



Photos By Bill Binder

Claremont Speedway, as a prelude to their “Spring Fling” opening races on April 29th, held a race car show at the Home Depot store on Saturday. Race cars from all classes were on hand, polished up and ready to go racing. During the day, hundreds of people showed up to check out the cars and visit with the drivers and crew members. Left: David Sampaio, 6, and visiting from MA, got a chance to sit in the cockpit of local driver Alex Poisson’s #49; right: Hayden Scott, (kneeling), owner and driver of the #30 Super Stock hopes for a good year at the track (Bill Binder photos).

## Cardinals Look To Bounce Back After Losing Season Opener At Home

The Stevens baseball team opened their season on Friday at Barnes Park, hosting the Vikings of Mascenic. Stevens struggled to find the plate in the opener, walking 10 batters, and the young Cardinals made some miscues in the field to drop a 14-3 decision.

The Cardinals started 3 freshmen, and 5 of their nine starters were making their Varsity debut. Stevens did do some good things, while getting in a full seven innings of baseball, despite the lopsided score.  
Noah Spaulding

paced the offense with 2 hits, reached base 3 times, with an RBI, and a stolen base. Freshman Henri Bourque had 2 hits and scored 2  
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## Cards, from B1

runs in his first varsity game.

Zach O'Brien, Drew Grenier, and Derrick Stanhope all pitched for Stevens. Stanhope struck out a pair of batters in his inning of work, in his first varsity game.

The Cardinals will be back in action on Thursday when they travel to Newfound for a 4:30PM game with the Bears.

## Thunder Silence Monarchs, 4-2

### Thunder Push Monarchs To Brink, Lead 3-0 In Series

GLENS FALLS, NY--The Manchester Monarchs will need to dig themselves out of a 3-0 series deficit, as they dropped Game 3, 4-2, to the Adirondack Thunder on Saturday night at the Glens Falls Civic Center.

The Thunder jumped out to an early lead when Mitchell Heard scored his 2nd goal of the playoffs, :40 seconds into the game. Heard streaked down the right wing and sent a wrist shot past Monarchs goaltender, Colin Stevens, for the 1-0 Thunder lead.

The Monarchs tied things up when Maxim Kitsyn scored his 2nd goal of the playoffs at 9:51 of the first period. A clean face-off win by Derek Arnold came right to Kitsyn at the top of the left circle, and Kitsyn fired a wrist shot past Thunder goaltender, Ken Appleby, making the game, 1-1.

The Thunder regained the lead when Heard scored his second goal of the game at 13:59 of the opening period. Heard took a pass from Ben Johnson out of the left corner, and while crossing the net and going to the ice, Heard slide the puck past Stevens, giving Adirondack the 2-1 lead.

Ryan Lomberg put the Thunder ahead by two goals when he netted his first tally of the playoffs on the power play. Lomberg was camped in front of Stevens, and after a scramble in front, Lomberg found the puck, and stuffed it past the Monarchs goaltender, for the 3-1 Thunder advantage.

The Monarchs cut the Thunder lead in half when Matt Fornataro scored his 1st goal of the playoffs at 10:31 of the third period while on the power play. Joey Diamond sent a cross-ice pass to Fornataro who was wide-open, and the captain sent home a snap shot past Appleby who was over-committed to Diamond on the left side of the net, bringing the score to 3-2.

The Thunder sealed the victory when Greg Wolfe scored an empty-netter with 15.2 seconds remaining in the third period.

The Monarchs look to extend the series Monday night (7 p.m.) when they play Game 4 from the Glens Falls Civic Center.

## Claremont Country Club News

Submitted By Linda Dolan

Well, it's time to dust off those clubs and shine your shoes. Claremont Country Club has been open, weather permitting and many have enjoyed a few rounds already.

The Ladies League will be kicking off their opening banquet on Thursday April 28th at 6:00 p.m. Play is every Thursday at 5:15 p.m. and all lady golfers are welcome. One does not need to be a member of the club to play in the League. For more information call, 603-504-4553.

The Men's League will hold an informational meeting at the club on Tuesday April 26th at 6:00 p.m. and league play will begin the following Tuesday, May 3rd.

The first tournament of the season will be the New Member Tournament on Saturday, April 30th, at 1:00 p.m. New members will be teamed up with "older" members to introduce them to the course and get to know other

golfers. This fun scramble costs \$5 pp and includes a dinner after. A sign up sheet is posted at the club.

There are many fun events scheduled this season. For more information about reduced rates for new members or other inquiries, please contact the club at 603-542-9550.

## Berti Adds Two More Hits Sunday; Hit Streak At Eight

MANCHESTER, NH--- Jon Berti had two hits, drove in a run, and stole his Eastern League leading seventh base, but the Fisher Cats fell to Trenton 9-4 on Sunday to complete the first home series of 2016 with a split.

The homestand continues Monday at 5:35 p.m. with the first of three games against the Hartford Yard Goats. RHP Jeremy Gabryszewski (0-1, 2.31) makes his third start of the season for the Fisher Cats against Hartford RHP Zach Jemioła (1-0, 1.54). For more information, go to [www.nhfishercats.com](http://www.nhfishercats.com).



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## Springfield Wrestling Team Competes at VT State Championships

Submitted By Kelly Stettner

SPRINGFIELD, VT--They've trained hard for months, pushing through sweat, tears, and even a little blood -- all to increase their stamina, improve their skill, and face down personal challenges. The 3rd - 6th grade wrestlers of the Springfield, VT, Wrestling Team recently wrapped up their tournament season by competing at the Vermont State Championship in Vergennes.

With his usual high energy, Devin Snide-Tufts worked hard against two tough opponents; newcomer Gabriel McNeil also went head-to-head with two seasoned wrestlers -- both Springfield boys are to be commended for their excellent sportsmanship and great attitudes.

Second-year wrestler Armando Stettner claimed a victory in his first match, hitting some fast moves and showing determination to beat his opponent. After losing a second match to the tournament champ, Stettner's third match was lost by only one point.

John Jasinski, Jr - also in his second year of wrestling - won three of his impressive five matches with relentless determination, showing increased skill and lots of promise. Jasinski's work at practice paid off as he twisted, turned, rolled, and used his body's weight as leverage to hold his opponents' backs to the mat.

Cole Wright, in his first year back on the mat after a long hiatus, performed admirably against formidable foes, winning two of his matches with strength and speed. Wright has battled uphill all season and has dug deep to reach new personal heights.

Hunter Ferland, another second-year wrestler, has pulled out some jaw-dropping wins this season going into States with an overall record of 11 wins and only 5 losses. Despite a couple of frustrating referee calls in Vergen-

nes, Ferland battled his way to 3rd place against some former state champs.

First-year dynamo Dillan Lacasse poured out his best efforts against three tough opponents to claim the title of State Champ. Lacasse has



**Members of the Springfield Wrestling Team; they recently competed at the Vermont State Championship (Courtesy photo).**

shown aptitude at practice and an eagerness to learn, gaining confidence as well as increased skill all season.

Coaches Floyd Buck Jr and Don Beebe are very proud of all the wrestlers who were at Vergennes, citing good listening skills and motivation to succeed as factors leading to the overall improvement in the young wrestlers.

The Springfield, VT, Wrestling Team has made great strides over the past near-decade, expanding the program from the elementary grades to include both junior high and high school students. The growth of the program includes hosting multiple tournaments and scrimmages each season, traveling to a national competition, and purchasing new mats. All fundraising comes from the volunteer efforts of parents, wrestlers, and coaches; money is needed for tournament entrance fees, equipment, mandatory coach training, and more.

The team's overall performance at Vergennes was a capstone to a terrific season, and sincere thanks go out to Don Beebe and Floyd

Buck Jr - the team's "dynamic duo" of coaching excellence.

Learn more about the wrestling team at the Don Gurney Field Day at Riverside Middle School on Saturday, May 14th, or by contacting one of the team managers: Gigi Guy (junior high & HS) at [gguy@ssdvt.org](mailto:gguy@ssdvt.org) or Kelly Stettner (K-6) [atk.stettner101@gmail.com](mailto:atk.stettner101@gmail.com) or (802) 738-0456. The summer wrestling camp will run in August, through the Parks & Rec Department.

## CYBSA Season Kicks Off This Month

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Youth Baseball and Softball season kicks off April 23rd with opening ceremony at Monadnock Park. The event begins at 9:00 a.m.

## 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, contact Claremont Men's Modified UIC Jaime DeForge at 603-558-5084 or email [deforge.jaime@yahoo.com](mailto:deforge.jaime@yahoo.com).

## SHS Girls Softball Recap

The Stevens High School Cardinals opened the season at home on Friday, hosting Masceinic which took the win, 16-1. The team is back in action on Thursday, April 21, to face Newfound on the road.

## SHS Boys Lacrosse Recap

The Stevens High School Cardinals Lacrosse team opened its season on April 12, going on the road to face Bishop Brady. The Cards lost 17-0 but jumped back into the win column on Friday, beating Manchester West, 5-4. The team hosts Trinity on April 18 and then Monadnock on Friday.

# Inspiration/Entertainment

## Beauty, Visible And Invisible

By Priscilla Hull

*1 I lift my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come. Psalm 121*

We live in one of the most beautiful areas of a state that is one of the most beautiful states in a country that has some of the most beautiful scenery in the world! There, how's that for putting our little corner of the world in the spotlight!

There is beauty all around us. From the top of Arrowhead, our own beloved scenic tour, to the distant mountains that can be seen far off. If you are able, on a sunny day, walk up to Flat Rock where you can, on a clear day, "see forever". Then come down and walk through downtown! Look at the architecture of the buildings that were built in an era where beauty mattered.

There is another kind of beauty in Claremont that is not visible! That is the beauty of people helping people. I've been working with some people who are helping neighbors. There is an old Chinese proverb that says, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him forever." These helpers are mostly young people who care about our neighbors and so are helping others get access to good, healthy food, and how to prepare it. I won't mention names for fear of leaving someone out. Working with them is both refreshing and inspiring.

We live in this beautiful place that is scarred by conditions of others. Rather than cover up and ignore the problems these people are working to improve them. Whether we call these works of a religious sort or simply works by good people doesn't really matter. What matters is that people in this city are working to make the world a better place for

others. They deserve our greatest respect and support.

Let us keep these people and the people they serve in our prayers and care. We have them to thank for a better world, a better life and a more beautiful city.

*8 The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. Psalm 121*

*Priscilla Hull is the Lay Leader of the First United Methodist Church.*

## 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.

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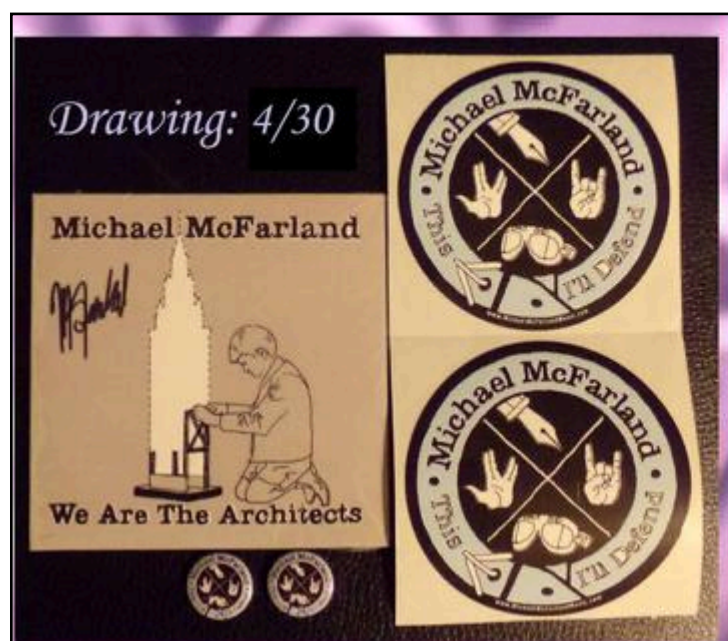
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For more information, email [pop64739@gmail.com](mailto:pop64739@gmail.com).

## West Unity Church Services

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# Inspiration

## Begging for Blessings

By Bernadette O'Leary

When did asking for help become a bad thing? When did charitable works become so hard to accept? The simple truth is that those who love us want to help when we need it. The same holds true for God.

God is there, always waiting for us to turn to Him. He wants us to remember that His blessings are numerous, and His generosity is plentiful. The bigger the need, the bigger the miracle, and that is truly amazing. I cannot tell you, my friends, just how many times He has pulled our nuggets out of the fire and granted my family a true miracle. A miracle is something that by all accounts should not have happened, based on how Science tells us the world works. One of these miracles resulted in my son and I living through his birth. Another miracle granted us the purchase of a home that we should not have been approved for, much less with the low interest rate and low payments that we received.

The bigger our request is, the more faith we have to have, and God knows this. He wants us to turn to Him, and He wants us to ask for the impossible. This is because He wants to show us that nothing is impossible. He rewards faith with results. Does this mean that we'll get whatever we pray for? Of course not. And even if He does grant our every request, those "gifts" will only be temporary if not meant for our path that He has planned for us. What it means more than anything is that we will receive His blessings in whatever way we need most. He may even use us for granting someone else's miracle, so we must be ready to help others when we can. We must try to remember when we needed something and someone else was there to help us gain that gift. Then, we can be there for others to give back. The important things are that we recognize and appreciate our blessings and that we try to give back. Additionally, it's important to not be afraid to pray for the big things. The more improbable it seems, the more important it is to ask.

Dream. Dream big. Pray. Pray big. Turn to God and ask Him for the impossible. And you will see, in the proper time, just how big His generosity and love are. You will then be able to look back and see just how begging for blessings is not a bad thing.



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## Calendar Of Events

### Free Gardening Workshop

CLAREMONT, NH--No greenhouse? No problem! A free gardening workshop will show you how to start seeds in recycled containers so you can plant your own to take home. The program will run from 12:00-1:30 p.m., Saturday, April 23, at the Claremont Soup Kitchen, 53 Central St.

Everyone is welcome—bring your kids. Workshop will be taught by Robin Wittemann, Baby Steps.

Contact [bella@rethinkhealthucrv.org](mailto:bella@rethinkhealthucrv.org) with questions.

### Open Studio: Figure Drawing & Painting

CLAREMONT, NH – Come practice drawing and painting from life! This Thursday, the Claremont MakerSpace will be hosting its third Open Studio: Figure Drawing & Painting session. This is a self-directed session, not a formal class. Participants are responsible for bringing their own supplies. A \$5 donation is recommended, for payment of the model. All ages and levels of experience are welcome. When: April 21st, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Where: 2nd floor Community Room, 31 Pleasant St., Claremont. More info about this event and others at: [www.claremontmakerspace.org](http://www.claremontmakerspace.org).

### Children's Art From Ukraine On Display At Fiske

CLAREMONT, NH--The Fiske Free Library has on display through the end of April a traveling exhibit of Children's Art from Ukraine. Artists range from ages 6 – 13 and reside in the city of Krivoy Rog. On the occasion of the celebration of the 240th anniversary of their city, young students submitted art works inspired by the theme "Ideal House." Their 40 drawings from 14 schools are traveling around the New England states throughout 2016. Come in to Fiske Free Library; visit both the

Adult section and the Children's Room to see the beautiful artwork from these talented young people.

Library hours are: Mon., Tues., Thurs., 9 – 7; Wed., & Fri., 11 – 5; Sat., 9 – 1.

### Marshmallow Catapult Workshop

CLAREMONT, NH--Fiske Free Library presents a Marshmallow Catapult workshop. On Tuesday, April 19, from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m., there will be a STEM workshop in the Gilmore Room at Fiske Free Library. This program is open to ages 8 and up. In this workshop, kids will be given some inexpensive, basic, supplies and some paper. They will then design and build a catapult before testing it for accuracy, height, and strength. Kids will have time to adjust their designs and improve them over the course of the workshop.

Don't miss out! Drop by the Children's desk or call 542-7017, for additional information. This is a free program, walk-ins are welcome, no registration is necessary.

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

### Free Prom Dress Giveaway

A special event that will offer free prom dresses for those who might otherwise not be able to attend that special event will be held in Claremont on April 20th and Springfield, VT, on the 26th. This is a non-profit event sponsored by the Upper Valley Cinderella Project and A Shining Success. In Claremont, the event will be held at the Elks Club from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m.; in Springfield, at the Springfield United Methodist Church, same hours. This event is absolutely free to any girl going to prom who needs a dress. There is a limit to one dress per girl, and the girl needs to attend in order to participate. There are many styles, colors and sizes to choose from.

### Spaghetti Dinner April 30th

CLAREMONT, NH--The Trinity/Prince Of Peace Church, 120 Broad Street, Claremont, will be holding a free Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 30th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Donations accepted.

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### Silsby Free Public Library News

#### Storytime for Toddlers/ PreK

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#### Poetry Reading

Monday, April 18th @ 5-7pm

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#### Earth Day Craft

Friday, April 22nd @10:30 and @3:30

Drop in at either time and make seed paper! Poem in your Pocket Day is April 28th!

During the week of April 25th-30th, drop in to get a poem to put in your pocket as we celebrate Poetry Month!

### 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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### 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](mailto:LadyBossClub@gmail.com).

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## 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.

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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.

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

## 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/>.

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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.

## Children's Programs At The Fiske

Toddler Activity Time once again began on April 5 at 10:30 a.m.; runs 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.

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, through 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.

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## Vacation LEGO Fun

CLAREMONT, NH--LEGOS, LEGOS, LEGOS. On Friday, April 22, at 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. there will be "LEGO Fun Friday" at Fiske Free Library. There will be five different challenges for this program. Work on your own or join in a group. If there is time, work on any additional challenge. This program is appropriate for ages 5 and up. (ages 5 – 8 with an adult) This program is free and open to the public. No registration is needed. Call 542-7017 or drop by the Children's Desk for information about this program.

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

## Yard Sale To Benefit Arrowhead

CLAREMONT, NH--There will be a yard sale to benefit the Arrowhead Recreation Area on Saturday, May 14th, and Sunday, May 15th, at the Arrowhead Lodge on Robert Easter Way in Claremont. Arrowhead is located across from Community Center, next to the Middle School.

"We have two big needs to make this work, donations to the yard sale and people to sort items pre-yard sale and many others to work the dates of the yard sale. If you can help let us know," said Chuck Allen, vice president of the Arrowhead Recreation Club.

Drop-off dates at Arrowhead for donating items are: Saturdays, 9AM-2PM, now through May 7th, and Tuesday nights, 6-8:30PM, through May 10th.

There are some restrictions on what can be donated. All items must be usable and in working order. No clothing that is stained, torn, worn or wrinkled. No holiday lights, garland, or artificial trees. No furniture that is torn, worn, stained or dirty. No very large or heavy furniture. No older CRT TVs or monitors; working flat screen TVs will be accepted. No electronics that cannot be plugged in to validate.

If you need someone to pick up your donated items, call (603) 542-7016 and leave a message to make arrangements.

## Summerfest Concert Tickets Available

CLAREMONT, NH--You can visit the Summerfest concert series website and order tickets. Just go to Tickets on the website and buy the tickets you want for the concerts you want. All proceeds from the concert series are earmarked to go to the Arrowhead Recreation Area. Go to: [www.claremontsummerfest.com](http://www.claremontsummerfest.com).

The series includes Battle of the Bands, May 28; other dates include June 18, July 3, July 17, Aug. 13 and Aug. 27. For more information about performances, ticket pricing, etc., visit the above listed website.

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## Artist Reception At Atrium



CLAREMONT, NH--David Nelson, of Dublin, NH, is exhibiting his paintings in the John D. Bennett Atrium Gallery through April 30. Take the City Hall Complex elevator to #5 during events. During the day call COH at 603-542-0064 or stop into the box office for access to the 5th floor, atrium gallery. His paintings are large, colorful and full of movement and tension. He uses ordinary objects as stencils to create amazing overlapping shapes.

There will be a reception for the artist on Thursday, April 21, from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

## Drawing Club: Design Your Own Character Pattern

Saturday, April 23 at 2 PM  
Union Church hall (upstairs), 133 Old Church Rd, Claremont, NH

Create a character (maybe drawing one that we already know and love) that you'd like to create as a stuffed toy. This drawn character will become a pattern we can use on May 1 at a wonderful new class offered by WCCMA - Felt Toy Making!

This is a free event, and the toy making class will have a suggested donation of \$10 (family discounts available upon request) with all supplies provided. Participation at the toy making workshop is not required! RSVP by emailing [melissa@wcc-ma.org](mailto:melissa@wcc-ma.org), For more information: [wcc-ma.org](http://wcc-ma.org)

## Fiber And Craft Monthly Meet-up

4th Sundays of the month: next meeting April 24th, 11:00 a.m., at Union Church hall (downstairs), 133 Old Church Road, Claremont.

Bring your projects and join us for conversation and project/technique sharing. This is a monthly gathering for community fiber arts and crafting. Any project type is welcome, and beginners are welcome to join to connect with more advanced craftspeople for tips and tricks. Bring your own supplies, bag lunches welcome. More info at: [www.wcc-ma.org](http://www.wcc-ma.org).

## Felt Animal Workshop

Sunday, May 1 at 1 PM - 3 PM  
Union Church hall (downstairs), 133 Old Church Rd, Claremont, NH  
\$10 suggested donation, family discounts available upon request.

Join us for a workshop making your own felt stuffed animals! All materials and patterns will be provided (or attend our drawing club event to design your own pattern), and all participants will be able to take home their creation and enough supplies for another project. Animals will be sewn by hand.

Recommended for ages 10 and up. Younger children are welcome to assist an accompanying adult. Adults are welcome to come create their own projects. RSVP by emailing [melissa@wcc-ma.org](mailto:melissa@wcc-ma.org). For more information: [www.wcc-ma.org](http://www.wcc-ma.org).

## Spring Tea And Luncheon

Sat, May 14th - 12pm  
Union Church Hall, 133 Old Church Rd, Claremont, NH  
\$15 Adults/\$10 for 13 and under

Join us for this family-friendly event, sponsored by Century 21 Highview Realty. Delicious luncheon, tea, activities, music, games, prizes, and more! Don't forget to bring your spring hat for the hat parade. Special music featuring soprano Angela Biggs. We'll have a decorating session (free for ticket holders) and card-making workshop on May 7th.

Photographs of the event will be available to order, so get a lovely portrait taken while you are there. For tickets visit [www.wcc-ma.org](http://www.wcc-ma.org).

## Rummage And Bake Sale

BROWNSVILLE, VT--A Rummage and Bake Sale will be held on Friday, April 22nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, April 23rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 1/2 price. Bag sale, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., \$1.

Bake sale both days. Donations, please drop off early on Friday or Saturday morning. This fundraiser will benefit the Brownsville July 4th Festivities & West Windsor Fire Department.

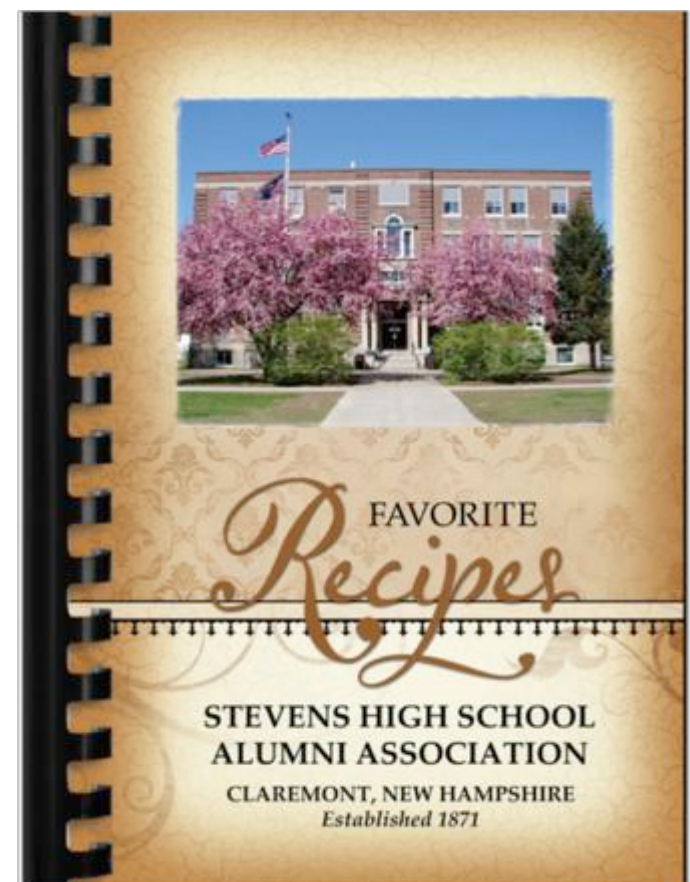
Please drop off "clean" donations of clothing and other items on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. upstairs in the Town Hall.

Please, no large appliances/encyclopedias or computers. Questions? Please call Sherry at 802 484-9286.

## Steak BBQ At Senior Center

CLAREMONT, NH--A steak BBQ will be held at the Claremont Senior Center, Inc. 5 Acer Height Rd. on Sunday, April 24, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Steak, potato salad, cole slaw, pasta salad and dessert. Cost: \$10 at door (advance sign-up), \$12 at door (if you did not sign-up in advance).

To sign-up in advance call (603) 543-5998 and tell us your choice of steak. We have three choices left...NY Sirloin, T-Bone or Strip. Open to the public.



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# Sullivan County ATV Club

## Presents: Family Fun Day

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Admission: \$5 per family  
Food available for a small fee.



## Agritourism Discussed In Sullivan County

NEWPORT, NH--Agritourism was discussed at length at the Annual Sullivan County Farm Bureau and UNH Cooperative Extension Agricultural Policy Dinner held on April 1. In an effort to boost the bottom line of farm businesses and educate consumers about farming in New Hampshire, many farms have broadened their business strategies to include public events. To support local agriculture and also respect local zoning, planning and neighborhood control, New

Hampshire Farm Bureau has supported bills that have been introduced to the NH House and Senate that addresses concerns that came out of a recent NH Supreme Court Decision.

More than 40 Sullivan County elected officials, Farm Bureau officers and guests attended the Agricultural Forum at Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center (SRVRTC). Guest speakers Paul and Nancy Franklin spoke about agritourism events held at their farm, Riverview Farm, in Plainfield including a corn maze, hayrides and private. Gail McWilliam Jellie of the NH Department of Agriculture spoke of the importance of agritourism to local, regional and statewide economies, while Representative Bob Haefner (Hudson), Chairman of the House Environment and Agriculture Committee and Representative Tara Sad (Walpole), ranking democrat on the same committee, spoke about the amendments proposed for language clarification in laws regard

ing agritourism.

Rob Johnson, New Hampshire Farm Bureau Policy Director, provided the group with handouts documenting the history of agritourism legislation in New Hampshire and copies of proposed amendments to existing legislation (RSA 21:34 and RSA 674:32) that will further clarify agritourism as "the marketing or selling at wholesale or retail, on-site and off-site, where not prohibited by local regulations, any products from the farm. Marketing includes agritourism, which means attracting visitors to attend events and activities that are accessory uses to the primary farm operation, including but not limited to, eating a meal, making over-

night stays, enjoyment of the farm environment, education about farm operations, or active involvement in the activity of the farm."

A meal featuring meatloaf made with beef from Hilltop Farm in Claremont, carrots and rolls with butter made by the middle school students, and

ice cream with maple syrup made at the maple sugarhouse of SRVRTC was prepared and served by FFA members. Deb Stevens, Agriculture instructor and FFA advisor and Sam Nelson, Forestry and Natural Resources instructor and FFA advisor at SRVRTC spoke about the technical center, programming, and an upcoming project in the Newport Town Forest to remove invasive species and improve trails and the boardwalk.

If you would like more information about the event or UNH Cooperative Extension, please contact Seth Wilner at (603) 863-9200 or [seth.wilner@unh.edu](mailto:seth.wilner@unh.edu). For information about Sullivan County Farm Bureau, please contact Becky Nelson at [beaverpondfarm1780@gmail.com](mailto:beaverpondfarm1780@gmail.com).



**Sam Nelson, Forestry and Natural Resources instructor at Newport SRVRTC discusses an upcoming student project in the Newport Town Forest to eradicate invasive species. L-R, Representative Skip Rollins of Newport, Deb Stevens, Agriculture instructor at SRVRTC, Sam Nelson (Courtesy photo).**

## Book Reading/Signing May 14

CLAREMONT, NH--A book reading/signing will be held at Violet's Book Exchange on Saturday, May 14th, at 10:00 a.m. by Christine Almstrom. A local freelance artist and author from New Hampshire, she'll be reading from her children's book, "How Do You Catch a Falling Star?" and offering signed copies for sale. "I'm also a huge advocate of CLiF (Children's Literacy Foundation) and will donate \$1 from every sale to their program," said Almstrom.

Almstrom describes herself as "a freelance artist, writer and zookeeper to her 2- and 4-



**Christine Almstrom**

legged children of various species." She lives with her husband in Croydon and is the owner of Riversong Studio where she is "always busy creating new stories and artwork." Please feel free to visit her websites



at [www.riversongstudioart.com](http://www.riversongstudioart.com) or [www.christinealmstrom.com](http://www.christinealmstrom.com).

"How Do You Catch a Falling Star" is a story about the bottomless, innocent imagination of a child. Instead of going to sleep, a boy tries to catch a star of his very own. With the help of his trusty "kitty companion", they imagine a day of adventure trying to catch a star in a variety of ways. Will they do it? Can they catch a falling star? The story was inspired when the author caught her then 3-year old son balanced atop their six-foot- high swing set in his star pajamas reaching for the moon.

The Amazon link is: [www.amazon.com/How-You-Catch-Falling-Star/dp/1507683367](http://www.amazon.com/How-You-Catch-Falling-Star/dp/1507683367).

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## Life Tributes

### Obituaries May Be Found On Our Website

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We will continue to publish them here weekly, as well, for your convenience if you wish to print out any of them.

[etickernewsclaremont.com](http://etickernewsclaremont.com)

#### Mary E. Batchelder, 59

Fiancé, sister, aunt and friend, Mary E. Batchelder, 59, passed away suddenly on April 13th, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH, surrounded by family.

She was born in Claremont, NH, on February 7, 1957, the daughter of Thomas S., Sr. and Veronica (Gilbert) Batchelder and had been a lifetime area resident. She attended Stevens High School; Plymouth, NH High School and NH Vocational Technical College in Claremont. Mary was most recently employed as a home healthcare worker. Prior to that, she had been employed by Hannaford in Claremont, Topstone Furniture, Bomar and Hartford-Eichenhauer. She was a member of the Polish American Citizens Club and American Legion Post #29 and VFW Post #801 women's Auxiliaries'.

Mary was full of life. Her joys were the ocean, gardening, fishing, dancing, a breezy ride on the motorcycle, and gatherings with family, and friends. Her nickname of "Moo Moo" (because of her early love for cows) grew into "Moo" and Aunt "MooMoo" and followed her throughout life. She was known for her humor, sincerity and honesty. Her presence on earth will be greatly missed but she is certainly smiling down on all of her friends and "love-

lies".

Members of her family include her fiancée, John Surprise, a sister, Sara Litevich and her husband, Jim; three brothers, Thomas S. Batchelder, Jr. and his wife Tracy; Peter Batchelder and his companion, Marline, Taylor; John Batchelder and his companion, Susan, Watkins, all of Claremont, NH; a special aunt and uncle, Mary and Charles Katomski, Woodstock, VT, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Graveside committal services will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday (April 20) in Union Cemetery with Rev. George Majka, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, officiating.

Friends may call at the Roy Funeral Home, 93 Sullivan Street, Claremont, NH on Tuesday evening from 7 – 9 pm.

You are invited to share a memory of Mary with the family or leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at [www.royfuneralhome.com](http://www.royfuneralhome.com).

#### Dorothy E. Baron

Dorothy E. Baron, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on December 28, 2015, at the Sullivan County Health Care.

Dorothy was born on September 9, 1925, in Boston, MA. She was the daughter of the late Sabin and Margaret Candage. She worked for a few years at the Ideal Laundry and Sylvania.

Dorothy (Memere) was happiest when raising her family with her loving husband, Norman (Peper) on Bible Hill.



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She enjoyed traveling to Alaska and loved spending time at the ocean with her family. Her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Dorothy was a devout Catholic, belonging for a long time in a prayer group at St. Joseph Church.

She is survived by her sister, Geraldine Parker; daughters, Gerry Tibbetts, Sandy La-Pointe and Donna Gooden and her husband, Michael; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren also nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Norman A. Baron, her daughter, Kathleen Baron McGray, brothers, Wesley and William Candage and sisters, Virginia MCinerney and Marion Tron.

A memorial service will be held at the Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad Street in Claremont on Saturday, April 23rd, at 1PM with Father George Majka, officiating. Interment will follow in St Mary Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff in the McConnell Unit of the Sullivan County Health Care for their excellent care of our mother.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to David's House, P.O. Box 660, Lebanon, NH 03766 or the Sullivan County Health Care-McConnell Unit, 5 Nursing Home Drive, Unity, NH 03743.

### **Barbara A. Hitchcock, 67**

Barbara Ann Hitchcock, 67, of Potvin Street in Claremont, NH, died on April 8, 2016, at her home.

She was born in Lebanon, NH, on May 13, 1948, the daughter of George E. and Marjorie H. (Kimball) Greenough. Barbara was a graduate of Lebanon High School in the class of 1967. She enjoyed visiting with friends and family, going to Bingo, gambling and helping others.

The family includes her husband, Joseph Hitchcock whom she married on June 8, 1968; their son, Richard Hitchcock and his wife, Brooke of Claremont; their daughter, Lisa Krause and her husband, Mike of Claremont; granddaughter, Molly; her sister, Linda Bagley of Claremont and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, George Greenough, Jr. As per her wishes, there will be no services. Donations may be made in her memory to

Norris Cotton Cancer Center, 1 Medical Center Drive, Lebanon, NH 03756 or to a local Humane Society of one's choice.

Arrangements are with Stringer Funeral Homes, Inc., 146 Broad Street in Claremont.

To view an online memorial or send a private message of condolence, visit [www.stringerfh.com](http://www.stringerfh.com).

### **Jennie R. DeVoyd, 86**

Jennie R. DeVoyd, 86, of Spring Farm Road in Claremont, NH, died Wednesday (April 6, 2016) at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH, following a period of failing health.

She was born in Windsor, VT on June 9, 1929, the daughter of Peter and Jennie S. (Chemovitz) Czerbinski and had been a long-time area resident. Jennie had been employed for many years at Goodyear Tire & Rubber in Windsor, VT.

On October 20, 1951 she married Roy E. DeVoyd, Jr. He predeceased her on May 2, 2012.

Jennie enjoyed cooking, her flower gardens, canning, crocheting, painting, being outdoors and bird watching.

Members of her family include three daughters, Jody DeVoyd-Ross, Croydon, NH; Cindy Jan King, Canton, GA; Tracy Jean Johnson, Meriden, NH; two grandchildren, Alyssa Bunnell, Tracy West; four great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews, including Susan Hentnick and Stan Hentnick from Massachusetts.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Walter Czerbinski, Joseph Czerbinski, two sisters, Helen Borofsky, Mary Hentnick and two siblings that died in infancy.

There will be no visiting hours.

Graveside committal services will be held later in the spring in St. Francis Cemetery in Windsor, VT, at a date and time to be announced.

You are invited to share a memory of Jennie with the family or leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at [www.royfuneralhome.com](http://www.royfuneralhome.com).

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

### **Sandra J. Creaser, 75**

Sandra Jean Creaser, 75 of Templewood Court in Rutland, VT, died Thursday (April 7,

2016) at her home following a brief illness.

She was born in Claremont, NH, on November 30, 1940, the daughter of Clyde M., Sr. and Margaret M. (McPhee) Creaser and had been a Rutland resident for 27 years. Sandra was employed by Rutland Hospital in the housekeeping department.

Members of her family include two sons, Arthur Bersaw, III, Mt. Holly, VT; Michael Bersaw, North Springfield, VT; a daughter, Margaret M. Burnor and her husband, David, Mt. Holly, VT; a brother, Kevin P. Creaser, Broken Arrow, OK; two sisters, Meegan Creaser, Rutland, VT; Amber Davidson, Enfield, NH, and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Philip M. Creaser, Clyde Creaser, Jr., and a sister Clydene Creaser.

Graveside Committal services were held at 11:00 am on Saturday in St. Mary's Cemetery with the Rev. Shawn M. Therrien, pastor of St. Mary Parish, officiating.

You are invited to share a memory of Sandra with the family or leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at [www.royfuneralhome.com](http://www.royfuneralhome.com).

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

### **Frank Richard Hill, III, 63**

Frank, known as Rick to family and friends, passed away Sunday, April 10, 2016.

He was born in Claremont, NH, and lived in Claremont for most of the last 30 years.

He is survived by his sister Janet and her husband Al Kolb, his nephew Eric Kolb and niece Lorian Kolb.

He was pre-deceased by his parents, F. Richard ("Dick") Hill, Jr., and Margaret Small Hill.

He is also survived by Shannon Jerry and her family, who provided him with loving care for the last several years.

Visitation was held on April 14.

Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

### **Good Turnout For Pruning Workshop**

PLAINFIELD, NH--Sixty-seven attendees braved the wind and cold on Saturday, April 2, at Riverview Farm to learn proper and timely pruning techniques in apples and blueberries. The workshop was one in a series of pruning

workshops held across the state. Workshops are scheduled in Eaton Center on Saturday, April 16; Dalton on Wednesday, April 20; and Saturday, April 23 in Rumney.

Led by University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension (UNHCE) Agriculture Field Specialist, George Hamilton, the workshop focused on growth patterns of different apple varieties, proper tools and equipment for pruning, bud and fruit development, pests and preventions, and proper timing for successful pruning and crop development.

UNHCE offers several resources and guidelines for pruning and crop health through their website at [extension.unh.edu](http://extension.unh.edu) and also through a "hotline" for consumer and "backyard" grower assistance at The Education Center. The Education Center is staffed by professionals and trained volunteers to provide practical solutions to questions about gardens, lawns and landscapes, tree planting and care, pest problems, fruits and vegetables food safety and preservation, family and consumer questions, backyard livestock and soil testing among other topics.

To contact the Education Center, visit the Extension website at [extension.unh.edu](http://extension.unh.edu), email questions to [answers@unh.edu](mailto:answers@unh.edu) or call toll free: 1-877-398-4769. For questions about commercial farming and growing, please contact the Sullivan County UNH Cooperative Extension office at 603-863-9200 or email [seth.wilner@unh.edu](mailto:seth.wilner@unh.edu).

## Program On NE Stone Walls

CORNISH, NH--On May 9th, Monday, at 7:00 P.M., the Cornish Historical Society will be hosting a program "Discovering New England Stone Walls". Kevin Gardner, author of The Granite Kiss, explains how and why New England came to acquire its thousands of miles of stone walls. He addresses how they and other dry stone structures were built, how their styles emerged and changed over time and their significance to the famous New England landscape. This program is sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council and will be held upstairs at the Town Office, 488 Town House Road in Cornish.

**We welcome news and photos.**

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## Social News

### Claremont Senior Center, Inc. News

**By Claire Lessard, Executive Director**

New policy as of April 4, 2016 welcomes visitors and non-members but must sign in at the front desk with the receptionist if participating in the center's non-public activities. Three visits are allowed before membership is required. We hope you decide to join us, if not we wish you well.

Café Claremont Menu: Tuesday - April 19... Soup, roast beef dinner with roasted potatoes, vegetables, dessert. April 21...Soup, roast pork, baked potatoes with sour cream, vegetables, dessert. Menu subject to change!



Free Blood Pressure / Sugar

Clinic sponsored by Conn. Valley Home Care on Thursday - April 21 (11:00 AM - 12 Noon). Free drawing! Followed by "Healthier You Series" (12:30 PM - 1:30 PM). Topic: Fatigue May Be Red Flag Serious Issues & The Truth About Your Teeth. Free door prize! Questions, call (603)543-6800.

Our next monthly Sunday dinner will be April 24 (11:30 AM - 1:30 PM). Only 2 steak choices left (T-Bone & Strip) 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, call (603) 543-5998 and indicate your steak choice!

The annual Board of Directors election will be held at our next monthly meeting on May 3. Candidates are Debbie Bedard, Arthur Fines, Larry Johnson, Louise Matheson and June Silva. A short write-up of each candidate is now on display until elections. Stop in and take a look! Absentee ballots available April 19 and must be returned by 12 Noon on May 3.

The "Spring Fling" Craft Fair will be held on Saturday - May 7 (9:00 AM - 2:00 PM). Crafter applications are still available or if you want more info, call (603) 542-5798. We will also have a food concession, baskets raffle and our famous cookie sale!

Chair Yoga class guided by Charleigh Robbalard of the Ahimsa Yoga Center in Claremont brings you through an hour of gentle, relaxing yoga. Class uses chairs to accomplish the poses doing just what you can. No pressure here! Join us every Monday at 10:00 AM. For a small fee of \$5.00, you will receive a very relaxing hour.

Upcoming trips...Penn Dutch Country with the New Hit Show "Samson" May 17 - 19 (3days / 2 nights). On June 23 enjoy the Superstars of Country (Highwaymen) at the Venus DeMilo - Swansea, MA. Come to the center and check out the details and more trips!

"Sunday at the Center" for members and bonafide guests! Center open 1:00 PM - 5PM. Play pool, games, ping-pong, work on a puzzle, card games (Hand & Foot card game most popular), Mahjonn (instructions given) or just socialize. Bring a snack to share and bring your own beverage.

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. Mahjonn & Knitters - Friday - 1:00 PM.

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**The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 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

6:34 PM 3. Agenda (Changes)

6:35 PM 4. MAYOR'S NOTES

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

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

6:55 PM A. Charter Amendment Process Training

7:25 PM B. Water/Sewer Presentation

7:55 PM C. Municipal Energy Reduction Fund Loan Application

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8:20 PM D. Council Tablets Update

8:35 PM E. Final Approval of Budget Meeting Schedule

8:45 PM F. Boards and Commissions Process

9:00 PM G. RFQ Criteria for Executive Search

9:20 PM 8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES

9:35 PM 9. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

9:40 PM 10. NON-PUBLIC SESSION PURSUANT TO RSA 91-A:3,II(a) – PERSONNEL

10:00 PM 11. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.