

## Claremont Confidential

By Les St.Pierre



### Polar Opposites Excel

It is often said, "Make the most of your youth. It doesn't last forever!"

Well, that is precisely what Emily Peaslee and Gabby LaBounty are doing. The two Claremont girls, ages 12 and 13 respectively, have taken Major League Baseball's Pitch, Hit and Run Competition to heights they never thought they would see.

Pictured against the Fenway mini-wall down at Claremont's Monadnock Park, Peaslee and LaBounty had a tale to tell of the REAL Green Monster and the actual Fenway Park during an interview prior to their 12U All-Star Softball Team practice last Wednesday. You see, the two girls, along with their adult chaperones, recently had their very first visit to the home of the Boston Red Sox.

Unlike most of us who have ever gone to the famed Fenway thanks to a family decision, or as a gift, or an invitation, these two girls had the opportunity to go because they EARNED it. Both Emily and Gabby came in first in local festivities here in Claremont's rendition of the Pitch, Hit, and Run competition in their respective age divisions. They next had to go to Manchester to compete and could only advance to their Fenway Park opportunity if they came in first place at Gil Stadium.

Lo and behold, Claremont's female youngsters came through with flying colors and brought respect and honor to their hometown by taking first

place positions in the Manchester competition, earning their way to a June 18 date to see the Red Sox take on the Seattle Mariners in a 4:05 p.m. Saturday ballgame. Or so they thought.

There was business to be had first. The ballgame was only the topping of the cake. Further competition in the PH&R affair had to be completed, and the girls were slated to be at the ballpark no later than 8:15 a.m to begin yet another advancement in a quest to compete in the finals to take place at Major League Baseball's All-Star Game at San Diego's Petco Park July 12. This time, however, the momentum came to a stop as Emily came in third and Gabby second. A good showing by both girls, but not good enough to send them to the west coast.

Still, it was the trip to Boston and to Fenway Park and the entire experience that will remain in the minds and hearts of both girls.

"I can't believe I am here," said LaBounty, when asked what her first words were once she came upon the site of the Beantown Bombers' establishment. "I was really shocked and nervous."

While most of us who have

been there remark at the presence of the green grass and the Green Monster as being first-noticed, to Emily and Gabby and to Terri Daignault and LeeAnn Curtis, mom and stepmom to the two lasses, it was the size of the



Gabby LaBounty, left, and Emily Peaslee, right (Les St.Pierre photo).

ballpark which caught their attention the most.

Fenway Park, built in 1912, lists a seating capacity of 37,949. There are only three ballparks in the major leagues below that number. Dodger Stadium, home to the Los Angeles Dodgers, has the largest at 56,000.

Both girls got to go down on the field since  
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**Fenway, from B1**

they were involved in the pre-game competition. "It was small," said Emily, "compared to what was on TV." Gabby added, "Especially when I was on second base. It was like 'Wow! it can be really easy to hit a home run here!'" Daignault, Emily's mom, followed suit, "I just pictured this gigantic place...and it wasn't as big as I had thought." Curtis, step-mom to Gabby, was proud as one could be at the accomplishment made by both girls citing some 620,000 participants started out throughout the United states and only 720 got to go to a major league ballpark, Claremont contributing two.

The two girls never did get to see the 5-2 Red Sox win as they left after the competition to compete in a 12U softball tournament in Barrington, NH. The Claremont team's coach, Chris Maccioli, had nothing but exquisite accolades to heap upon Peaslee and LaBounty. "Honestly," said Maccioli, "they are polar opposites. One is very vocal and the other quite quiet. They are both dedicated and work very hard. It is a pleasure to coach them."

Emily, who plays second base and right field, listed Dustin Pedroia as her favorite Red Sox player, while Gabby, a catcher, outfielder and shortstop, listed David Ortiz as her favorite and was thrilled to see Big Papi in his final season. Ortiz has announced he will retire at the end of this season.

Daignault, perhaps, summed up the Fenway experience, her very first, of the Claremont contingent's day at the ballpark in Boston the best when she recalled the playing of Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline" toward the tail end of the game. "Oh, my god! It was incredible," she stated. "It was probably the favorite day of my life!"

**Charlestown To Host Softball Tournament**

CHARLESTOWN, NH--The Charlestown Recreation Committee and the Charlestown Babe Ruth Soft-ball League have announced that they will be hosting the 2016 New England Regional Tournament, July 13 – 17, 2016 for the 12U and 16U teams. This event is a wonderful opportunity for our community and the Connecticut River Valley, bringing over 15 softball teams and their families to our region. Our 16U team, which is comprised of girls from the Connecticut River Valley area, such towns

as Charlestown, Walpole, Alstead, Springfield, Proctorsville, Cavendish and Bellows Falls, has been one of the top ranking teams in the New England region over the last few years and are gearing up for an exciting 2016 season.

In an effort to raise money for the event, the League is holding a raffle, a 2016 Arctic Cat Alterra 4X4 400 with trailer. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold; one ticket - \$20; six tickets - \$100. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Patty at the Selectmen's Office, 603-826-4400, or from a Recreation Committee member. Drawing: July 16, Patch Park.

**Fisher Cats And B-Mets Split Saturday Doubleheader In Binghamton**

BINGHAMTON, NY-- For the second straight night, the Fisher Cats (36-46) and Binghamton

Mets (35-46) split a doubleheader at NYSEG stadium. Binghamton took Game 1, 9-2, and New Hampshire responded with a 12-5 win in Game 2.

In Game 1, the B-Mets opened up a 3-0 lead in the first inning with a two-out walk and back-to-back homers from Dominic Smith and Matt Oberste. New Hampshire answered back with a pair in the top of the third, sending eight batters to the plate in the process. Jorge Flores walked and Shane Opitz singled to begin the rally, and two batters later Roemon Fields walked to load the bases. A Ryan Lavarney sac fly made it 3-1, and Rowdy Tellez singled home Opitz to narrow the deficit to 3-2.

Smith and Oberste struck again in the third inning with another pair of homers. Smith went deep to right, and Obertse launched one to left. Their second back-to-back effort gave Binghamton a 6-2 advantage. The B-Mets tacked on three more with two sacrifice flies in the fifth and an RBI single from Smith in the

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**Fisher Cats, from B2**

sixth.

Mets starter Ricky Knapp got the win in his Double-A debut, pitching all seven innings and allowing just four hits.

Despite two hits and three steals from Roemon Fields, the Fisher Cats dropped the series finale to the Binghamton Mets, 3-1 on Sunday night at NYSEG Stadium. The teams split the six-game set with three wins apiece.

For the fifth time in six games, the Fisher Cats scored in the first inning. Fields ignited a one-man rally, reaching on a bunt single and advancing to third with a pair of stolen bases. Ryan Lavarney knocked him in with a sacrifice fly to give the Fisher Cats a 1-0 advantage. The run came against Mets MLB rehabber Jim Henderson.

Mets right-hander Josh Zeid took over from there. Through the next seven innings, he held the Fisher Cats scoreless on two hits and three walks while striking out eight batters.

New Hampshire starter Shane Dawson struck out a season-high seven hitters in five innings, working around four hits and four walks, and left with the score tied 1-1. Binghamton's first run came across on a double from Jayce Boyd and an RBI single from Maikis De La Cruz in the second inning.

The eventual game-winning run was plated on a wild pitch in the seventh. De La Cruz reached on a walk, moved up on a sacrifice bunt, got to third on a groundout and came across on the errant pitch to make it 2-1. A sac fly from Xorge Carillo gave the B-Mets an insurance run in the eighth.

Jason Leblebajian drove in two runs, including the game-winner in the bottom of the eighth inning, and Shane Opitz homered as the Fisher Cats edged Portland 4-3 on the Fourth of July.

In the decisive frame, Roemon Fields walked and advanced to third when an errant pickoff throw rolled into right field. Leblebajian's sacrifice fly plated Fields with the go-ahead run. New Hampshire (37-47) picked up the victory after Chris Smith set down the Sea Dogs in order in the ninth for his third save.

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**2016 NH Spring Gobbler Season Results**

CONCORD, NH--Preliminary results are out for New Hampshire's May 2016 spring gobbler season. Data in to date shows that hunters harvested 3,821 turkeys in New Hampshire during the spring hunt. This is 172 fewer gobblers (4.3%) than the 3,993 taken in the 2015 spring season. More registration forms may trickle in from the 60 stations around the state, so the numbers are not final.

"It was thought that the May 2016 harvest total might exceed 4,000 gobblers, but poor hunting weather the first week probably reduced the potential harvest somewhat," said longtime NH Fish and Game Turkey Biologist Ted Walski. Opening day (May 3) was a foggy morning, after a hard rain of 1.25 inches the

previous day. On Wednesday, May 4, it rained most of the day, amounting to 1.5 inches. On Sunday, May 8, it rained again in the morning.

Another factor reducing the harvest, according to Walski, was the very early green-up. Spring-like conditions typical for the end of March were in evidence by March 7. The month of April saw 18 "thawing days" of 50°F or greater. By May 17, leaves were budding out on the trees, reducing visibility and absorbing sound – and making it more difficult for hunters to see and hear turkeys.

Of the 18 Wildlife Management Units, J2 (north of Route 4 to Lake Winnepesaukee) had the most turkeys taken (627), followed by K (mostly western Hillsboro county) with 461, then M (435) and L (381) in the Rockingham/Strafford county region, and H2 (409) in Cheshire County.

Further details of the data from the 2016 spring gobbler season will be available at a later date when all registration data have been entered and verified.

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# Inspiration

## One-on-One Countryside Chat with... Bernadette O'Leary & You

### Your Questions... My Answers "How do you do it?"

One of the most common questions I get is regarding my medical issues, so I try to address it when I can. The biggest and most frequent question is, "How do you do it?" It's not easy, and the old adage which states "that which doesn't kill you makes you stronger" is not always true.

How do I do it? The truth is, I don't know. So often I feel as though my body won't make it another step or another minute, yet 10 minutes later, there I am still kickin'. The truth is, I can't work a "real job" with regular hours because of how unpredictable my episodes and symptoms are. In my media work, I stay months ahead of my articles' running dates because I can really only work two days out of every two weeks at best... two days every month or two at worst. One can't have a real work schedule that way, so I make the best of those rare days where I can get things done to get at least a couple of months ahead. In the past 6 months, I can count the times I was able to leave my home on both hands. Appearances are all too often deceiving. I appear to be better than I am, and people often say that terrible thing that so many say to sufferers of medical issues: "You don't look sick."

Thank you. I work very hard to not look as terrible as I feel. I do hide it well, as many sufferers of chronic illness do. However, what does sick look like? There is no "look" to being unwell for many people. There are many "unseen" illnesses: physical, emotional, medical, and mental. There are many medical ailments that don't always have a "look." For mine, I do have some times when mine can be seen, but I usually stay home or cover them up when they are physically visible. Sometimes, that includes visual abnormalities, but other times it comes in me looking exhausted, having cognitive difficulties, appearing weaker than usual, or having difficulties with my motor skills. Even so, most of the time, I hide it well and don't "look" sick. Most sufferers do hide their conditions out of shame, fear of being judged, fear of the ailment, or avoidance of attention. I have tons of pictures of what sick can "look" like for me, but I don't share them with anyone but my doctors or my closest friends who ask. I don't know if I would share them in my media work should enough people ask. On one hand, I will do anything for the sakes of others, but some of the pictures are pretty bad. I did have one time period where I had so many requests from friends and family wanting to support me that I posted a few of those pictures on my Facebook page. That was probably over a year ago now, and it did give some people who didn't understand a better idea of my own suffering. Even so, going through such things as medical issues can be a very personal and difficult thing. Therefore, it can also be a very private thing.

So why then do I share it with you, my readers? You are total strangers to me. The truth is, I don't believe in strangers. My daddy taught me that a stranger is simply a friend or an extended family member whom you have yet to meet. Also, I believe that we are all given our path in life for a reason. Mine is to help others while spreading love, inspiration, faith, and strength. I was given every detail within my life because there is someone, somewhere who can benefit from my experiences. So, I share. This is why I am unsure whether or not I would ever share my less personal pictures of the visual effects of my condition. In truth, I believe I would, but hesitantly. I wouldn't like doing so, but if I saw it in any way as a benefit to someone else (even just one person), I would: if enough people were to request it. Thankfully, I don't see that happening.

I've discussed in various articles how hard it is being sick all the time and how much energy it takes out of you. I see people going to work every day, playing with their kids, exercising, and basically just living life, and I miss those days. I miss being able to work out at the Y or taking my kids to

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# Inspiration/Entertainment

## Questions, from B4

to the park. I miss just going grocery shopping. Some people will accuse you of curling up into a ball and dying, while others will accuse you of pushing yourself too hard. Sometimes, the same person will accuse you of both, depending on the day. You can't please everyone, and they can't possibly understand completely without experiencing it themselves. I miss getting to see people as often as I once could. I miss family and friends coming around. I have discussed that too: how people shun those who suffer because of discomfort, inability to understand, or just not knowing what to say. It's damn hard. It makes you feel like less of a person or like there's something wrong with you as a person. But please know that while I know how strong those feelings of worthlessness, ugliness, and pain are, they are lies. They feel so real at times, even to me. But they are lies created by the evil in this world that would have you forget that you are alive for a reason. Everyone has a purpose, and everyone is important to someone. There is at least one person who sees you as a treasure they cannot do without. Even if you can't see it. Even if it's someone you don't know very well but who sees your heart and is touched by it. I often joke when I'm feeling my worst. During those times, when someone asks how I'm feeling, I take a page from my daddy's book (and his suffering was far worse than mine). Other person: "How ya feelin' today?" Me: "Oh, with my fingers." Other person: "Whatcha up to?" Me: "Oh, 'bout 5'3". Sometimes it's a bit darker. Other person: "Whatcha doin'?" Me: "Oh, layin' here prayin' for death. You?" Most people don't like the last one, but you have to laugh or you'll cry. Plus, people are going to judge anyway, so have fun with it. I keep it clean, but my sense of humor can be an acquired taste.

So, how do I do it? I really don't. I just take each moment as it comes and pray that I can inspire and help others in their own lives. I keep moving forward and trying to prevent my declines in health from becoming more frequent or more severe. I take my meds. I see my many doctors. I wear a mask of being okay. Well, sort of. Sometimes, I give up for a

while out of exhaustion. I'm human. I do have one dream that likely won't come true. So, I focus on the one that has already come true and continues to do so: helping and inspiring others. I share. I struggle. I smile. I also act like a real pain in the a#% sometimes when I'm feeling down. But even that is okay, because I'm human.

This seemingly simple question has turned into a lengthy answer, but as you can see, it's not at all simple. And for those who say I can't give a short answer, I say, "I'm not long-winded. I'm detail-oriented."

As you face your struggles and you see people who make you wonder how they do it,

remember that appearances are most often deceiving. We all have struggles. Some are just more easily seen than others, and what is easy for one person is hard for another. I'll be 42 in a month, and mine have only been visible to others in the more serious ways since around 2010 or so. I've had my ailments my whole life, but I've hidden them. With this in mind, remember that the key is not the number or severity of the bumps in the road of life. Rather, it's about us getting through those bumps together. God bless you. Love others well, including yourself. You got this!



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## Calendar Of Events

### Children's Programming At The Fiske Library For July

CLAREMONT, NH--Children's Summer Reading Programs for July July 5 – 26 at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesdays each week there will held Toddler Time. This program is appropriate for ages birth – 36 months. Toddlers are invited to learn finger plays, short songs, nursery rhymes and hear a story or two. Come on in and have a good time! Walk-in's welcome, no registration.

There will be a Drop-in Coloring Craft on Thursdays from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. each week July 7 – July 28. On July 7, there will be a World Map to be put out in the Gilmore Room for everyone to help out with coloring; July 14th will be a "Color your own Sports Medal"; July 21 there will be a Map of the USA for everyone who drops by to help with coloring; on July 28th will be a "Color you own Sports Pennant" craft. The Sports Medal and the Sports Pennant are crafts to take home; all markers, crayons are provided.

The Maps will be displayed in September on our bulletin board. If we don't finish coloring the maps in July, they will be put out in the Gilmore Room to finish up in August. Don't forget that the Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, begin on August 21st.

Diana Kordas Romper Rhythm & Puppets are scheduled for Friday, July 8th at 2:00 p.m. for ages 4 and up. This year she, and her puppets, will perform the "Tortoise and the Hare".

All of her puppets are made by Diane. She does a fabulous job making the puppets and performing with them!

The very talented, Simon Brooks, Storyteller, will be regaling everyone who comes to the library with all sorts of tales from around the world! This program will be on Friday, July 15th at 2:00 p.m. for ages 4 and up.

Don't miss this program! Papa Joe's Traveling Storytelling Show will share his wonderful stories with anyone who comes to the library on Friday, July 22 at 2:00 p.m.

Papa Joe spreads his "magic" with all who listen. This program is appropriate for all ages.

Last, but not least, on Friday, July 29th. "Take a Tromp Through the Swamp" with Tom Sieling. His Children's Music Program will get the kids on their feet and participate in the dancing and other audience participation! The program is at 2:00 p.m. Appropriate for all ages.

There is no registration and walk-ins are welcome to all of the Children's programs at Fiske Free Library, unless it is otherwise stated. All programs are open to the public and free. All Children's programs in 2016 are sponsored by the Friends of Fiske Free Library.

### CLiF Program At Fiske Free Library Featuring Simon Brooks, Storyteller

CLAREMONT, NH--Fiske Free Library will host a CLiF Grant Program once again and will feature Simon Brooks, storyteller, as the CLiF presenter! This program will be held on Monday, July 18th, at 1:00 p.m. It is appropriate for ages, birth – 14. Simon will tell or read a story; he will talk and ask questions of the children about the importance of reading and the wonderful feeling to have a book of your very own. Having a library card and borrowing a book is great, but owning your own book is fabulous! Registration is necessary for this program. This is to ensure that the appropriate number of books and reading levels can be sent from CLiF before the program. All between birth and age 14 will be allowed to choose two brand new books for their very own! These books are free from CLiF and their sponsors! Don't miss out! This program provides a great opportunity to choose books to keep for your own and to hear a great storyteller! Call 542-7017 or drop by the Children's Desk to register or for additional information.

### Youth Improvisational Acting Workshops At COH

CLAREMONT, NH--A collaboration has formed between Claremont Opera House and World Under Wonder, a small theatre organization run by Sean Roberts. Up until this point World Under Wonder has been just a troupe of adult actors putting on productions for the last three years. Roberts has been the director of these actors and funding the shows himself.

Just recently a relationship was formed between this director and the COH to put on improvisational acting workshops on Tuesday afternoons from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on the COH stage, along with stage combat workshops each Thursday from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Both of these workshops are for youth between the ages of 8-19 years old.

The goal of these workshops is to draw in enough youth to the program to then put forth auditions for a full length play. The show's practices and performances would be at the COH under Roberts' supervision and direction. He plans to have auditions the week after his adult cast puts on "The Picture of Dorian Gray" on July 16th at 7:00 p.m. on the COH stage.

The Mission of World Under Wonder is "to provide personal growth and windows to creative exploration through the performing arts". Roberts also works with the Newport Middle High School as the director of their theatre program. He hopes for this to be one more way to work with both adults and youth in the community to help foster a mentality of diversity and imagination.

### Senior Center Dinner, Breakfast Events

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Senior Center will be holding a Steak BBQ Dinner on Sunday, July 10. Seatings at 11:30 a.m., 12 Noon, 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. By reservation only. To reserve, call (603) 543-5998. Cost per person \$12.00...pay when you attend!

Senior Men's Breakfast on Monday, July 18. Center opens 8:00 a.m., breakfast served 8:15 a.m.; guest speaker 8:45 a.m., socialize till 10:00 a.m. Menu: Pancakes, sausage or bacon, juice, coffee. Members \$2.00, non-member guests \$3.00. Visit or call center to sign-up.

### 10 AM Monday Morning Musicals for Children

CLAREMONT, NH--Jean's Playhouse IMPACT productions from Lincoln, NH, returns to the air conditioned Claremont Opera House this summer, 10:00 a.m. Monday mornings, with musicals for children. General admission is \$6 at the door. Groups are advised to call

ahead to reserve sections.

Shows are: Rapunzel: July 11, can true love conquer all when Rapunzel's beautiful long hair is cut short, her dashing prince goes blind, and both are cast out into the deep, dark wilderness? The Velveteen Rabbit: July 18, A little boy and his favorite toy, a stuffed rabbit sewn from velveteen, are best friends through good times and bad, but the rabbit never gives up on his dream of becoming real. The Snow Queen: July 25, When the Snow Queen's evil forces take control of Kai, his best friend Gerda must use love to break the spell and bring him back to his normal happy self. Aladdin: August 1, With the help of a magic genie trapped inside an ancient lamp, a ne'er-do-well named Aladdin tries to rid his city of evil and become Sultan.

For more information call the business office at 603-542-0064. You may also visit [www.claremontoperahouse.org](http://www.claremontoperahouse.org).

## Silsby Free Library News

Participating in Summer Reading at the Silsby Free Public Library in Charlestown is easy! All you have to do is:

- Come to the library and get your Ice Cream Reading Log.
  - Hand in your first completed log (6 books) to receive your first ice cream coupon and enter your name in for the raffle.
  - For each additional reading log you hand in, you get another ice cream coupon and chance at the raffle.
  - Last day to turn in logs is August 3rd at the Malik Haddadi show.
  - Raffle winners will be drawn on August 5th after the Going for the Gold craft.
- Tuesday, July 5 @ 10:30 a.m.- Storytime:  
Animal Yoga and craft
- Friday, July 8 @ 10:30 a.m.- Yoga Fun! for children

## On Your Mark, Get Set... READ! Program

CLAREMONT, NH--Summer Reading Program calendars are now available at the Fiske Free Library. Pick one up at the Children's Desk downstairs, or upstairs in the adult circulation area. Programs will be also announced by flier and other publicity the week or two before the program is held. Pick up your Summer

Reading Calendar soon to make plans for your visits to the library this summer!

## Caregiver Support Group

SPRINGFIELD, VT--A Caregiver Support Group (formerly Alzheimer's Support Group) is available to help enhance the lives of individu-

als 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.

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## Lady Boss Club

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).

## 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.

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## Cornish Historical Center

CORNISH, NH--The Cornish Historical Center, on School Street is open Saturdays during the warm months, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

## 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 fund-

raiser for its various scholarships and sponsorships. Food and drinks are available.

## Sugar River Civil War Round Table

CLAREMONT, NH--The Sugar River Civil War Round Table meets 1st Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m., at the Earl M. Bourdon Center.

## Fine Arts Exhibition & Sale

ACWORTH, NH--The Acworth Community Charitable Trust is holding a Fine Arts & Exhibition Sale on Saturday, July 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Over two dozen artists and artisans represented; live music, library book sale, meeting house BBQ at noon. Free admission.

## 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. All paper games.

## Claremont Farmers Market

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Farmers and Artisans Market will be held every Thursday through October 6th, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. (rain or shine); they only call the market for lighting. A strong selection of vendors with more added weekly; music featured as well.

## Concert Series Continues At Arrowhead

CLAREMONT, NH-- Check out the Summerfest concert series at [www.claremontsummerfest.com](http://www.claremontsummerfest.com). You can buy tickets online, at the gate or in advance at Arrowhead and the Claremont Chamber of Commerce office. You can also get student

and senior (65 and older) discounted tickets at Arrowhead and the Chamber office; kids under 12 are free. There will also be food and other vendors at each concert. Concerts are from mid- afternoon into the night.

Sunday July 17th – Josh Logan, Rock/Blues/Soul/Pop appeared on the voice Opener: Dan Walker, blends blue-eyed soul with southern roots music to create a sound all his own

Saturday August 13th – Draw The Line, Aerosmith Tribute Band, the only tribute band endorsed by Aerosmith Opener: RoadHouse, a rock band that will make you smile.

August 27th – Kashmir, At the Claremont Visitor Center park

The nation's #1 Led Zeppelin tribute show, it is the most authentic representation of Led Zeppelin on the modern national touring scene. Opener: Blabpipe Major influences are vast, ranging from early rock into the 80's and 90's.

## 2016 Summer In The Paddock

CHARLESTOWN, NH--Join us for the 4th Annual Season of Summer In The Paddock on North Main Street in Charlestown. The Farmers & Artisans Market will run for 15 weeks on Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., starting June 25, and again offer affordable vendor fee "packages" to encourage strong weekly commitments from current and new vendors. Potential vendors are encouraged to stop by the Charlestown Congregational Church for a brochure of policies and fee schedules. Brochures may also be found in the newspaper rack at Ralph's Supermarket. Email [congchrch@myfairpoint.net](mailto:congchrch@myfairpoint.net) (yes, leave out the "u") or call (603) 826-3335 with questions and to receive the brochure by email or USPS.

Register for all or part of the season.

## Vacation Bible School

PLAINFIELD, NH--Christ Community Church in Plainfield, NH, is hosting a free vacation bible school event for families with children. The event is August 8-12, at the church in Plainfield. For more information regarding this program, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1251639741513678/>.

## July Programs At The Fiske

CLAREMONT, NH--The Fiske Free Library is hosting three programs in July at the library in addition to the Summer Reading Program offerings available.

First up on July 7 is The Luneaus Basketball Family exhibition: thrills and skills to entertain the whole family and maybe even learn a couple of trick yourself. Program begins at 6:00 p.m. at the library and includes a show, motivational message and audience participation. Sponsored by Friends of the Fiske Free Library.

Then on Tuesday, July 12th, a timely program on preventing scams and fraud threatening your finances. Learn to protect yourself from fraud, identity theft and other dangers. Program begins at 3:00 p.m. Peter Begin, VP, Security & Fraud Prevention Office from Mascoma Savings Bank, Lebanon branch, will be the speaker.

On Thursday, July 21, our own Colin Sanborn will conduct an "Armchair Walking and Driving Tour" through the homes and lives of Claremont authors. Program will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Gilmore Room. Sanborn will lead the audience on a virtual tour around Claremont as you learn about the lives and works of some of Claremont's notable authors. Sponsored by Friends of the Fiske Free Library.

Come in and see us this month and you can also check out the art exhibit based on the poetry of Robert Frost which will be at the library through the end of July.

Programs are free and open to the public. Call the library at 542-7017 for more information.

## Plans Being Readied For Back To School Festival

CLAREMONT, NH--The planning process is in full swing as organizers prepare for the 2016 Back to School Festival.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 27, from 10:00 am-12:00pm at Monadnock Park. Set up will be begin at 8:00 a.m.

Please remember, this is a family-friendly event and all items are provided to students and families at no-cost. Please avoid having items for sale at your table.

More information will be forthcoming in the near future.

## IKEA Dressers Being Recalled Due To Tipping Hazard

A massive recall of millions of IKEA dressers that pose a tipping hazard was recently announced. Several children have died in tipping and entrapment incidents associated with the dressers. The items being recalled are the IKEA MALM chests and dressers, including three-drawer, four-drawer, five-drawer and six-drawer models and other children's and adult chests and dressers. The MALM chests and dressers are constructed of particleboard or fiberboard and are white, birch (veneer), medium brown, black-brown, white stained oak (veneer), oak (veneer), pink, turquoise, grey, grey-turquoise, lilac, green, brown stained ash (veneer), and black. A five-digit supplier number, four-digit date stamp, IKEA logo, country of origin and "MALM" are printed on the underside of the top panel or inside the side panel. The recalled MALM chests were sold from 2002 through June 2016.

On July 22, 2015, CPSC and IKEA announced a repair program for the chests and dressers that included a free wall-anchoring repair kit for the MALM chests and dressers and other IKEA chests and dressers.

## Texting on the Job, Don't Do It!!

Americans send 208,333 text messages every second, totaling 18 billion texts daily, according to the [CITA-The Wireless Association and Nielsen](#). We use texts more often than phone calls these days to keep in touch with family, friends, and coworkers. While the vast majority of those responding to a Select Family poll think that it is *not* okay to send personal texts at work, the Millennial generation may disagree. The numbers indicate that 18-24 year olds are especially addicted to texting.

Productivity suffers when you are interrupted, whether by another work task or the buzz, chirp, or ding of an incoming text. In a [recent study](#) in the *Higher Education Journal*, half of a class was requested to text the professor three times during a lecture and the other half was not allowed to text. Who do you think retained less information and scored lower on the pop quiz afterwards? The texters, of course!! Customer service may suffer because of text distractions. It's incredibly rude for a worker to engage in texting (personal or otherwise) while handling a customer face-to-face. Even when on a call on the business line, an incoming personal text can cause less than 100% attention to the conversation at hand.

Staffers who drive for their jobs should be especially careful not to text while at the wheel. And employees who have a company-provided cell phone should be aware that any texts or images sent and received are company property (think twice about "sexting" on your work cell).

Depending on your company size and culture, you may wish to add a texting policy. Think carefully, though, because a strict policy could backfire by decreasing employee morale and thus productivity.

As a manager, you may want to make exceptions for special situations, such as when an employee's family member is ill. In another for instance, parents of latch-key kids will be more distracted until they get that text message that their child made it home safe and sound.

But if you feel a formalized policy is overkill (or you're afraid your workforce of younger employees will mutiny or jump ship), have a chat with your serial texter about the inappropriate amount of messaging during work hours.



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Remembering Loved Ones...

## Life Tributes

### Obituaries May Be Found On Our Website

We post obituaries on our website to make them available in "real time," as they are released by funeral homes.

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

[www.etickernewsoclaremont.com](http://www.etickernewsoclaremont.com)

#### Edgar A. Boadway, Jr., 80

Edgar A. Boadway, Jr., 80, of Claremont, NH, died Wednesday (June 29, 2016) at his home. At his request, there will be no visiting hours or services and committal will be held in the Athearn Cemetery in Anson, ME.

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

#### Robert D. Ennis, 53

Robert Dirk Ennis, 53, of Charlestown, NH died on June 28, 2016, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon. Bobby was born in New London, NH on May 28, 1963 the son of the late Joanne P. Dodge of Charlestown and George E. Ennis of Arizona.

He enjoyed watching Nascar the Patriots and working on cars.

Surviving family includes his daughter, Alyssa R. Ennis of Charlestown; his wife of 22 years, Laurie Watt Ennis of Charlestown, his father, George Ennis and step-mother Lola of Arizona; sisters, Sandra Gobin and her partner Steve Fish of Newport, Jolene (Debbie) Doty and her husband David, of Texas, Kimberly Colewell, of Indiana, Donna Gobin of Lempster and Brenda St. Aubin of Florida; his brother,

Rodney W. Morrow of Rochester; his step son, Jonathan Hagar of Newport; stepdaughter, Amanda Beck and her husband, Leslie of Claremont; step-sister, Sharon Pitchford of Arizona; step-brothers, Dean Cuthbertson and his wife, Wendy of Arizona and Gary Cuthbertson and his wife, Deb of Colorado; his pride and joys were his grandchildren, Angelina Hagar, Andrew Hagar, Daniel Hagar, Damien Teliman, Gage Jarvis and Anthony Michael Beck; an aunt, Jolene Nolan of Hudson; his childhood friend that has been there for him during his fight, Christopher Merrill; many cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.


He was predeceased by his mother, Joanne Dodge; his brother, Michael Ennis and brother-in-law, Gary Gobin.

A celebration of his life for family and friends was held on Saturday, July 2nd, at the Sugar River Community Room, 10 North Main Street in Newport.

Burial will be held in North Newport at a later date.

#### Warren C. Chase, 51


On Monday, June 20th, the Chase family received a terrifying telephone call. Warren C. Chase had been found unresponsive. 9-1-1 responders were able to resuscitate Warren but on Tuesday, June 28th, 2016, Warren passed away. His illness was sudden and his death was unexpected.



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Warren C Chase, 51, returned to his heavenly home on Tuesday, June 28th after a heroic battle with heart failure and brain injury. Warren was born to Barbara and Carl Chase, in Rochester, NH. He was the eldest of four children. His sister, Jennifer Chase and his brothers, Denis Chase and Iver Chase and his wife, Toni Chase survive him.

Warren was well known for his love for fishing, family gatherings, cooking on the grill and his signature home cooked meals. Also for having a caring heart, being the light of the party and binge watching movies. He loved playing on his computer and painting.

If we had to pick one thing that reminds us of Warren it would be his loud, goofy laugh. It is one that sticks with you for a life time.

Warren is survived by his wife, Cathy Chase; his daughter, Jessica Weigel and her husband, Hayden Weigel of Newport; his son, Warren A Chase and his wife, Jackie Chase of Newport; grandchildren, Mackenzie and Hailey Chase of Newport and one on the way. He also has many cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Warren's memorial was held at Stringer Funeral Home in Claremont, NH, on Friday, July 1st. Burial followed in Mountain View Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the funeral home to help with final expenses.

for the Sunnyside Cemetery in Sugar Hill. He was predeceased by his wife, Jeanne (Aldrich).

Larry leaves three daughters, Lauren, Babette and Heather, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was also predeceased by one sister, Joan, and is survived by one brother, George Ring of Longwood FL, and one half-brother, John Ring of Norwich VT.

A graveside service was held on June 29 at Sunnyside Cemetery in Sugar Hill, NH.



**Fairy houses began appearing at Moody Park recently. As part of the park's 100th anniversary celebrated during June, children were invited to create the scenes using natural materials (Bill Binder photos).**

### Laurence S. Ring, Jr., 90

Laurence S. Ring, Jr., age 90, passed away peacefully June 24 at the Grafton County Nursing Home in N. Haverhill, NH.

Larry was born in Hanover, NH, to Laurence S. Ring (Sr.) and Agnes (Trachier) Ring on November 5, 1925. He graduated from Stevens High School in Claremont, NH, in 1943.

He enlisted and joined the Navy after graduation, where he served until the end of World War II. Larry attended the University of New Hampshire and graduated with a BS in Physics. He received his PhD in Nuclear Physics in 1955 from Iowa State.

In 1955 Larry accepted a job with General Electric at Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory in New York. His responsibilities included reactor design and safety. Larry retired from General Electric in 1983. He and his wife relocated to her home town of Sugar Hill, NH, and built their retirement home themselves.

Larry was active in the town. He was on the Board of Selectmen and served as a trustee

## Claremont Fire Dept. Log

### Sunday 6/26:

4:37 PM: Engine 3 responded to Industrial Blvd. for a report of an alarm sounding.

### Monday 6/27:

11:30 PM: Engine 3 responded to Plains Rd. in the area of the cemetery for a report of wires down in the roadway.

3:56 PM: Engine 3 responded to Washington St. for Box Alarm number 0235.

### Tuesday 6/28:

1:29 PM: Engine 3 responded to Heritage Dr. for an odor investigation.

2:04 PM: Engine 3 responded to Washington St. for a report of a cigarette disposal container that was smoking.

8:59 PM: Engine 3 responded to Manor Dr. for a medical call.

### Wednesday 6/29:

9:17 AM: Engine 3 responded to Water St. for an alarm sounding.

1:14 PM: Engine 3 responded to North St. for a well-being check.

4:44 PM: Engine 3 responded to Water St. for Box Alarm number 136.

8:00 PM: Engine 3 responded to Sugar River Dr., in the area of Case Hill Rd., for a motor vehicle accident.

10:16 PM: Engine 3 responded to Pearl St. for an illegal burn.

### Thursday 6/30:

1:57 AM: Engine 3, Ladder 2, and Engine 1 responded to Washington St. for a report of a structure fire.

4:50 AM: Engine 3 responded to Charlestown Rd. for a medical call.

9:34 AM: Engine 3 responded to Sullivan St. for Box Alarm number 0318.

1:05 PM: Engine 3 responded to Middle St. for a report of an alarm sounding.

7:14 PM: Engine 3 and Ladder 2 responded to Charles St. for an electrical fire.

### Friday 7/1:

11:09 AM: Engine 3 responded to the intersection of Maple Ave. and Plains Rd. for a motor vehicle that struck a pedestrian.

7:46 PM: Engine 3 and Ladder 2 responded to Colonel Ashley Lane for a report of an alarm sounding.

## Social News

### Claremont Senior Center, Inc. News

By Claire Lessard, Executive Director

Join us on July 10 for a BBQ Steak Dinner. We hope to alleviate the wait time for your steak to cook by having four seatings at 11:30 AM, 12 Noon, 12:30 PM & 1:00 PM. To reserve a seating call (603) 543-5998 by July 8. The cost per person is \$12.00...pay when you attend!

Café Claremont Menu: Thursday - July 7 .. Salad, chicken & dumplings, mashed potatoes, vegetables, dessert. Menu subject to change!

Marilyn Gilbert and Debbie Bedard are seeking those interested in 3 possible clubs: a Walking Club, an Adult Coloring Club (evenings), and a Book Club. Clip boards of interest are at the center's front desk or call Marilyn 542-5798 for more info. Members free; others, \$1.00.

Free Blood Pressure, Glucose & "Ask-A Nurse" Screenings on Thursday - July 7 (10:30 AM - 12 Noon) in the Mozden Room.

Our "Vendors Corner" welcomes Julie's ICare on Thursday - July 14. Any type of business on Tuesday or Thursday (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM) is welcome to rent an 8 ft. table for \$15 in our entrance lounge. Only one vendor per date!

Our next Senior Men's Breakfast will be Monday - July 18. Center opens 8:00 AM, breakfast served 8:15 AM, guest speaker 8:45 AM, socialize till 10:00 AM. Menu: Pancakes, sausage or bacon, juice, coffee. Members \$2.00, non-member guests \$3.00. Come to or call center to sign-up!

Free Blood Pressure Clinic - Thursday - July 21 (11:00 AM - 12 Noon). Free drawing. Followed by "Healthier You Series" (12:30 - 1:30 PM). Topic: "A Shocking Side Effect of Everyday Drugs & 14 Little Kitchen Miracles." Both programs sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Home Care. Questions, call (603) 543-6800.

Upcoming trips...Michael Minor (singer, comedian, ventriloquist, celebrity impressionist) - August 11 with Traditional Maine Lobsterbake at Foster's Clambake Restaurant in York, ME. \$101.00 per person. New England goes Country with one of today's hottest upcoming stars Jimmy Lehoux Band - October 18 at the Common Man Inn in Plymouth, NH. \$91.00 per person. Norman Rockwell's "Home for the Holidays" ... a visit to the picture perfect New England village of Stockbridge, MA - December 1 at the Red Lion Inn. \$101.00 per person. Come to the center and check out the details!

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. Join us every Monday at 10:00 AM. Fee of \$5.00.

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

Senior Game Night every Tuesday (6:00 - 9:00 PM) for members. Non-members welcome but must sign in. Three visits allowed before membership is required. Mahjonn, Hand & Foot card game and Pool are popular but other games are available. Attendees should bring a snack to share!

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. Non-members are welcome but must sign in. Three visits are allowed before membership is required.

Membership dues - \$20 per year. Persons 50 years of age or older invited and welcome to become new members or renew your membership!

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 public events! Call (603) 543-5998. To keep up to date, visit our website. Punch in [cnhcs.org](http://cnhcs.org).

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SAT  
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The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, July 13, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

***AGENDA (Revised)***

- 6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL
- 6:34 PM 3. AGENDA CHANGES
- 6:35 PM 4. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY  
Minutes of June 2, 8, 16, 22, 2016, City Council Meetings
- 6:40 PM 5. MAYOR'S NOTES
- 6:45 PM 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
- 7:00 PM 7. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
- 7:05 PM 8. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 22))
- 9. OLD BUSINESS
  - 7:20 PM A. Assessing Survey Results
  - 7:30 PM B. RFQ Update/Selection Committee
  - 7:40 PM C. 25 Chestnut Street Update
- 10. NEW BUSINESS
  - 7:50 PM A. Police Facebook Progress Report
  - 8:00 PM B. Motion to Accept OHRV Enforcement Grant
  - 8:10 PM C. Ordinance 548 Franklin St. Parking Lot – First Reading
  - BREAK
  - 8:25 PM D. *New Legislation Related to Veterans Tax Credits*
  - 8:35 PM E. Motion to Accept Bench at Library
  - 8:45 PM F. *Resolution 2017-6 to Accept and Expend Grant from NH Department of Transportation Bureau of Aeronautics to Construct Hangar – Public Hearing*
  - 9:00 PM G. Motion to Authorize Sale of Properties Acquired by Tax Deed
  - 9:10 PM H. Motion to Refuse Tax Deeds
  - 9:20 PM I. Charlestown Road TIF Discussion
  - 9:35 PM J. Public Hearing for Charter Changes
  - 9:50 PM K. Motion to Pay Amtrak Display Train Expenses
- 10:00 PM 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 10:15 PM 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 10:30 PM 13. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 10:45 PM 14. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, July 27, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.