and plans. If you are someone with a working knowledge of emergency preparedness and/or someone who supports individuals with disabilities in your work or family life, this training will help you think creatively about being prepared.

This event will take place on March 23, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Claremont Savings Bank, Claremont.

At the training, staff from the NH Disability & Public Health project at the UNH Institute on Disability will lead you through steps to create customized emergency kits and plans with people with disabilities.

For more information and to sign up, contact Melody Actouka, Training Coordinator, at 603-903-3903 or island-melody@hotmail.com. www.extension.unh.edu/Workshops-Events/Annies-Project or follow Annie's Project on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NHAnniesProject/.

Sullivan County Humane Society 5K Fundraiser Fun

Please join Sullivan County Humane Society on May 21 in Sunapee Harbor for its 3rd annual SCHS Save A Stray 5K (formally Furry Scurry 5K). This year they have added a voluntary pledge drive to the event. To participate,

contribute to the pledge drive or to learn more about the event, please visit their website: <http://sullivancountyhumanesociety.org/>.

You can pre-register at <https://secure.opensignups.com/signup/>

Pre-registration is \$20 or \$25 the day of the event. Children under 12 are free. First 100 paid supporters to sign up will receive a free event t-shirt. There will be prizes for top male & female plus prizes for age groups. Registration the day of the event starts at 8:30 a.m. in the harbor, and the run/walk starts at 10:00 a.m. Due to circumstances beyond their control, pets are not permitted. But this won't hinder their spirits! This event is for a great cause and, with your support, will allow the SCHS to continue to help the many animals in need.

Bluff Spring Runoff 5K

CLAREMONT, NH--Bluff Elementary School will be hosting the Bluff Spring Runoff on April 2; this is a 5K Road Race and Kids Fun Run/Walk. Route begins and ends at the Bluff School, 2 Summit Road. Schedule: 8:00 a.m., registration and bib pickup; 9:30 a.m., free Kids Fun Run/Walk begins; 10:00 a.m., 5K race begins. Awards: Top three overall male and female, M/F age group winners. Fees: Student (under 18), \$8; adult, \$15; family (up to five) \$40. Race day registration, add \$5. Register at www.runreg.com/springrunoff5k. Parking: Main Street parking garage; free bus-ing to the school provided.

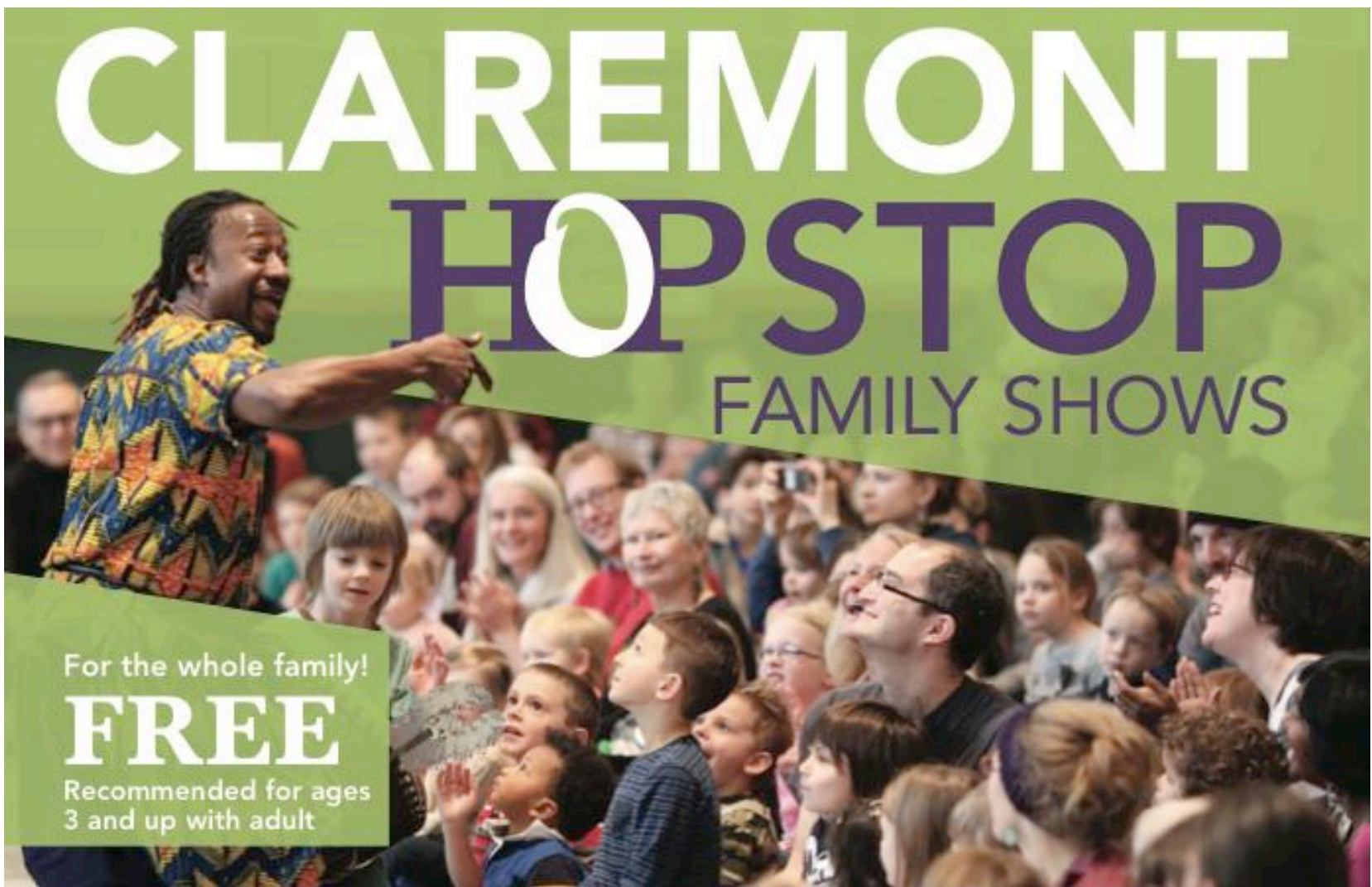
For more information, email beckyrostron@comcast.net.

Coffee With The Chief

SUNAPEE, NH--The next Coffee With the Chief in Sunapee will be held on Wednesday, March 23, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Sue Gottling, your NH State Representative for District 2, will be discussing current issues.

Cornish Senior Luncheon

CORNISH, NH--Cornish Senior Luncheon on Tuesday, March 22, 12 noon, Cornish Town Hall. Will be serving spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic bread and cookies; \$2.50 Please email ajacquier@tds.net or call 469-3245 if you plan to attend. CVHC will sponsor a blood pressure and blood sugar clinic from 11:15 to 12:15 p.m.



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No tickets or registration required
 Doors open at 2:30 pm



Claremont HopStops are part of the Hop's Community Venture Initiative, which provides new opportunities for Upper Valley residents of all ages to create, access and explore the arts.

More info: hop.dartmouth.edu/online/communityventure • 603.646.2010



Sullivan County Humane Society

RABIES CLINIC

Dogs & Cats welcome!

\$10.00 per shot

March 26, 2016

9 – Noon

First come, first serve

at the

Claremont Senior Center

5 Acer Heights, Claremont

Shot will be good for 3 years with proof of a previous vaccination. Otherwise it will be a 1 year shot.



**Sponsored by the Springfield Animal Hospital
and the Claremont Senior Center**

Children's Programs at Fiske Free Library for April

CLAREMONT, NH--Fiske Free Library would like to announce the two winners of the teddy bear drawing on February 22. John Andrews and Madeline Clogston, each won a Teddy Bear that had been donated to the Children's Room at Fiske Free Library. Each teddy bear was donated by Karen Crowley of Charlestown, NH. The drawings were done by Mike Grace, City Librarian.

Happy Spring to everyone! Spring began on Sunday, March 20. In honor of Spring and the warmer weather that accompanies it, there are several programs that are offered in the Children's Room once again in April. Toddler Activity Time will once again begin on April 4 at 10:30 a.m., each Tuesday morning until May 10. This program is for ages birth – 36 months. We will read a book or two, nursery rhymes, songs, and fingerplays.

April 10 – April 16 is National Library Week and school vacation week. Games of all sorts will be available for anyone interested in the Gilmore Room. During the week, we will have a music program featuring Eric Herman on Monday, April 11, at 4:00 p.m. This program is for kids of all ages; it's a chance to be dance and be silly. This will be lots of fun for all. There will be a Story Time on April 12 at 3:00 p.m. for ages 4 and up. It will last about 30 – 45 minutes. Library will be the theme. There will be four to five stories and coloring pages. LEGO Free Build each Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. gives an opportunity for children of all ages to come to the Library and spend time with others in a group or alone to build a LEGO project. LEGOS will also be available to use when there no school for the school district. Walk-in STEM Work-time which is held 2 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays, April 7 – May 12. Guidelines are ages 8 and up for K'Nex & Snap Circuits (small parts and low electrical current) Ages 4 and up for "Inventor's Box". All programs are free and open to the public. Walk-ins are welcome, no registration is necessary for any of the programs. Please follow age guidelines where appropriate.

Call 542-7017 for questions about the program that you are interested in.

All Children's programs in 2016 are sponsored by the the Friends of Fiske Free Library.

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Making Music...

The Claremont Savings Bank Community Center hosted another in the series of Hop-Stop programs on Saturday, March 19. The CSBCC and The West Claremont Center for the Music & Arts sponsored a program by the Upper Valley Music Center led by Katie Kitchel, who teaches Music Together Classes for younger children at UVMC. Students from the UVMC demonstrated how singing and playing musical instruments can convey different attitudes to people depending how the music is sung or played. A very nice program enjoyed by the audience. Top: Students from the UVMC perform; bottom: Students using stringed instruments during the program (Bill Binder photos).

Sullivan County Humane Society brings you.....



Sunday, April 17th
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Join us for 20 fun games of BINGO for various prizes!

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**OUR GRAND PRIZE
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to the

**Common Man
Claremont Location**

**Buy as many \$3 sheets as
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of chances to win these!!!**

**Proceeds will benefit the Sullivan County Humane Society.
Pursuant to NH Gaming Laws, no one under 18 is permitted during the event.**



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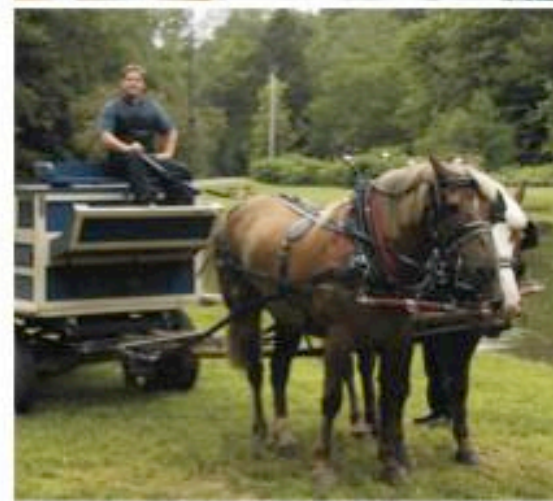
Riverbend at SCA is celebrating Spring—and you're invited!

Don't miss the free fun as the Connecticut River Valley's most scenic outdoor event venue hosts an open house for couples, families, or the simply curious. Tour 50 acres of sunlit fields, wooded havens and shorelines. Introduce your kids to some real kids—the goat-kind—and enjoy an array of tasty treats.

Riverbend at SCA is an arm of the Student Conservation Association, a national youth service organization dedicated to protecting America's parks and forests while "building the next generation of conservation leaders."

For more, visit thesca.org/riverbend
or call 603.543.1700 x1162

Carriage rides courtesy of Long View Farm, Petting zoo from Shailey Hill Farm, Catering by ABCS Catering



Remembering Loved Ones...

Life Tributes

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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.

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Wilfred Edward Duval, 85

Wilfred Edward Duval, 85, born October 4, 1930, passed away on Thursday, February 11, 2016, after a year-long battle with medical complications arising from surgery.

He was the son of Adelard Duval, originally from Canada, and Yvonne (Laroche) Duval from Claremont, NH, and is survived by his daughter, Denise Anne Duval who resides in Somersworth, NH.

After graduating from St. Mary's High School, Wilfred immediately enlisted in the United States Army where he served on active duty in the Korean War. Willy (as he was better known as) was a life-long resident of Claremont, and on October 3, 1963 he married Eugenia (Jean) Lydia Duval. Unfortunately, Jean passed away on October 16, 1982, after only 19 years together.

Wilfred worked at Holsum Bakery Company until the business closed its doors and not long after he began his career at Claremont Savings Bank. After almost 20 years of service, Willy retired from Claremont Savings Bank. During his retirement, Willy volunteered for Service Link, spending many years transporting local residents up to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center for dialysis treatments three times per week. Willy enjoyed watching college football, dining out any chance he got and doing crossword puzzles. Over the years, Willy could be seen almost

daily, taking his walk at Walmart and grabbing a Dunkin Donuts coffee.

Willy rescued two feline friends during his later years and for the last five, his beloved Sophie was a constant companion. Sophie now lives with Willy's daughter in Somersworth and has adjusted very well to her new accommodations with a male feline friend, two dogs and six chickens!

There will be no calling hours or services. A private gathering to celebrate his life will take place in the spring.

In lieu of flowers and condolences, Willy would love for those he knew to enjoy time with their loved ones, as time passes by too quickly. However, if you would like to do something in his memory, please consider the White River Junction Veteran Administration Medical Center, 802-295-9363 Ext. 5391 or the Claremont Animal Hospital, 446 Charlestown Road, Claremont, NH.

The Stringer Funeral Home is

in charge of arrangements.

Patricia Kwiatek

Patricia Kwiatek, 96 of Park Avenue in Claremont, NH, died Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at her home.

Pat was born on February 16, 1920, in Hawera, New Zealand. She was the daughter of Patrick and Maude (Taylor) McLaughlin. On June 17, 1944 she married John J. Kwiatek of Manchester, NH, in Auckland, New Zealand. She moved to Claremont in 1946 and worked



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at Joy Manufacturing Co. Pat retired from Joy on December 31, 1980.

She was predeceased by her husband, one sister, Marjorie Amiott, and two brothers, William and James McLaughlin of Auckland, New Zealand.

Members of her surviving family include one son, Peter J. Kwiatek of Claremont, one sister, Jean Doyle of Auckland, New Zealand, and several nieces and nephews.

At her request there will be no calling hours or funeral service.

In lieu of flowers the family asks friends to kindly consider donations to the Hospice Program at Connecticut Valley Home Care and Hospice, 958 John Stark Highway, Newport, NH 03773.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Lorraine M. Martus

Lorraine M. Martus of Hillside Terrace in Claremont, NH, passed away on March 13, 2016, after a long illness.

She was born in Lynn, MA, and lived for many years in Hillsboro, NH, before moving to Claremont.

She was predeceased by a daughter, Antonio Berg.

She is survived by her four children, Robin Berg, Concord, NH; Nancy Gauthier, Deering, NH; Michael Berg, Deering, NH; Bill Walton, Unity, NH, 10 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held during visitation on Saturday with the Rev. Scott Kearns, officiating.

You are invited to share a memory of Lorraine with the family or leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at www.royfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Roy Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

Fred Sweet, 95

Fred Sweet, of Plainfield, NH, only son of Fred and Mary Sweet, passed away on Friday, March 11th, 2016, at the age of 95.

He was born on April 5th, 1920, in the Claremont Hospital and came home to Plainfield, where he lived ever since. He went for four years to a one-room school (now the Plainfield Historical Society) He graduated into a new school across the road and then went to Wind-

Social News

Claremont Senior Center, Inc. News

By Claire Lessard, Executive Director

Public is invited to a "Senior Living Series" sponsored by Valley Regional Healthcare on Tuesday - March 22 - 12:45 PM. Topic: Hand Health (carpal tunnel, trigger finger, basal joint arthritis) presented by Dr. Robert Basset, MD and Cynthia Weinberger, PT/L,CHT.

A Meat Bingo co-sponsored by the center and the Croydon Ladies Auxiliary will be held Sunday - April 10. Doors open at 12 Noon, Bingo starts at 1:00 PM. 20 games of bingo for turkey, ham or pork loins. \$10 a package and \$5 for additional packages. Per State of NH Bingo Laws - must be over 18 to attend!



Our next monthly Sunday dinner will be on April 24 (11:30 AM - 1:30 PM). Come enjoy another Steak BBQ along with potato salad, cole slaw, pasta salad and dessert. \$10 at door (advance sign-up) or \$12 at door (if you did not sign-up in advance). To sign-up in advance come to the center or call (603) 543-5998.

"Lucky" Scratch Tickets Raffle tickets available till drawings on March 31. \$3 per ticket. 4 Tickets \$10. 1st Prize - \$200 worth of Scratch Tickets, 2nd Prize - \$125 worth of Scratch Tickets, 3rd Prize - \$75 worth of Scratch Tickets.

Our yearly dues have not changed for many years! We are looking for your input regarding changing from \$15.00 to \$20.00. A sign up sheet with your Yes or No is now available at the front desk or give us a call (603) 543-5998. A decision will be made at the April monthly meeting.

Café Claremont Menu: Tuesday - March 29... Soup, chicken & gravy over mashed potato, vegetables, dessert. March 31... April Fool's Day Brunch...Frittata, hash brown casserole, baked French toast, bacon, fruit. Menu subject to change!

Upcoming trips...The Moulin Rouge meets Massachusetts...Tuesday - April 19 at Lantana's - Randolph, MA. Penn Dutch Country with the new hit show "Samson" May 17 - 19. Travel from New York City to Bermuda June 5 - 12. Come to the center and check out the details and more trips!

Still looking for volunteers on our Grants Committee! If you have experience with obtaining grants and would like to share your knowledge and serve on this committee, please call the center and talk with the executive director.

"Sunday at the Center" for members and bonafide guests! Center opens at 1:00 PM. Play pool, games, ping-pong, work on a puzzle, Mahjongg (instructions given) or just socialize. Bring a snack to share and bring your own beverage. However, this is weather permitting!

Seniors Bingo (55 years of age and older) every Wednesday at 1:00 PM. Come early, have lunch! Sale of cards stops at 12:50 PM. No cards sold after that time!

Pool 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Monday to Friday. Hand & Foot Card Game on Monday - 1:00 PM. Exercise sessions - Tuesday & Thursday - 10:00 AM. Ping Pong - Wednesday & Friday - 10:00 AM. Bridge on Thursday - 1:00 PM. MahJongg & Knitters - Friday - 1:00 PM.

The Claremont Senior Center...It's "The Place Where You Want To Be!"...Monday - Friday (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM) and for any of our events! Call (603) 543-5998.

To keep up to date, visit our Web Site. Punch in cnhcs.org.

sor High School, from which he graduated in 1937. He then went down to live with a relative in Chesterfield, NH, to help him salvage 30 acres of uprooted trees blown down in the 1938 hurricane.

After he got that job done, he came back to Plainfield and worked nights at Cone Automatic Machine Co. in Windsor, Vt., then was drafted into the army and served 37 months in the Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft.

After his discharge, he began his life work in the Engineering Dept. at Cone. He took early retirement after 43 years, but then began 22 years of bookkeeping for Bud Richards' gas station in Windsor, VT.

Then he retired again to his home which was two miles from where he lived when he came home from the Claremont Hospital. Having worked for 75 years he decided to quit while he was ahead! He then enjoyed many more years of grateful and restful retirement.

During his life he was treasurer of the town of Plainfield for 53 years, treasurer of the Plainfield Community Baptist Church for 30 years, a Past Master and a 50 year plus member of the Cheshire Lodge #23, F&AM, of Cornish Flat, NH. He also had been a member of the PRML library since he was 10.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Barbara Stone Sweet, and a sister, Elizabeth Dunlap.

He leaves his daughter, Judy Sweet Schneider, and three granddaughters, Beth Greenia (Mike), Sonya Devarney, and Krispan Hakey (Scott), six grandchildren (Caleb and Hilary, Abby and Rachel, Grady and Parker) and a great-great granddaughter, Kinsley Gaudette.

He was survived by his wife, Mary, of 35 years, and her family to whom he was always known as Uncle Fred. He will also be mourned by countless young and old friends, to whom he was also always known as Uncle Fred.

At his request there will be no funeral services but there will be a gathering of his friends and relatives at a later date.

At Fred's request in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Community Baptist Church, Plainfield, NH 03781 or the Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library, Plainfield, NH 03781.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



The 4th annual "You're Amazing" Self Esteem Pageant was held on Saturday, March 19. Project/ Pageant Director Stacy Bathrick and an amazing group of volunteers put together this special event which is committed to building positive self-esteem and inspiring the young ladies in our community to reach their full potential. Young ladies from grades 5-8 spent the day listening to various speakers, Miss New Hampshire stopped by to visit, did teamwork projects and were pampered with manicures and special hairdos, culminating with a "dressed to the nines" Pageant at the Claremont Opera House. Each young lady received an gift and a rose while their proud parents and family watched (Collage by Stacy Bathrick; other photos by Bill Binder).



Claremont Fire Department Log

Sunday, March 13

0932 E3 responded to Pleasant St for an alarm sounding
 0946 E3 responded to Broad St for an alarm sounding
 1835 B1, E2 responded to Moody Park for a brush fire
 1856 E3 responded to Union St for a trash fire
 1859 E3 responded to Broad St for an alarm sounding

Monday, March 14

0328 E3 responded to Washington St for a box alarm
 0847 E3 responded to Dennison Ave to assist the ambulance
 1607 E3, L2, E1 responded to Winter St for a chimney fire

Tuesday, March 15

0927 E3 responded to Main St for a public assist
 1200 E3 responded to Washington St for a motor vehicle accident
 1544 E3 responded to Elm St for an alarm sounding

Wednesday, March 16

0808 E3 responded to Cl Ashley Ln for an alarm sounding
 1423 E3 responded to Hanover St for a propane leak
 1749 E3 responded to Palmer St for an illegal burn

Thursday, March 17

1017 E3 responded to Cl Ashley Ln for an alarm sounding
 1142 E3 responded to Central St for an alarm sounding
 1237 E3 responded to Heritage Dr for a well-being check
 1457 E3 responded to Paddy Hollow Rd for a tree on wires
 1502 E1 responded to Manor Dr for an extinguished stove fire
 1745 E3 responded to River Rd for a box alarm
 2344 E3 responded to Sullivan St for a medical call

Friday, March 18

0421 E3 responded to High St for a possible basement fire
 1208 E3 responded to Plains Rd for a motor vehicle accident
 1317 E3 responded to Opera House Sq for a motor vehicle accident
 1616 L2 responded to Myrtle St for a public assist

Saturday, March 19

0200 E3 responded to River Rd for an electrical problem
 1129 E3 responded to Timson St for a medical call
 1138 E3 responded to Girard Ave for a medical call
 1143 E3 responded to a box alarm on Central St
 1335 E1 responded mutual aid to Charlestown
 2323 E3 responded to Girard Ave to assist the ambulance



The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 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

6:35 PM 3. MAYOR'S NOTES

6:40 PM 4. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 22))

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

6:55 PM A. Street Light Update

7:10 PM B. Forestry Update

7:25 PM C. Property Tax Exemption Update

7:55 PM D. Councilor Training

BREAK

8:35 PM E. City Manager Search Discussion

9:05 PM 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES

9:20 PM 8. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

9:30 PM 9. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.