

SHS Boys Basketball Goes to 2-2 on Young Season

The Stevens boys basketball team dropped their first two games of the season but were able to even their record prior to the Holiday break with victories over the Newport Tigers and Franklin Golden Tornadoes during their next two games.

On Monday, the 18th, the Cardinals played their home opener and came out with their first win of the season, 56-51, over a game Newport team. The Cardinals opened up a 10 point lead by halftime and held off a late Newport rally for the win. Drew Grenier had a big night, scoring a season high 17 points, while dishing out 5 assists. Luke Come scored 15 points and grabbed 9 rebounds. Tanner Durkee chipped in with 6 points and hauled down 12 rebounds, while Derrick Stanhope also had 6 points, and 4 steals.

Stevens welcomed Franklin to Frederick Carr Gymnasium on Wednesday evening, the 20th, and sent the Golden Tornadoes home on the short end of a 62-48 score. Luke Come led a balanced scoring attack with 14 points, and matched that total in rebounds, as well. Damon Roy scored a career high 12 points, and had 3 steals. Josh Stithen also tossed in a career high 12 points. Tanner Durkee had 8 points and 11 rebounds. Drew Grenier added 8 points, and Derrick Stanhope dished out a career high 7 assists. It was a total team effort in evening their record at 2-2 heading into the Holiday break.

The junior Cardinals also recorded a pair of victories. On Monday the JV team defeated Newport 54-50. Freshman Owen Taylor led the Cardinals with 17 points. Keaghan McAllister scored 9 points, Quentin Bicknell scored 6 points and controlled the glass, while Colin Lewis and Clayton Wadsworth chipped in with 5 points apiece.

On Wednesday Stevens defeated Franklin by a score of 49-38. Taylor again led the JV team with 15 points. Matt Szelangowski added 9 points, to go with his 8 rebounds, and 5

steals. Quentin Bicknell added 7 points, and Ty Bonneau scored 6 points.

The teams are off until January 2, when they will host the undefeated Mascenic Vikings. The JV game begins at 5:30 p.m., and the varsity game is at 7:00 p.m.

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Springfield VT Varsity Wrestlers Wrap Up 2017 With Solid Wins

The two-day Hubie Wagner Invitational in Middlebury, VT, saw multiple wins by the Springfield, VT, "Green Machine" members. Overall, the team placed 2nd out of a roster of 15 teams from the region, bested only by Granville NY. Coaches are very proud of the entire crew for battling their hardest and earning the beautiful trophy cup.

Senior Mason Olney was undefeated after racking up five wins, two of which came after a shoulder injury toward the end of day one. Olney was unfortunately unable to reach the finals due to his shoulder. Seniors Lucas Saunders, Matt LaChapelle, John Stafford Jr, and Jayson Webster each earned 2nd place in their weight classes: 113, 182, 220, and 285 pounds respectively. Senior Trent Brier wrestled up a weight class to 132 pounds and claimed the 3rd place medal; Senior Matt Prosser took home a respectable 4th place in the 182-lb weight class. Senior Gillian Guy



Springfield team's 2nd place trophy at the Hubie Wagner Invitational in Middlebury VT. L-R: John Stafford Jr, Skylar Wallace, Jayson Webster, Mason Olney, Coach Don Beebe, Coach Floyd Buck Jr, Trent Briere, Matt LaChapelle, Lucas Saunders, Matt Prosser. Down in front, Gillian Guy (Courtesy photo).

and sophomore Brandon Bennett each claimed a win and sophomore Skylar Wallace continued to put out excellent effort and sportsmanship.

The very next day, the team (with half the kids away for the holiday) headed to Brandon, VT, for yet another tournament. Mason Olney, not competing due to his shoulder injury, cheered his teammates on. Lucas Saunders claimed another 2nd place medal, while LaChapelle, Webster, and Stafford each earned a respectable third place in their weight

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Wrestling, from B2

classes. Miss Guy notched another win in her record, and Briere's arm was raised twice. Prosser, Wallace, and freshman Skyler Congdon fought hard and showed excellent effort.

Representatives from Vermont Wrestler were on hand for both events, gathering scores and taking photos to help promote wrestling in the state. To learn about upcoming tournaments, wrestler standings, and more, log on to vermontwrestler.com.

Springfield Head Coach Don Beebe said he was eager to get back in the gym and work on technique and strategy. As the rest of the team returns from the holiday and from injury, "We'll regroup, refocus, and come back stronger than ever."

Second Annual Winter Free Fishing Day in NH

CONCORD, NH--If you've always wanted to try ice fishing, take advantage of New Hampshire's second annual winter free fishing day on Saturday, January 20. That's a day you can fish without a license in New Hampshire.

Note that all other regulations must be followed. Learn more about fishing rules by reading the NH Freshwater Fishing or Saltwater Fishing digests at www.fishnh.com/fishing/publications.html.

Persons participating in a fishing tournament must still hold a license, even on free fishing day.

Find more information about ice fishing in New Hampshire, including videos, a list of bait dealers, and more, at www.fishnh.com/fishing/ice-fishing.html.

This annual winter event takes place on the third Saturday in January each year. New Hampshire also offers a free fishing day on the first Saturday in June.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state's marine, fish, and wildlife resources and their habitats. Visit www.wildnh.com.

Pickleball Winter Hours

When: Winter Hours – Through March 31st (Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and Sundays 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM) Summer Hours – April 1st to October 31st (Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Sundays 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM, and Mondays & Wednesdays 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM)

Where: CSBCC. Who: Everyone ages 16+ Fee: CSBCC Membership or Day pass. Equipment: Equipment is provided. What to wear: Comfortable clothes and tennis like sneakers.

2018 New Hampshire Fishing and Hunting Licenses Available

CONCORD, NH--New Hampshire fishing and hunting licenses for 2018 are now available. Purchase yours and get set for a WILD year of outdoor adventure, from ice fishing this winter to bagging your deer next fall. Licenses are good for the calendar year, from January 1 through December 31, 2018. Purchase online at www.nhfishandgame.com, at the N.H. Fish and Game Department in Concord, or from Fish and Game license agents across the state.

Your annual hunting or fishing license -- or, best of all, your "combo" license -- is your year-round ticket to New Hampshire's great outdoors. Seacoast anglers need a saltwater recreational fishing license to fish in coastal or estuarine waters.

New this year: For those New Hampshire residents who have been issued a new driver's license number with the new numbering format, you must search for your record using either a previous NH Fish and Game license number or NH Hunter Education certificate

number from the year 2000 or later. After you have successfully updated your profile record, you will be able to search for your record using the new number. The NH Fish and Game Department does not have access to the Department of Safety database and cannot update your record for you.

Hikers, climbers, back country skiers, kayakers and other outdoor enthusiasts are encouraged to purchase or renew their voluntary annual Hike Safe Card for 2018. Card sales help ensure that NH Fish and Game Law Enforcement Conservation Officers, trained in wilderness rescue, are there to come to your aid. The card also exempts the holder from certain liability for repaying search and rescue costs. Those holding a current New Hampshire fishing or hunting license or OHRV or boat registration are also exempt from this liability.

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Inspiration

Happy New Year!

By Priscilla Hull

The week between Christmas and the New Year has always been difficult for many. We have new presents, toys, books, clothes to put away, but many old things to displace, making room for the new. Isn't that what The New Year is about? Cleaning out the old to make room for the new? I remember one day, years ago, when I had gotten new books and my Mom found me curled up in a corner of the sofa reading an old favorite Lassie book! Why? Because it was a familiar old friend and I needed something old to hang on to. (I'm sure I didn't express it like that).

Many years later I met a man and his wife who changed my life. Howard Thurman was Dean of Marsh Chapel at Boston University School of Theology. He was a theologian, philosopher, activist, writer. He was also a kind, gentle person who loved humanity. Years after I knew him in Boston, he was instrumental in the development of The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco.

His concern with humanity, civil rights, individual needs was influential in Dr. Martin Luther King's work. There was and still is no end to the needs of the people. This poem is just one of the works of his, but each year I remember this as Christmas is over and a New Year begins. Enjoy.

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.*

Howard Thurman



May each one of you have a blessed New Year! May you make time to take one of these needs and work toward peace among the people and make music in you heart.

Happy New Year!

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

Calendar Of Events

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

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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.

Arrowhead Work Sessions

CLAREMONT, NH--The Arrowhead Recreation Club is in need of volunteers for the upcoming season. "We are short of people in a number of areas do to people moving out of the area and other conflicts, so if you can help we would greatly appreciate it," said Chuck Allen of the Arrowhead Recreation Club. Operational Needs include Ski shop – get trained on fitting bindings for skis and snowboards in the rental shop. Outside operations – operation of ski and tubing lift. Help with unloading tubes and monitoring the tubing area. Need ski and snowboard instructors. Snack Bar – help with the taking of food orders and preparation. Also looking for a mechanical person to help with tracked vehicles and diesel engines.

There are work sessions on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Doing maintenance and other tasks, inside and out.

Arrowhead is located at [18 Robert Easter Way](#) in Claremont.

Best contact method is by email; arrowhead@arrowheadnh.com or leave a phone message at [\(603\) 542-7016](tel:6035427016).

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.

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.

Amplified Arts and Rural Outright announce partnership to produce The Laramie Project

CLAREMONT, NH --Amplified Arts and Rural Outright, a program of TLC Family Resource Center, have formed a partnership to produce The Laramie Project next year. There will be an informational meeting on January 24 at 6PM at Amplified Arts collaborative arts venue, located on the second floor of 31 Pleasant Street in Claremont. Open auditions for early career artists aged 13 to 18 will be held on February 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the same location.

The play by Moisés Kaufman and the Tectonic Theater Project documents the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard, a gay student at the University of Wyoming, and its impact on the community of Laramie, Wyoming. The production draws on hundreds of interviews conducted with inhabitants of the town, company members' own journal entries, and published news reports.

"A community's reaction to a hate crime is central to this production," says Hudson. "According to Tectonic, the creators and curator of The Laramie Project: The goal of The Laramie Project is to promote thoughtful discussion and give audiences the opportunity to hear many different points-of-view from those most associated with the murder of Matthew Shepard. This is, at its core, the purpose of art. We are committed to providing this production to ignite a larger conversation."

The opening performance is scheduled for April 27 to coincide with the Day of Silence, an

annual student-led event organized in thousands of schools across the country to bring awareness to the silencing effects of anti-LGBTQ name-calling, bullying, and harassment.

For more information, please visit amplifiedartsnh.com or contact amplifiedartsnh@gmail.com.

TLC Family Resource Center serves all families, children, and youth throughout Sullivan and Lower Grafton counties with a wide-range of free programming and educational offerings. Its Rural Outright program provides support and advocacy to local LGBTQ+ youth, their families, and allies. For more information, please visit tlcfamilyrc.org/rural-outright or contact ruralNHoutright@gmail.com.

For more information about Matthew Shepard's story please visit www.matthewshepard.org.

“SNIPPETS” at COH

CLAREMONT, NH--Need to push away those winter blues? Want to enjoy a good belly laugh until you cry? Then mark your calendar for Saturday Jan. 6, 7:00 p.m. Claremont Opera House's Repertory Theater Company is proud to bring back the comedic episodes “SNIPPETS – 2”! Let's all laugh together at Lucy in The Lucy Show, Andy, Barney & Gomer in The Andy Griffith Show, Dick Van Dyke and his toothache, Ellie Mae's gets a beau in Beverly Hillbillies and who doesn't get a good jolly from The Three Stooges?!

Cost: \$10.00, tickets at the door.

TLC Program Offerings

CLAREMONT, NH--First and third Friday of every month the Rural Outright Diversity Club for transgender and gender non-conforming people meets from 6 to 8 p.m., at TLC Family Resource Center, 109 Pleasant St., in Claremont. 14 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.

CLAREMONT, NH--Second and fourth Friday of every month the Rural Outright Diversity Club for LGBTQ+ people meets from

6 to 8 p.m., at TLC Family Resource Center, 109 Pleasant St., in Claremont. 14 years and older. This is a casual meet and greet with conversation and activities. Come meet other LGBTQ+ folks to share experiences, resources and struggles. For more information, visit online at www.tlcfamilyrc.org/rural-outright-events-calendar.

CLAREMONT, NH--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 St., in Claremont. This is an op-

portunity for parents, educators and other caring adults to discuss challenges and best practices for supporting LGBTQ children of any age. For more information, contact Neil at neilpierceallen@gmail.com.

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.

Happy New Year!!

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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--Our weekly Wednesday bingo will not be held at Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497 for 20 and 27 December. We wish all our loyal patrons and volunteer workers a very Merry Christmas and hope you enjoy a couple weeks off to enjoy the holiday season with your friends and family. Have a happy New Year and we'll see you on **January 3rd**.



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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	FOOT CLINIC Lake Sunapee VNA 9:30 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 Sutton Baptist Church 9:00 – 11:00 am 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 – 3:00 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



Struggle Vs. Faith

By Bernadette O'Leary

This particular piece is dedicated to all who suffer and who wonder how that suffering falls in line with their faith. The fact is, suffering can make one question God's grace, and this author is no different. I recently spent some time in prayerful contemplation due to my own struggles, and I have to share something with you that came to me during that time. I was reminded of some things, including one of the last conversations I had with someone before having to leave that relationship. This person was marveling at my faith, but not in a good way. He said that his goal had been to break me... to separate me from God. He marveled mockingly at how I would so often reach rock bottom, even questioning my faith and swearing that God had abandoned me. But then, I would almost immediately start talking again about my love for God. He taunted me and ridiculed me by saying sarcastically, "It's such a beautiful thing." In his blatant attempt to make me feel like less of a strong Christian lady, he actually did exactly the opposite. He reminded me unintentionally of our Lord on the cross asking God "My God My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:46) This reminded me that I'm human. If our Lord Himself suffered so much that He uttered those words, than I, in fact we, have nothing to be ashamed of for simply being human. Many of my readers know about my life of suffering due to both medical problems and domestic abuse. With all that suffering, it's amazing I lasted through decades of it without breaking until now. But, being broken does not always have to mean staying that way. This is where faith helps.

Faith is important for survival. God is good. God is love. I have spent my whole life serving Him and striving to bring others to Him, only to suffer horribly from situations out of my control. In truth, God is my truest love, along with Jesus and The Holy Spirit in the blessed union of the Most Holy Trinity. It took me those few days in prayer, and yes, even anger, with my Lord to remember these things. It took a few days of prayerful focus to reach the proper words and mindset that allowed me to fully hear these answers to the fullest. I know that I will likely fall again. I'm still human. But, these reminders are a tool we all need. I hope they help those of you who are suffering as much as they helped me. When God speaks to us, it's not only to us as individuals, but rather, it is for us to share so that others may also hear and receive the message for themselves.

So if you are suffering and questioning your own path, or even your faith, try to remember the agony our Lord felt and His own questioning. Then, remember that you are only human, and try to forgive yourself for your moments of weakness. Try to remember that it is not He who creates the bad things within this world. That is another not worth naming. God can, and does, use the bad to create good. Faith moves mountains. One example is how, after a disaster, people come together in support and love to pick up the pieces and help those who suffered from it. This world is imperfect, and there will be pain. However, it's ultimately what we do with that imperfection and pain, or in response to it, that truly matters. What will you do?
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Robert L. Rivard, 77

Robert L. Rivard, 77, formerly of Claremont and Loon Lake in Croydon, NH, passed away at Tampa General in Florida on December 7, 2017. He was born in Goffstown, NH, on September 21, 1940, the son of Isidore and Lucille (Landery) Rivard. He was a resident of Claremont for 40 years.

He was a Building and Health Inspector for the city of Claremont for 20 years. He was also the Building and Health Inspector for the town of Charlestown.

He was a member of the of the Moose, Elks, Claremont Senior Center, Earl Bourdon Center, City of Claremont call fireman, special officer P.D., Dartmouth campus security, board of directors Claremont Credit Union, Claremont Speedway security, NH Plumbing Assoc., NH Board of Health, NH Builders Assoc., NH Building Officials Education Assoc., and NH Emergency Management Member.

He is survived by his children Todd Rivard, Lori, Amy, Howard Simoneau, Donna Sheldon, and Corrine Baptisitella; a brother; Louis Rivard; a sister, Carol Gould; grandchildren, Christopher, Jennifer, and

many others, as well as great grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife, Ellie M. Rivard and a brother, Bill Rivard.

Calling hours will be held at Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad St. in Claremont on Friday, January 5th, from 5 to 7 pm. A prayer service will be held at 7 pm with Father Shawn Therrien officiating.

Leo St. Martin, 79

Leo St. Martin, 79, of Moreno Valley, CA, passed away on December 20, 2017. He was born in Claremont, NH, on February 13, 1938 the son of Edward and Amanda (Picard) St. Martin.

He was a St. Mary's graduate in the class of 1956. After graduation he went on to serve in the Navy from 1958 to 1964.

His family includes his daughter, Tracy Lynn St. Martin of CA; his sisters, Pauline Wells, Rachel Robb and her husband Terry; his friend Pamela St. Martin who assisted him during his illness; and many nieces and nephews.

Per his request, there will be no services.

Chris L. Sheldon, 59

Chris Lee Sheldon, 59, of Claremont, NH, passed away unexpectedly on December 28, 2017, at his home.

He was born in Oakland, MI, on April 14, 1958 the son of Gerald Sheldon and Nancy (Leonard) Garrow.

Chris was in the US Army. He owned and operated Chris Sheldon Repair.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, wood carving, playing pool and tinkering. He was a great cook. He loved spending time with his family. He was always helping others and wanting nothing in return.

The family includes his wife, Donna (Simoneau) Sheldon whom he married on July 4, 1986; their children, Brandon Sheldon and his wife Krystie, Christopher Companion, Jennifer Angles and her significant other, Kurt Wyman; his mother, Nancy Garrow and stepfather, Donald; grandchildren, Barrett Companion,

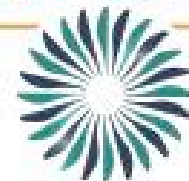
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He was predeceased by his father, Gerald Sheldon; brother, Gerry Sheldon and sister, Wendy Banholzer.

Visiting hours will be held at Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad Street in Claremont on Tuesday, January 2nd, from 5 to 7 PM. Military honors will be held at 7 PM.

John M. Atwood, 79

John Mussey Atwood, 79, of Indian Point Road in Croydon, NH, died Sunday (December 17, 2017) at his home following a period of failing health.

He was born in Claremont, NH, on July 9, 1938, the son of John Henry and Myrtle Sabra (Mussey) Atwood and had been a longtime Claremont resident. In 2000 John and his wife became summer residents at Rocky Bound Pond in Croydon, NH, before becoming permanent residents in 2004. John was a US Army Veteran of the Vietnam War serving with the US Army Corps of Engineers from 1962 to 1965. On September 26, 1993 he married the former Kathleen Fay. She predeceased him on August 13, 2016. He had been employed as a mechanical engineer in the machine tool industry. John was a member of the Hiram Lodge#9, F&AM in Claremont, NH, 32 Degree Scottish Rite Mason-Valleys of Concord & Nashua, Woodman Chapter #26, Order of the Eastern Star, Claremont, NH, lifetime senior member – Order of Demolay.

Members of his family include a daughter, Kathleen March, and her husband, James, Claremont, NH; two stepchildren, Lisa Rowell and her husband, Daniel, Addison, VT; James Howe, Lempster, NH; six grandchildren, Ryan March, Jenna March, Brandon Howe, Kate Howe, Aaron Rowell, Nathan Rowell, a great granddaughter, Ashlyn Howe, a sister Ann G. Atwood, Hanover, NH.

A Memorial Service was held on Wednesday (December 27) at the Croydon Flat Congregational Church with the Rev. Donna Muise, pastor, officiating.

Committal services will be held in the spring in the Croydon East Village Cemetery.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Croydon Flat Congregational Church, 29 Croydon Turnpike, Croydon, NH 03773.

Social News

Claremont Senior Center, Inc.

By Claire Lessard, Executive Director

Reminder that during winter months, center is closed on days of unsafe weather conditions and when schools are closed. Watch WMUR-TV for closing!

Put this on your calendar! The AARP Tax Aide will be at the center every Friday starting February 2, 2018 till April 23, 2018.

The following are sponsored by Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice: Foot Clinics - Wednesday - January 3, 10, 17 (8:30 AM - 4:00 PM). Cost \$25.00. Free Blood Pressure Clinics - Thursday - January 4 (10:30 AM - 12 Noon) and Thursday - January 18 (11:00 AM - 12 Noon). For appointments, call (603) 526-4077.

Chair Yoga class guided by Charleigh Robalard every Monday at 10 AM brings you through an hour of gentle, relaxing yoga. Class uses chairs to accomplish the poses doing just what you can. \$5.00 fee for a very relaxing hour.

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. Hand & Foot card game and Pool are popular, other games available. Attendees should bring a snack to share!

Give someone a great gift for a birthday, anniversary, any celebration or occasion with a \$5.00 gift certificate for a Tuesday or Thursday lunch at the center. Membership certificates also available for \$20.00.

Come see our "Brick Wall." Purchase a "Memorial Brick" for \$100.00 in memory of deceased family members and friends. Also, bricks in honor of living family members and friends available.

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 on Friday (12 Noon - 3:00 PM) bring your lunch. Non-members welcome but must sign in. Three visits allowed before membership is required.

Our "Vendors / Crafters Corner" welcomes Julie's ICare on Thursday - January 11. Any type of business or crafter is welcome to rent an 8 ft. table for \$15 in our entrance lounge. Only one vendor / crafter per date!

Our next Senior Men's Breakfast will be Monday - January 22, 2018. 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!

We are still collecting aluminum can tabs!

Rentals available for weddings, hourly, one-day, funeral receptions and our board room has an 8 persons capacity.

Businesses welcome to put a Business Card size ad in our monthly newsletter. Cost is \$200.00 per year (12 inserts).

Come see our "Brick Wall." Purchase a "Memorial Brick" for \$100.00 in memory of deceased family members and friends. Also, bricks in honor of living family members and friends available.

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.)

You are invited to share a memory of John with the family or leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at www.royfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Roy Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

Richard E. Rogers, 90

Richard E. Rogers, 90, died at home surrounded by family on December 12, 2017.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Margaret (Hoisington), by son Bruce Rogers and wife Ann of Plainfield, NH; son Russell Rogers and partner Brenda of West Lebanon, NH; daughter Julie Hatley and husband John (Sonny) of Monroe, NH. He is also survived by grandchildren Gregory Rogers and wife Terra of Meriden, NH; Betsy Williams and husband Rob of Plainfield, NH; Sgt. Brent Ackley of the United States Air Force, and Erin Ackley of Portland, ME. He is also survived by a sister Shirley Rogers of Keene. He was predeceased by a son, Barry Rogers and a sister, Betty Cushing.

He was born in Keene, NH, to Philip and Effie (Knight) Rogers, and grew up in the town of Marlow, NH. He served in the United States Air Force, and graduated from Keene State College in 1951. He began his teaching career in a two-room schoolhouse in Plainfield, NH. He also taught in the Meriden School for two years before moving to a position at Windsor High School where he taught for eight years. He went to the Bellows Falls Union High School where he taught mathematics for the remaining 21 years of his teaching career. He worked as a painter for many years before his retirement.

His was an avid sportsman, and enjoyed hunting and fishing. When he wasn't hunting or fishing, he enjoyed talking about hunting and fishing. He shared his love of the sport with his sons, and they in turn took extraordinary efforts to assure that he was able to hunt the past several years even as his health declined.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to neighbors Patty and John Lamoureux, the visiting nurses, and Bayada hospice nurses who all made it possible for him to remain in his home until his death.

A Memorial Service was held on Dec. 31 at the Stringer Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the NH Wildlife Federation or charity of your choice.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday, December 24

1055 E3 responded to Camden Ave for a medical call.
1245 E3 responded to Henry St for a well-being check.
1506 E3 responded to Oakwood Pl for a medical call.
1624 E3 responded to Washington St for a medical call.
1741 E3, L2, E1 responded to a box alarm on Winter St.

Monday, December 25

0059 E3 responded to West Pleasant St for a medical call.
0119 L2 responded to Palmer St first in for the ambulance.
0202 E1 responded to Redwater Brook Rd for a wire down.
0444 E1 responded to Sullivan St for a medical call.
1002 E1 responded to Fiske Pl for a problem with a stove.
1352 E1 responded to McKusker Pl for a medical call.
1544 E1 responded to North St for an issue with a telephone pole.
2241 E1 responded to Sullivan St for a medical call.

Tuesday, December 26

1048 E1 responded to School St for a CO problem.
1100 E1 responded to Myrtle St for a water problem.
1207 E1 responded to Hanover St for a low hanging wire.
1217 L2 responded to Pleasant St to assist the ambulance.
1710 E1 responded to Maple Ave to assist the ambulance.

Wednesday, December 27

0900 E1 responded to Sullivan St for a detector sounding.
1418 E1 responded to Heritage Dr for a smoke investigation.
1953 E1 responded to Sullivan St for a medical call.
1958 L2, E1 responded to Summer St for an alarm sounding.

Thursday, December 28

0453 E1 responded to Spruce St for a medical call.
0618 E1 responded to High St for a medical call.
1041 E1, L2 responded to Chestnut St for a chimney fire.
1047 E1 responded to MacKenzie Dr for a medical call.
1341 E1 responded to Washington St for a motor vehicle accident.
1530 E1 responded to Edwin Ave for a person in distress.
1822 E1 responded to Heritage Dr for a medical call.
2037 E1 responded to Central St for a medical call.

Friday, December 29

0454 E1 responded to Heritage Dr for a medical call.
0629 E1 responded to Lindy Ave for a medical call.
1029 E1 responded to Ives Pl for a person in distress.
1132 E1 responded to Charlestown Rd for a motor vehicle accident.
1558 E1 responded to Chestnut St for a motor vehicle accident with wires down.
1615 L2 responded to Walnut St for a smoke investigation.
1936 E3 responded to Pleasant St as first responders for the ambulance.

Saturday, December 30

1219 E1 responded mutual aid to Lempster for a structure fire.
1228 E3 responded to Washington St for a motor vehicle accident.
1328 E3 responded to Main St for a propane leak.
1730 E3 responded to Tyler St for a propane leak.
1732 E1 responded to Foisy Hill Rd for a detector sounding.
1805 E3 responded to Washington St for a medical call.
1853 E3 responded to Cornell St for a detector sounding.
2011 Claremont Fire was toned to Lempster for a structure fire.
2206 E3 responded to Briggs St for a medical call.
2240 E3 responded to Foisy Hill Rd for a fire alarm.



The Claremont City Council will hold a Special public meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

AGENDA

- 6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6:32 PM 2. OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCILORS, MAYOR AND ASSISTANT MAYOR
- 6:45 PM 3. ROLL CALL
- 4. NEW BUSINESS
- 6:50 PM A. Overview
- 7:00 PM B. New Councilor Orientation/Training
- 7:45 PM 5. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 8:00 PM 6. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.



The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, 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 December 13, 2017, City Council Meetings
- 6:35 PM 5. MAYOR'S NOTES
- 6:40 PM 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
- 6:55 PM 7. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
- 7:00 PM 8. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 22))
9. NEW BUSINESS
- 7:10 PM A. Resolution 2018-20 Accept \$8,000 from McGee Toyota for July 4th Fireworks Display – Public Hearing
- 7:20 PM B. Ordinance 559 Establish Maple Avenue School Zones – First Reading
- 7:30 PM C. Resolution 2018-21 Apply, Accept and Expend \$284,985 NH Dept. of Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Grant – Public Hearing
- BREAK
- 7:50 PM D. Water & Sewer Infrastructure Update
- 8:35 PM E. Discussion of City Council Strategic Plan – Goals and Objectives for 2018
- 8:55 PM F. Overview of Evaluation Process for City Manager
- 9:15 PM 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 9:20 PM 11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 9:35 PM 12. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 9:40 PM 13. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.