

Claremont Confidential

By Les St.Pierre



Accentuating the Positive

His speech is slurred and his gait is slow, almost at a shuffle,

Yet, here he was, at Stevens High School's opening football game Friday night at Barnes Park, accompanied by his patriotic red, white, and blue chair and a World War II Veteran's baseball cap atop his head.

"I think it's best if I bring a chair at my age," said Claremont's Art Palmer, "even though I can say I sat in it about three minutes...and I'm not tired from standing. I enjoy the games."

Palmer was there to take pleasure in watching the Cardinals in their quest to repeat last season's jubilant triumphs on the gridiron but also, in the process, to evaluate and analyze the defending New Hampshire Division III state champion Redbirds. Who could blame him? It's in his blood.

You see, Palmer is 93 years young and anyone who has been involved in the world of sports in these parts over the past 70 some odd years is familiar with the likes of the former player, coach, and whistle-toter. Palmer has made his name and his character well-known throughout the Twin State Valley through his endless journey of calling balls and strikes from behind the plate or calling players

safe or out on the base paths or whistling a player for a foul under the basket or.....Well, you get it. He's been around a long time and many a story has been written about him.

Still, I couldn't but help but get one more bit of insight from this man of athletics as I observed him talking to others along the sidelines.

When asked after the game what his favorite sport is, Palmer confidently said, "My favorite sport is all of them. I just love competition. I like to see the desire out there. I look at the players and if everybody does the right thing at the right time every player is a touch-down to me. I love the players in any game I watch. I watch their skills. Having been around so long I have been rewarded watching kids in Little League, Babe Ruth, at the JSL and the GCC tournaments. I see them grow up and come out of these contests and later become lawyers, airplane pilots and teachers. It's wonderful!"

Can you believe it? This man of "You're Out!"; this man who has had skirmishes on the



Art Palmer reflects on what sports means to him (Les St.Pierre photo).

athletic field with dissenting players and coaches; this man who may have had more enemies than friends over the years actually has a passionate heart.

Most people, when asked what their secret to a long life is, come back with what their favorite foods have been or something to that nature, but Palmer went in another direction at the question. "I can't complain at all," he uttered. "I have had a great life and I still have it. I love my attitude. I look at other people and don't like negative talk. I say you have to say

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Palmer, from B1

positive things because if you do you will be better off. People around you are not going to feel bad. I look at people, no matter who they are, and always see some good in them.”

Still, Palmer did have a few words to say which, shall I say, were not exactly flattering in nature, but at the age of 93, was certainly worthy of them. He spoke of the small-sized crowd in attendance at the Friday night game against the visiting Somersworth Hilltoppers.

“In my own mind I think it is terrible of the thousands of alumni from Stevens High School they can't help out the teams by showing up at the games. When they say they don't have anything, if they don't do anything, they won't have anything. Sitting in front of the TV, sitting in rocking chairs, reading a book....they are all good things, but they must divide up their time and look at the world. Without them doing anything, nothing gets done. There won't be anything out there anymore.”

Stevens, which held a 9-7-1 edge in head-to-head combat with Somersworth dating back to 1938, went down in defeat Friday night by a 35-8 score. Palmer, who was at the Cardinals' win a week before at Canaan versus Mascoma, a 46-7 triumph, spoke well of the Stevens squad, even after the latest beating.

“I tell people it depends on the people they are playing against,” Palmer voiced. “The other club had some better people and a lot more players. What I see is they (Stevens) have a lot more to learn but, at the same time, they have the desire to win and I enjoy watching them. They all have to play better, for sure, but they are all working together. It is good for the younger players to play with the older players to get some experience and enjoy the game, which is the most important thing.”

The one thing that sticks in Palmer's mind is the number of people who have gone before him and have now passed on. “I look around and think of Fred Legere and Freddie Belair and all those who have officiated when I did and they are all gone now,” Palmer lamented. “They worked hard and were dedicated. It just seems funny to come to any game and know they are not around.

“Everybody has been good to me,” Palmer concluded in his post-game interview.

“Nobody can have it any better than I have. If you don't do anything you can live a thousand years and when its time to go you haven't been here very long.”

All In at Moody Park Bike Race Sunday, Sept. 17th

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Parks and Recreation Department and Cycle Depot are back at it again with those sweet trails! Mountain bike racing is back and better than ever in Claremont's Moody Park. Be sure to register for All In at Moody Park, set for Sunday, Sept. 17. This year's race will feature something new to keep everyone on their toes. Race laps will be approximately 5 miles in length with several long climbs, tight single-track, the "Gravity Cavity" descent and climb, and yes the flow trail. Who's in?

Register today at <https://www.bikereg.com/all-in-moody-park-bike-race>.

CSBCC Scholarship Golf Scramble September 21

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce the First Annual Golf Tournament on September 21st. This will be an 18-hole, 4-person team scramble. All proceeds from this tournament will go to support the scholarship fund for the Claremont Parks and Recreation Department.

Some Highlights of this year's tournament include:

- Continental Breakfast and lunch catered by the Common Man.
- Green Fees to area golf courses awarded to top finishers.

- \$100 closest to the pin award.
- Great Raffle/Auction prices.

Limited space is available. All golfing abilities are encouraged to come join the fun at the Claremont Country Club. For more information, please visit www.claremontparks.com or call 603.542.7019 and ask to speak with Mark Brislin, Parks and Recreation Director.

Stevens Field Hockey

The Cardinals traveled to Laconia, where they took home a win, 3-0. “It was a great win! We had three players score today,” said Coach Patty Deschaine. Ryann Rider scored in the first half on a penalty corner assisted by Elyse Scott.

Scott scored the second goal early in the second half unassisted. Sophie Foote scored the final goal of the game assisted by Ashlee Brown. Tess Whitney - goalie with her 2nd shutout of the season.

“It was a great team effort by all players,” said Deschaine. “We play Monday home against



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09/11/17 at Newport 4:00 PM

09/12/17 Newport 6:30 PM

09/15/17 at Winnisquam 4:00 PM

Stevens Girls Soccer

09/08/17 at Fall Mountain L 0-3

09/12/17 Bishop Brady 4:00 PM

09/15/17 Laconia 4:00 PM

Stevens Golf

09/05/17 at Derryfield L 203-164

09/05/17 Lebanon L 203-181

09/05/17 Plymouth L 203-175

09/12/17 at Plymouth 3:30 PM

09/12/17 at Prospect Mountain 3:30 PM

09/12/17 at Laconia 3:30 PM

09/13/17 Bow 4:00 PM

09/13/17 Gilford 4:00 PM

09/13/17 Fall Mountain 4:00 PM

Somersworth Tops Cards, 35-8

The Stevens Football team played their home opener on Friday night, hosting the Hilltoppers of Somersworth. After playing each other even for a half of football, Somersworth took control in the second half and came away with a big 35-8 victory.

The Cardinals received the opening kickoff and moved the ball downfield behind the runs of Keaghan McAllister and Baylor Rozzell. The Cardinals capitalized on the Hilltoppers keying on McAllister, as the sophomore running back took a direct snap and capped the opening drive with a 19 yard touchdown pass to Derrick Stanhope, who had gotten behind the Somersworth secondary. Quentin Bicknell connected with Lucas Mudge for the two point conversion pass and a quick 8-0 lead.

The Hilltoppers wasted little time in knotting the game as they scored on a 55 yard touch-

down pass and the two point conversion pass tied the game at 8-8. The Cardinals drove the ball deep into Somersworth territory but fumbled the ball away inside the 5 yard line and the half ended with the game tied at 8.

The second half started with a Hilltopper touchdown on their initial drive, and the just could not get anything going on their first possession and the big line for Somersworth took control of the line of scrimmage and by the end of the third quarter it was a 22-8 Somersworth lead.

Somersworth began to wear down the Cardinals as the game wore on and would add two more touchdowns for a 35-8 victory.

The Cardinals got a very nice game from sophomore QB Quentin Bicknell as he completed 9 of 15 passes for 85 yards while adding 32 on the ground, and also making 11 tackles defensively. Derrick Stanhope had 4 receptions for 60 yards and a touchdown.

The Cardinals will travel to Bristol on Saturday for a 2 PM contest with the Newfound Bears.

NH High Schools Compete in Statewide Bass Fishing Tournament

CONCORD, NH--Students from around New Hampshire will soon be competing for top honors in a high school bass fishing tournament. A qualifying tournament with 41 registered schools will take place on Thursday,



September 21, out of Lee's Mills on Lake Winnepesaukee. The top third of the schools from the qualifying round will move on to the state finals on Saturday, September 30, on Pawtuckaway Lake.

At the final tournament, a State Champion will be honored and individual medals will be awarded for the largest total catch (eight fish maximum) and for the largest largemouth and smallmouth bass caught.

Since the student bass tournament started in New Hampshire in 2013, it has become a popular high school sports competition. Held in the fall of each year, the events are conducted by the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA), with assistance from the N.H. Fish and Game Department and N.H. B.A.S.S. Nation.

The tournament includes a strong educational component. Teams have adult mentors who guide them through learning about New Hampshire's aquatic resources and the responsibility that goes along with being anglers. As a part of this process, N.H. Fish and Game recently conducted a High School Bass Fishing Education Seminar for participants.

"It is exciting to see how enthusiastic the students are about fishing. I hope that fishing becomes a lifelong activity for many of them," said Kyle Glencross, who coordinates the Fish and Game Department's Let's Go Fishing Program

(www.fishnh.com/fishing/lets-go-fishing.html). Glencross serves on the NHIAA Bass Fishing Committee and provides logistical and volunteer support for the event.

Additional information about the tournament can be found on the NHIAA website at nhiaa.org.

Fall Outdoor Adventure Talk - Managing New Hampshire's Furbearers

CONCORD, NH-- The activity of fur trapping has undergone a major overhaul since the pioneer days of our country's settlement. Modern trapping techniques are used for wildlife management, species re-introductions, biological sampling, and property protection. Learn about this critical tool for managing furbearer populations at a free outdoor adventure talk being offered on Wednesday, September 13, at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord. The talk begins at 7:00 p.m. No pre-registration is required.

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Inspiration

Butterflies/Birds/Baseball

By Priscilla Hull

Timing has to be right!

Whatever do butterflies, birds and baseball have in common? Maybe it's that they all fly on a trajectory path which determines their fate or the fate of their companions! After all, each one flies through the air in their own pattern and velocity. The butterfly is relatively slow and flies in a somewhat erratic pattern. The bird is a little faster and flies a little more directly to its destination, they're quite amazing, actually to watch fly into, for example, a wren house. A baseball travels at great speed, up to 104 miles an hour and, to be effective, in a relative straight line. Their similarities, however vague, end there. Birds and butterflies come in variety of shapes and colors. Baseballs all look, feel, weigh the same and are of the same size. So there's a big difference.

This week as I was walking around the cemetery paths with Abby, I saw a Monarch butterfly. That's not very unusual. Soon they will begin their incredible migration from here and southern Canada to Mexico and Florida! I hope they wait for Irma to get out of there.

This particular butterfly was going along just above the ground. There was a small bird who decided he needed lunch, so he took off after the butterfly. Oh, the butterfly changed his path and veered suddenly upward. The bird was too slow to change her path and so the butterfly lived to see another day.



That made me think of baseball. I love watching Joe Kelly pitch! He is a master of movement. He stands perfectly still for a moment then suddenly is all motion as he pitches a 103 fast ball that cuts the plate in half. The batter doesn't stand a chance. He either swings too late or doesn't even get the bat off his shoulder. Either way it is a split second decision and he's missed his home run! I think I read somewhere that a batter has seven seconds to analyze a pitch and decide whether to swing or not!

In real life how often do we have that split second to make a decision? How often do we think about the difference in our lives if we made the decision to fly a little higher or swing a little sooner? There's no going back. Either we make it or we don't. In our lives we don't have the decision between dinner or not, between the outcome of a game or not.

In our lives, our timing is often off. We wait that extra millisecond to swing our bat and we're full of regret when we miss our chance to hit a smashing home run. We watch the butterfly change its course and we're too clumsy to catch up with dinner.

We always need to make sure that we're ready to take advantage of the opportunities that come our way. We need to stay awake and alert and be ready to answer the call. Whatever the call is, helping at the local soup kitchen, reading to grade schoolers, sending goods needed to Texas or Florida. We need to be quicker and more certain of our movements so that our lives impact in a positive way the needs of others.

1 Corinthians 16:13 Stay alert, stand firm in the faith, show courage, be strong. 14 Everything you do should be done in love.

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

Calendar Of Events

Outside the Circle with Mike "Bullfrog" Rogers & His Wife Beverly

CLAREMONT, NH--Blind songwriter, guitarist and poet Mike Rogers presents scenes and characters in his life of 75 years. He has been on the road from coast to coast, New England and the Caribbean. He has opened for Emmy Lou Harris, Tom Rush, The Eagles, James Montgomery and others. Mike and his wife, Beverly, represented Maine and Georgia at the 1999 International Very Special Arts Conference in Los Angeles.

He will be presenting a program, "Outside the Circle" at the Fiske Free Library on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 7:00 p.m. This program is free and sponsored by The Friends of the Fiske Free Library. Call library for more information at 542-7017.

Spaghetti Dinner Sept. 23

CLAREMONT, NH--Spaghetti Dinner, Sept. 23, 5 – 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Gym; \$7.00, adults; \$4.00, kids. Menu: Spaghetti, meatballs & sauce, salad, garlic bread, beverage and dessert.

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Fr. Cote Council 1820.

Amtrak Station Forum Announced

CLAREMONT, NH--The 2nd Public Amtrak Station Forum will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the CSB Community Center, 152 South Street; hosted by the City of Claremont Amtrak Ad Hoc Committee in league with Operation Lifesaver during National Rail Safety Week, promoting RR crossing safety and developing Amtrak ridership with the addition of a "Welcome Depot" staffed by volunteer "Station Hosts" at our local Cla-

remont Amtrak Station.

Admission free, light refreshments.

Call Walt Stapleton for more info, 603-995-1034, or email: waltstapleton@comcast.net.

TLC Born to Run 5K

CORNISH, NH--Join TLC Family Resource Center for its annual Born to Run 5K in Cornish, NH, Saturday, Oct. 7. The race starts at 9:30 a.m. at the Cornish Town Hall. Fee: \$30 for runners and free for the Kids' Pumpkin Patch Dash, which starts at 9:00 a.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. For more information and to register, visit

<http://www.tlcfamilyrc.org/born-to-run-5k>

Auditions for "The Hobbit"

CLAREMONT, NH--Stevens High School, Claremont Opera House, and World Under Wonder are collaborating to bring the production of the classic tale by J.R.R. Tolkien "The Hobbit" to the Claremont Opera House Nov. 3 and 4, 7:00 p.m.

This show will be directed by Larissa Cahill from Stevens High School, student Hannah Lane McFadden and Sean Edward Roberts from World Under Wonder.

Auditions are September 14th and 15th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Stevens High School. Enter through the doors on the side of the building "the gym" and follow the signs. Please come to auditions prepared to do cold reads from the script along with an acting exercise. Auditions are open to those 8-18 (or still in high school) from anywhere, not just Claremont youth. They are also looking for those interested in being backstage for the show, doing lights, sound, set and the like.

Practices will be Tuesday-Friday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Stevens High School, and you will be expected to be there on the nights your scenes occur.

Tickets for each show will be \$5 and available at the Opera House Box Office, from cast members and at the door on the night of the show. Additional info: worldunderwonder@gmail.com, office@claremontoperahouse.org.

This production made possible in part by the Byrne Foundation.

Comedy Night Fundraiser

for Springfield Elementary School PTA

SPRINGFIELD, VT--Springfield Vermont's Elementary School PTA Comedy Night Fundraiser takes place on September 30. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and show starts at 8:00 p.m. The event takes place at Springfield High School, located at 303 South Street in Springfield, VT. This is an 18 years and older event. The comedians performing are Kelly MacFarland, Paul Landwehr and Drew Dunn.

MacFarland is currently touring clubs and colleges across the country and has entertained US troops overseas. She has gained wide recognition for her standup including winning the professional category of the Ladies of Laughter 2016 competition and part of the Top 100 Comedians of Last Comic Standing, season 9. MacFarland has several television appearances and is also an experienced public speaker and writer.

Paul Landwehr performs comedy throughout New England and made his national debut on NPR. Drew Dunn is a comedian, writer, voice actor and podcaster also performing throughout New England.

"We are hoping to increase our numbers this year to grow this fundraising event," said event organizer Meredith Kelley. "We are especially excited about Kelly performing. She tells it like it is, sharing her real life experiences in a candid and playful way."

Over 200 people attended last year's event which raised over \$7,200 for Springfield's elementary schools. Funds were used to purchase a new swing set at Elm Hill Elementary, and remaining funds will be used for creating gardens at the Union Street School.

Tickets are \$20 each and available by emailing ptacomedy@gmail.com; via PayPal on the Springfield Schools PTA Comedy Night Facebook page; or for purchase at Kelley Sales and Service, Springfield, Boccaccio's in Springfield and Bellows Falls and Tina's Hallmark in Springfield.

The event will also feature a silent auction with various adventurous and handy gift baskets, prizes and other fundraising activities.

Special thanks to our event sponsors: Kelley Sales and Service and Gurney Brothers Construction both of Springfield, VT. Thanks also to our partners the Springfield Booster Club.

Wild West Fun at the Charlestown Senior Center

CHARLESTOWN, NH--The Five Aces Saloon opens for a one night party on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Everyone is invited to join the Wild West festivities at the Charlestown Senior Center. There will be gaming (virtual currency), a musical variety show, photo stations and a western menu featuring pulled pork, corn bread, baked beans, potato salad and dessert. The occasion for the party is the retirement of Madame Val and the ascension of Madame Ruth, the up and coming madame of the saloon. And, of course, there is a prize and public acclamation for the night's most successful gambler. Drag out those country and western clothes or shimmy into that bar room costume and come on down!

Tickets are \$25 per person and include the meal, a starting stake of \$1,000 in Five Aces poker chips and access to all the evening's entertainment. Tickets may be purchased at the Center, 223 Old Springfield Rd, or by calling 603-826-5987. Proceeds to benefit the Charlestown Senior Center.

WCCMA Upcoming Events

Please note that some dates/time may have been updated from older publications. Visit wcc-ma.org for full information. Unless otherwise noted events are held at Union Episcopal Church, 133 Old Church Rd, Claremont, and admission is by donation.

Burlington Taiko Drumming Residency
September 13-15, 2017 @ CSB Community Center

Learn to play the taiko drum in this fun and informative multi-day workshop. Afternoon Workshop: Wednesday - Friday 3:30pm – 5pm. Evening Workshop: Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 – 8:30pm. Optional suggested donation \$25.

Burlington Taiko Group Performance
September 16, 2017 @ 1:00 PM

Join us in the field at Union Church for our Annual Japanese Taiko Drumming performance by Burlington Taiko Group,

Delphi Trio at the Summer Concert Series
September 16, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

The Award-winning Delphi Trio (violin, cello, piano) from California return to Claremont with music by Brahms, Takemitsu, and Beethoven trio works.

Voices Wanted for Springfield Community Chorus

The air and the colored leaves are crisp, much like our voices as we begin our fall season of the Springfield Community Chorus and you are invited to join the excitement. The first rehearsal at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Fairground Road will be Monday, Sept. 11, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Registration information and dues are collected between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m., with refreshments and fun preceding our warm-up. We need your voice! No audition is required, but our weekly rehearsals are important in the preparation of an eclectic array of seasonal music for our early December concerts directed by Ken Olsson. Work will begin on *Tis the Gift to be Simple, Come On Down to Bethlehem, Mary Did You Know, African Noel, The Hallelujah Chorus* and other selections from Handel's Messiah, just to name a few. Meet singers from the region and learn new voice techniques.

Please contact springfieldcommunitychorus@gmail.com for more details.

Unity Historical Society to Host Two NH Humanities To Go Programs

UNITY, NH--The Unity Historical Society will be hosting two NH Humanities To Go Programs. On Sunday, Sept. 17, 2:00 p.m., the program, "Rosie's Mom: Forgotten Women of the First World War" will be presented. One hundred years ago, a full generation before Rosie the Riveter, American women rolled up their sleeves and entered war industries where they had never been before. They ran powerful machinery, learned new skills and faced the sullen hostility of the men in the shops. In this illustrated lecture, historian Carrie Brown reveals their courage and their hard work, asks what impact "the Great War" had on their lives and explores how these women helped shape the work that their more famous daughters

would do in the next World War.

On Sunday, Oct. 15, 2:00 p.m., the program will be, "Songs of Emigration: Storytelling Through Traditional Irish Music". Through traditional music, Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki relays some of the adventures, misadventures and emotions experienced by Irish emigrants. The focus is on songs about leaving Ireland, sometimes focusing on the reasons for leaving (a man who is driven from his land by English persecution); sometimes revealing what happened upon arrival (an immigrant drafted into the Union army during the Civil War); and sometimes exploring the universal feeling of homesickness of a stranger in a strange land. The presenter discusses the historical context of these songs, interspersing their stories with tunes from Ireland that made their way into New England's musical repertoire, played on his fiddle or guitar.

Events take place at the Unity Town Hall, 2nd NH Turnpike; free admission and refreshments.

Andy Gross at Claremont Opera House

CLAREMONT, NH--Best known for his hilarious "SplitMan" prank, comedian, magician, ventriloquist and internet sensation, Andy Gross is heading to The Claremont Opera House on Saturday, Oct. 14th, with an amazing performance of comedy, magic and ventriloquism.

Gross is a nationally known magician, comedian and ventriloquist who has been featured on The Ellen Show, CNN, ABC, CBS, FOX, MSNBC, VH1 and more for his "mind blowing" antics.

Some of Gross's amazing feats include the ability to actually throw his voice, read minds, levitate objects, make a signed \$100 bill vanish and reappear inside of an orange, and he even turns an audience member into a human puppet!

Suggested for ages 12 and up.

Tickets are \$22 including handling fees and can be purchased online at www.claremontoperhouse.org, by phone at 603-542-0064 or in person at the Opera House Box office in City Hall Complex at 58 Opera House Square.

On the Road with Kids: India & Turkey with a Baby

CLAREMONT, NH--"On the Road with Kids: India & Turkey with a Baby" will be presented by Dan Szczesny on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at the Fiske Free Library, 7:00 p.m. Call the library for more information, 542-7017.

This program is free and open to the public. Sponsored by: The Friends of the Fiske Free Library

Don Streeter to Address the September Meeting of the GMCWRT

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VT--On Tuesday, Sept. 12, Don Streeter will be the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Green Mountain Civil War Round Table. The meeting will be held at the Bugbee Senior Center, 262 North Main Street, White River Junction. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; an optional catered dinner is available at 6:15 p.m., followed by a short business meeting at 6:45 p.m. The program takes place immediately after.

Streeter is a loyal member of this GMCWRT. He was raised in Silver Spring, MD, within a few miles of Fort Stevens in Washington, DC. Growing up in this area afforded him the opportunity to visit many a battlefield in Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Since retiring from the defense industry, he has made a retirement hobby of locating and photographing the many Civil War Monuments in New Hampshire. His and his wife Carolyn traveled through the state, largely by motorcycle, to visit the state's 234 towns and cities. Nearly 60% of all the towns have erected these tributes to the service of the over 34,000 soldiers and sailors. In his presentation he explains the circumstances under which these monuments were constructed and placed in public spaces.

The meeting is open to the public. Reservations for the meal (\$12.00) must be placed by Friday noon, Sept. 8, with Gail Blake at 802 296 2919

or auntis@comcast.net. Those not having dinner will be asked to pay a modest door fee to cover expenses.

Founded in 1993, the GMCWRT welcomes all who are interested in this important time in the nation's history.

My Voice Matters Parent Advocacy Trainings come to Claremont

CLAREMONT, NH--Children's first and most important teachers are their parents, and that's why New Hampshire Children's Trust and New

Futures Kids Count are offering a free advocacy boot camp in Claremont on September 14 and 28 to empower parents to advocate for their children's and families' needs.

"Deciding to be an active advocate for your child can seem hard," said Julie Day, Strengthening Families Director at NH Children's Trust, "but we know just how much parent voices matter and how easy advocating can be."

Participants will learn why their voices matter and how to advocate for children: at doctor's appointments, at parent teacher conferences,

Customer Service Tips and Tricks

Customer service is a great job if you enjoy working with people, are a great problem solver and have the ability to diffuse seemingly unpleasant situations. Companies spend millions of dollars a year to provide and improve the service they present to their customers. Clients and potential customers base their opinions of an establishment heavily on the service and attention they receive. These are sure fire ways to be top rated in customer service:

Smile, no matter what! A smile or the bright sound of a representative's voice can change the entire direction of a call. When working with a customer, try to smile. Even though your customer can't see it, it will have a positive effect on the message you are trying to communicate to the caller.

Know your goals. It is important that you are aware of the company's goals and how you plan to achieve them before starting each day. It will help you better evaluate your position, job performance and the future expectations of the hiring company.

Become an expert. Have a deep understanding of the products or services you will be representing. Be prepared to discuss competitor offers and products. This will be very useful when you are asked questions by the calling customer.

Be prepared to handle unhappy customers. When faced with an unhappy customer on the other end of the phone or in person, remain positive and respectful during your entire interaction with them. All customers must be handled with dignity and respect at all times.

Listen to your customer's needs or concerns. Allow the customer to fully explain why they are calling before providing a solution or alternative. Even though you may know the answer, give the customer the opportunity to fully express their feelings before acting.

Always go the extra mile. When working with any customer, always strive to go the extra mile to ensure their satisfaction and happiness. It will be appreciated!!



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Bereavement Support Groups

NEW LONDON, NH-- Loss is an inevitable part of life, but no one needs to go through it alone. Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA) offers the following bereavement support groups to help community members grieve well.

“Widow to Widow” is an ongoing group that allows women to gather in a supportive environment to learn about the grief process. It meets on the first Monday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at LSRVNA, 107 Newport Road, New London.

Open to anyone wanting to learn about the process of grieving and the pathway to healing, “Pathways to Healing” meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at LSRVNA.

There is no fee for these groups, and no RSVP is necessary. For more information, call 603-526-4077.

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.



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MONTHLY FOOT & BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1st WEEK of the month	BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC COA, New London 9:45 – 11:15 am Lebanon Senior Center 10:00 am – 12:00 pm FOOT CLINIC Plainfield Library 1:00 – 4:00 pm	BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC Lake Sunapee VNA 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Newport Senior Center 10:45 am – 12:00 pm	BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC Newport Rite Aid 11:00 am – 1:00 pm FOOT CLINIC Claremont Senior Center 8:30 am – 3:00 pm Mascoma Senior Center, Canaan 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Lebanon Senior Center 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC Claremont Senior Center 10:30 am – 12:00 pm FOOT CLINIC Lake Sunapee VNA 9:30 am – 1:30 pm	FOOT CLINIC COA, New London 9:30 am – 1:00 pm
2nd WEEK of the month	BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC Charlestown Senior Center 11:00 am – 1:00 pm FOOT CLINIC Charlestown Senior Center 10:00 am – 4:00 pm	BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC Lake Sunapee VNA 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Bourdon Centre, Claremont 10:00 – 11:30 am Grantham Methodist Church 11:15 am – 12:00 pm	FOOT CLINIC Claremont Senior Center 8:30 am – 3:00 pm	BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC Grantham Town Hall 10:30 – 11:30 am FOOT CLINIC Lake Sunapee VNA 9:30 am – 1:30 pm Grantham Town Hall 11:00 am – 1:30 pm	BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC Sugar River Mills, Claremont 11:30 am – 1:00 pm FOOT CLINIC COA, New London 9:30 am – 1:00 pm Sugar River Mills, Claremont 12:00 – 3:00 pm
3rd WEEK of the month	BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC Lebanon Senior Center 10:00 am – 12:00 pm FOOT CLINIC Charlestown Elderly Housing 12:30 – 3:00 pm	BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC Lake Sunapee VNA 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Danbury Community Center 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Newport Senior Center 11:15 am – 12:15 pm FOOT CLINIC Marion Phillips Apts, Claremont 1:00 – 4:00 pm	BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC Goshen Parish Hall 10:45 – 11:45 am Newport Rite Aid 11:00 am – 1:00 pm FOOT CLINIC Claremont Senior Center 8:30 am – 3:00 pm	BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC Bradford Senior Center 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Claremont Senior Center 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Maple Manor Apts, Newport 3:15 – 4:00 pm FOOT CLINIC Lake Sunapee VNA 9:30 am – 1:30 pm	BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC CSB Community Center, Claremont 10:30 am – 12:00 pm FOOT CLINIC North Ridge, Warner 9:30 – 11:30 am
4th WEEK of the month	FOOT CLINIC Newport Senior Center 9:00 am – 2:30 pm	BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC Lake Sunapee VNA 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Cornish Town Hall 11:15 am – 12:30 pm Marion Phillips Apts, Claremont 1:00 – 2:00 pm	BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC Warner Senior Center 10:30 am – 12:00 pm FOOT CLINIC Newport Senior Center 8:30 am – 3:00 pm	BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC Plainfield Town Hall 11:30 am – 1:30 pm FOOT CLINIC Lake Sunapee VNA 9:30 am – 1:30 pm	FOOT CLINIC Warner Pharmacy 9:30 am – 12:00 pm These events take place every month, except on holidays. Foot Clinics are by appointment only and cost \$25. For more information or to verify a date, call 603-526-4077 or visit: www.lakesunapeevna.org

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at their job, at town meetings, at school board meetings, by voting, by contacting their state representative and more.

Parents are invited to meet at TLC Family Resource Center from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. on September 14 and 28 to gain knowledge and receive resources they need to advocate for their families and children.

“Children don’t know they have a voice,” reflected past training participant Jazmin Hernandez. “I learned that I have a voice that matters and that I need to speak up and fight for my voice to be heard.”

My Voice Matters provides Granite State parents the tips, tricks, skills and resources they need to advocate for their families and children. No matter how “big” or “small” the concern, NH Children’s Trust wants parents to stand up and say, “My voice matters.”

Visit www.myvoicemattersnh.org/trainings for more information and to register.

NH Children's Trust is committed leading the drive to ensure safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and environments for children by educating, advocating and collaborating. Funding for this training has been generously provided by The Lane and Elizabeth C. Dwinell Charitable Trust.

Sunapee VNA Hosts “Small Plates For A Big Cause”

NEW LONDON, NH--The Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice annual summer party will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 12th, at 5:30 p.m. at the New London Historical Society featuring Tapas (yummy small-plate selections from area chefs), sangria bar, music and more. Bring friends, family or colleagues to a festive, relaxed evening while helping to sustain vital home health care and hospice for our community. Tickets are \$75; Sponsorships (which include tickets) are available at several levels and are so important to the event’s success. For tickets and information please contact Cathy Raymond at 603-526-4077 or craymond@lakesunapeevna.org.

Newport Opera House Announces New Season

NEWPORT, NH--As The Newport Opera House Association (NOHA) prepares their new season, they are very proud of the latest addi-

tion to their lineup – a summer theater camp for youth aged 8-16.

“We had a great success with our first ever summer camp,” said Executive Director Amy Bailey. NOHA’s Summer Camp was held at Richards School, and the 13 campers spent two weeks rehearsing, making costumes and props, and playing theater games to help hone their skills. “We had a great production of ‘Schoolhouse Rock Live, Jr.’ We are so grateful for the space provided by the Newport School District, and to everyone who came out to see our performances and support our cast of young people,” said Bailey. “This is something we will definitely bring back next year.”

Looking ahead, NOHA is also excited to announce their schedule for their upcoming season. “We think we have lots to offer for all age groups and interests,” said Bailey. “We’ve got a lot planned, but we are always looking to add more offerings.”

Further information, and audition information, will be available on the NOHA website at www.newportoperahouse.com.

The 2017-2018 Season:

NOHA Annual Community Talent Show
Friday, September 15

Local singers, dancers, musicians, comedians and more are invited to showcase their special skills at this fun-filled annual event. Solo and group talent acts are welcome. Whether you participate on stage or come to cheer on your friends and family, this will be a memorable night for all. Auditions take place on Monday, September 11.

Halloween Masquerade Ball

Saturday, October 28
Come dance the night away to live music at our festive holiday party, starring local favorite band Last Kid Picked AND Flew-z!!!! Prizes for the best costumes and cash bar.

NOHA Fall Play: “The Mousetrap”
Friday, November 3 - Sunday, November 5

Agatha Christie’s “The Mousetrap” is the longest-running play in the history of London’s West End. Find out what happens when a group of people stranded in a country house discovers that there is a killer among them, but who is it? Everyone is a suspect in this thrilling murder mystery. Auditions to be held September 12 and 13!

“The Great Gatsby”
Friday, November 17 - Sunday, November 19
Set in the Roaring 1920’s, Midwesterner

Nick Carraway moves to New York and is drawn into the life of his eccentric neighbor, millionaire Jay Gatsby. Featuring actors and crew ages 13-18, Amplified Arts, NOHA, and The Performer’s Playground are proud to join together to collaborate for the first time on this theatrical adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald’s novel.

“It’s a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play”
Friday, December 1 & Sunday, December 3

Join us for our 1940’s-style radio play version of this holiday classic. Be transported to Bedford Falls, as angel from heaven, Clarence, helps desperate and despondent George Bailey understand what life would have been like if he had never existed. The 102nd Winter Carnival Queen Pageant
Friday, February 9

Show your support for this year’s Queen Contestants, Princes and Princesses. Enjoy an evening of song and dance, talent competitions, and interviews, as outstanding young women from our community compete for the title of Winter Carnival Queen.

Winter Carnival Dance
Saturday, February 10

Continue your Winter Carnival celebration at this popular annual event. Dancing to live music in the Newport Opera House is the perfect way to warm up after a day of outdoor winter carnival activities.

NOHA Spring Musical: “Once Upon a Mattress”

Friday, April 13-Sunday, April 15

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale “The Princess and the Pea”, this delightful and hilarious musical follows the story of what happens when domineering Queen Aggravain declares that nobody in the kingdom can marry until her son, Prince Dauntless, finds his true princess. When members of the kingdom discover that the Queen is actually secretly sabotaging the Prince’s efforts to marry, they must find a way to turn the tables.

Sunshine Town Social
Saturday, May 19

The Sunshine Town Social is always an amazing evening of food, fun, and entertainment! The funds raised at this benefit help support the excellent programs provided throughout the year by the Newport Opera House Association and the Library Arts Center.

For tickets and information:
www.newportoperahouse.com or call #603-863-2412.

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Second place—

\$50 gift certificate to King Arthur Flour and King James Bible

Third place—

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*Delta Airlines Captain and Certified Flight Instructor

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Local Artist Showcase: Works for Voice, Flute, & Piano

September 9, 2017 @ 12:00 PM

Barber, Prokofiev, Chaminade, Faure, and more by Melissa Richmond, flute; Angela Biggs, soprano; and Kirsten Becker, piano.

Burlington Taiko Group Performance

September 16, 2017 @ 1:00 PM

Join us in the field at Union Church for our Annual Japanese Taiko Drumming performance by Burlington Taiko Group. For information about the Taiko Drumming Workshops held Sept 13-15 please contact melissa@wcc-ma.org.

Delphi Trio at the Summer Concert Series

September 16, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

The Award-winning Delphi Trio (violin, cello, piano) from California return to Claremont with music by Brahms, Takemitsu, and Beethoven trio works.

Funded in part by the New England States Touring program of the New England Foundation for the Arts, made possible with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts Regional Touring Program and the six New England state arts agencies. The WCCMA is supported in part by a grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band at COH

CLAREMONT, NH— It's tough enough to perform cover songs of disbanded groups or deceased musicians and try to recreate their talents, but it's even more difficult when you're a tribute band playing Fleetwood Mac, who over the past couple of years continue to reunite its original members in various capacities and head out on tour.

However, Tusk provides a close-up Fleetwood Mac experience consisting of top-notch musicians that leave no stone unturned. Tusk recreates the music of the Fleetwood Mac to perfection. "Kathy Phillips is Stevie Nicks," just one of the typical remarks from a fan leaving their last show. The harmonies between Kathy and Kim Williams, who plays the role of Christine McVie, are simply remarkable. Then you throw Scott McDonald in the Lindsey Buckingham role and you truly hear the best of Fleetwood Mac. Randy Artigliere, as John McVie, adds an outstanding bass to every song and Tom Nelson on the drums takes the role of Mick Fleetwood to a whole other level. They are set to play on Friday, October 20, at the Claremont Opera House located at 58 Opera House Square in Claremont, NH. Tickets for the concert are on sale now and are available at 58 Opera House Square, www.claremontoperahouse.org and by calling the box office at 603-542-4433. Show starts at 8:00 p.m.

For more info on Tusk, please visit their website at www.FleetwoodMacTribute.com.

Gearing Up for Springfield Steampunk Festival

SPRINGFIELD, VT--The Steampunk Society of VT, a federally recognized non-profit based in Springfield, VT, is hosting the 3rd annual Springfield Steampunk Festival on September 23rd and 24th at Hartness House Inn. The Hartness House Inn is a Victorian Mansion located in Springfield, VT, making it the perfect location for a steampunk themed festival.

This festival is a fundraiser used to create an educational scholarship program for Springfield students studying the STEAM subjects of science, technology, engineering, art, or math

post high school. The theme for the 2017 Springfield Steampunk Festival is Steampunk Circus Spectacular.

This is a family friendly event with kids 11 and under getting into the festival for free.

For more information, please visit <http://springfieldvtsteampunkfest.com/>.

Pancake Breakfast at Senior Center

CLAREMONT, NH--A Pancake Breakfast will be held at the Claremont Senior Center, Inc., 5 Acer Heights Rd., Claremont, on Sunday, Sept. 17, from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Menu: Juice, pancakes (various flavors), sausage / bacon.

Summer Concert Series at Union Church

September 17, 2PM Delphi Trio Award-winning California trio (piano, violin, and cello)

All concerts at 6:30pm unless otherwise indicated, and are by donation. All concerts except the Delphi Trio are on Saturdays.

The Summer Concert Series at Union Church is supported in part by grants from the New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA.org). For more information about these events and WCCMA visit wcc-ma.org.

Cornish Historical Society

CORNISH, NH--The History Center on School Street will be open from 9:00 a.m.-12 every Saturday, and also any time by appointment by calling 603-675-6448.

Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo

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

All paper games.

Hope For Recovery Services, Meetings

CLAREMONT, NH--169 Main Street Claremont, NH Phone: 603.287.7919

Primary hours: Monday-Friday, 9AM-5PM
1-on-1 peer coaching for everyone impacted by addiction (inc. family & friends) Support groups - Community events - Educational workshops.

MONDAYS

- ☐ 11am-12pm Weekend Review Check-in Group
- ☐ 2-3pm All Recovery Peer Group ☐ 4-5pm Women in Recovery
- ☐ 6:30-8pm F.A.S.T.E.R. - Support for family members (Every 1st and 3rd Monday)

TUESDAYS

- ☐ 11am-12pm All Recovery Peer Group
- ☐ 2-3pm All Recovery Peer Group
- ☐ 4-5pm Art & Journaling in Recovery

WEDNESDAYS

- ☐ 12-1pm Alcoholics Anonymous - A 12 Step Program
- ☐ 2-3pm All Recovery Peer Group
- ☐ 6:30-8pm Greater Sullivan County Survivors of Suicide Loss (3rd Wednesday of the month)

THURSDAYS

- ☐ 10:30-11:30am Women in Recovery
- ☐ 12:30-1:30p SMART Recovery
- ☐ 2-3pm All Recovery Peer Group
- ☐ 5-6:30pm LGBTQ+ Peer Support Group (Every 2nd & 4th Thursday)
- ☐ 7-8pm Al-Anon - A 12 Step Program for family & loved ones

FRIDAYS

- ☐ 10:30-11:30am All Recovery Peer Group
- ☐ 12-1pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
- ☐ 2-3pm All Recovery Peer Group
- ☐ 5:30-7pm Movie Night - (Every 1st & 3rd Friday) Some movies will feature graphic and sometimes disturbing material. Please check in with us to see what movie we will be showing if you have concerns about content.

If you are interested in hosting your next sober event (film screenings, birthday parties, team meetings) at the center, looking to start a new support group, facilitate a training or workshop, or thinking about volunteer and internship opportunities please email:

info@recoverynh.org or call 603.287.7919.

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.

Lady Boss Club Meetings

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.

Sugar River Civil War Roundtable

CLAREMONT, NH--The Sugar River Civil War Roundtable meets the first Monday of the month at the Earl M. Bourdon Centre.

Newport Historical Society Museum Hours

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

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

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Overeaters Anonymous Meetings

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.

Rural Outright Support Groups

CLAREMONT, NH--Every Thursday evening the LGBTQIA+ Peer Support Group, co-sponsored by Rural Outright and Hope for New Hampshire Recovery, meets at 5 p.m. at 169 Main Street, Claremont. This is a facilitated discussion-based group with a different topic at each meeting. All members of the LGBTQIA+ community and their allies are wel-

come. For more information, contact (603) 287-7919.

First and Third Friday of every month the Trans / GNC Support Group, sponsored by Rural Outright, meets from 6 to 7 p.m., at the Moody Building in the 2nd floor conference room, located at 24 Opera House Sq., Claremont, NH. 18 years and older, this is a casual meet and greet with conversation and activities. Come meet other transgender and gender non-conforming folks to share experiences, resources and struggles. Free refreshments.

First and Third Saturday of every month the Caring Adults Peer Support (CAPS), sponsored by Rural Outright, meets at 10 a.m. at the TLC Family Resource Center, 109 Pleasant Street, Claremont, NH.

For more information, contact Neil at neilpierceallen@gmail.com.



Locals gathered at Broad Street Park on Saturday to watch Modern Times Theater perform an old time vaudeville show, complete with puppets and music. This was the first show in the fourth season of the Hop Stop Family Shows, a collaboration between the Hopkins Center at Dartmouth College Community Venture Initiative, West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts, and the Claremont Parks and Recreation Department (Courtesy photo).

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.

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Lynn C. Davidson, 65

Lynn Clifford Davidson, 65, of Claremont, NH, passed away on September 7, 2017, at his home.

He was born in Claremont, NH, on April 10, 1952 the son of Clifford and Helen (Neal) Davidson.

Lynn was a graduate of Stevens High School.

He had worked for Valley Regional Hospital in Housekeeping for over 40 years.

He was a devout Catholic. He enjoyed traveling and the ocean.

The family includes his sister, Rosemary Richards and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, a sister, Carol Amell and a nephew, Joseph Richards.

A graveside service was held at St. Mary Cemetery in Claremont on Monday, September 11th, with Very Rev. Father Shawn Therrien officiating.

Shirley A. Gagnon, 75

Shirley Ann Gagnon, 75 of Acworth, NH, passed away Monday, September 4, 2017, while at home. She was born March 15, 1942, in Bangor, ME, the daughter of Richard and Edna Pelkey. Shirley shared the last 35 years with her husband Robert Gagnon, in

Clifton, ME, where they enjoyed running a craft store for many years. She enjoyed, crafts and reading. She loved cats and spending time with her family and children.

She is survived by her husband Robert Gagnon; two children, Donna Ciccarelli of Ashland, MA; and Gregg Thibodeau of Acworth, NH; two grandchildren, Stephanie Ciccarelli and Michelle Ciccarelli.

She was preceded in death by her father, Richard Pelkey, her mother Edna Pelkey and a sister, Helene Jacobs.

The family will be holding a private service in accordance with Shirley's wishes.

Memorial donations in memory of Shirley may be made to Petsmart Charities, P.O. Box 7817, Philadelphia, PA 19101 or through their website at www.petsmartcharities.org.

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

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

Robert R. Gosselin, Sr., 71

Robert R. Gosselin, Sr., 71, of Claremont, NH, died on August 30, 2017, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon.

He was born in Haverhill, MA, on May 16, 1946, the son of Alfred and Ella (Hoh) Gosselin.

Robert had worked for Ruger.

He is survived by his children, Heidi Knight of Claremont, Tammy Cardona of Tannersville, PA, Gary Wormald of Charlestown, Robert Gosselin, Jr. of Charlestown, Cynthia Gosselin of Cohoes, NY, and Crystal Pill of Charlotte, NC; 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife, Beverly (Jade) Gosselin whom he married on June 30, 1972.

Visiting hours will be held at his daughter, Heidi's home, 61 Grove Street in Claremont on Saturday, September 16th, from 2 to 4 PM.

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Roger W. Boisvert, 84

Roger W. Boisvert, 84, of Manchester, NH, passed away on September 3, 2017. He was born in Manchester on August 1, 1933, the son of Theodore and Yvonne (Thouin) Boisvert.

Roger owned and operated Fred Allen Jewelers as well as Wilson Jewelers in Springfield and Claremont Jewelers.

He was member of the Kiwanis Club and Rotary Club in both Portsmouth and Claremont as well as a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

He was an avid golfer and enjoyed many sports and watching Broadway shows.

Roger is survived by his longtime companion, Terry Cole of Manchester and her daughters, Bonnie Andrews and Melissa Dube; his three sons, Paul W. Boisvert, Richard L. Boisvert and his wife, Debi and Thomas T. Boisvert and his wife, Stephanie; his brother, Robert Boisvert and his wife, Anita; his sister, Pauline Marcoux; three granddaughters, Sharon, Kimberly and Savannah; six grandsons, Matthew, Michael, Myles, Alexander, Dustin and Brian; two great grandsons, Deshawn and Dominic also many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by Elizabeth Pineo and brother-in-law, Andy Marcoux.

Burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the American Heart Association or a charity of one's choice.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday, September 3

1803 E3 responded to Trinity St for a medical call.

1910 E3 responded to Sullivan St for a medical call.

1930 E3 responded to South St for a tree on wires.

2003 E3 responded to Charlestown Rd for an alarm sounding.

Monday, September 4

0346 E3 Responded to Redwater Brook Rd for a medical call.

0856 E3 responded to Elm St for a transformer fire.

1352 E3 responded to Pleasant St to assist the ambulance.

2253 E3 responded to Dane Ave for a medical call.

Social News

Claremont Senior Center, Inc., News

By Claire Lessard, Executive Director

Café Claremont Menu: Tuesday - September 12 ... Chicken Cordon Bleu, potatoes, vegetable, dessert. Thursday - September 14 ... Spaghetti with meat sauce, vegetable, dessert. Menu subject to change!

The following are sponsored by Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice: Foot Clinics - Wednesday - Sept. 13 & 20 (8:00 AM - 3:00 PM) Cost \$25.00. Health Informational Series Thursday - Sept. 21 (12:30 - 1:30 PM). Topic - "Care for your teeth properly - your brain health could benefit & No more stomach rumbles" For appointments, call (603) 526-4077.

A Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday - September 17 (8-11 AM). Juice, pancakes (various flavors), sausage and bacon. \$5.00 per person!

Our "Basket of Scratch Raffle" will be drawn at the Pancake Breakfast on September 17 at 10 AM. Tickets are \$10.00 or 3 for \$25.00. \$500.00 worth of Scratch Tickets!

Our next Senior Men's Breakfast will be Monday - September 18, 2017. Doors opens 8:00 AM, breakfast served 8:15 AM, guest speaker 8:45 AM. Menu: Pancakes, sausage or bacon, juice, coffee. Members \$2.00, non-member guests \$3.00. Come to or call center to sign-up!

Flu Shots (regular or high dose) will be offered by Lake Sunapee Region VNA on September 21 and October 19 (9:30AM-12:30 PM) at the center. Medicaid, Medicare, Medicare Replacement accepted or \$30 Regular - \$75 High.

Our 5th Annual "Big" Penny Sale is coming up Sun. - Sept. 24.

Join in on our "Sunday at the Center" (1:00-4:00 PM) for members and bona fide guests! 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 your own beverage. We are introducing a NEW GAME. Poker...no money, chips will be used.

Our Walking Club meets every Wednesday (5:30 - 6:30 PM). Meet at the center to walk the avenue and about (Maple Ave.). Walk at your own pace and for as long as you can. Upcoming trip via Best of Times bus company:: Rocky Mountain High in the White Mountains of NH (A John Denver Tribute by Ted Vigil) on Wednesday - October 11, 2017. Come on over and get a flyer and info on more trips!

Adult Coloring open to public on Mondays (1:00-3:00 PM). Grab your crayons, colored pencils, markers and come on over to the center. Some supplies provided. Members free. Non-members \$1.00.

Chair Yoga held every Monday at 10:00 AM. Cost \$5 for one hour. Exercises performed while seated and holding a chair for support. Class is guided by Charlene Robalard.

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!

Bingo every Thursday night sponsored by Croydon Ladies Auxiliary. Doors open 4:30 PM. Food concession available. Games start 6:30 PM Open to public. Must be 18 and older per NH State Gaming Laws! They are also sponsoring a Big Money Bingo on Sunday - August 20.

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. Bring a snack to share!

Pool 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Monday to Friday. Exercise sessions - Tuesday & Thursday - 10:00 AM. Ping Pong - Wednesday & Friday - 10:00 AM. Bridge on Thursday - 1:00 PM. Mahjonn on Friday - 1:00 PM. Knitters - Friday - 12 Noon - 3:00 PM (bring your lunch). Non-members welcome but must sign in. Three visits 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). Call (603) 543-5998. Visit our Web Site (cnhcs.org.)

Tuesday, September 5

0443 E3 responded to Perotto Ave for a medical call.

0640 E3 responded to West Terrace St for a medical call.

1610 E3 responded to Chestnut St for an odor of propane.

2146 E3 responded to Sullivan St for an alarm sounding.

Wednesday, September 6

1111 E3 responded to an alarm activation on Broad St.

1907 E3 responded to a medical call on West Pleasant St.

2308 E1 responded to Unity for an alarm.

Thursday, September 7

0108 E3 responded to 2 Winter St for a CO alarm.

1758 E3 responded to North St for a transformer fire.

1935 E3 responded to Mulberry St for a stove fire.

1944 E1 responded to Bowen St for a car fire.

Friday, September 8

0200 E1 responded to Brandon Pl for a medical call.

1621 E3 responded to a motor vehicle accident on Washington St.

1833 E3 responded to an alarm sounding on Washington St.

Saturday, September 9

0617 E3 responded to Washington St for an alarm sounding.

1522 E3 responded to Sullivan St for an alarm sounding.

1819 E3, L2 responded to a box alarm on Central St.

1828 E3, L2 responded to Washington St for a box alarm.

1923 E3 responded to Chellis St for an alarm sounding.

2258 E3 responded to Sullivan St for a motor vehicle accident.

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Modern Slavery: Where is the Outrage?

By Bernadette O'Leary

In spite of how far we have come as a country and as a global community regarding slavery, we haven't come far enough. Slavery is still a plague upon our world, and it is happening underground in numbers that will shock you. Likewise, in spite of common belief, it is prevalent in the U.S. Men, women, and children are bought and sold like property every day, while we live our daily lives in the safety and freedom that these victims will never know without our help.

Slavery is very real. In today's racially tumultuous society where people fight over historical icons and their supposed offensive nature due to perceived slights against specific races and perceived links to racism and slavery, I have to ask why society is not equally passionate and fired up over the suffering and slavery that actually still exists and places all races in the crosshairs of torture and torment. Women and children make up the bulk of that, so where are the feminists? Human Rights First reported this year that roughly 21 million people worldwide are trapped in the horrors of this modern day slavery. Of all trafficking victims, 55% are women and girls, and 45% are men and boys. DoSomething.org reports similar numbers at 20-30 million victims worldwide. This is where they differ from Human Rights First, in that DoSomething.org reports 80% of those to be females, and half are children. These numbers are terrifying and unacceptable. While society is arguing over racially motivated slavery from hundreds of years ago, current slavery is receiving no protests, public outrage, or calls for change.

Many of society's accepted behaviors make slavery a very lucrative business. Polaris lists it as bringing in \$150 billion worldwide through such things as forced labor, child labor, and sex trafficking. Mashable's numbers are very similar. One of the uses for these victims is slave labor. When we purchase items that are made by slave labor, we support the human trafficking industry. When we claim there are no victims in prostitution and call for it to be legalized, we support the human trafficking industry. Not only are victims forced into slave labor and prostitution, but they are also forced into working strip clubs, topless bars, and more. The pornography industry also uses trafficking victims to create films, photos, and more that are then sold for profit for the traffickers. As long as society remains ignorant to the evils of the sex industry and slave labor, or as long as we continue to ignore them, we are contributing to the suffering of millions of trafficking victims each year. The result is a plague of slavery that is the fastest growing crime in the world.

I call upon each of you to join me in speaking out. Are you in law enforcement, politics, or any other agency where you can help or provide further numbers and facts? Contact me, and I will let you speak out through me. Together, we will raise awareness and, hopefully, create change. We can make a difference, but only if we take the time to care, to act, and to stop allowing our society to support slavery through our deeds and looking the other way as countless men, women, and (especially) children suffer. Please visit one or all of the organizations listed below for more information on trafficking and how you can help. Then, contact your state and federal reps to demand they take a stand against human trafficking.

For More Information on How You Can Help:

Destiny Rescue: <https://www.destinyrescue.org/us/>

iEmpathize: <http://iempathize.org/>

End It Movement: <https://enditmovement.com/>

Sources:

Human Rights First: <http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-trafficking-numbers>

DoSomething.org: <https://www.dosomething.org/us/facts/11-facts-about-human-trafficking>

Polaris: <https://polarisproject.org/facts>

Mashable: <http://mashable.com/2015/07/30/human-trafficking-facts/#mTVT1fWgdPqd>





*September's Drawing: Family Force 5 CD and
Autographed Photo of Mountain Man.*

Drawing Held 9/30 @ Midnight

How to Enter: (Choose 1 or All!)

- 1. Text "Win 9.30" to (405) 332-3353*
- 2. Email "Win 9.30" to
eticikernews.bernadette.oleary@gmail.com*
- 3. Send Private Message on Facebook or Twitter with
"Win 9.30"*
- 4. Tell me why you should win in any of the above
methods for additional chance to win.*



The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 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. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
Minutes of August 9th and August 23rd, 2017, 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))
- 7:10 PM 9. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Naming of City-owned property draft ordinance – 1st Reading
- 7:20 PM 10. NEW BUSINESS **NOTE: Include Public Hearing for all Resolutions & Ordinances**
 - A. Motion to Accept \$5,000 from Kiwanis toward Imagination Playground Fund, public hearing
 - 7:30 PM B. Resolution 2018-7 NH Dept. of Safety MDT Grant of \$14,000 for Police Department, (public hearing)
 - 7:40 PM C. Resolution 2018-8 grant to upgrade the Airport's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
 - 7:50 PM D. Ordinance to control open-burning in the City 1st Reading
 - 8:00 PM E. Ordinance making Hogback Road one-way for safety reasons 1st Reading
 - BREAK
 - 8:10 PM F. Property Tax Exemption for Commercial and Industrial Businesses
- 8:20 PM 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 8:30 PM 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 8:45 PM 13. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 9:00 PM 14. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.