# e-Ticker News Sports

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# **Audrey Puksta: Record-Breaker**

Records are made to be broken. We all know that. The tension that builds as a record nears its downfall is anxiety at its highest level. Everyone, it seems, is on the band wagon. We all become cheerleaders waiting for that moment in time when we can raise our glass, or celebrate with a high-five, or give warm hugs, or simply shout out "Congratulations!" to the jubilant record-breaker.

Such a moment came this past fall when Stevens High School senior Audrey Puksta established a new single-season scoring record in girls varsity soccer play at the Claremont school. The old record for goals scored in one season had been held by Amy Zombeck who notched 30 tallies in 1993 as a junior. Jazmyn Griffin had fallen only a goal shy of the record with 29 in 2016. Two years later it would be Puksta who would bring fame to the school and the community when, playing against Hillsboro-Deering October 17 at home on senior night, tacked on her 31st score of the season to light up the playing field. She would go on to finish the season with an eye-popping 34 tallies setting a new standard for upcoming lady booters.

"I knew there was a record, but did not know who held it or what it was," said Puksta in an interview last week. "I thought it was some insane crazy number, one that was hard to beat."

Once she got word what the magic number was, supplied by her coach, Tom Belaire, Puksta confessed she got it into her mindset, that the goal, in her words, "might be doable".

Both, however, were quick to point out there was no plan to go after the record, that team wins were the major goal. The record and a high quantity of wins were both accomplished as Stevens sported a season-ending 15-4

record, losing the state championship in Division III in overtime, 2-1, to Hopkinton. Only Hopkinton and Kearsarge emerged as teams to beat the Cardinals during the season, each winning twice.

"I knew she had the potential with her speed," Belaire noted while talking about the record, adding Puksta had started out as a sweeper in her freshman year, moved up as a mid-fielder as a sophomore, before winding up as a forward her final two years as a Cardinal.

As she neared Zombeck's record, Puksta

pondered, "I would always think, 'I have to score, even if it was just one goal a game and start adding to it. I just wanted to stay calm and do what I always do and not overthink it and get frustrated. I've just got to stay in the game mindset and it will happen...and it did!"

Zombeck has gone on to make even a more impressionable name for herself as she now can boast she is the winningest coach in UMass-Boston women's soccer history. She entered her 14th season at the school in 2018 amassing 120 wins. She stands as one of just three female coaches to have won 100

or more games in UMass-Boston history. In addition, she is a three-time Little East Conference Coach of the Year recipient.

Both soccer stars know they did not get to where they are without the support and guidance from their families and teammates.

"Soccer is about family," Zombeck said in an e-mail, noting she did congratulate Puksta through Facebook comments and mentioned how important it was to remember those who helped along the way, teammates and coaches included. "With your teammates and the support of those around you, you will always give yourself a chance to do and be someone special," Zombeck stated.

"I could not have broken the record without my teammates," Puksta pointed out. "They were the ones who gave me the passes to get the goals I got, so I want to thank them for sacrificing their own shots to get me to rack up my goals."

Puksta was named to the First Team Division

III All-State squad along

with Alexis Aiken. Another teammate, Brooke Bonneau, made Honorable Mention.

Family ties and her Roman Catholic upbringing are important to Puksta and have played a major role in her rise to fame here in Claremont. Her parents, Alex and Christine, and her siblings, Liam (recently engaged), Mike (a Claremont police officer), and Dom (an eighth grader specializing in basketball) have all guided her in her quest for excellence on the soccer field. in some form or another.

"I definitely think my faith has got me to where I am now," Audrey claimed. "It has been a big part of my life. I go to church every week and spend a lot of time praying or helping out at the

church. It has definitely helped a lot. It's kinda hard to pray on the bus when you have music blasting, but I tried." In addition, Puksta admitted that prior to every playoff game and the championship game, "I put some holy water on my cleats."

Puksta, too, is in awe of her family name. She was very young when her grandparents

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Senior Audrey Puksta established a new single-season scoring record in girls varsity soccer at SHS (Les St.Pierre photo).

## Puksta, from B1

died but has never been out of the range of their contributions to the Claremont community. Her grandfather, Charles Puksta, was a former Claremont mayor and a long-time toastmaster at the annual St.Joseph's Sports Night, an event Zombeck appeared at as guest speaker just a few short years ago.

"I have always been proud of the (Puksta) name," the Stevens senior said. "I just wanted to keep making the name proud."

True to her faith, Puksta has St. Anselm's College in her future plans, majoring in elementary education.

"It has been a pleasure coaching her," Belaire concluded. "She definitely was not a hard kid to coach. She will be missed!"

# Monarchs Thrown Overboard by Mariners, 5-2

MANCHESTER, NH—The Manchester Monarchs dropped their third straight game, 5-2, against the Maine Mariners, Saturday night at SNHU arena.

The Monarchs (8-9-1-1), despite a comeback attempt late in the third period, could not overcome the Maine Mariners (10-7-1-1) who won the game, 5-2.

The Mariners scored early at 2:28 of the first, when Michael McNicholas scored his fourth of the season. McNicholas, after receiving the pass to the bottom of the face-off circle, wristed the shot off the cross-bar, over Monarchs goaltender, Cole Kehler, making the score 1-0.

The Mariners increased their lead at 18:16 of the first period, when Alex Kile scored his ninth of the season, picking up a rebound in front of the net and firing the puck over the shoulder of Kehler, making the score 2-0.

The Mariners scored again at 18:50 of the first, when Morgan Adams-Moisan scored his third of the season, finding the rebound in front

of Kehler and pushing the puck past Kehler's leg, bringing the score to 3-0.

After a scoreless second period, the Mariners continued to dominate the scoreboard when Adams-Moisan scored his fourth of the season and second of the night, at 10:14 of the third. The Monarchs turned the puck

over in the right circle, where Adams-Moisan skated into the slot and wristed a shot past Kehler, to make the score, 4-0.

The Monarchs got on the board at 11:37 of the third period when Cory Ward, scoring his third goal of the season, when he received a pass from David Kolomatis in the slot, and beat Mariner's goaltender Connor LaCouvee, bringing the score to 4-1.

The Monarchs scored again at 15:31 of the third period when Kolomatis scored a short-handed goal, his second of the year, sneaking the puck past LaCouvee after a deke and drop-pass by Marcinew, making the score 4-2.

The Monarchs, on a power play, pulled Kehler to gain the extra attacker, but Kile was able to score his second of the night, tenth of the season, at 16:53 of the third, scoring the game winner, empty-net goal, bringing the final score to 5-2.

The Monarchs return to action Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m., when they take on the Norfolk Admirals at Scope Arena. For tickets, Season Memberships and group tickets, please contact the Monarchs front office at 603-626-7825.

Visit us at ManchesterMonarchs.com, follow the team on Twitter and Instagram: @MonarchsHockey, and like us on Facebook for additional information.

# NH Schoolyard Action Grant Applications Now Being Accepted

CONCORD, NH — Are you an educator with a project idea that involves students in enhancing their schoolyard for wildlife habitat, connects students with the outdoors, and integrates nature into student learning in line with curricula? The New Hampshire Partnership for Schoolyard Action has begun accepting grant applications for schools with students from

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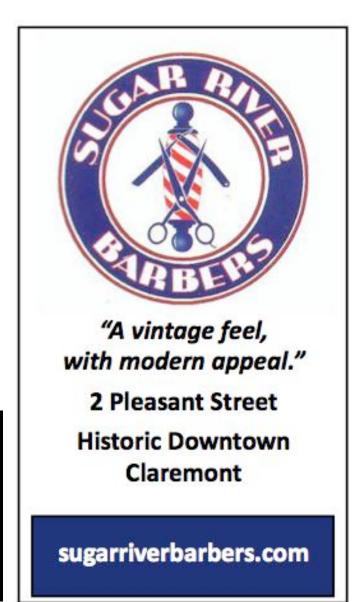
pre-kindergarten through grade twelve to help fund such nature-based learning projects. Schoolyard Action Grant applications are being accepted through January 15, 2019. Grants will range from \$500 to \$1,500.

For more information and a grant application, please visit: <a href="https://www.nhaudubon.org/learn/school-yard-habitat-exploration-grants">www.nhaudubon.org/learn/school-yard-habitat-exploration-grants</a>.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service New England Field Office, New Hampshire Project Learning Tree, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, and New Hampshire Audubon are working together to support schools through the New Hampshire Partnership for Schoolyard Action Grants.

Projects or items not eligible for funding include vegetable gardens, staff time, field trips, school grounds landscaping, or purchase of educational supplies unless directly related to the project.

Both student and community involvement in planning and on-site work is strongly encouraged. Professional consultation is available for project planning.



# Inspiration

# **HOPE**

## By Priscilla Hull

Yesterday was the First Sunday of Advent. It is the start of a new liturgical (church) year. It is a new beginning; a time to stop the mad rush of days and think about where we're headed. We prepare for a new beginning in all sorts of ways, depending on our tradition. For me, it is Advent.

The focus of the First Sunday of Advent, this year in our church was HOPE. HOPE in a dictionary definition means: to have a wish to get or do something or for something to happen or be true, especially if that something seems unlikely or impossible. Another definition is a feeling that something desirable is likely to happen. Expanding on that a little, I'd like to say that to me HOPE is a yearning for something that is impractical or impossible to happen. HOPE also is an awareness deep with the soul that something that is not possible will happen. We could expand that some to say that HOPE is a great desire that our children will be happy and successful. In 2004, Red Sox Nation had a HOPE to win the World Series that was so un-imaginable that we still can't believe that it happened.



Isaiah expressed HOPE that the lion eats grass, the child sits by a vipers nest and a lamb and a wolf play together. There is nothing wrong and everything right with this HOPE of Isaiah.

What is our HOPE for this time of year? Is it for a new Mercedes? Is it for the most colorful lights in the front yard? Is it for the tallest tree with garlands and lights covering it?

My HOPE is for all the things that lead to Isaiah's prophecy. That prophecy includes that those in need will need no more; those who are suffering will suffer no more; those who mourn will mourn no more. What is your HOPE?

They will neither harm nor destroy on my Holy Mountain,
For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

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

# Calendar Of Events

# Collective Goods, December 7th 9:00 am-4:30pm, MAH Board Room

Collective Goods will be at Mt. Ascutney Hospital for one day only on Friday, Dec. 7th, in the Board Room from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Cash, checks or credit cards accepted. Check out new books, gifts and gadgets for the kids. There is something for everyone on your list! A portion of the proceeds will benefit Mt. Ascutney Hospital.

# Holiday Concert at Francis St. Christmas Display

CLAREMONT, NH—Grammy nominated singer songwriter Judy Pancoast will be performing a holiday concert at Mitchell's Magic Christmas display on Dec. 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Mitchell's Magic Christmas is a 50,000 light synchronized display at 16 Francis St in Claremont. Pancoast will perform a mix of her holiday songs and holiday favorites outside in our display. The concert will be very kid friendly, and Santa will be on hand to enjoy the festivities, too.

The concert and display are free but we happily accept donations for David's House.

For more information, please visit our website at www.ClaremontChristmasLights.com.

# CHARLESTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OUR TOWN RECREATION NEWS

RISE AND YOGA: by Krystal Boivin. You are invited to join me for a vinyasa flow! All fitness levels welcome! Bring a friend! Tuesdays 5:30-6:00 AM. At the Charlestown Old Town Hall, 29 Summer St., Charlestown, NH. Suggested donation \$15.

www.krystalboivin.com - Facebook: @boivinkrystal - Instagram: @krystalboivin.yoga

CHARLESTOWN CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR: The Charlestown Recreation Dept invites you

to our first Christmas Craft Fair to shop for those unique Christmas gifts. Concessions will be available. A 50/50 drawing and raffles. Drawings will be at 2pm. No need to be present, but arrangements must be made to pick up your prizes.

Date: Saturday, December 15, 2018, 9am to 3pm

Place: Charlestown Primary School, 84 East St., Charlestown NH 03603

COACHES, REFEREES, UMPIRES: Basketball Coaches are needed for the practices and games that start first week of December. Please contact the Charlestown Rec or Town Offices asap!.

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING: The next Recreation Committee meetings will be on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at 6:00 pm at the Recreation Committee Office, 216 Main St., Charlestown. The meeting is open to the public.

## CHARLESTOWN RECREATION DEPART-MENT FACEBOOK PAGE

Please continue to check the Facebook page for all announcements and upcoming events.

# Overeaters Anonymous Big Book Meetings

CLAREMONT, NH—Overeaters Anonymous Big Book Meetings are held at Valley Regional Healthcare in Claremont on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the library. Please use Dunning Street entrance.

# Claremont La Leche League

CLAREMONT, NH—Breastfeeding questions? Get answers and meet other breastfeeding mothers. Claremont La Leche League Claremont La Leche League will be meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the TLC Family Resource Center, 109 Pleasant Street: Mornings, from 9:30—11:00 a.m., evenings, 5:30—7:00 p.m. LLL Leaders are trained and accredited through LLLI to offer help to parents, families, and communities to breastfeed, chestfeed, and human milk feed their babies through parent-to-parent support. A leader will be available to answer your questions.

Assistance, information, and support are also available via telephone, email, and the

LLLI website. <u>ClaremontLLL@gmail.com</u>, Jess (603) 630-0184, Zadiah (603) 306-9892; they may also be found on Facebook.

# **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.

# Join the Boy Scouts

CLAREMONT, NH—If you have a young man going into 6th grade and is 11 years old that you think needs an advantage in life, then have them consider becoming a Boy Scout. Boy Scouts learn valuable skills in leadership, team building and self-reliance. Boy Scouts that earn the rank of Eagle have a high likelihood of becoming successful in life and stay active in their communities. When the school starts, Troop 38 of Claremont, NH, meets every Thursday 6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's church gymnasium. Join us for a good time and new adventures. Contact Alex Herzog, Scoutmaster of Troop 38, at claremontscout@gmail.com for more info or come and join us at one of our upcoming meetings.

# 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.

# **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.

# SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 Santa is coming to town!

He will be at the Claremont Rent-A-Center in the Market Basket Plaza on Dec 8th from 10-2. Kids, families and pets welcome to visit with Santa and get their picture taken. Photos will be printed while you wait-or you can have the electronic version e-mailed to you! Prices are as follows: 4x6 \$5, 5x7 \$7, e-mailed image \$7. Yummy treats will also be available! To benefit Sullivan County Humane Society!

# SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 Christmas Traditions Dinner Saturday, December 8; 5:00-6:30 pm Plainfield Community Church, 1094 Rte 12-A

Buffet Includes turkey, ham, French meat pie, brisket enchiladas, plus all the fixings and homemade pies & eggnog. Please use our front entry (with ramp & chair stair) and enjoy music & appetizers in the sanctuary while you wait to be seated downstairs; \$15/ adults (2/\$25); \$5/children (5-12), under 5 free; take-out available.

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 Plainfield Community Church 1094 Rte 12-A FREE SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH 11:3012:30

### **COOKIE SWAP 12:30-1:30**

Bring 3 dozen cookies of one kind with the recipe to share, and a container to take other cookies home. Coffee, tea and punch provided. Chimers Bell Choir Christmas Concert, 2:00 p.m. Donations welcome.

## **CDA Education Contest**

Art, Essay, Computer Art, Poetry, Music and Photography are the categories included in the Education Contest sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Any student, boy or girl, in grades 4-12, is eligible to enter the contest. There are 3 divisions according to grade level and a student may enter more than one category. Awards are given for each division in each category. The 2018 themes are "Here I am Lord, I come to do Your will" Psalm 40 or "Doing my best to do good."

Here is an opportunity for students to apply their talents, their lively imagination and freedom of thought. Applications are due by February 1, 2019. Applications and rules may be obtained from Arline Marro, CDA

Education Chair, (603) 542-5933.

# **Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long**

NEWPORT, NH—A Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long will be held at Grace Anglican Church, Laurel Street, Newport, on Sunday, Dec.16, 2018,1:30 p.m.

All are welcome; come celebrate with us.

# TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4 ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

7 pm, Meriden Library

The PLAINFIELD/CORNISH ENERGY COMMITTEES meet to discuss January's Heat Pump event and guidelines for a stakeholder committee.

Seeking volunteers to work on exciting renewable energy projects, including solar siting, tabulating energy use, and learning about new technologies.

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# How older workers can improve their job search

- It's wise for older workers to start their job searches by specifically looking for positions that require a lot of experience or browse job sites that are specifically geared for people of a certain age, according to The Motley Fool. This will allow them to connect with companies who know the value of what older workers can bring to the table.
- It's also worth noting that companies might want to steer clear of older workers simply because of the kinds of salaries they can command based on their years of experience, the report said. To make themselves more attractive, it might be wiser for those would-be hires to let the people they interview with know that they're willing to take a lower base salary and make more of their overall pay contingent on performance, and therefore paid out in bonuses.
- At the same time, older workers likely know full well that it's not always easy to make themselves the most attractive candidates, so they should also strive to reduce things that might be an impediment to their searches, according to the AARP. Things they may not consider such as sending emails from AOL or Hotmail addresses, or not being easily "searchable" online or even via social networks can hinder their chances of getting an interview.
- Perhaps the best advice for people who have been in the same field for decades is to lean on their contacts for job opportunities, the report said. While some might not like the idea much, the fact is that networking is just as important for people over 40 as it is for young adults. And often, contacts they already know will be more than happy to hook old colleagues up with companies they may know to be hiring.



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Drawing to be held on December 26<sup>th</sup> @ 5PM

Be sure to follow us on Facebook as we'll be announcing the lucky winner on our page!

# **Bingo in Charlestown**

CHARLESTOWN, NH--Bingo is held Wednesdays at the Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497 Post Hall, 365 Lovers Lane Road in Charlestown, NH. The regular games start at 6:30 p.m. with Early Birds games commencing at 5:00 p.m. Twelve regular games, six special games, including a winner take all with a \$1,000 kicker if won in 50 numbers or less, and a progressive game from \$800 - \$1,800, plus the final game with a guaranteed prize of \$225 make up the Wednesday evening benefits. It is the VFW Post 8497's primary fundraiser for its various scholarships and sponsorships. Food and drinks are available.

# 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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Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

# HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

## **HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING**

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



# Before Heading Out or to Bed

**Blow out** lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

# **FACTS**

- (!) More than a third of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- (!) Forty-two percent of decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



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# What does Advent mean?

Come and learn more about this most important time of the year.

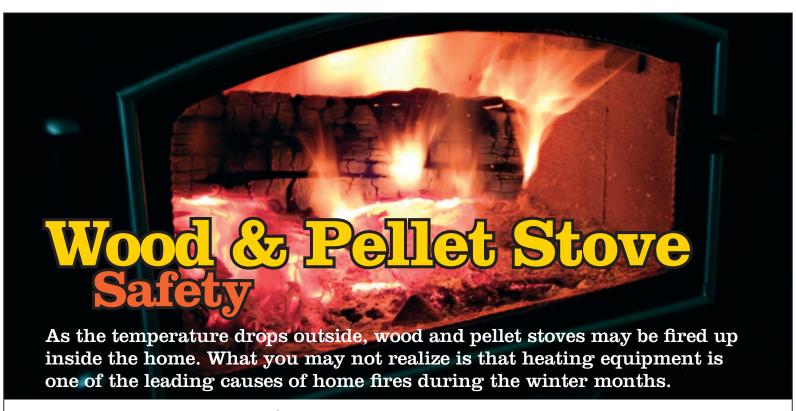


Beginning December 2nd, join us for 4 weeks as we explore the meaning behind the Advent themes of Hope, Joy, Love & Peace



First United Methodist Church 38 Summer Street, Claremont Service at 9:30 AM Christmas Eve service at 7 PM

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- ))) Have a QUALIFIED professional install stoves, chimney connectors, and chimneys.
- >>> Stoves should be listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- In wood stoves, burn only DRY, seasoned wood. In pellet stoves, burn only dry, seasoned wood pellets.
- >>> Have your chimney and stove INSPECTED and cleaned by a certified chimney sweep every fall just before heating season.
- ))) CLEAN the inside of your stove periodically using a wire brush.
- Allow ashes to COOL before disposing of them. Place ashes in a covered metal container. Keep the container at least 10 feet away from the home and other buildings.
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- >>> Stoves need SPACE. Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from the stove.
- INSTALL and maintain carbon monoxide alarms (CO) outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For the best protection, interconnect the CO alarms.

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# SMOKE ALARM SENSE

Install and maintain smoke alarms on EVERY level of your home, outside each separate sleeping area and inside each bedroom. For the best protection, interconnect the alarms.

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www.etickernewsofclaremont.com

## Yvette R. Poisson, 78

Yvette R. Poisson, 78, passed away peacefully on November 28, 2018, at the Sullivan County Health Care in Unity, NH. She was born February 24, 1940, the daughter of Ovila and Rezeda (Cote) Poirier.

Yvette graduated from Charlestown High School and went to work at many different places, but lastly was the Chief Scale Operator at L.E. Weed & Sons in Newport, NH. She loved quilting and crafting. She was talented. She especially loved her family, and Christmas was her favorite time of year. She married her high school sweetheart on June 28, 1958.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, George L. Poisson, her three sons, Paul (Sara) of Stockbridge, VT, Daniel (Kelly) of Bluffton, SC, David (Diane) of Claremont, NH; two brothers, Philip Poirier and Joe Poirier and one sister, Jeanne George; nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents, two sisters, Yolanda (Yo) Michaud/Cleary, Florence (Flo) Gagne, one brother Laurier Poirier.

There will be no calling hours or funeral service. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers feel free to make a donation in Yvette's name to the Sullivan County Health Care facility in care of the MacConnell Alzheimers Dementia Care Unit.

Arrangements are with Stringer Funeral

Homes and Crematorium, 146 Broad Street, Claremont, NH 03743. To view an online memorial or send a private message of condolence, visit www.stringerfh.com.

## Blanche R. Paulette, 97

Blanche R. Paulette, 97, formerly of Tyler Street in Claremont, NH, died December 1, 2018, at the Elm Wood Center.

She was born in Williamstown, VT, on September 25, 1921, the daughter of Augusta and Clara (LaMontagne) Belanger and has resided in Claremont since 1942.

She graduated from Spaulding High School in Barre, VT, in the class of 1940. She retired in 1981 from Montgomery-Ward Company where she worked as an office Clerk for 39 years.

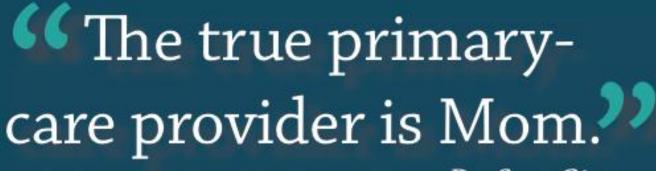
Blanche was predeceased by a stillborn daughter, Barbara in 1953; her husband, Paul in 1976; a brother James Belanger in 1988; a brother, Robert Belanger in 2007 and a daughter-in-law, Darlene Paulette in 2010.

Surviving family includes a son, James and his wife Debbie (Bergeron) Paulette, their chil-

dren, James Jr, and his wife Carin, their children, Wyatt and Cayleigh, Michele Lynn Thomas and her husband Dan their children Zachary, Jacob, and Luke; Joshua and his wife Kathy their children Joshua Jr, James and Joseph: a son, Michael and his partner Deb Stockton, and his children, Kimberly Deline and her husband Damien their children Curtis and Natalie; Johnathan and his wife Megan their child, Marlee Mei, Amy Allard and her husband Chad their children Addison and Mmeilya; a sister, Shirley Anderson; a sister-inlaw, Frances Belanger; many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2 PM on Wednesday, Dec. 5th, at St. Mary Church with Fr Arockia Antony HGN, officiating. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held at the Stringer Funeral home, 146 Broad Street, in Claremont on Wednesday from 12 noon until the procession leaves for the church.

To view an online memorial or send a private message of condolence, visit www.stringerfh.-



-Dr. Sam Giveen

Most of the time, a doctor can't help anything until Mom decides something isn't right. She makes the first move and calls the doctor. Dr. Sam attributes any success he and his staff have with

kids to that vital first step. Yay, Mom.

(603) 543-2020 9 Dunning St, Claremont (we're right there by the hospital)



## Theodore J. Cummings, Sr., 66

Theodore J. Cummings, Sr, 66, of Claremont, NH, died on November 23, 2018, at his home.

He was born in Claremont on January 5, 1952, the son of William Henry and Marie Anna (Rancourt) Cummings.

He had worked for Holson Bakery, Split Ball Bearing and bartended at the Moose, American Legion Post 29 and VFW.

Ted was a member of the VFW Post 808, the American Legion Post 29 and Post 22. He was a past Commander.

He enjoyed watching baseball and football, especially the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots. He also enjoyed Nascar and going to Loudon to watch the modified cars.

He is survived by his son, Theodore Cummings Jr; a daughter, Frances Cummings; grandchildren, Tiffany Marini, Isabelle Farnsworth, Craig Farnsworth Jr and Ethan Frost; brother, Henry Cummings Sr; sisters, Janice Converse and her husband, Larry, Virginia Dufresne and her husband, Andre' and Mary Stone and her husband, Harold; stepson, Calvin Frost also many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents, his wife, Bonnie (Aiken) Cummings; sisters, Jo Ann Johnson and Judith Cummings; brother, William Cummings Jr; step-son, Chad Frost.

A graveside service was held at the West Claremont Burying Grounds on Old Church Road in Claremont on Friday, Nov. 30th, with Rev. Father Shawn Therrien officiating; military honors followed.

To view an online memorial or send a private message of condolence, visit <a href="www.stringerfh.com">www.stringerfh.com</a>.

## Florence M. Woodman, 97

Florence May Woodman, 97, formerly of Claremont, NH, passed away on November 27, 2018, at the Sullivan County Health Care in Unity, NH.

She was born in Claremont, NH, on January 25, 1921 the daughter of George and Juliette (Leinker) Slack.

Florence had worked at Tambrands for over 20 years, retiring in 1983.

She enjoyed camping in her younger years and loved spending time with her family. She was member of the Grace River Church.

She is survived by her three sons, Donald Woodman of Claremont, Stanley Woodman of Unity and William Woodman of East Hartland, CT; sisters, June Fleury and Marilyn Hood both of Claremont; 12 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, 10 great great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Donald O. Woodman in 1983; seven brothers and four sisters.

A funeral service was held at Stringer Funeral Home on Friday, Nov. 30th, with Scott Kearns officiating. Burial followed in West Claremont Burying Grounds.

To view an online memorial or send a private message of condolence, visit <a href="https://www.stringerfh.com">www.stringerfh.com</a>.

# Roy J. Lamonda, 74

Roy J. Lamonda, 74, formerly of Newport, NH, died Tuesday (Nov. 27, 2018) at Sullivan County Healthcare in Unity, NH, following a period of failing health. He was born in Richford, VT, on December 21, 1943, the son of Charlie F. and Lillian J. (Jacobs) Lamonda. Roy was a farmer for many years in Vermont. He enjoyed coloring, fishing, hunting and was an avid New England Patriot fan.

Members of his family include a brother, Raymond Lamonda, a sister, Shirley Rushford and many nieces and nephews, including Crystal Lamonda who cared for her uncle Roy for many years.

He was predeceased by a brother, Wayne Lamonda, three sisters, Marie Lamonda, Mary Davis and Judy Dominque.

There will be no visiting hours. The family will be holding a memorial service for Roy in the near future. For more details, Crystal has requested that you contact her.

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

## **Linda Poirier**

Linda Poirier, born Linda Emeline Kingsbury on October 24, 1947, to parents Lyle Warren Kingsbury and Loretta Marie LaCroix Kingsbury, passed away on November 21, 2018, into the Arms Of Our Heavenly Father. Parents, Lyle Warren Kingsbury passed on September 21, 2018, and Loretta Marie Kingsbury passed in September, 1989; formally from Portsmouth and Claremont, NH. Stepmother,

Helen Kingsbury who passed in April, 2016, and a deceased sister, Dolores Elinita LaCroix from Orlando, FL.

Linda is survived by her son, Michael Paul Poirier and his wife, Anita from Berwick, ME, and two step grandsons and a stepgreat grandson, her granddaughter, Jennifer DeRosa, and two great grandchildren of Claremont, NH. Two surviving siblings, Gary Lyle Kingsbury from Epsom, NH, and Marie Loretta LaFlower and her brother-in-law, Wayne E. LaFlower from Laconia, NH. Nieces, Tracy Marie Paniaqua, Lancaster, Ca. Shantowa Nee, CA, Nephews, Robert and Richard LaFlower, Laconia, NH, Chad Kingsbury, Missouri, Jessy and Kenneth Kingsbury, Fred Avery and his wife Jennifer from Berwick, ME, William Welker, AZ and Gary Welker, IL Sixteen great nieces and nephews and great, great nephews.

Linda was a beloved aunt to all her nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. She would entertain the youngsters with song and dance and scripture. Linda's attributes was her love for her family, especially her ailing mother and father's care, her love for nature and her canine friends. She loved her Catholic Church and faith and her Rosary. Linda took cause to watch for her loved ones souls by having Masses for the ill and passing of family or friend. Linda's meatloaves was always delivered to a neighbor in need when she lived in Charlestown, NH. Changes of seasons always awakened a spiritual revelation to Linda. How the earth took a new change and her favorite stars of alignment always peeked Linda's curiosity and she enjoying the bounty of seasons, picking berries, looking for four leaf clover and walking her pets. In her younger days she took delight in running.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday (Nov. 30) in St. Mary's Church with the Rev. Shawn M. Therrien, pastor, officiating. Interment followed in St. Mary's Cemetery.

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

# **Claremont Fire Dept. Log**

Sunday, November 25

2118 E3 responded to Washington St for an alarm sounding.

Monday, November 26

0340 E3 responded to a medical call on Lincoln Heights.

0835 E3 responded to Mulberry St for an illegal burn.

1907 E3 responded to a medical call on Pleasant St.

### Tuesday, November 27

0813 E3 responded first in for the ambulance on Pleasant St.

1003 E3 responded to Bible Hill Rd for wires down.

1036 Utility 1 responded to Bible Hill Rd for wires down.

1112 Utility 1 responded to Bellevue Ave for wires down.

1130 Utility 1 responded to Thrasher Rd for wires down.

1148 Car 2 responded to Cat Hole Rd for wires down.

1149 E3 responded to Edwin Ave for wires down.

1159 E3 responded to Prospect St for wires down.

1202 E1 responded to Redwater Brook Rd for wires down.

1226 E3 responded to Veteran's Park Rd for wires down.

1245 E3 responded to Harmony Ln for wires down.

1329 E3 responded to a medical call on Old Church Rd.

1406 E3 responded to Chestnut St for a motor vehicle accident.

1456 E3 responded to Spring St for a tree on wires.

1509 E3, L2 responded to Elm St for smell of smoke and detectors sounding.

### Wednesday, November 28

1320 E3 responded to Elm St for a smell of smoke.

# Thursday, November 29

0026 E3 responded to a medical call on South St.

0119 E3 responded first in for the ambulance on Maple Ave.

### Friday, November 30

1551 E3 responded to Pleasant St for an odor investigation.

2326 E3 responded to a possible medical call on Pleasant St.

### Saturday, December 01

1249 E3 responded to a medical call on Martha St.

1314 L2 responded to a medical call on Heritage Dr.

1423 E3 responded to Mulberry St for an alarm sounding.

# 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.

A movie will be held on Dec. 11(Holiday Inn). A pot luck dinner / movie is scheduled for Dec. 16 (White Christmas). A sign-up sheet is available at the front desk or give us a call.

Looking ahead.. "Sunday at the Center" - December 9 will not be held.

Meals schedule: Tuesday - December 4 ... Soup, hamburger with lettuce, tomato, onion, French fries, dessert. Thursday - December 6 ... Soup, chicken stew, biscuit, vegetable, dessert.

Tai Chi sessions next week will be on Tuesday - December 4 (1:00 - 2:00 PM) in Owens Hall and same session on Wednesday - December 5 (6:00 - 7:00 PM) in Mozden Room.

Next Senior Men's Breakfast on Monday - December 10. 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!

Foot Clinics on December 5. 12. 19 (8:30 AM - 4:00 PM) sponsored by Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice. For appointments, call (603) 526-4077. Cost is \$25 per visit.

Free Blood Pressure Clinics on December 6 (10:30 AM - 12 Noon) and December 20 (11:00 AM - 12 Noon) in the Mozden Room.

"Bingo Callers" needed. If you are interested in helping the center with this event please give the center a call . . . (603) 543-5998.

American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday - December 17 (12 Noon - 5:00 PM). Food concession sponsored by Claremont Knights of Columbus and Out of the Ordinary Pizza. For appointments call 800-733-2767.

Silver Sneakers every Monday at 1:00 PM in the Mozden Room. Cost \$2, mem/non-mem. A full list of needed items for our "Donations List" is available at the front desk and the November Newsletter. Items most frequently used...Ground coffee, gift cards (Market Basket), facial tissues, small containers of hand sanitizers and bags of ice melt. Thank you for your support!

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

Bingo every Thursday night run by the Croydon Ladies Auxiliary, Inc. Doors open 4:30 PM. Refreshments available. Games start at 6:30 PM. Per NH State law, 18 years of age required for admission!

Knitters on Fridays (12 noon-3:00PM). Bring your lunch. If you are not a member 3 visits allowed then membership is required.

"Volunteers" needed to help with dusting, mopping, sweeping, vacuuming!

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/living family members and friends.

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. Mahjongg 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.

We are still collecting aluminum can tabs!

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

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.)



The Claremont Partners in Education, CPiE, met on Thursday, Nov. 29, at The Teal Lantern to discuss ways in which the school district and the community can collaborate to support student success. Thanks to a generous donation from the Kiwanis Club of Claremont, attendees were entered into a drawing for gift certificates to local establishments. Moving forward, the group will be creating actionable next steps for collaboration. For more information on ways you can support these efforts, contact Courtney Porter, cporter@sau6.org, 603-543-4250 x3100. Right: Businessman Mike Satzow chats with Mayor Charlene Lovett (Courtesy photos).



# **CMS Approves Amended Waiver that Continues New Hampshire's Expanded Medicaid Program**

CONCORD, NH—The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved the Granite Advantage Health Care Program waiver, replacing the New Hampshire Health Protection Program. Beginning on January 1, 2019, the Granite Advantage Health Care Program will provide coverage to over 51,000 residents through the state's existing managed care organizations. The waiver also authorizes the work and community engagement requirement for able bodied adults.

Friday's announcement by CMS approving this waiver ensures that people will continue to have access to expanded Medicaid health coverage while providing New Hampshire with the flexibility to control the costs of the Medicaid program and create the community engagement and work requirement.

"Health insurance leads to better health outcomes for individuals, and extending this critical program will allow Granite Advantage members to continue to receive health insurance while also building long-term job training skills and pursuing work and educational opportunities," said Governor Chris Sununu. "The community engagement and work requirement will help bring more people into the workforce, empowering individuals with the dignity of work, self-reliability and access to high quality health care."

"The decision by CMS provides clarity and certainty for the State's expanded Medicaid program, which has provided health insurance to more than 51,000 residents," said DHHS Commissioner Jeffrey A. Meyers. "As we begin the process of building the infrastructure that will lead to the successful implementation of the program, we will do so in an efficient, effective, and fair manner."

In June 2018, Governor Sununu signed SB313 into law, establishing the Granite Advantage Health Care Program, which reauthorized expanded Medicaid while transitioning members to a health plan from a Medicaid managed care organization and established the community engagement and work requirement for members between the ages of 19 to 64 as a condition of continued Medicaid eligibility.

The Department is currently holding public information sessions around the state to educate beneficiaries and providers on all aspects of this new program.

The schedule of these information sessions can be found at: <a href="https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/medicaid/granite/public-forums.htm">https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/medicaid/granite/public-forums.htm</a>.

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# Vital Communities Kicks Off 25th Anniversary at The Engine Room, Honors Volunteers of the Year

WHITE RIVER JCT, VT—Vital Communities will kick off its 25th anniversary celebration with an annual Open House on Friday, December 7, from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m. at The Engine Room in White River Junction. The event, free and open to the public, will feature abundant appetizers and beverages, time to connect with Vital Communities supporters old and new, the presentation of the 2018 Volunteer of the Year Award at 6:00 p.m., and more. Plus, all are welcome to enjoy a free concert by Upper Valley favorites The Conniption Fits.

"Open House is one of our favorite events every year: we get to celebrate with the people who make the work of Vital Communities possible and share our passion with folks who are new to our organization," said Executive Director Tom Roberts At the Open House, Vital Communities will honor this year's Volunteers of the Year: Lois and Ted Frazer of Etna, and Linda and Tom Kahl of White River Junction. The four—two sisters and their husbands have spent years keeping the Valley Quest program strong as box monitors, writing and revising Quests, building unique Quest treasure boxes, and inspiring others to find their own passion in exploring the Upper Valley's history, ecology, and special places through Valley Quest.

Information and registration are available online: <u>VitalCommunities.org/OpenHouse</u>.



The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall

### **AGENDA**

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6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL

6:34 PM 3. AGENDA CHANGES

6:35 PM 4. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Minutes of November 13, 26 and 29, 2018, City Council Meetings

6:40 PM 5. MAYOR'S NOTES

A. Award

6:45PM 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 23))

9. OLD BUSINESS

7:10 PM A. Resolution 2019-9 (as amended) Accept and Expend AmeriGas Funds, Lower Cul de Sac Place – Public Hearing

### 10. NEW BUSINESS

7:15 PM A. Shugah Valley Snow Riders Annual Permission

7:30 PM B. Sullivan County Commissioners Update

7:40 PM C. Ordinance 564 - Renewable Energy – First Reading

**BREAK** 

8:05 PM D. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application-Turning Points Network – Public Hearings

1. The City proposes to submit an application for CDBG funding for up to \$500,000 to the NH Community Development Finance Authority. The funds will be subgranted to Turning Points Network for the acquisition, rehabilitation, relocation and expansion of Turning Points Network's services in

Claremont. Turning Points Network serves primarily low and moderate income persons.

a. Review and Motion for Application for Grant – Public Hearing

2.Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan. Although this project does not involve any displacement or relocation of persons (or businesses), if the City were to undertake a CDBG project which involved displacement or relocation they would follow this plan.

a. Review and Motion to Adopt City's Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan – Public Hearing

8:25 PM E. Approve Extension in Depository Services

8:35 PM F. Resolution 2019-14 Expend \$111,150 FAA Grant – Demolish Terminal Building/Hangar; Construct New Terminal Building – Public Hearing

8:50 PM G. Ordinance 565 Establish Board of Assessors – First Reading

9:05 PM 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9:15 PM 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES

9:25 PM 13. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

9:30 PM 14. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

# Review: The Meg

## By Bernadette O'Leary

What would happen if the megalodon was discovered still living among us? Simply put, devastation.

The Meg follows a group of explorers and researchers with a theory that the deepest part of the ocean is not the deepest part, but rather a gateway to a much deeper part that has gone undiscovered. In the process, an even bigger discovery is made.

The Meg was great fun for the entire family, from my youngest of 13-years-old to the oldest of 44. It was exciting with a bit of humor thrown in. It had the occasional, minor adult language, but it was barely noticeable. The cast and storyline were topnotch, offering up a movie that will keep you entertained.

I give *The Meg* 5-Crosses for cast and storyline. I recommend it to anyone who likes a good action movie. On DVD now, plan a movie night, pop the corn, and rent it today.

